

## Candidate: David Wong

Riding: Vancouver

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- 1. Many communities don't know how much climate change is costing them at present, and will cost in the future. Will you commit to putting systems in place to identify and track those costs?**

I will commit to helping put systems in place to track what the economic and natural calamities climate change has brought upon us. This effort cannot be undertaken by one civic government alone. We must engage and work collaboratively with others, including senior governments to provide the evidence-- especially the costs, both in terms of reactive (on-going remedial, disaster relief) and opportunity costs.

- 2. Will you work to develop and implement climate adaptation plans to reduce the harm that climate change causes in your community? How will you fund climate adaptation?**

Yes. I've been working on climate and environmental issues for over 4 decades. Look at how other jurisdictions have successfully funded it. Think Norway. The Norwegians have created a massive endowment fund from collecting revenues from their petro industries decades ago.

- 3. Will you commit to protecting taxpayers by seeking to recover a fair share of climate costs from the fossil fuel companies who profit from selling products that result in greenhouse gases? Specifically, if elected, would you ask your Council to:**

- a. Send Climate Accountability letters from your community to major fossil fuel producers demanding that they pay their fair share of local climate costs caused by their activities and products?**

Yes. Look at how other jurisdictions have successfully funded it. Think Norway. The Norwegians have created an endowment from collecting revenues from their petro industries decades ago. The evidence is clear.

- b. Press the province of BC to enact Liability for Climate-related Harms laws to give municipalities and others greater legal certainty, lower costs and timely resolutions if they sue to recover climate damages from fossil fuel companies?**

Yes.

- c. Explore legal action against fossil fuel companies to recover a share of local climate costs?**

Yes.

**4. In your view, why is it important (or not) to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for your community's climate costs?**

Climate costs isn't just a local issue. It knows no boundaries... we must work collaboratively with other neighbouring jurisdictions and senior levels of government to pursue this. It is important to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the world's climate costs.