

MOTION

5. Backing the Class Action Lawsuit Against Oil Companies (Member's Motion B.2)

At the Council meeting on July 19, 2022, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on July 20, 2022, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

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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