

**Downtown Surrey BIA  
Questions for Council Candidates 2018**

1. What makes you think you are qualified to run as councillor?

**In 2002 city's revenue was \$323 Million, and in 2017 it was 1.024 million, an increase of 217%. But in 15 years the "common man" hasn't benefitted. I want to tell this to the mayor and other councillors. I want to be The voice of Common man in the City Hall. I am also a Financial expert, and can help make city better financial decisions.**

2. What skills do you bring to Council if you are elected?

**a. Ability to do Financial Analysis, Budgeting, and Financial planning. My 10 years of experience teaching Accounting and Finance to university students, has contributed to the development of this skill.**

**b. Ability to speak many languages- it means ability to communicate better with people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds**

**c. Ability to find the causes and solutions to various problems in the city. For example, I have a clear-cut idea to increase affordable housing and child-care spaces**

**d. Ability to search for facts, for example Surrey has a library for 60,000 people, and Vancouver has one for 29,000.**

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?

**Development of Surrey as a City as opposed to a town, 10 years ago, though I don't like the dirty, stinking streets, and bus stops in the downtown core.**

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?

**Yes, I am committed to a strong City Centre and the creation of a vibrant Downtown core. Arts and various cultures should be encouraged to flourish in the city core. A theatre like Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver is needed in Surrey. A professional grade sports stadium and. Also movie theatres are required.**

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?

**Yes, I will work for a permanent shelter where people can live safely.**

6. What do you see as the top five issues facing Surrey?

**Skytrain Extension to Langley, A New hospital, Surrey's own Police Force, Increasing affordable housing, and increasing child-care spaces.**

7. We know there is always a debate between perception and reality. Everyone wants a safe place to live and do business. What is your strategy to deal with the root causes of crime?

**Create more youth centres, offer free recreation facilities. First, let us we find the root causes of crime- Lack of 0-12 year old child care spaces, lack of parental attention, and lack of support by the city. The solution-more child-care spaces, more consultation with parents, better policing especially around schools.**

8. Do you support child care space in private developments?

**Yes, but they should be properly licensed and regularly inspected.**

9. How should requests for deceased amenity space in new residential or mixed-use developments (both indoor and outdoor) be addressed by the City?

**City should build more amenities like libraries, fitness centres, gymnasiums, and indoor pools.**

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?

**Yes.**

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11. How would you make Council decisions more transparent?

**By inviting public in the council meetings, and by widely advertising council decisions. Meetings about important issues should be held in the evenings or on week-ends so that more people can attend.**

12. What do you think is the priority for public transit South of the Fraser? What do you support?

**Skytrain extension to Langley, more buses, and better frequency on many bus routes.**