

Candidate: Marg Gardiner

Riding: Victoria

- 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?**

The City of Victoria's Climate Leadership Plan has recently been created.

This plan includes much of the information suggested, but there are gaps, particularly with relation to major marine activity when not in public waters, and with local aircraft (particularly when on City property) and tourist bus operations. I commit to working towards making the system more responsive to the day-today reality.

- 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.

The Polluter-Pay-Principle seems to have been set aside.

I believe we should re-activate this concept in our City and work towards a licensing/taxing to obtain funds for local initiatives in addition to tapping any provincial or federal funds which may be available.

- 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?**

"Think Local, Act Local" is equally important as pressing fuel companies. Locally, I worked for years towards ensuring that the NA ECA would be respected in our area. Pressure locally can be effective down (or up) the chain. Victoria has industrial/commercial operations often emitting 6 tonnes GHG per hour and yet are not appearing even as a foot-note in local GHG tracking.