

## Candidate: Michael Wolfe

Riding: Richmond

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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?**

Yes. Our Richmond has only taken baby steps to become aware of climate change effects and any minor response has been a disappointment. I am supportive of auditing the local effects and determining long-term costs to validate immediate short-term action. The City must take meaningful leadership and enable our citizens to make the necessary changes to our lives.

- 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 have been speaking to our past City Councils for over 12 years, demanding serious action to combat our sources of GHGs and destructive land-use changes. The funding would come from diverting funds that currently go to wasteful major projects, like the Oval.

- 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. Letters will never be enough, but I support diverse methods to get action.

- 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. Relying on other levels of government will never be enough, so I would focus action that I can bring from the level that I am elected to.

- c. Explore legal action against fossil fuel companies to recover a share of local climate costs?**

Yes. Legality can be a useful tool to provide evidence for change.y years before any compensation materializes and then most of it will go to lawyers.

**4. In your view, why is it important (or not) to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for your community's climate costs?**

It is definitely important to me as I am a young person, the youngest candidate for council, who plans to be around for the transition to a post modern world. I am ready to make the necessary decisions and personal sacrifices to be the change I wish to see in the world. Thanks for asking these question and reading my responses. Please email me if you would like to talk further.