

Thank for the opportunity to respond to the following questions. Please see below for my answers.

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On Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at 5:24 PM Delta Residents <delta.residents@gmail.com> wrote:

Here is a list of questions that people have submitted. Can you email me back the response by Sept 29 and I will post your answers on our association website by Fri Sept 30. Thank you again for participating. Also if you wish to receive, our free association newsletter once a month just let me know, I will add you to my mailing list.

Christina Shyong

1. How do you "weight" 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.

I think public input holds a definite weight in decision making. Education is another great tool. It's important to educate the public with as many facts as possible when trying to make decisions on things. If we're speaking about a 'change' with something, we have to ask ourselves what change is being requested, why is it being requested, what are the outcomes expected from that change, how will it benefit the community, how will it change the community? Once all of those factors are answered and everybody is 'in the know', the council has to make a decision based on what's best for the community taking into consideration the facts, outcomes from education and the public feedback.

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'.

In regards to how I feel 'monster' homes reconcile with the City of Delta's Foundation for the Future is a complicated one. These homes are supporting aging in place (literally IN the home with family), exploring other approaches to housing (multiple families together at times), plan for housing of young people and families (doing it with multiple generations). So this does reconcile with our Foundation for the Future. BUT I hear loud and clear so many of our community members feeling that the 'monster' homes don't belong within the feel of our family oriented community. I do not feel the 'look' of the monster home fits into the community plan and I don't believe in getting rid of the mature trees. Paving over vegetation around a property is what people do so they don't have any 'yard' work to deal with. But in keeping with our bylaws, paving over everything isn't an option.

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?

No, I feel the 6 story mixed use is too high for the Village. I don't think it's in line with the character or scale of the Village. Ideally 3 stories would be the most accurate to keep the Village to scale or push to 4 stories to help with the housing needs. This Village is one of the few remaining old style charm communities that needs to be kept a place of importance and a nod to history.

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?

I like the option of smaller homes on smaller lots, like the Higgins project. I would commit to pre-zoning in certain areas where it would be suitable. I think it's another option/choice of affordable living and being able to acquire home ownership.

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 is such a complex issue to digest, that I feel it needs more thorough research. I don't think it's an easy quick answer as there are many pro's and con's. As for the possible Fire and Safety issues of the plant, I sincerely believe that all parties would be taking all possible precautions when dealing with safety. Nobody wants accidents to happen.

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

We have to keep up with the world and the movement of shipments. When expanding we need to do things as safely as possible while being efficient and observing environmental issues. Both proposals have pro's and con's. When reviewing both they talk about being environmentally friendly, building for the need, and both seem to present well. I need to review in more depth to weigh in on my preference and read more reviews of both sides as well as Delta's feedback.

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?

COVID was a huge worldwide pandemic. I think the city did well overall in handling an unprecedented situation! In the next 4 years we need to focus our attention on expanding the housing needs and restoring our small businesses.

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

I will do what I can to preserve our wildlife that we have within Delta.

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

I'd like to see the Bog remain in its natural state. The Bog is a unique ecosystem that Delta has that many other cities do not. We need to protect it and let it thrive naturally.

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

Any organizations that have done extensive research and can provide us with more education are welcomed.

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

Absolutely! Hopefully they would include a contact phone number. If not, a letter would be sent back.