

Candidate: Eric Wood Zhelka

Riding: District of Oak Bay

- 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 - I am investigating the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative and hope to bring this forward into our budgeting and Annual Plan reporting.

- 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 am very grateful for programs such as the federal NDMP and other grants/programs to assist with flood mapping/mitigation, and emergency program capability assistance.

- 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?**

No answer

- 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. As we are directly on the water's edge in the path of oil tankers from Burnaby, we will be most affected by any spill and so mitigation and legal remedies will be/are required.

- 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?**

1) I am very proud that District of Oak Bay has been declared Carbon Neutral as of 2017 due to extensive work done re-mediating/ameliorating the effects of our Recreation services and most of our vehicles.

This is something we can control as a very small town.

2) I support provincial measures to hold those responsible for the creation and use of fossil fuels more accountable, including a carbon tax.

P.S. I drive an electric Nissan Leaf and LOVE IT!