

My answers to the questions in the order they are listed: (By Dr. Maha Balakumar)

(1) The majority public input will guide all my decisions. In the meantime I will be careful not to allow the "squeaky wheel gets all the oil" kind of scenario.

(2). By and large I'm not a fan of "clear cutting" to make room for monster homes. Maintaining the integrity, beauty, and harmonious living of the immediate neighbourhood without major disruptions, is what I will adhere to with any development.

(3) I do believe that Ladner Village should maintain its charm, character and scale for the foreseeable future.

With 'complete communities' envisioned for the future with densification (Metro 2050 plan), cycling is poised to be a means of transport with reduction of vehicle use and hopefully we don't see thousands of cars.

If we do see, then city planners and engineers with experience will have to design sensible changes? One way streets? No vehicles inside village etc. can be considered, I suppose, I'm not the expert).

(4) Pre-zoning, pre-approved plans and reduced or deferred fees all seem to be appealing to me, not having sat in council yet.

If City infrastructure can bear the brunt of small homes on small lots in larger numbers, then why not support it as another means of gradual densification to address the housing affordability issue.

(5) Not an easy question for me to answer as a candidate. A federal issue with the environmental review process still to be completed, I think I still have some time to thoroughly analyze the facts and information provided so far, consider the pros and cons

(Which I'm so experienced with from my medical career) and take a position in the near future.

(6) Again a federal issue with the environmental review process still to be completed. Competing interests with human cost, environmental cost, cetacean cost etc. I have to consider the pros and cons with thorough analysis and this needs some time.

I have to admit that I was biased towards environmental causes prior to being a candidate and now I'm bound to listen to all sides of the issue (my duty) and that does not allow making decisions easy. I assure that I will make the best informed decision

Possible after some critical thinking (again I'm used to it from my long medical career).

(7) Having continued to maintain a balanced budget without deficit spending, an excellent covered response, high quality investments in more athletic venues for youth (North Delta Track, artificial turf field in Tsawwassen, closed outdoor multi-sport field in Ladner),

Keeping our first responders (police and fire) appropriately and well-funded to keep our community safe with one of the lowest CSI index across the country are all things to be complimented.

Attention is needed for more day care spaces, Ladner Village business re-vitalization (while maintaining its village charm and character), to foster a sense of community in North Delta, better transit to Tsawwassen (Very poor at present), transit service to Sunshine Hills neighbourhood in North Delta (none at preset other than major roads) , a state of the art community centre for Ladner are all areas City can pay attention in the next 4 years

Was a poor decision to spend \$600,000 on a single washroom in my view.

(8). I will try.

(9) Leave Burns Bog alone, the ' lungs' of our environment. No encroachment should be permitted even at the edges. Conserve it as a nature reserve as it is.

(10) With our diverse and rich landscape in Delta , any membership that helps us to preserve it from climate change effects is worth it.

(11). Yes, I would reply. Selective response due to time constraints (24/7) will be based on the importance of the issue and not based on hand written or typed. Will attempt to respond to all over time in any event.

Dr. Maha Balakumar

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

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?
8. Will you restore Delta Delta's stream, rendered inaccessible to fish, and make our sloughs fully accessible to fish again?
 9. What are you prepared to do to stop encroachment on Burns Bog? What is your vision for the Bog?
 10. What are your thoughts on Delta's ICLEI membership, the UN and the World Economic Forum?
 11. If a person would write to you with a concern in a handwritten letter, would you give them the courtesy of a reply?