

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

2. Backing the Class Action Lawsuit Against Oil Companies

Submitted by: Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. On June 16, 2022, West Coast Environmental Law launched a campaign called "Sue Big Oil" to encourage municipalities to offer up to \$1 per resident for a class action lawsuit against fossil fuel companies;
2. Verified by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change scientists in their 2022 reports, climate change is rapidly accelerating;
3. As evidenced by the local 2021 heat dome, atmospheric river, polar vortex and a storm-driven king tide, the costs to repair damage resulting from climate change events are enormous;
4. A 2020 report in *The Guardian* suggests that 20 fossil fuel companies are responsible for one-third of carbon emissions worldwide;
5. Class action lawsuits, such as with the tobacco industry, have helped mitigate the root problem and costs; and
6. In June of 2019, Vancouver City Council voted to direct Mayor Stewart to write to large fossil fuel companies and request they contribute to climate change-related costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to include in the draft 2023 Operating Budget an amount up to \$1 per Vancouver resident to support West Coast Environmental Law's class action lawsuit against fossil fuel companies.

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