

Candidate: Jaimie McEvoy

Riding: New Westminster

- 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, absolutely.

- 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?**

I chaired the creation of an Environment Strategy and Action Plan for New Westminster last year that does exactly that. The plan calls for specific funding and dedicated staffing. I also plan to call for a Green Budget process.

- 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. I argued in favour of a motion to the Union of BC Municipalities this year in favour of climate change responsibility for fossil fuel companies. The motion did not pass, but I felt the advocacy for this position was important.

- 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?**

It's fair to make a comparison to tobacco companies, and it's similar to the province's lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies over opioids. Similarly, the evidence and proof is available showing harm, but the companies fail to take meaningful action to convert to clean energy.