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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?

Absolutely. We could use help with this though.

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?

We have already begun this process; shoreline protection plans, storm water management plans, water restrictions in summer, wildfire protection plans are already in place or are being created. Funding will be required when certain projects go ahead, and these funds will come from our budget, or other levels of government, or private landowners.

- 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, and hopefully the majority of our Council will agree!

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, and hopefully the majority of our Council will agree!

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

Yes, and hopefully the majority of our Council will agree! ...and I fear our "regular" legal counsel will try to dissuade Council from this route..perhaps WCEL will be able to help us with this issue.

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

It is important to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for climate costs that create, because when we don't hold the accountable for spoiling our planet, then there is no incentive for them to improve and do better. By holding these companies accountable, we give them financial incentive to reduce their environmental footprint, and that helps everybody, and the environment.