

## Doug Elford Council Candidate Safe Surrey Coalition

### Downtown BIA Candidate Questionnaire

1. What makes me think you are qualified to run as a Councillor?
  - A. I have 40 years of experience working in the municipal sector. Very strong technically and I understand civic governance. Will not have a huge learning curve. Experience in leadership positions in the community through local sports and the Community Association. I have developed good relationships with relevant external agencies and staff.
  
2. What Skills do I bring to Council if elected:
  - A. Very good communication skills, good with people, very strong understanding of the aspects of civic governance. Many years working and managing in an Operational capacity in the public sector.
  
3. In your opinion, what do you think is the most positive thing that has happened in Surrey recently that makes you proud to live in here
  - A. An awakening of the public to issues going on in the City of Surrey
  
4. Are you committed to a strong City Centre and the creation of a vibrant Downtown core? What is your strategy and commitment to business - arts - culture - technology and community in Downtown Surrey?
  - A. Yes. The City of Surrey needs a strong vibrant City Center. An anchor to draw people and business. We need a plan to draw people to our town center and create liveability through design around our transit hubs. A true downtown where people want to be.
  
5. The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association had advocated for the past five years for a professionally managed purpose-built shelter in Surrey. What is your commitment to have this project move forward?
  - A. Committed to the concept.
  
6. What do you see as the top five issues facing Surrey?
  - A. Crime, Transportation, Development Issues, Affordability, Rental Housing
  
7. We know there is always a perception of crime and reality. Everyone wants a safe place to live and do business. What is your strategy to deal with the root causes of crime?
  - A. As a recent victim of crime it is a reality in my neighbourhood, there are no perception issues here. Establishment of our own police force which will enable the city to better manage the problem spots in our community.
  
8. Do you support child care space in private developments?
  - A. Depends on the proposal

9. How should requests for decreased amenity space in new residential or mixed-use developments be addressed by the City?
  - A. Depending on the proposal but if negotiated there should be a trade-off for community amenities equal to the value or more than the request.
  
10. The temporary modular housing is scheduled to be removed from the locations in Downtown Surrey in two years. Do you support the City's housing strategy that moves people from the current temporary housing into supportive housing throughout the City? If not, what is your solution?
  - A. All communities should share in the placement of supportive housing as long as the receiving community has input into the locations.
  
11. How would you make Council decisions more transparent?
  - A. Add more detail to the minutes, try and create information in a format that is easier to understand. More plain language.
  
12. What do you think is the priority for public transit south of the Fraser? What do you support?
  - A. More affordability first and foremost and the continuation of Skytrain down the Fraser highway with a Rapid Bus connecting network.