Candidate: Lois E. Jackson

Riding: Delta

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 do believe that our staff has all the costs from the past and into the future. Our Environmental staff have been working on these issues of Climate Change since the early 2000's.

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?

Plans have been underway since the early 2000's when I requested a Technical working Committee to undertake our programs. Along with UBC's Dr. Stephen Sheppard, the B.C. Ministry, we took part in a 3 year study of 5 Canadian cities, with the goal of the project to generate a range of adaptation options to inform future climate change planning in Delta. This was completed in about 2014 and we have been using it ever since. As Mayor of Delta, I was one of the only Canadian Mayors to sign on to the Mexican City Pact sending a global message addressing climate change.

- 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 believe that we need to heat our homes, cook our food, drive to our place of work when no public transportation is available. We need energy to provide for recreation at our centre pools, supply fuel for the buses transporting our seniors, etc. Until there are other alternatives which are easily and cost effectively provided to replace these needs, society will continue with the status quo as we search for those alternates. Each of us has to strive to find these alternative sources to fulfill our needs.