

What do County Council candidates think about the Climate Emergency?

The Annapolis Climate Change Action Association (ACCAA) established in 2017 is a not-for-profit organization, and has members in all districts of the county. ACCAA's primary goal is to provide leadership within the Annapolis region that supports responsible adaptation to changing conditions of nature resulting from climate change.

ACCAA distributed a pledge to all candidates asking them to make a commitment to take action to mitigate the declared Climate Emergency. Candidates were also given the opportunity to submit a brief statement to communicate their views on climate change. The initial email invitation was sent on September 18, with two follow up reminders sent prior to the due date of 5pm on Tuesday September 29. The email list for candidates was provided by the Elections Returning Officer upon request.

Climate Emergency Pledge by Annapolis County Council Candidates

I, ___(Name)_____, the candidate for District __#__ in Annapolis County, pledge that, when elected, I will take concrete action on the declared climate emergency. I will address our need, in Annapolis County, to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and increase our ability to store carbon. I will work to develop a regional strategy for adapting to climate change in order that people within Annapolis County can live in safety, with grace and dignity as the world changes around us.

This includes **promoting** and **supporting** the following Council actions:

1. Review the carbon footprint and biodiversity impact of every decision the Council takes.
2. Hire a qualified Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Planner to manage the county's efforts.
3. Communicate about the efforts to tackle the climate emergency with quarterly progress reports on the county's website.
4. Establish a *Climate Action Committee* to include concerned citizens and stakeholders to research and advise on actions the county could take or support.
5. Join the *Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partnership for Climate Protection*

The results shared here are based on responses from candidates submitted up to the cutoff of 5pm on Tuesday September 29. Statements from candidates are printed as they were submitted via email.

The table presents responses received from candidates. Candidates that did not respond are identified. ACCAA encourages Annapolis County residents to engage their district candidates in meaningful discussions about the climate emergency.

District	Name	Response	Statement
1	Bruce Prout	Signed	As we discussed, I do agree with promoting and supporting your action points. Numbers 1,3,5 are hopefully achievable. My concerns with the others are that they are cost items and could be problematic with our budgets.
1	Kari-Ann Parsons-Saltzman	Signed	
1	Bob Mann	Did Not Sign	Your suggested employee \$58K - \$72K +. Add your suggested new committee to the (PAC) (Planning Advisory Committee) The PAC now becomes the PAC/CEC ie: Climate Emergency Committee. This committee includes all councillors anyway. Create a new position - remove an existing one.
2	Edson Hankinson	Did Not Sign	I'm unable to sign your declaration for climate change action. I don't know the financial ability of the county with all the lack of information, fines , court issues going on in the county. I look forward to work on your behalf for climate change issues.
3	Alan Parish	Did Not Sign	Note from ACCAA: <i>Alan raised concerns with the wording of the pledge, but did not provide a statement at the time of printing.</i>
4	Jeff Nicholson	Signed	
4	Clyde Barteaux	Did Not Sign	As custodians of this planet we should focus on how past actions have affected our climate. No singular solution will fix all problems. The global communities will have to adjust how we interact with nature for desired effects to happen
5	Ian Curry	Signed	My decisions will impact future lives.
5	Kimberly Gregory	Did Not Sign	We are experiencing dramatic climate change. It is necessary to take steps to protect our infrastructure and delicate wildlife habitat. I do stress that identifying the highest risk is important so as not to waste time or funds.
6	Alex Morrison	Signed	
7	Susan Robinson-Burnie	Signed	
7	Timothy Habinski	Signed	
8	Michael Gunn	Did Not Sign	

No Response:

District 2: John MacDonald, Brian (Fuzzy) Connell, **District 3:** Wayne Fowler, Jim Mann, **District 4:** Burt McNeil, Terry Hamilton, **District 5:** Lynn Robinson-Longmire, **District 6:** James Inglis, Ron Matsusaki, **District 7:** Mike Taylor, David Hudson, Russell Hannam, **District 9:** Wendy Sheridan, **District 10:** Martha Roberts, Brad Redden, **District 11:** Agatha Bourassa, Diane LeBlanc