

## Candidate: Doug Hillian

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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?**

Yes. we are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change, but can clearly do more. We have some data on the cost of flooding due to extreme weather events and rising tides, and are also developing our accounting of natural assets. A system of tracking all costs to inform the public makes good sense.

- 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?**

We are already working to adapt, for example:

- building retrofits for energy efficiency;
  - restoration of our estuary to both mitigate flooding and enhance its function as a carbon sink.
- We need to do more, including a plan to fund, but that is obviously a challenge.

- 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?**

I recently supported such a resolution at the Union of BC Municipalities annual meeting.

- 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?**

No answer.

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

No answer.

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

The consequences of climate change will impact municipalities significantly, particularly those like ours susceptible to flooding. The impact of burning fossil fuels is clearly linked to climate change. It therefore makes sense that the fossil fuel companies which have made massive profits be held accountable for some of those costs.