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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. Responsible climate policies are not only essential for maintaining the environment, they are the future of economic growth and sustainability. Being aware of a community's footprint is the first step in forming innovative and responsible solutions, which can also drive a forward-thinking economy.

- 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 will work with the provincial government, and national companies (like CNCP) that have an impact on our community's environment, to create innovative and cost effective solutions for our community. Since the local taxpayers are already paying for provincial climate initiatives, I would advocate for funding from the provincial government out of those existing coffers; thereby removing the need for further taxation. I would also work on lean initiatives within my own city government to create cost efficiencies to free up more of our budget for improving the community.

- 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. Rather than seek recompense from fossil fuel companies, I would seek alliances with them to produce solutions to the damage already done. With their resources, and our initiative, we can work toward reducing the impact on the environment and creating more sustainable energy resources for the future. I believe this would be infinitely better than simply asking them for money.

- 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. The provincial government, particularly its legislative power, is essential in bringing responsible parties to the table in creating solutions for mitigating

current and future environmental damage. This legislative mandate transcends mere liability. Only through collaboration can we hope to undo the damage already done.

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

Yes. Any legal action would be last-resort, and would need to concentrate on companies providing reparative measures and correcting or mitigating existing damage. Mere monetary damages would not undo the problem.

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

Fossil fuel, and other environmentally impactful, companies should be responsible for mitigating any damages done by their products. Rather than seeking damages or costs in monetary form, we should seek resources in restoring environmental balance and resilience.