

Candidate: Patrick Saunders

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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?**

I think this is something that is bigger than going city, to city, to city. This issue should be front and center of the Board of Directors of Metro Vancouver Regional District.

- 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?**

Even if I personally endorse such a noble idea which is long overdue without the support of other governments in our region which include first nations, Provincial, and Federal territories it would be patchwork at best which would have one jurisdiction working for and another against and canceling each other out. My hope is you get all on board at every level.

- 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?**

Yes. I would be a hypocrite to endorse the roll back or none use of fossil fuels in Metro Vancouver. As I use a fossil based family car every day.

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

As above I and many like me need to understand and know more as to where you are coming from as these companies are in every part of our lives. diapers, sippy cups, textbooks, computers, transportation modes, building materials, our clothes, and fuels to name just a few. As much as I can understand the need for alternative means to fossil fuels. How can you go after companies that we are all guilty of using every day?