

Downtown BIA All Candidates Meeting.

For the sake of timing I have kept the answers short

1) I have lived in Canada for 23 years I have had a wide range of jobs and experiences for employers and myself and now work in social services I am a single dad so I know firsthand the difficulties of living in today's world. I connect and communicate exceptionally well with people.

2) I bring logical and analytical skills from my work with computers and an artist's skills to see the aesthetic angle in work and leisure, I can see things from many angles.

3) As an immigrant myself I appreciate the starting and continuation of festivals and events throughout the city embracing our diversity of cultures.

4) I am committed to a downtown core that is safe and vibrant, the diversity of events within the city core is a testament to this reflection of our local cultures, Other city centres should also be included in such festival perhaps rotating these events to those centres would help them feel engaged with the city as a whole.

5) I work for community services in the city centre and wholeheartedly support a purpose built shelter in the city

6) Homelessness, Poverty, Affordability, and the results... Personal Safety & Policing

7) Reality is that there are many reasons why crime is carried out some is carried out from desperation some from people habituated to that lifestyle we need to be seen to be firm but fair and have teeth to enforce penalties in a timely manner or police force needs to look at its inefficient centralized model and a seamless relationship with local enforcement.

8) I support childcare space as it will help expand the support of parents in the city assuming APPROPRIATE AREAS of private development (Case by Case)

9) The city should not get involved unless the Amenity is either on or impinging on City property. Byelaw may become involved if absolutely needed.

10) The people housed should be moved throughout the City, HOWEVER public consultation should always be part of the process and the premises should not act to concentrate everyone all in one area. Consideration for placement for individuals in a community of their choice should be an option

11) In Camera sessions should be kept to an absolute minimum, Accounts of individual councilors should be available at least on a quarterly basis, perhaps contentious debates before council could be held within the affected communities allowing for democracy to be seen to be done, there. Videoing of sessions should continue.

12) The debate on Transit has been politicized with choices by candidates based on personal taste and not always facts. I support the LRT stage 1 from Surrey Centre to Guildford and it should be used as a proof of concept. However, the LRT from downtown to Newton needs to wait until the concept is proved with if needed underpasses created at major junctions to facilitate undisturbed traffic flow. The Transit to Langley I would prefer to be Skytrain possibly with a Cut/Cover section through the Green timbers section. Planning of this if approved would need to be started post haste to ensure sufficient/timely funding could be put in place.

A much needed adjunct to this plan as yet little talked about would be a means to feed remote communities into the main transit routes