

Candidate: Scott McDonald

Riding: Colwood

- 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. Climate change is already costing the City of Colwood time, money and staff resources. Due to sea level rise, our main transfer pumping station must be moved to higher ground for example.

- 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?**

Yes. Already in 2013 we were named "Official Canadian Solar City" (<https://www.colwood.ca/news-events/news/2013-02-19-000000/colwood-earns-title-official-canadian-solar-city>) and in 2014 we were named a 'Climate Action Community' by the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee.

Colwood is well known for its Solar Colwood project <https://www.colwood.ca/city-services/solar-colwood> and I will continue to support and maintain these efforts.

- 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

- 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

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

Yes

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

Exxon knew from their own studies in the 1970s that CO₂ from the use of oil was heating up the planet--and they surpassed it. They developed, marketed, and sold us a product that could possibly be an existential threat to our species!