

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

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

I have a sincere interest in the present and future of Surrey.

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

I believe myself to be a great listener. I have experience working for two different Business Improvement Areas in Vancouver.

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?

The addition of post-secondary education institutions. Development of City Centre, Holland park and other great public spaces for residents of Surrey to enjoy.

1. 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?

I am strongly committed to creating a vibrant Downtown core with mixed use developments, dense pedestrian traffic with parking available at a reasonable rate for residents coming to participate from outside the Downtown.

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?

To bring consideration to permanent solutions for people living in temporary structures.

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

Policing, Transportation/Infrastructure, Housing, Education, Business

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?

I believe a root cause of crime to be separation of individuals from their community. Poverty is a factor in this cause. I want Surrey to have a place for every member of the community, and for every member to feel connection and belonging to the community as a whole. People need to feel a sense of ownership.

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

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Whether they are residential or commercial developments, we should look at an idea that for every X amount of floors, there should be a child care facility. Child care is in demand across the lower mainland, and to have options for child care will help facilitate families to grow in Surrey.

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

Developers could receive incentives for designating a certain amount of space for amenities, and could choose which organizations will be tenants.

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?

I support any plan for permanent solutions. Currently as it sits, it is convenient for all the support workers to be in one central place. So yes I agree with moving into supportive housing, but not being too spread out, having the supportive care staff all in one central area is beneficial to them.

11. How would you make Council decisions more transparent?

Council meetings and decisions should always be available to the public, in easily accessible formats.

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

I support connecting Surrey to Surrey.