

1. What practical experience and accomplishments qualify you for the position you are seeking?

I've lived in the District for over 35 years in 4 different neighbourhoods; it is home. I learned to swim and skate in our rec centres and have grown up playing soccer on our fields, ice hockey in our arenas and ball hockey in our gyms.

I have gone through all levels of schooling here in the district, and then received my Bachelors of Commerce from UBC specializing in Transportation & Logistics, Information Systems and e-business. After working for several years, I went to Queen's University and earned my Masters in Business Administration.

I have run my family business in Lynn Valley and currently work for a Membership based organization. I am deeply dedicated to volunteering – from environmental causes to building homes for the Habitat for Humanity.

My volunteer work, education and professional experience have built strong collaboration skills and genuine joy working within groups with diverse perspectives will help to get things done in the DNV.

2. What three major issues are you most concerned about in the DNV, and how can they be addressed?
Transportation, Housing and building Communities.

All 3 of these issues impact each other. Building better communities... having the option for more people to live where they work builds these better communities with amenities that allow people to spend more time being with family and friends. This reduces traffic by allowing people to commute in a different way, spend time in our great neighbourhood to be healthy, active, contribute to local businesses and lessen our impact to the environment. We have added more jobs than working aged residents; these people commute and add to our traffic!

This is one example of how these issues are connected, and one of the solutions I am going to bring forward as a member of Council for the DNV.

3. What role do you think community associations should play?

Associations can be a valuable resource and voice for all residents. The engagement they provide can be important to creating a healthy and vibrant community.

4. What is your understanding of the terms “non-market” and “affordable” housing?

Non-market housing refers to homes that can be rented below the current market rate.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Company (CMHC) defines affordable housing that costs up to 30% of total pre-tax household income.

5. What is your position on subsidizing housing of any type?

The DNV does not have many purpose built rentals; the ones we do have are very old. We need to build more rental units in our municipality.

6. What should the District's role be relating to subsidized housing?

The DNV should work with all levels of government, and other organizations to bring this housing to the District. The DNV can reduce or eliminate the Community Amenity Contributions and other charges while look at prioritizing these applications.

7. Will you support a full public review of the OCP in 2019?

The Official Community Plan was great at engaging our residents; coming up to the halfway point of the OCP makes it a good time to check-in with the committee and staff to look at lessons learned in order to be more efficient in the future.

8. Under what circumstances are you willing to relinquish publicly owned or public assembly zoned lands?
We do not have much public land, and should do all that we can to keep it. I would only explore a land swap if it benefited the public.

9. Are you willing to defer further development until the required transportation infrastructure is in place?

The Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Partnership (INSTPP) reported that our traffic increase is largely due to people commuting to work in North Vancouver as they are unable to live here. Furthermore, the North Van Chamber of Commerce identified that over two-thirds of businesses were struggling to attract and keep workers due to housing affordability and commute times. Transportation infrastructure will not come from Translink and other levels of government until there is more population it can serve. The rest of the region is growing a lot faster than our District and they are getting more funding because of it.

10. What is your view on mobility pricing?

Housing and traffic issues are linked. Mobility pricing will make it harder to our businesses to attract workers, as the majority of them are commuting here. It will also decrease affordability for families. Mobility pricing is not the right solution with the other taxes we currently pay to drive.

11. What is your view on how effective the proposed B-Line will be?

The new B-Line will make a big difference to East-West traffic on the North Shore, it is estimated to provide travel time savings of about 30 minutes when traveling from Park Royal to Phibbs Exchange. It will reduce some traffic as a viable alternative. Transit ridership has increased and I would advocate to accelerate implementation of the additional North-South B-Lines.

12. What is the source of your campaign funding?

My funding is coming from individual donations from BC residents, who are Canadian citizens.

13. What is your position on density bonuses or density transfers?

Density bonus is a good way to add non-market housing or rentals on a piece of land that is already being developed. Density transfers should be evaluated individually.