

**Marius Miklea**

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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Petrusa'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Sue Big Oil

Hello,

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Thank you again for taking the time to contact New Westminster City Council.

Regards,

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**From:** Bob Petrusa S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2024 8:51 AM  
**To:** External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>; Tasha Henderson <thenderson@newwestcity.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Sue Big Oil

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I am writing this note to the Mayor and council asking for their support and promotion of this initiative. Corporations have never been held to account. This must end.....as they get richer, our natural resources are abused and the poison to our air, water and land continues. Let's do this .....!

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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'Karen Crosby'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Please vote for the Sue Big Oil Motion on Oct 7

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**From:** Karen Crosby S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 28, 2024 3:42 PM  
**To:** External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote for the Sue Big Oil Motion on Oct 7

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Dear New Westminster Mayor and Council,

As a mom and teacher supporting our youth's future, I am writing to support the Sue Big Oil motion being put forward at the Oct 7 city council meeting. I urge you to vote in favour of this motion and thank Councillor Tasha Henders for putting this motion forward. New Westminster cannot afford the skyrocketing costs of climate change. Fortunately, there is a way for us to avoid facing these soaring costs alone by joining the Sue Big Oil campaign. Let's make polluters pay!

Through Westcoast Environmental Law, a number of municipalities in BC are working together to bring a class action lawsuit to recoup a portion of their climate costs from the fossil fuel industry. These nine BC municipalities have already committed their support: Burnaby, Cumberland, Gibsons, Port Moody, Qualicum Beach, Sechelt, Slokan, Squamish and View Royal. You may be interested to know that over 70 US cities and states, including Chicago, Honolulu, New Jersey and California, are also suing Big Oil. We need to join these communities in seeking justice.

Fossil fuels are the biggest cause of climate change. Yet although oil companies knew in the 1950s

and 60s that their products would lead to devastating climate change, they have spent decades spreading misinformation, undermining climate science and blocking climate change policies WHILE they ramped up production. Meanwhile, while the rest of us are facing an affordability crisis compounded by climate change, the oil and gas industry makes trillions of dollars per year in profit. And our federal and provincial governments subsidize this profit!

As a resident of this community, I encourage you to collaborate with other BC local governments to bring a class action lawsuit to help pay for our climate costs. I believe that this would be a fiscally responsible decision that would greatly benefit our community in the long run. I am willing to pay a tax increase, if necessary, to support the \$1 per resident cost of joining this project!

Suing Big Oil for a fair share of climate costs is a fiscally responsible action for local governments to take.

Thank you for considering my request,  
Karen

Karen Crosby

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New Westminster Resident and Voter  
New Westminster Climate Action Hub member

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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:44 PM  
**To:** 'Maria Kidney'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] SUE BIG OIL

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**From:** Maria Kidney S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2024 2:36 AM  
**To:** External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SUE BIG OIL

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Dear New Westminster Mayor and Council,

I am writing to support the Sue Big Oil motion being put forward at the Oct 7 city council meeting. I urge you to vote in favour of this motion.

New Westminster cannot afford the skyrocketing costs of climate change. Fortunately, there is a way for us to avoid facing these soaring costs alone by joining the Sue Big Oil campaign.

As you know, through Westcoast Environmental Law, a number of municipalities in BC are working together to bring a class action lawsuit to recoup a portion of their climate costs from the fossil fuel industry. These nine BC municipalities have already committed their support: Burnaby, Cumberland, Gibsons, Port Moody, Qualicum Beach, Sechelt, Slokan, Squamish and View Royal. You may also know that over 70 US cities and states, including Chicago, Honolulu, New Jersey and California, are also suing Big Oil.

After all, fossil fuels are the biggest cause of climate change. Yet although oil companies knew in the 1950s and 60s that their products would lead to devastating climate change, they have spent decades spreading misinformation, undermining climate science and blocking climate change policies.

While individuals and communities are facing an affordability crisis, and significant health issues caused and compounded by climate change, the oil and gas industry makes trillions of dollars per year in profit.

As a resident of this community, I encourage you to collaborate with other BC local governments to bring a class action lawsuit to help pay for our climate costs. I STRONGLY believe that this would be a fiscally responsible decision that would greatly benefit our community.

Suing Big Oil for a fair share of climate costs is a fiscally responsible action for local governments to take.

Sincerely,

Maria Kidney.

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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:44 PM  
**To:** 'Agnes Black'  
**Subject:** RE: Message to Mayor and Council regarding Sue Big Oil

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**From:** Agnes Black S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 29, 2024 1:33 PM  
**To:** External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Message to Mayor and Council regarding Sue Big Oil

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Dear New Westminster Mayor and Council,

**I am writing to support the Sue Big Oil motion being put forward at the Oct 7 city council meeting**, and I strongly urge you to vote in favour of this motion. New Westminster cannot afford the enormous and escalating costs of climate change. Fortunately, there is a way for us to avoid facing these soaring costs alone by joining the Sue Big Oil campaign.

Through Westcoast Environmental Law, a number of municipalities in BC are working together to bring a class action lawsuit to recoup a portion of their climate costs from the fossil fuel industry. These nine BC municipalities have already committed their support: Burnaby, Cumberland, Gibsons, Port Moody, Qualicum Beach, Sechelt, Slokan, Squamish and View Royal. You may be interested to know that over 70 US cities and states, including Chicago, Honolulu, New Jersey and California, are also suing Big Oil.

As you know, fossil fuels are the biggest cause of climate change. Yet although oil companies knew in the 1950s and 60s that their products would lead to devastating climate change, they have spent decades spreading

misinformation, undermining climate science and blocking climate change policies. Meanwhile, while the rest of us are facing an affordability crisis compounded by climate change, the oil and gas industry makes trillions of dollars per year in profit.

As Mom, a registered nurse, a health care leader, and a long-time resident of this community, I encourage you to collaborate with other BC local governments to bring a class action lawsuit to help pay for our climate costs. I believe that this would be a fiscally responsible decision that would greatly benefit our community.

Suing Big Oil for a fair share of climate costs is a fiscally responsible action for local governments to take.

Sincerely,

Agnes Black, RN MPH

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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:45 PM  
**To:** 'Sheilah Harris'  
**Subject:** RE: Sue Big Oil motion

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sheilah Harris S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2024 6:54 PM  
To: External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sue Big Oil motion

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To the staff and council members of the City of New Westminster,

I am writing in support of a motion to have New Westminster join the other B.C. municipalities suing Big Oil. While we are not ready as a community to completely transition to be fossil-free, it would be helpful - and just - to have Big Oil pay their fair share of the costs of dealing with the adverse effects of climate change caused by burning fossil fuels for decades.

Thank you,  
Sheilah Harris  
S.22(1)P St. Patrick Street

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** External-Legislative Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024 1:45 PM  
**To:** 'Kristen Andrews'  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Support for Sue Big Oil Motion

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**From:** Kristen Andrews S.22(1)Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2024 3:18 PM  
**To:** External-Legislative Services <CorporateOfficer@newwestcity.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Sue Big Oil Motion

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The 2021 heat dome and related deaths in New Westminster really brought the issues to the fore for me and now I've retired early to volunteer on climate action. This really is the issue of our times, and supersedes all other issues. As a parent I want to see a livable future for my children and grandchildren. I would be willing to pay small tax increase, if needed, for the \$1 per person costs.

As a resident of this community, I encourage you to collaborate with other BC local governments to bring a class action lawsuit to help pay for our climate costs. I believe that this would be a fiscally responsible decision that would greatly benefit our community.

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Sincerely,

Kristen Andrews

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