

A Climate Emergency

- Various levels of government in Canada have declared a “climate emergency”.
 - Do you believe that we are in the midst of a worsening climate emergency?
 - If so, how would you use your position as an elected representative so that the District acts like there is an emergency?
 - Do you see the District as having a role to put pressure on upper levels of government to address the climate emergency?
 - Do you support the current campaign for municipalities in BC to sue “Big Oil” companies for the damage they cause by denying the reality of climate change and promoting use of fossil fuels?

Minimizing Greenhouse Gas and Toxic Emissions

- Would you support a no-idling by-law for Sechelt, similar to that enacted in Gibson's?

Transit

- How would you advocate for better transit connections throughout the Sunshine Coast, including a transit route to Pender Harbour?
- Would you support creation of Park-and-Ride parking in Sechelt and Roberts Creek for transit to Langdale terminal?
- How will you support active transportation in the District, i.e. cycling, walking, and wheelchair?

Preparation for Extreme Weather

- What do you see as priorities for the District in preparing our community for:
 - another heat dome?
 - another “atmospheric river” event?
 - longer periods of drought?
 - longer power outages?

Water

- Would you support using, or at least investigating, all possible means of increasing the supply of, and reducing the usage of, drinking water, including:
 - requiring new subdivisions to install neighbourhood reservoirs and/or household rain cisterns
 - completing installation of water meters,
 - implementing water usage charges for all metered properties,
 - using the “leading edge” technology of the Sechelt sewage treatment plant to alleviate some of our seasonal water shortage issues,
 - encouraging the use of grey water for outdoor watering, and adopting standards for its safe use?

More Energy–Efficient Homes

- Do you support moving to higher levels of the BC Energy Step Code more quickly? If not why not?
 - SCRD, Sechelt, and Gibsons are presently at step 1 for smaller residential buildings, but other jurisdictions are much more ambitious:
 - Squamish is at step 4 since 2021
 - West Vancouver is at step 5 (highest level - net zero ready)
 - Nanaimo is at step 3
 - Powell River is at step 2, and will be at step 3 in Jan 2023
- How can the District help, and influence other levels of government to help, to retrofit the existing building stock to attain better efficiency?

More Affordable Homes

- What role can the Districts play in bringing affordable rental housing to the Sunshine Coast? (“affordable” housing must include rental housing that is affordable to those earning a minimum wage.)
- Would you encourage creation of co-op housing, tiny houses, etc. and discourage new developments of single-family homes costing over \$1 million?

Municipal Infrastructure

- What are your priorities for “greening” the infrastructure of the District, including:
 - “greening” the fleet of vehicles and machines used by the District, including instituting a no-idling policy for district vehicles,
 - maximising “green space” and minimising “impermeable surfaces”,
 - designating additional protected areas for biodiversity conservation,
 - enforcing and strengthening tree bylaws, in order to retain as many trees as possible,
 - outlawing the practice of clearing land before development is approved,
 - planting trees and encouraging tree-planting by residents,
 - reducing areas of lawn and replacing them with wildflower and native plantings.
- Sea levels are projected to rise significantly in the coming years, and the timeline for coastal flooding looks like it will be much earlier than expected just a few years ago. How do you propose to mitigate damage to vulnerable areas such as downtown Sechelt, and Davis Bay (where Highway 101 is already affected by winter storms)?

Finances

- Would you support moving district banking from one of the Big Five Banks (where our tax dollars are used to invest in oil pipelines, among other things) to the local credit union (where our money would be invested on the Coast)?