

Candidate: Gary Corpan

Riding: Nanaimo

- 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?**

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Yes. In fact, I am the guy who has annually tracked & protested the outrageous continuing, unnecessary public (local & BC) subsidies to Fortis for the long paid for Vancouver Island Gas Pipeline. (Details will be posted here <https://www.facebook.com/gary.korpan>). All public subsidies & extraordinary tax concessions to profitable corporations must stop. Similarly, various private & public utilities, cut into municipal roads and infrastructure and poorly repair the damage they do, if at all, passing the cost burden on to citizen taxpayers.

- 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?**

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Yes, I commit to making it a priority if elected. Those harming the planet and fellow citizens must be held accountable and required to act responsibly. This includes full compensation for the damage they have done and the costs incurred by others. All impact on the environment must be accounted for and the fixes apportioned to those who cause the harm. Climate adaptation measures must be incorporated into Official Community Plans, building codes, zoning approvals, infrastructure upgrade & maintenance budgets, etc. Promised energy efficiency claims must be monitored, verified, and enforced.

- 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?**

See answers above.

- 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?**

See answers above.

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

See answers above.

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

See answers above

Thank you for asking

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