

Candidate: Tony Valente

Riding: City of North Vancouver

- 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 - people need to understand how much we will be spending to mitigate climate change if we do not act now. The City of North Vancouver is a climate change leader, but there is still much to do to enable active transportation, public transit, and better building practices to reduce emissions.

- 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 to develop and implement climate adaptation plans that protect our community from the results of climate change. Funding will depend on the specific mitigation.

- 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?**

No Answer

- 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?**

Unfortunately, similar litigation to hold tobacco companies to account for healthcare costs has resulted only in making lawyers wealthy. I would prefer to invest the community's resources in building infrastructure for active and public transportation, as well as mitigating the impacts of climate change. This will reduce dependency on fossil fuels with the goal of avoiding passing any further temperature thresholds. This is critical to the future of our species and I will not wait to take legal action to enable change in my community.