

Candidate: Scott Kristjanson

Riding: White Rock

- 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?**

Being data driven is fundamental to good science and good government. I would commit to exploring such systems for identifying and tracking such costs. I would commit to seeking more information and quantify these costs where practical so we better understand the impact.

- 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?**

After first seeking to understand the costs, I would welcome looking at developing and implementing plans to reduce harm to our city, and our environment. The Coal Trains going through White Rock are a particular environmental concern for residents and businesses that are near the tracks.

- 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?**

Yes. We need to hold companies accountable for their environmental footprint, but we need to do so according to the laws of BC. By holding companies accountable equally no matter which city they reside in, we ensure that the system is fair and ensure that we just don't push these companies out of our city, and into neighbouring cities without such penalties.

- 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?

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.