

Candidate: Gordon Kennedy

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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 think this will rise in costs over the years. We have messed up mother nature and she is trying to put everything back in balance. We need to watch our budgeting and account for needed changes going forward due to climate change.

- 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 need to look ahead 20 years and manage based on that. I believe the changes in 20 years will be like the changes in the last 100 so we may be slow at reacting. If we do not change the way we do business we may not be able to afford these costs.

- 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

- 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?**

I don't like question 3 because allowing this to continue while trying to collect funds to counter it will not work. In Germany I have seen solar panels and wind turbines everywhere, nothing here in comparison. Also in a very poor area of China I saw solar panels on every commercial building in a city of over 2 million. That Chinese region also banned plastic bags. That was beautiful. Thru education, legislation and incentives we need to change our ways. We need to start using these technologies now. Our governments need to take the lead in this even if it is at the lowest government level the city. If we buy it they will keep selling it and the climate will keep suffering.