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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?

In order to understand the costs associated with the issue of climate change in a certain region is a beneficial avenue to know what the numbers are. If the system is easy to track and the numbers even easier, then by all means a policy to creating a new recording system should be put in place. How else can we understand the true nature of climate change in our communities.

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 am an avid fan and a realistic, that we need to get off the fossil fuel wagon and onto the self-sustaining train to renewable, clean energy, solar energy, wind energy, battery energy and water movement energy consumption. Once we adopt new methods of energy intake only then can we get off the fossil fuel energies that are currently polluting our environment and creating this climate change. I will adopt plans to ensure Vancouver is a 0% GHG producing city the best way I can by reaching out to technological companies who are on the forefront of Green energy and partnering with them till we are off fossil fuels for good.

- 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. The City Hall is not filled with expendable monies to begin litigation for who knows how many years to random fossil fuel companies that may be contributing to the GHG. Who says we deserve the money over more in need countries, global effects are already occurring World wide, major flooding, lack of rainfall, tornados, earthquakes, volcano eruptions and countless new things that you can view online. The world as a whole is suffering from climate change and we already know who is to blame, the Fossil Fuel companies and ourselves for ignoring upcoming technologies, like when BC Hydro said they would not buy back solar energy. We as a city will create our own solar energy and over rule BC Hydro, so we are self-sufficient and a greener city who creates it's own energy

like UBC does. We also can not say we deserve any Fossil Fuel recovery money because there are too many places in the World that need it instead of us. We as a city need to find our own soln's and not spend money on litigation but to invest in our own renewable resource in society to get off Fossil Fuels.

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?

The Fossil Fuel companies have had for decades to change their model and they haven't, so we as a society need to get off Fossil Fuels as best we can until we are completely off them. Investments to make this plan active need to be allocated from within city hall and by spending money on pursuing litigation against large corporation who would drag out any such litigation for years. This in my opinion is a waste of tax payers money. How do we determine how much we deserve over any other region, city or country in the World? How is it fair that we can sue, get money and others come after expect the Fossil Fuel get none, or how do you get the companies to pay up, (they will increase their prices to pay - affect us the consumer)? How can we put a dollar value on our climate fix needs and ignore that of regions, cities or countries who are worse off because of climate change. We need to think about just removing the need for Fossil Fuels so eventually they aren't needed. If the Fossil Fuel companies do not want to change their business model that is their decision as we will find clean green companies who will step up and take over. One day Fossil Fuels won't be needed at all and those to blame will be almost gone so lets not spend money where it is not needed and where it is needed. We know they are responsible and spending money on lawyers to tell us so with a dollar value reward for winning the debate is not necessary. We need to think before we spending millions to get back a million - because this is a class action lawsuit we are referring to.