

Candidate: Kerri Ross

Riding: Langley Township

- 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 and we should have a way to compare our ecological and environmental capital in the form of tourism, food security, future carbon sink etc so we can make informed decisions in regards to saying yes or no to future development.

- 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 would like an impact study for our neighborhoods in the areas bound by aquifers, rivers and flood plains as we have no projected future impact or adaptation strategy. It could have an affect on taxes, safety and emergency response yet has not been addressed or planned for.

- 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?**

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?**

I am not sure what the "best way" is to reclaim associated costs. I would personally like to see a study and analysis of the potential impact to doing so in order to make an informed decision. There may be an alternate way in which "costs" can be offset through grants, education opportunities, locally driven construction projects that can also be just as effective.

I don't like to commit to an idea or plan without having all the facts and data behind the concept and would like to be better educated. I took Environmental Resource Management in College and know there are many ways to negotiate a mitigation agreement with any company and don't want to lock myself into any single method of recourse.