

**Sunny Chohan**

**1. What is your connection to your riding? What have you contributed to the community?**

I've lived in Surrey for 35 years, this is where I started my family and opened my business. In 1983 joined Vedic Hindu Cultural Society. I joined because the society actively participates in community events and welcomes all. As president, in 2003 I helped the society finish construction of a new temple and organized a grand opening ceremony.

I had previously worked in the manufacturing industry for 30 years and furnished hotels, motels and restaurants. I am currently working in the telecommunications industry.

**2. What is your vision of how Whalley will look in four years? What is the provincial government's role in this vision and how are you prepared to make it happen?**

This multicultural community is an attractive place to raise a family. Keeping our communities safe is a high priority for the BC Conservatives. I will ensure that this jurisdiction is provided adequate funding dedicated to the protection of this community.

Whalley has been in rapid development and growth, I will ensure that this jurisdiction will continue on its path in become a major urban center.

**3. Notwithstanding your Party's position, are you prepared to strongly advocate for this area so our concerns are brought forward? What are your plans to accomplish this?**

I will do my best in ensuring that all community concerns are brought to my attention. I believe that the individuals of Surrey should have their voices heard and I will not turn away any individual or group with concerns about this area. If I am elected, I will establish multiple channels for this community to voice their concerns.

**4. How is your party going to deal with education (k-12), particularly an inequitable funding model and concerns with capital and operating funding?**

The BC Conservatives believe that the children of this community deserve sufficient resources and tools, which will ensure the best opportunities for our children to succeed in life. The BC Conservatives will support the development of a new, continuous-improvement accountability framework. The framework will include comprehensive and regular testing, with specific outcomes and goals in mind in newly revamped provincial tests. This will ensure that parents are informed and understand their child's progress and development on an on-going basis.

**5. Sticking with education, the number of post secondary seats south of the Fraser is lagging compared to the rest of the province. How will you address this?**

The BC Conservatives believe that young British Columbians must be given the opportunity to fill the jobs. The BC conservatives believe in supporting apprenticeship training programs. Increased registration in apprenticeship training programs will get grade 12 and post secondary students hands on training while spending less time in classrooms.

There are other considerations that can be used to address this issue. Increasing online courses can be a temporary or long-term solution depending on the opinions of students and professors. Finally, there is the possibility of expanding university campuses to accommodate an increase in staff and students.

**6. Transportation is a big problem in Surrey. The funding and governance model is not working. What are you prepared to do differently?**

I will consider the opinions of the local community and will advocate what needs to be improved based on demand. I will voice our concerns to TransLink on what needs to be improved and help find a solution that is in the best interest of the residents of BC.

**7. Creating jobs close to home is key to Surrey's success. What will you do to encourage innovative businesses to locate to Surrey?**

The BC Conservatives believe that providing individuals living in Whalley with jobs/skills training and apprenticeship program will encourage new business to locate within Surrey. Supporting local education institutions and training/development programs will encourage small and large organizations to locate in Whalley.

The BC Conservative also believe that increasing the average weekly earnings of BC is of utmost importance, BC has been steadily falling behind other provinces and achieving balance is of utmost importance. Increased earnings will allow individuals to spend with local store-owners and retail merchants.

**8. Surrey is a diverse community in age and ethnic make-up. If elected, what do you plan to do to engage and remain connected to your constituency?**

The multicultural community we have in BC is amazing, if elected I will encourage the celebration of all ethnicities by supporting festivities or events in any way I can.