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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?**

I think it's a great idea for consumers to know the whole cost of goods and products that they consume so that they can make informed decisions about what they consume. With that said I don't think the municipality has the authority to implement such measures on producers. However I don't see why the city corporation can't include some sort of tracking of these costs in the budget report put out each year on what the city consumes and it's costs on climate change.

- 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 would like to see the city setup an environment committee whose mandate would be to not only look at city policy and development and its effects on the environment but also looking at ways the city can adapt present procedures and policies to reduce our harm to the environment.

- 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?**

Through the UBCM resolutions the municipalities can suggest to the BC government that greater powers can be given to the local governments on climate change. This could be one of them.

- 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?**

I'm not sure it that is the way to go. We need to change how we consume fossil fuels with the idea of eventually eliminating them altogether. If we can convince consumers that there are

other options to fossil fuels and that other option is readily available then we can cut down our consumption. Our entire society is responsible for climate change not just the ones that sell the fuel.