

Tri-Cities Climate Debate  
Aug 6 Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

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**Minutes taker** Warren Wilkinson  
**Those present** Sandy Ang, Jayson Chabot, Brett Collins, Lisa Frey, Taz Khandwani, Neila Morrison, Brad Nickason, Ben Perry, Tyson Schofield, Bryce Watts, Warren Wilkinson  
**Location of the meeting** Coquitlam City Center Library  
**Date** 06 Aug 2019 7:00pm–8:30pm

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1 Dates

*August 21, 2019 7:00:* Next Meeting  
*September 30, 2019:* Our Debate (tentative, option one)  
*October 9, 2019:* Our Debate (tentative, option two)

## 2 Assigned Tasks

**Task:** Contact Douglas Colledge about a Sept 30 or Oct 9th venue booking (Brett Collins)

**Task:** Contact School District about venue if Douglas Colledge doesn't work out (Taz, Brett, Sandra)

**Task:** Contact potential moderators: Craig Hodge, Steve Kim, Adel Gamar (Ben Perry)

**Task:** Contact potential moderators: Bill Wilson, Nancy Furness (Brad Nickason)

**Task:** Contact potential moderators: Rob McBeth, Diane Strandberg (Sandy Ang)

**Task:** Contact potential moderators: Laura Blatherwick (was this a typo? Maybe Jennifer Blatherwick?) (Brett Collins)

**Task:** Contact TROPICA, reject debate-merge option (Warren Wilkinson)

**Task:** Add Jayson Chabot to Google Drive/100debates questions (Warren Wilkinson)

## 3 Decisions and votes

### 3.1 TROPICA Merger

TROPICA - The Residents of Pleasantside Ioca Community Association - has offered to bring our questions into their debate. Theirs covers Port-Moody Coquitlam. It takes place over two nights. Each night takes place in two different bars/pubs. Each night two questions will be posed and answered at each location and afterwards the candidates can meet/greet with the audience.

⊕ Saves about a hundred dollars.

⊕ Less work for us.

⊖ Bar venue would prevent under 19's from attending our debate.

⊖ Presence of non-climate questions would dilute our impact.

⊖ Confusing format/location would be hard for candidates to pass on to people they encounter.

⇒ Decline the Merger agreement.

Merge Port-Moody Coquitlam Debate with TROPICA?

Yes: 0

No: 6

no vote: 0

**Decision:** Rejected

### 3.2 Single Debate with candidates from Both Ridings

- ⊕ Saves money and work.
  - ⊕ If candidates mostly speak party platform, more speakers prevents dead air.
  - ⊕ One large (impressive) turnout.
  - ⊕ Easier to communicate time and date.
  - ⊕ Brad's experience is 8 candidates is not too many; it works.
- ⇒ Hold a single debate with candidates from both ridings.

Hold a single joint debate?

Yes: 8

No: 0

no vote: 0

**Decision:** Passed

### 3.3 Funding

Ideas discussed but decision punted to next meeting (when we might know our budget needs).

1. Member funding
2. Small sponsorships
3. Selling Table Space (but watch out for Partisan groups renting such space)

### 3.4 Moderators

Many good names put forward. We've got about eight we're reaching out too to see if they're interested and available. We'll filter down later.

It was seen as desirable to have two or more moderators.

### 3.5 Outreach

Press release should follow venue and date. Important point raised that if we rely on word of mouth via our respective groups the audience may not be as diverse as we'd like.

Created some contact person categories:

- Media Inquiries - Lisa Frey
- General Inquiries - Warren Wilkinson

- 100 Debates Communication - Ben Perry<sup>1</sup>

### 3.6 Misc

- Make sure we don't have plastic bottles at our event
- Desired to provide coffee and/or baked goods at our event. Local businesses might give a good rate.
- Desired to have audience RSVP (perhaps using EventBrite). This helps us both understand, predict and limit the audience size.
- Desired to have the 'debate' be around 1.5 or 2 hours long.
- Desired to have 90 minutes for setup and 1 hour for teardown.
- Desired to have less microphones for simpler setup, but at least three.

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<sup>1</sup>Ben is also now our 'Lead Organizer' for the purposes of fulfilling the 100debates.ca requirement to have a non-partisan lead organizer. This role is just a figure-head and is not intended to create additional work.