

## Candidate: Rod Smith

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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?**

AS it will be the CVRD staff who will be tasked with taking this on, if elected I will approach staff about this initiative and with their support take it forward to the CVRD Board.

- 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?**

The Cowichan Valley Regional District has a climate mitigation plan linked to 250 local governments across the country. If additional funding is required to support these efforts I will work to ensure this important initiative gets the resources it needs.

- 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?**

A Province-wide approach would provide clarity for local government and create greater impact.

- 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?**

Only when the financial incentive is NOT there will fossil fuel companies look to other renewable energy sources.