

## Candidate: Tim Morrison

Riding: Esquimalt

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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.

- 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. Initially, through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), I will join with my municipal colleagues to lobby the provincial and federal governments for municipal grant funding. Eventually, as the worst offenders are identified, they should be required to contribute to this funding.

- 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. Silence on this matter would be akin to shirking our municipal responsibilities as stewards of our environment.

- 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. This can best be achieved through all municipalities working together as members of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to lobby the provincial government to enact this.

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

Yes. The greatest offenders of fossil fuel companies are greatly frustrating our efforts to address climate change. They should be held to account.

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

My Council colleagues and I have a proven record in caring for our environment with real action and results. For six consecutive years, the Township of Esquimalt has been awarded status as a leading BC Climate Action Community for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter, Esquimalt Council has been taking action towards achieving carbon neutrality in respect to municipal operations; measuring and reporting on the community's GHG emissions profile; and creating a complete, compact, and more energy-efficient community. We do all of this work because we understand our responsibilities in addressing climate change. It is only fair and proper that fossil fuel companies are also held accountable and required to compensate us for their significant contributing role of our community's climate costs.