

# **2024 Provincial Election Questions Presented to Mid Island-Pacific Rim Candidates for Response**

## **Opioid /Mental Health Crisis**

1. Please note this crisis doesn't just impact our people, but all British Columbians; however, Port Alberni has the second worst overdose death rates in BC, next to the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver. *What are you and your party committed to do to help fix the current opioid and mental health crisis in Port Alberni, BC and the State of Emergency recently declared by Nuu-chah-nulth?*

## **Housing and Homelessness Crisis**

2. Indigenous people are disproportionately impacted by the current housing and homelessness crisis. Our First Nation is looking to be a leader in housing both affordable and market rental not only for Indigenous people, but everyone in the Alberni Valley. *What are you and your party committed to do to improve the housing crisis, remove red tape and invest in funds quickly to groups like Tseshah to build much needed housing in BC both on and off-reserve?*

## **Cost of living**

3. Whether you are Indigenous or not, the cost of living has skyrocketed, and many are wondering how they will survive month to month. Tseshah and British Columbians have witnessed that some companies continue to have record profit years and yet goods such as the price of fuel are always high. *What are you and your party committed to do to not only bring down the cost of living down, but have a real impact on factors such as the cost of fuel for everyone including Tseshah?*

## **UNDRIP/DRIPA**

4. The UN Declaration the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Provincial Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act (DRIPA) are seen as a pathway or tool to advance reconciliation in the Province of BC. *What are you and your party committed to do to ensure that UNDRIP and DRIPA are implemented in BC to not only benefit First Nations, but all British Columbians?*

## **First Nations Economic Reconciliation**

5. Tseshah recently announced our new BC-Tseshah Incremental Economic Reconciliation Agreement providing much needed resources to invest in our economic development vision that will improve the economies locally, regionally and provincially. *What are you and your party committed to do to support First Nations (including Tseshah) economic development and self-sufficiency goals?*

***Kleco, we look forward to your response***