

**North Delta Residents Association
All Candidates Meeting Follow-Up Answers
Achieving for Delta team**

1. *How do you “weigh” public input? What would be other factors when deciding on an issue and how would you communicate this when announcing your decision? For example: Changes were made in 2021 to the Ladner Village Town Centre Plan to potentially allow buildings up to 6 stories in this heritage-themed village. According to City records: 684 Delta residents spoke against this change & only 80 residents were in favor.*

Elected officials rely on public feedback in order to better represent their constituents. Since the pandemic, the city has opened up several additional ways to receive feedback. In addition to attending council meetings in person, residents can participate via Zoom or by phone. The job of an elected official is to weigh all the evidence, including public feedback, and make the best decision they can for all Delta residents. It is also important that elected officials listen to underrepresented voices, including those that are unable to participate in public hearings.

2. *Many residential properties in North Delta have been re-developed to become “monster homes” which extend to property lines, including below ground level basement suites, the cutting down of a substantial number of mature trees, and the paving over of the vegetation around a property. All of this negatively impacts the environmental integrity of the surrounding habitats. Please comment on how you feel this does, or does not, reconcile with the City of Delta Foundation for the Future 'Ours to Preserve - the Environment'.*

Residential properties are not allowed to be developed to the property lines. There are stringent zoning bylaws in place that regulate setbacks and tree retention. Delta plants over a thousand trees per year, our tree canopy is growing, and our new tree protection bylaws are among the strongest in Metro Vancouver. Delta is one of only three communities in the region (Vancouver, Delta, and White Rock) that is increasing their tree canopy. We have more work to do, but we are proud of the substantial steps completed to date.

House size is strictly regulated in Delta. Household size and composition is changing in our community. Many new residents live in multi-generational households. Delta must continue to be an inclusive and welcoming place for everyone, regardless of cultural background or household composition.

3. *Many Delta residents feel that Ladner Village and the Ladner Waterfront are unique. -Do you feel the deletion of a laneway and the consolidation of a full Ladner Village block to allow a large 6 story mixed use development complex in the heart of Ladner Village would help to keep the character, the charm, and the scale of Ladner Village? Also, how do you plan to deal with some of the infrastructure issues? What is your plan on dealing with the possibility of adding a thousand plus cars to the village once the density goals are met?*

Local residents have been waiting for decades for a Council to move forward with desperately needed revitalization of our Ladner waterfront. Working with residents and local business owners, we finally have a plan in place to do that. The plan included four years of public consultation and revisions. What is clear is that Ladner Village needs more people living on top of the shops and services in order to survive and remain viable for the decades to come. To be clear, Council has not considered any applications for a six-storey building in Ladner Village to date. Any applications would be subject to public consultation, a public hearing, and further examination by the Council of the day.

4. *Since affordable home ownership is more and more difficult for the ordinary citizens of Delta, will the candidates commit to pre-zoning, pre-approved plans, and reduced or deferred fees and deposits for homeowners who want to replace their older homes with smaller homes on smaller lots, like the Higgins' project?*

Yes.

5. *Considering that Canada is wanting to reduce greenhouse emissions, what is your opinion about the Liquid Natural Gas expansion at Tilbury? Also, are you comfortable with the possible fire and safety issues of the plant, considering its location in Burns Bog?*

This project is being reviewed by the BC Environmental Assessment Office and is subject to a decision by the provincial government. The municipal government does not have a role in the approval process for this project.

6. *What do you think about the two competing proposals: T2 or Deltaport Berth 4?*

Delta Council unanimously expressed their opposition to the T2 project at the conclusion of the environmental assessment process.

7. *What do you think Delta has done well these last 4 years, and what do you think needs attention in the coming 4 years?*

Delta has done a good job keeping taxes low while investing in critical infrastructure. Delta Council delivered a new track at North Delta Secondary School, a cover for the outdoor lacrosse box, replacements of several aging synthetic turfs across our community, and significant investment in new sport courts, dog parks, and bike lanes throughout Delta. We also worked to ensure that public safety is prioritized through investment in police and fire, as well as safer roads through the installation of new sidewalks, new crosswalks, and better lighting on our local streets.

Moving forward, we need to partner with our Delta School Trustees to replace the Seaquam track. We also need to construct a second turf field at Mackie Park and place a cover on the outdoor pool at the North Delta Recreation Centre, expanding the usability of that facility from two months to twelve months of the year.

In addition, we need to implement Delta's Cycling Master Plan, and continue to invest in new dog parks and walking trails throughout our community.

8. *Will you restore Delta's stream, rendered inaccessible to fish, and make our sloughs fully accessible to fish again?*

Yes. We continue to work closely with the Cougar Creek Streamkeepers on initiatives to enhance Delta's fish bearing streams.

9. *What are you prepared to do to stop encroachment on Burns Bog? What is your vision for the Bog?*

We do not support any development in Burns Bog. It is protected in perpetuity as an ecologically sensitive area. We continue to work with Metro Vancouver on a joint management strategy to enhance the bog.

10. *What are your thoughts on Delta's ICLEI membership, the UN and the World Economic Forum?*

These are not municipal issues.

11. *If a person would write to you with a concern in a handwritten letter, would you give them the courtesy of a reply?*

Yes.