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# **YOUR CIVIC ELECTION GUIDE 2018**

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# 47 candidates: In their own words

A record 62 candidates stepped forward prior to last Friday's 4 p.m. deadline, seeking to serve on Richmond City Councii or the Richmond Board of Education.

In this edition of The Richmond Sentinel, we have dedicated the entire paper to the 2018 Civic Election, and provided free space to the majority of them—47 of the 62—to connect with Richmond residents and share their perspectives and backgrounds. The remaining 15 candidates will be featured our October edition, where we'll also tackle this year's biggest election issues.

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-Martin van den Hemel, Managing Editor

**MAYORALTY CANDIDATES** 



Name: Malcolm Brodie Party: Independent High School: Prince of Wales (Vancouver) Post-secondary: UBC Richmond resident

**since:** 1977

Occupation: Lawyer—1975 to 2002, Mayor—2001 to present

Bike/bus/car? Bicycle, Canada Line and car.

Why are you running for office? While we always face challenges, I wish to continue helping our city grow responsibly, sustainably and affordably, while maintaining good management, a high quality of life and a safe environment for all.

Political role model: Winston Churchill What are the top four issues in this election and state your position?

· Affordable housing-We need to

support housing in our community so that people of all ages and economic means can live here. Our Affordable Housing Strategy adopted over a decade ago and updated this year, supplemented by the Market Rental Housing Policy, allows the city to work with the development industry to create housing opportunities for all.

• Retail sale and cultivation of cannabis-Our approach must be very cautious as too many see this new industry as a means to gain economically, sometimes at the expense of livability. From the example in other cities, we know that retail sale needs to be strictly regulated. Cultivation should also be limited to growing the product in open fields because of the types of building structures used and odour issues if grown indoors. Local government should be given a reasonable share of the revenues resulting from the sale of cannabis to defray some of the enforcement and other costs that

will be incurred by local government.

- Traffic congestion—Extending alternate forms of transportation will assist in encouraging people to get out of their cars, thus reducing congestion and greenhouse gases. The city should supplement alternate forms of travel including bicycle paths and pedestrian areas. In consultation with the city, the provincial government should upgrade the existing tunnel and twin it in order to reduce congestion on Highway 99.
- Protection of agricultural land-There is a very limited amount of high quality agricultural land available in Richmond and throughout the province. Steps need to be taken for its preservation. As one aspect, the proliferation and size of estate homes on agricultural land should be restricted in order to support agriculture. Local government needs to work with the Agricultural Land Commission to protect this vital resource.



Name: Lawrence Chen Party: Independent University: MBA from University Technology of Sydney, Australia Richmond resident

since: 2007

Occupation: Instructor Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? Bring fresh air to Richmond city hall

**Role model:** Listen to the voice of the residents

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Improving community neighborhood safety
- Improving Richmond hospital service
- Protecting Richmond environment
- Creating more jobs for young people and new comers



Name: Donald J. Flintoff Party: Independent Post-secondary: University of Toronto Richmond resident **since:** 1975

Occupation: Self-Employed Professional

Bike/bus/car? Bike in Richmond, bus/ Canada Line, then car for longer trips.

Why are you running for office? I want more accountability for expenditures: increased public consultation on finances; and more involvement by the younger generations on long-term plans for the city housing and commerce.

Political role model: W.A.C. Bennett What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Residential Use in ALR—Council should have placed a moratorium on building permits in ALR until the Provincial government review was completed. Food security and soil management is fast becoming a global issue.
- Megahomes—This issue should have ended years ago as it converted useable existing housing stock to new unaffordable megahomes that impact the character of the neighbourhood. The

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existing housing is more affordable and could be modified into less expensive flats for joint ownership or rental properties. Megahomes are sitting empty and usually only house a single family when occupied. Council has sat on this issue for too long. Demolition permits should be carefully scrutinized to avoid the unnecessary loss of the lower-cost existing housing stock.

- Property Taxes-We need accountability in the city. Major capital spending without a referendum must stop. Supporting business enterprises such as the Oval, Lulu Island Energy Company and VRX (through the OVAL) with cash and assets being transferred and no dividends. This situation must change. The use of city staff as chair, directors and management of these other businesses must end. Council needs to rein in its spending and investments in questionable enterprises. Without accountability, we have a trust-me situation. Council needs to reduce the property taxes for residential and commercial enterprises.
- Long-Term Plan for Affordable Housing and Commerce—The ALR takes up a large part of our island. Growth is limited. We have started to use high-rises as an option. What will be our next option? The citizens need to be consulted on housing options to accommodate growth as the land available is in short supply. The

younger generations need to have input now as the long-term plan will impact them and local businesses. Hopefully extensive public consultation will produce better options than what is currently being proposed. The younger generations use "car share". Perhaps, "house-sharing" is also in their future. They have to decide how they will live in the future. It's their future we need to be concerned about.



Name: Hong Guo Party: Independent Post-secondary: University of Regina, University of Windsor

Richmond resident

since: 2005

Occupation: Lawyer Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? I am running for mayor because I want to build bridges that bring city hall closer to our neighbourhoods, and foster understanding and connection between residents.

Political role model: John F. Kennedy What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Increase accountability by listening and representing all local voices
- Work with the federal and provincial governments for a George Massey Tunnel replacement

- Richmond police force
- · Jumpstart housing construction by cutting red tape and wait times at the city hall



Name: Cliff Wei Party: Independent High School: High School attached to Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

Post-secondary: MBA of Tsinghua University

Richmond resident since: 2002 Occupation: retired

Bike/bus/car? Electric car

Why are you running for office? To resolve on coming issues in Richmond

Role model: listener

Political role model: negotiator What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

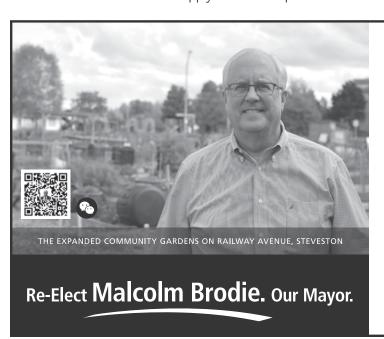
• City planning—Over the years, the city changed into a metro city! People want live more simply, with less stress, will be disappointed because resource is short and living cost would climb high. I came from Beijing the capital city of China. When I was 10, it was the political centre like Washington, moderate development and the city is beautiful. When I was 20, I learned the city is short of water. The water supply has supported the city

• Hold a referendum on the RCMP vs. a for over 1,000 years will no longer meet the requirement. When I was 30 I learned that the air pollution suffocating people inside the city. By the time the population has reached 15 million.

> • Massey tunnel—The jelly like soil structure under the tunnel was discovered 29 years ago. Then we understand the tunnel is vulnerable to earthquake, since then many methods has been tried to strengthen the tunnel. They are all failed. Includes one attempt to drop big rocks along side the tunnel, and the tunnel was shifting away because of those rocks. Action aborted!

In past three decades we have studied the traffic pattern through Massey tunnel. We have learned 65 per cent of the traffic is between Richmond and Surrey plus Delta. Those are the people who live or work in those three cities. The new bridge will unite our three cities together. The bridge is the solution for people who no longer afford a house in Richmond and still wish to keep their jobs or businesses in Richmond.

• Policing—We hired RCMP, the mayor is only the liaison. Because the RCMP has its own guide line created by its headquarters so any special requirement from our city will be considered a interference. Successful measures has been performed in Vancouver, could not be used in Richmond. That's the reason



#### **Protecting Richmond's Environment**

- We all want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and live in a city that promotes sustainability. Richmond needs to continue to aggressively address climate change issues locally to augment inconsistent steps being taken nationally and internationally.
- Supporting alternatives to motor vehicle usage with such initiatives as bicycle lanes and pedestrian corridors will help the City remain
- In the next 2 years, the City will double over 300 community garden plots at 9 parks and schoolyards to reflect an increasing interest in urban agriculture.
- District Energy Utilities for heating and cooling buildings are being developed so we reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Eventually, Richmond will have one of the largest green networks of utilities in North America.







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why we need to set up our own police ative stigma, but what have we done department—RPD.

In this way we will no longer seeing the break-in rate drops in Vancouver while raise in Richmond.

• Listening—Once elected, mayor took oath bear allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen will ask him to serve people not ruling them. Listen and comply is the way to go. We will develop cell phone app to collect opinions from all residents, resolve conflict before making any decision during the next council meeting. I am confident that we can change the way how our government run.

#### **COUNCIL CANDIDATES**



Name: Andy Chiang Party: Independent High School: Steveston Post-secondary: UBC,

Richmond resident

since: 1984

Occupation: account manager Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? There's only one place we can call our home at any given time, so let's take care

Role model: Bill Gates Political role model: Barack Obama What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Driving Safety—It's no secret that driving in Richmond has a certain neg-

about it? I realize there are those who will scoff and say they aren't part of the problem, but the truth is, we all are. Did you remember to use a turn signal each time you switched lanes? Did you remember to turn on your headlights when it's dark? What about speed: are you at or below the speed limit? My point is this... we need to work together to make the roads safer and more efficient. We need to respect each other on the road. Most importantly, we need to remember that at the end of the day, everyone has the same goal, to go home—but let's make sure we do it safely. I want to provide additional signage, re-educate drivers, and partner with local law enforcement to ensure we all make it home, safely.

- Housing and Commerce—With the recent residential boom in Richmond, there are more people here than ever, but commercial space has not grown at nearly the same rate. We need more goods and services available to the people of Richmond, and this means we need to help our local businesses grow and attract more businesses to open.
- Education—Another unfortunate by-product of the residential boom is the access to education has shifted. I see my elementary school in proposed closures every year, and my high school has already closed its doors. It's sad to see old friends move away so that their children have access to schools. I don't want to see schools close. I don't want to see friends and neighbours move away. I want to ensure that our city has ade-

tion.

• Community Sense—It's been a while since I've seen a lot of pride for our city. This is our home and we should be proud of it. This isn't something one person can do, but together, we can instill that pride back into our community. By creating and participating in more events and activities, we can unite the city. At the end of the day, we can only call one place our home, and for those reading this, Richmond is our home. Let's be kind, be patient, and be good to on another, because we are all neighbours here.



Name: Theresa Head Party: Independent High School: Downtown East Education Centre (DEEC)

Post-secondary: n/a

Richmond resident since: 1995 Occupation: part-time from home Bike/bus/car? Public transit

Why are you running for office? To engage with City Hall about homelessness in Richmond.

Role model: My sister

Political role model: Rick Hansen/Sam

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Affordable Housing—I am living in the only BC Housing in Richmond. More affordable housing, and accessible housing with services for those who need them is needed. (extra kitchen space, lower cupboards). PWD can't afford the

quate and convenient access to educa- high cost of rent in Richmond, and neither the average working person. One bedroom in Richmond cost \$2,180. PWD monthly check is approximately \$1,110. (each person income is different). As the cost of food, housing prices, taxes, keep rising affordable housing is more important than ever. With the right attitude anything can happen, and must happen for those who need it most.

- Empty condominiums—By Better Dwelling website: Brighouse area of Richmond, a condo rich community known for its appeal to overseas buyers. The author determined that over 46 per cent of condo sales over the past year have been vacant for over a year. (These empty units could be used best for our homeless people that are living on the streets here in Richmond. Our local government should not allow this to be happening especially when the number of homelessness is on the rise in Richmond. Need I say anything more about the problem?)
- Supportive Housing—We need more Storeys because it provides people with a home, food, support, and decreases the use of hospitals, police, and fire services. Storeys is a success story because it has shown when people are given a second chance anything can happen, and is happening. This is why more (Storeys) are needed to get our people off the streets and a better life. Everybody deserves a better life! If a person's situation doesn't change then don't expect a

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when given the chance, and the people living in Storey have proven that.

• Improved transit—People on low income need required transit to get around. We need free trans for children and youth and a sliding scale for low-income adults. For one bus ticket \$2.95 might not seem a lot to most people but when buying groceries then getdividual income.

person to change. Anybody can change ting on a bus with small children several times a week or days it can add up. This don't count the cost of doctors' appointments, to from school, or daycare. Transit need to be available to everyone not just the working class. We all need to pay our share but only pay based on each in-



Name: Alexa Loo Party: Independent High School: McRoberts/ McNair Post-secondary: UBC, CPA Canada, Royal Roads

Richmond resident since: 2 weeks old Occupation: Executive coach Bike/bus/car? All of the above

Why are you running for office? To continue to make Richmond a great place for people and families to thrive

Role model: Rick Hansen

Political role model: Dick Pound, Malcolm Brodie

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

· Affordability—Creating policies and approving developments that add to the affordable housing available to our residents. Partnering with the provincial and federal governments to leverage our funds and build affordable housing. Ensuring that our new market rental policy has strong enough incentives that

more rental stock is actually built now! Supporting businesses so that residents have good jobs and are able to afford and thrive in Richmond.

- Congestion—Tackling congestion through workable policies and good partnerships with TransLink, the provincial and federal government to ensure that residents, goods, and workers can get where they need to go. We need to be the gateway to the pacific—not the bottleneck! Building better, safer bike lanes and supporting bikeshare programs and expanding "learn to ride" programs offered by the city.
- Community Harmony—Continuing to invest in recreation and sport facilities where residents can meet, play and spend quality time together. Ensure the Steveston Community Centre replacement is built for the future, on time and on budget. Invest in sports facilities like a Hugh Boyd field house to ensure our athletes and participants have great sports and recreation experiences and oppor-





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• Health and Safety-Keeping the pressure on the provincial government to build our much needed acute care tower at Richmond Hospital, Building a better and safer community by using technology and incorporating technology. Ensuring our police and fire are optimally hired, trained and equipped to ensure our safety. Ensuring good nutritious food is produced in Richmond by: connecting young agrarians to underutilized farmland, and continuing to partner with KPU Agriculture to grow its seed lab and develop urban farming as well as supporting pollinator projects that connect bees and pollinators to flowers.



Name: John Roston Party: Independent High School: Westmount High

Post-secondary: McGill Richmond resident

since: 2007

Occupation: Consultant and retired McGill administrator & Adjunct Professor Bike/bus/car? Electric car and bike

Why are you running for office? We need action on urgent issues based on facts and principles, rather than the current Council's inaction based on politics.

Role model: Aspects of many people from Winston Churchill to Leonard Cohen

Political role model: No single person What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Affordable Housing—The housing cri-

sis demands immediate bold action, but to sell the farmland quickly. council has done little. Families, seniors with health problems and those working from home need multi-bedroom rental units, but the supply has not increased rapidly enough to bring rental rates down. Millennials who grew up in Richmond are forced to either continue living with parents or move away because they cannot afford to rent here. They need to share a multi-bedroom unit with roommates to make rent affordable. Developers prefer to build one-bedroom units that are more attractive to investors who often leave them vacant. Council only requires 40 per cent multi-bedroom units in new developments. It should be 80 per cent.

• Protecting Farmland—Growing more of our food locally will keep costs down especially as global warming lengthens our growing season. However, council is covering up the most fertile farmland in BC with mega mansions and taking entire farms out of production which only benefits farmland owners who make millions and investors seeking a safe haven. After our numerous presentations to council and meetings with individual councillors failed to convince them to limit farmland house size, some of us met with the Minister of Agriculture and the Leader of the Green Party to convince the province to act. Additional steps are now necessary to help young farmers secure long-term leases so they can make major investments in infrastructure like drainage. Farmland investors usually insist on one-year leases that allow them

- · Making Neighbourhoods Safer— Council has been spending millions on more RCMP officers which would be fine if they were also greatly expanding BlockWatch and similar programs. As a BlockWatch captain, I know it is neighbours calling police about suspicious activity that enables police to catch thieves in the act rather than arrive long after they are gone.
- More Value for Our Taxes—As Richmond Museum treasurer. I discovered how fortunate we are to have excellent city staff, but we must control costs by ensuring salaries match market rates and staff time is spent efficiently. Councillors frequently delay making decisions by asking staff for yet another report that will repeat information already available. The Onni Imperial Landing waterfront rezoning process dragged on for eleven years with countless staff reports and time wasted on endless meetings. As an independent councillor and experienced administrator, I can work collaboratively with all councillors to improve efficiency and reduce cost.



Name: Manjit Singh Party: Independent High School: Northolt, London, U.K.

Post Secondary: Aberdeen, U.K.; St George's University School of Medicine

Richmond resident since: 2001 **Occupation:** Owner/Instructor—Step Alive Emergency Training Center

Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? | would like to see Richmond within the affordability of an average family's earning be they housing, schooling, recreation or welcoming new immigrants to our soci-

Role model: Nelson Mandela Political role model: JFK

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Housing—Over the 18 years I have lived in Richmond I have seen the cost of housing skyrocketed. We all know about the price war in housing or increase in rentals. Ask yourself; the groceries you and I buy have not tripled, the wages paid out have not even doubled, why the house prices? The city council has stood by and watched it all and plays a blame game to foreign buyers. Well, who went abroad to bring these foreign buyers and now this housing freeze upon us. People of Richmond have stood by far too long to let it all happen. A change is a must. We don't need construction of high rises with one bedroom hen houses at the cost of 3 bedroom house. It has been proven psychologically the highrises are detrimental to raising of safe neighbourhoods for our children to play and grow. Let us get wise and meet the Canadian dream that every immigrant or person born here grows up with; just a small house with a garden, that's all.
- Traffic—This is quite evident to any body who has commuted to and from

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work. There are number of grid points, totally unnecessary; No. 3 and Westminister; Massey Tunnel; Arthur Laing Bridge; Cambie and No 5. The list goes on. The city designers need to re-think. The frustrations in people are real and sitting in traffic breathing exhaust of the other cars is not a healthy environment. We need new ideology at City Hall to bring this change.

• Diversity/ Senior Homes—I commend all communities living in Richmond for accepting each others cultures. However it breaks my heart to see when this happens on hot muggy days or cold wintery icing conditions in parks, at grocery stores or bus shelters. Don't our seniors deserve dignity and respect to socialize in a safe, protected and comfort environment of indoors. A place where they can talk about their music, arts and native cultures. We need to strengthen the diversity by bringing people of Richmond together under one roof as otherwise I fear power in wrong hands can easily erode this very fabric, as evident in our southern neighbouring country. Only diversity can strengthen diversity and I urge you all to vote for Manjit Singh on 20th Oct to safeguard our diversity fabric and build Richmond a harmonious and great place to raise our children.



Name: Kerry Starchuk Party: Independent High School: Richmond High Post-secondary: Life lessons Richmond resident since: 1957 minus a few years

Occupation: dedicated full time advocate—casual contract work

Bike/bus/car? Car in Richmond, bus and SkyTrain to go downtown, bike pleasure

#### Why are you running for office?

As someone with a long history in Richmond, a love for this city and a personal investment in its continued health, I can be trusted to challenge policies and initiatives when necessary and be a voice advocating loudly and insistently for benefits and improvements in the lives of Richmond's residents.

Role model: Oprah Winfrey

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• A longtime community volunteer and dedicated social activist, I have been at the forefront of efforts to encourage local, provincial and federal governments to amend policies related to challenging issues that affect the lives of all Richmond citizens. These issues include language on public display signage, the exploitative practice of birth tourism, illegal short term rentals and the gradual breakdown of the neighbourhoods. I believe firmly that neighbourhoods matter, individuals

matter and that we have to be vigilant about protecting our community and enhancing the lives of Richmond's residents. Progress to me is not how many condos or mega houses we build—especially if those have a negative effect on neighbourhoods. Progress to me is measured by an improvement in quality of life for a community's residents, and our elected leaders should be dedicated to ensuring that changes are positive and beneficial to the community as a whole. As a community advocate and activist I've experienced the frustrations of not being heard. I will listen. As a city councillor, when faced with decisions that will have an impact on people's lives, I will always ask myself the question: how will this decision affect the lives of our residents?

• I will use my role as councillor to encourage people to work together toward a common goal: ensuring our community is a healthy, happy, inclusive, and progressive place to live and work.

Trust is the key issue here. As someone with a long history in Richmond, a love for this city and a personal investment in its continued health, I can be trusted to challenge policies and initiatives when necessary and be a voice advocating loudly and insistently for benefits and improvements in the lives of Richmond's residents.



Name: Chak Au Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: YMCA College, Hong Kong Post-secondary: University of Hong

Richmond resident since: 1991

Occupation: Family therapist

Bike/bus/car?: Car, public transit, and walking with my two feet

Why are you running for office? In my 20 years of public service my objective has always been building up a harmonious community in Richmond that everybody can call home.

Role model: My father, who fought in the Second World War, and taught me the true meaning of service above duty, sacrifice, integrity, and helping other people.

Political role model: Nelson Mandela

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- · Housing affordability: a) increase rental housing supply by 100 per cent; b) develop rental-only zoning; c) encourage "gentle density" development; d) curb illegal short-term rentals.
- Traffic: a) improve the flow of traffic in city centre area by 50 per cent; b) urge the provincial government to take immediate action on the George Massey Tunnel choke point (the Ironwood area is a nightmare in the

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connections.

- Vision for Long-term Development: a) comprehensive economic development plan; b) smart city development (residences and jobs in local areas); c) support agriculture and preserve farmlands; d) increase and stabilize funding for social services; e) more seniors' housing and activity centres.
- · Community Safety: a) better policing in Hamilton (East Richmond) area; b) improve police and fire department response times, c) support neighbourhood safety initiatives.



Name: Parm Bains Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Richmond High

Post-secondary: BCIT

and Royal Roads University

Richmond resident since: 1976

Occupation: Applied communications instructor, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Bike/bus/car? Car and SkyTrain

Why are you running for office? To keep families together and stop young professionals from leaving our city.

Role model: Parents

Political role model: My father

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Housing Affordability—I support a gentle density plan that moves away from big home development and creates smaller home options in-and-around our neighbourhood schools. This will provide options for young professionals and existing families to remain closely-knit, and it will also attract other working families who will help increase K-12 student en-

late afternoon); c) better public transit rolment. The number of aging parents, who need care, is increasing rapidly and families need to be able to live close to one-another. Young children also benefit in their development by having grandparents nearby to help provide care and assistance.

- Transportation Infrastructure—We desperately need a bridge crossing to replace the worst traffic bottleneck in BC, the George Massey Tunnel. I support a forward-looking crossing project, which would include HOV lanes, pedestrian walk-ways, bike lanes and a SkyTrain line for future implementation. The crossing project should also include Hwy 99 roadway improvements to assist with diverting traffic to various exit points. Increased transit frequency is needed for several congested areas around our city, including the Steveston Highway corridor.
- Tax increases—I support a lesser tax burden imposed on Richmond residents and businesses.
- Divided Community—I support healthy community consultation with residents on all issues important to Richmond.



Name: Jonathan Ho Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Christian Alliance College

Post-secondary: Hong

Kong Polytechnic

Richmond resident since: 1997

Occupation: Banker and Richmond school trustee

Bike/bus/car? Car and bus

Why are you running for office? Giving back to the city I have called home after I immigrating to Canada is my passion.

Role model: Jonathan Livingston and in the north, but there is no proper Seagull

Political role model: Dr. Yat-sen Sun, the founding father of modern China

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Housing affordability-Many people today are talking about the affordability of housing. Paradoxically, we do not want housing prices to fall sharply. The fact is, whether you like it or not, many people's wealth, retirement income, jobs, and many economic activities can be directly or indirectly related to the real estate market. However, many of our young families have been driven away for they just aren't able to afford it. I advocate that we learn from some of the success stories in Asia in handling this problem. such as the British Hong Kong government's Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and also the Housing and Development Board (HDB) Flats of the Singaporean government to see if it can be applied here to address this problem. Stop the tax hikes: The city already receives more property taxes due to the current densification process. However, it seems that we still haven't benefit from it. Our property taxes increase almost 3 per cent per year and it seems to be a norm. Besides, our city is currently sitting on \$900 million reserve. I believe our city needs to spend those reserves wisely on roads, infrastructure, etc rather than have funds sitting on a huge reserve and increase our taxes annually. We should conduct a full spending review of the City to ensure value for our tax money. To keep Richmond affordable, we must start with keeping property taxes afford-

• Keep Traffic Moving—Highrise buildings are everywhere in the city centre

transportation plan to cope with it. Traffic condition is becoming worse particularly in that area. Also, we desperately need a new bridge to replace our aged George Massey Tunnel. Aging of our city due to the departure of young families This issue is in fact of vital importance to the long term healthy development of our city. I will strive to take advantage of our geographical advantages, such as our proximity to the airport, seaport, and close ties with Asia to attract more foreign investment, promote more economic activities so that our young people can have more and better development opportunities in Richmond.



Name: Ken Johnston Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Killarney Post-secondary: UBC

Richmond resident since: 1976 Occupation: Councillor

Bike/bus/car? Car, Canada Line.

Why are you running for office? I care about our community and want to contribute to making it even better.

Role Model: Father

Political Role Model: Jean Charest What are the top four issues in this

### election and explain your position?

· Affordable Housing and rental availability-We need to work with the housing industry to develop more affordable housing and rental stock, using incentives and partnerships with government and private providers. I would support a Empty Homes Tax to help fund the affordable housing fund and create

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more rental stock. We need to redefine our housing policies to allow gentle density such duplexes, fourplexes and multiple smaller homes on large lots.

- Transportation—We need to expedite improving the road network in the downtown core to develop better flow. Living in the 5 and Steveston area I am reminded daily we need an immediate solution to the George Massey tunnel fiasco. More capacity on the Canada line.
- Protecting the environment—Continue being a leader in sustainable practices including water quality, energy delivery, solar power, green fleet and addressing all aspects of climate change. Enhance our parks and dykes.
- Crime and safety—Increase resources to our RCMP detachment in terms of officers and support staff. Increase resources to Richmond Fire Rescue to ensure top level service to our growing Community. To reduce response times for both Police and Fire.



Name: Melissa Zhang Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Baoding Seventeenth High School

**Post-secondary:** Hebei University, University of International Business & Economics

Richmond resident since: 2005 Occupation: Financial advisor Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? To bridge between all of our communities and to bridge between our residents and local government.

Political Role Model: Abraham Lincoln What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Traffic—Rapid population growth require more efficient and well planned traffic system
- Safety—Enhance Block Watch, offer more grant to encourage residents to take care of each other, organize seniors,



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to help with crime prevention

- City development—need a forward-looking plan to catch up with population growth and keep the uniqueness of our city
- · Interaction between council and school board—work together for a better planning for a city centre school.



Name: Carol Day Party: RITE High School: Richmond High

Post-secondary: College Richmond resident

Occupation: Business owner for 43 years, community activist for 25 years

Bike/bus/car? I love my bike. Own a Honda Fit, and take the Canada Line to Vancouver.

Why are you running for office? Richmondites need a voice at city hall and I work every day, all day for them. It is my honour and pleasure to give back to my city and my people.

Role model: Oprah Winfrey Political role model: Sue Halsey-Brandt

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Mega Mansion on Farm land—I have worked for four years to reduce the size of house to save our farm land from destruction, I made a motion for a moratorium on new permits but only Harold Steves supported it. The increase in size of Mega Mansions has turned class one farm land into speculation properties

and we need to reverse the bylaw now more critical of future developments. that allows for 10,974 sq ft houses. But I need help. Please vote them all out.

- · Vacancy tax-We must lobby the province to allow all cities in BC to have the ability to deal with empty houses and condos. I feel the proceeds of a vacancy tax should go towards affordable housing. A vacancy tax would better control housing prices and rents because speculators will be forced to sell or rent out their units which will lower the prices for buyers and renters through more supply. We cannot build our way out of the problem but we can make better use of the units that already exist.
- Code of Ethics for Councillors—The Local Government Management Association code of ethics states that managers working for all BC cities may not deal in property directly or indirectly within the municipality that they serve in, other than their personal property. These rules should apply to councillors. It is unfair that councillors have access to information that they can financially benefit from and yet they are not prohibited from using that information to buy and develop properties.
- Traffic congestion—We need to make smarter choices in regards to new developments because traffic grid lock has become a big problem. It is critical we vote for smarter developments that allow for street widening, and other traffic improvements rather than allowing variances that crowd more people into a smaller and smaller spaces. This is a quality of life issue and the time is now to be



Name: Niti Sharma Party: RITE High school: Holy Child Senior Secondary School, Delhi, India. Post-secondary: Delhi

University, Eastern Michigan University Richmond resident since: 2003

Occupation: Part-time writing teacher Bike/bus/car? Bus, in my initial years in Canada. Mostly car now or walking.

Why are you running for office? As a resident, I am concerned about the growing unaffordability in Richmond; and, as a councillor I would like to remind each of us that our individual choices affect others and this planet, so that together we can make more compassionate and sustainable choices to build a Richmond that does not leave so many people behind.

Role model: Jane Jacobs Political role model: Mahatma Gandhi What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

housing policies and bylaws that prevent and curtail housing speculation. We need to build more modest two and three bedrooms for families and seniors and others. We urgently need an empty-homes list and tax, so that existing homes are used for living and do not stay empty. Short-term rentals should not be allowed when the home is not the principal residence of the owner. Building norms should allow for true co-exis-

tence between older and newer housing stock. I think multi-family construction needs to use more human scale and gentle density and pay better attention to community amenities such as space for childcare and a city centre school instead of cramming as many homes as possible in a small space. We need to mix social and market housing to ensure income diversity and long term health and vibrancy of the community. I would also like to see a renters' advisory committee in Richmond and for the city to invest in building more co-op housing.

• Protecting Richmond's ALR for food production—In my opinion, the trend of building and selling mansions has distorted the incentive for owning farmland in Richmond. Reducing the size of farmland houses to the provincial guidelines is much needed as the first step to prevent the loss of the best farmland in BC. A majority (74 per cent) of Richmond's farm lots are small sized and provide a great opportunity for small family farms and new farmers to build upon

Richmond's farming legacy and to pro-• Housing—Richmond needs to put mote healthier and local food systems in the context of climate change.

> · Community engagement and dialogue—I think the city needs to create avenues for respectful and honest collaboration and dialogue, especially around issues of conflict so that residents can carve out common ground. This applies to seeking common ground not just between intercultural/faith

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coming residents; but, also between residents and developers, renters and landlords and other stakeholders that seem to be pitted against each other in shaping development in the city.

• Better transparency and accountability of elected officials:

The city should have an independent ombudsman and mechanism for filing complaints against misuse of power by elected officials. Checks and balances on power ensure that public interest stays the prime mover of the city 's decisions around development, land-use and city resources.



Name: Michael Wolfe Partv: RITE High School: Cambie Post-secondary: UBC Richmond resident **since:** 1982

Occupation: Science teacher Bike/bus/car? Old pickup truck with 400,000 km and an even older bike

Why are you running for office? I've been a candidate in over ten elections in Richmond and have gained a better understanding of how the three levels of government can best serve Richmond, and I am ready to be an educated leader on city council.

Political role model: Adriane Carr What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

Role model: David Suzuki

- · Leadership—As a well-educated, vouthful, environmentally-conscious candidate, I have the distinction of providing a voice for many people in our community who need someone that represents their lifestyle and long-term future planning. In my view, city councillors should not be permitted to profit from large-scale developments in the city they work in, and so I offer myself as an alternative to those councillors. I represent the product of four generations of Richmond residents and I am proud to continue a legacy of contributing to the community.
  - Education—As a teacher, I am well UBC

groups and between existing and in- equipped at being a life-long learner and I will nurture a continuously collaborative relationship between our Richmond School District and the city. Public education is the key to many of the barriers and challenges we face in our communities and I will be the strongest advocate encouraging meaningful progress, while improving the city services we use day to day. I'm a recent graduate with a Master's Degree in Education for Sustainability and I am excited to share my passion with citizens, city staff, and the elected officials after the Oct. 20 election.

- Health—As a person living with a chronic disease, I am well aware of the potential challenges we face with our day-to-day physical and mental health. I've been a six-year member of the Richmond Heath Advisory Committee and can advocate for improvements within the network of services in the Richmond Hospital and other facilities. My family have used nearly all the services available in Richmond and I am a promoter of better emergency preparedness, as individuals, families, neighbourhoods, and the city as a whole.
- Environment—The loss of access to nature in our neighbourhoods and the decline of habitat is putting insurmountable pressure on the remaining areas and life. Our city is located in the mouth of the Fraser River and is impacted by tidal fluctuations, thus we have to recognize our unique responsibility to protect the environment for future generations. I will not stand for mega mansions on farmland, while our food security issues continue to rise. As I hear your perspectives on better practices for the future, I will be extremely active on the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee and the development of the Garden City Lands for our shared benefit.



Name: Henry Jiun-Hsien Partv: RITE

High School: McRoberts, McNair Post-secondary: KPU,

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Richmond resident since: 1990

Occupation: Previously a constituency assistant

Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? Richmond is more divided than ever before, and I aim to help Richmond create genuine harmony by fostering cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, interaction and cooperation.

Role model: Theodore Roosevelt **Political role model:** Abraham Lincoln What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Agricultural Land and Environmental Protection—Richmond has one of the best farmlands in Canada. With the recent weather pattern uncertainty due to climate change, Richmond community can no longer take our water supply, air quality and food security for granted. I am determined to protect the existing agricultural land by reducing the house size on farmland from 10,764 square feet to the provincial guideline of 5,382 square feet. We must stop future mega mansions from destroying the existing top-quality farmland. I am also committed to continuing to work with the community to proactively preserve our local environment, water supply and air quality.
- Affordability and Livability-Richmond's rental and real estate markets are fuelled by speculation. It is getting harder

and harder for young professionals, new families and seniors to find affordable and reasonable independent living arrangement. I, along with the RITE team, am committed to lobbying for a vacancy tax to combat housing speculation. I will also find ways to screen development applications to ensure units designed and developed are more suitable for families and not for speculation. Our team aims to work with the provincial government to increase the quantity of affordable housing units and encourage long term rentals.

- · Community division and isolation— Richmond is more divided than ever. Communities in Richmond are often not given the necessary tools, programs and resources to connect, interact, learn and appreciate each other. I am committed to serving our community by building bridges through facilitating better communication between different cultures and communities. And providing opportunities for dialogue on critical community issues. I will also advocate for better inter-cultural linguistic accessibility in community dialogues, programming and consultation.
- · Councillors' Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest—Richmond city council's decisions are frequently overshadowed by special interests. I, along with the RITE team, am committed to

our community's best interest. We need to introduce a code of conduct for councillors to minimize conflict of interest and special interest influence. If teachers and school staff are not allowed to run for school trustee in the jurisdiction where they work, then how can developers whose applications are evaluated by the city be allowed to sit in the Council for the jurisdiction where they have projects. RITE will work with Elections BC and provincial government to establish effective regulations on promoting transparency and accountability while minimizing conflict of interests.



Name: Derek Dang Party: Richmond First **Voters Society** High School: Richmond High Post-secondary: UBC

Richmond resident since: 1958 Occupation: Richmond city councillor Bike/bus/car? Bike and car

Why are you running for office? I have a strong love for my community and I want to make a difference.

Role model: My Dad, Tony Dang Trudeau

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Community Safety—An important

part of a city is the ability to go about your business and daily life feeling safe and secure. We have increased the complement of police officers in Richmond by 40 in the past term. Similarly, we will be looking to increase the Richmond Fire-Rescue complement to reflect the growth of our dynamic city. We have invested in six new or upgraded fire halls throughout the city. With the increase in natural disasters worldwide and the possibility of an earthquake happening, now, more than ever, we need to have a comprehensive plan to survive a natural disaster.

· Quality of Life-Richmond has enjoyed the distinction of having the people with the longest lifespan (86.3) in Canada. This isn't by accident, as the city has many beneficial recreational programs from cradle to senior years that help promote healthy lifestyle choices. We have built new parks such as the Aberdeen park in the City Centre and are completing the Garden City Lands for our future generations. This fall, the new Minoru Activity Centre will provide seniors with a new building that doubles the current building in size. The new Aquatic Centre Political role model: Pierre Elliot will provide the community with a stateof-the-art Aquatic Centre that will be the envy of other cities. Additionally, we've

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addressed offering housing options in an expensive housing market. We've developed a market rental housing policy with incentives to developers to encourage purpose built rental housing. Moreover, we've approved supportive housing and a homeless shelter for the winter season.

- Transportation—With the advent of the Canada Line, Richmond has given us an option to driving a car. We've added to our bike trails annually. I fully support the bike rental pilot project that is coming this fall to the City Centre. Working with the province, we need to have a fully-consulted answer to No. 5 and Steveston Highway gridlock. There has to be a comprehensive answer to creating a solution to the tunnel. Whatever solution is chosen, a consultative model has to be chose.
- Economy and Taxes—Richmond is a net importer of labour; we have more jobs than local workers. I have been the council liaison for the Richmond Economic Advisory Committee for several years for now. We have benefitted greatly from the expertise of local business leaders in guiding the city's economic planning. We were able to create Richmond's resilient economy strategy and the industrial land densification with the help of EAC.



Name: Sunny Ho Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: Yuen Long Lutheran Middle School Post-secondary: Univer-

sity of Ulster

Richmond resident since: 1998 Bike/bus/car? Car Role model: No Political role model: No

Why are you running for office? Enhancing Richmond to become a metropolitan city for business, working and

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Safetv—40 more RCMP and 20 more firefighters
- Housing—building 3,000 affordable rental houses within 4 years, especially for seniors and young families
- Multiculturalism development more resources on the education for pursuing our Canadian Spirit of Multiculturalism
- Marijuana—no retail marijuana in Richmond



Name: Andy Hobbs Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: Richmond High

Post-secondary: UBC Richmond resident since: 1967 Occupation: Retired VPD Bike/bus/car? Yes to all three.

Why are you running for office? Public service is a calling that I've always believed in and I want to continue serving Richmond, as a member of City Council, where I can influence long and short term decisions that impact Richmond's overall livability and daily quality of life.

Role model: Uncle Arch. Aunt Isabel.

Jack and Alice.

Political role model: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor.

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Protecting farmland—At Richmond's core, its soul so to speak, characteristics include our fishing and farming roots. I've bailed hay, herded cows and ridden horses on farmlands, mostly now gone. Although the City has changed and is more urban, we are at a tipping point While house size limitation was long overdue, which I highlighted during the last campaign, we must work with the province, the federal government, the port and farmers to protect farmland from further industrialization. The City, through negotiation and agreements, has to reach accommodation with the Port of Vancouver, which has purchased scores of acres of farmland.
- Housing and livability—A livable community needs multiple housing options including densification, rentals, and supportive housing. Single family homes are another component. Many young people who grew up in Richmond have had to move further out to find something relatively affordable. When the price for a 60 year old tear down house is \$1.5 million, we have to consider options for single family homes too. Laneway houses, coach houses, duplexes and smaller homes on smaller lots are all considerations. A smaller lot, with a smaller house, would attract young families and it's the people who make a community livable and vibrant.
- Community safety—As a retired Vancouver Police Superintendent with more than 35 years service, I have a significant amount of experience in working to keep communities safe. Richmond is a relatively safe community and my commitment is to make it even safer. Safety on our roads is a major concern. Many fatalities and injuries are preventable. Local police must have the resources required to enforce traffic laws and effectively partner on education and engineering solutions. Fire safety, ambulance service, and community service groups all contribute. I have worked on every safety issue with a variety of groups and agencies to improve safety.
- Reducing traffic congestion—Traffic congestion negatively affects all of us. The Steveston Highway and Highway 99 interchange is antiquated. This includes the No. 5 Road and Steveston Highway intersection. Working with the province on the Massey Tunnel replacement, which must include rapid transit, is a priority. Transit within Richmond, both connecting to the Canada Line and east and west bound transit requires improvements. Cycling within Richmond requires improvements with well planned cycle routes (progress has been made). Cycling connections through north and central Richmond to the Canada Line and the cycle/pedestrian bridge are inadequate as are east/west cycle routes. Car sharing presents another opportunity.

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# Cares Month 大統華丁多丁

## Focused on patients from hospital to community to home



#### Youth

Good news is on the horizon for youth requiring care specific to their needs. Richmond will become home to a new youth hub called Foundry Richmond that will help to address gaps in care and transform access to health and social services for youth and families.

The need is urgent. Richmond's youth population, age 13-24, totals 33,700. As in many other locations in B.C. and Canada, an alarming number of Richmond youth—over 40 percent—do not receive the primary medical care or the mental health and substance use services they need, frequently facing many barriers, including a confusing patchwork system with unintegrated services spread across many locations.

Foundry Richmond, when officially opened next year, will transform health and social services for youth and families. By bringing together primary care, mental health and substance use services in a "one-stop" shop, Foundry Richmond will support youth and their families with easy and faster access to care—all under one roof for the very first time.



#### Adults

Set to open in Spring 2019, a new hub for adult and older adult care in the community will also become a "one-stop" shop, offering care needs assessments, care planning, specialty service consultations, and short-term treatment for adults and older such as:

- Facilities to support people with chronic diseases, complex medical needs and mental health and substance use services.
- Rehabilitation space to support clients pre- and postsurgery and those with chronic conditions or diseases.
- · Home health services such as nursing, case management, occupational therapy and physical therapy as well as palliative care services



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#### **Acute Care**

Important planning work is under way right now for acute care patients, those receiving care in a hospital setting for serious health issues. This year on March 29, the Province announced it had approved the Concept Plan for a new Acute Care Tower for Richmond, and Vancouver Coastal Health Richmond leaders are now working on the Business Plan for a new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital, one of our community's greatest needs.

One of the early results of planning was the need to provide care for Richmond's growing number of seniors, resulting in a new unit for Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) set to open in October 2018. Richmond has the fastest growing population of seniors in the province of B.C. with an average increase of 7 percent year over year resulting in 70 percent of in-patients being over the age of 70 at Richmond Hospital. The new ACE unit will include 32 to 35 beds at the hospital. A multidisciplinary care team will be composed of nurses, a nurse practitioner, a geriatrician, five general internal medicine physicians, a geriatric psychiatrist, as well as increased physiotherapist, occupational therapist, and social worker support.

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Name: Peter Liu

Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: No. 2 High School, Tianjin Post-secondary: Sichuan University Richmond resident since: 2002 Occupation: Management

Bike/bus/car? All three

Why are you running for office? Bring in fresh solutions on council

Political role model: Bill McNulty

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Community Safety—In Richmond, the steady increase in population and density over the years have led to an growing concern regarding breaking and entering incidents and traffic safety. Many neighbourhoods have been targeted by multiple break-ins, greatly impacting local homeowners' sense of security. In addition, every year, reckless drivers, either impaired or careless, have cost many lives in our community. Our seniors citizens have been severely impacted by these incidents. I will advocate for increased funding towards local policing and the investment of money in better technology to yield a safer and smarter city.
- Quality of Life—Richmond is the city with the longest life expectancy in Canada thanks to our local food, parks and recreational facilities. With our steadily growing aging population, Richmond needs to update the city's current OCP (official community plan) by growing parks and facilities to meet the rising demand. High quality of life comes from easy access to work, life, and recreation.
- Transportation—Congestion in Richmond is not only affecting our local residents but neighbours in the Vancouver, Delta, and Surrey corridor who pass through the city frequently for work or travel. Traffic congestion is also a key factor in housing affordability and community safety. With the rapid development along No. 3 Road and densification in the downtown core, traffic will continue to worsen over time. I will advocate to build a new Sky-Train line to link the Vancouver, Richmond, Delta, Surrey corridor to dilute traffic from No. 3 Road and the highways to reduce total car traffic. The City of Richmond should conduct a total review and formulate a 10-year plan on traffic planning, which includes rapid transit, buses, ride-sharing programs and bike lanes, sourcing insights from big data and implementing technological innovations.
- Livability—With housing prices soaring over the past ten years, young adults, seniors, and working families have suffered from its consequences. It has not only become impossible for many to buy a property, but also increasing difficult to rent. The City will never become prosperous and sustainable without housing all citizens

adequately. It is up to the councillors to decide how to make the city affordable by rezoning city properties, planning property functionality, and setting appropriate tax levels on residential, commercial, and agricultural land. I will advocate to release more city-controlled properties to build purpose rentals to house vulnerable groups, young adults, and seniors.



Name: Bill McNulty

Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: Hope Secondary School

Post-secondary: UBC Richmond resident since: 1971

Occupation: Richmond city councillor

Bike/bus/car? Use all three

Why are you running for office? I love Richmond and I'm committed to continue building a positive Richmond.

Political role model: Mayor Gil Blair

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Community Safety—Every resident and business must feel safe and secure. We have added 40 police officers this year but, with the growing population, we need to add more general duty officers on the street. We have not increased our fire-rescue complement since 1999. The recent fire at the Nature Park shows that Richmond has a one incident department leaving the remainder of Richmond exposed. Medical calls are increasing at an alarming rate and response times are suffering. We have added 6 new or upgraded fire halls to earthquake standard. Ambulance services are similarly affected. All resources are stretched to the limit and need increasing. I am advocating for an increase in all necessary resources in order to keep Richmond safe.
- Quality of Life—Everyone should be able to live in Richmond. I have initiated an affordable housing strategy that requires developers to put legal secondary suites in new housing. I led a motion to require that 10% of new developments be low market rental. Rental housing is critical and necessary. I have recently asked staff to develop a market rental housing policy with incentives to encourage building rental units. Seniors housing is limited and needs to be increased as our population ages. At the same time, we need to provide for families and increase affordable child care spaces. Poverty and homelessness need to be addressed. All housing options must be explored.
- Transportation—Traffic congestion needs to be continually addressed. New corridors in the city centre need to be opened up. At the same time, we need to increase the alternatives to motor vehicle usage by improving the Canada Line with additional cars. Adding more buses and transit routes are recommended with

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travel-friendly schedules. The gridlock at las College the Massey Tunnel must be addressed now by the provincial government by building either a bridge or twinning the Massey Tunnel. The congestion at Steveston Highway and No. 5 Road would ultimately be improved.

· Livability—Richmond has one of the lowest tax rates in the region, making it easier for people of all ages to live here. We support small businesses that are providing employment for many. New development in Richmond has allowed us to provide amenities for families. A new community centre for Steveston, a new lawn bowling clubhouse, RAPS Animal Shelter, and a Community Soccer Clubhouse will be built in the near future.



Name: Linda McPhail Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: McNair Post-secondary: Doug-

Richmond resident since: 1961

Occupation: Richmond city councillor

Bike/bus/car? All three

Why are you running for office? As a life-long resident, I truly love Richmond and believe I have a skill set and qualities that can get work done to keep Richmond a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Role model: My mother

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Community Safety—As the City continues to develop and the population increases and ages, delivering police and fire services becomes more complex. We added 40 more RCMP members over the 2014-18 Council term, yet mental health related calls for service continue to increase. We must continue to work with partner agencies to ensure strategies like the Mental Health Crisis Team, the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

team and the RCMP detachment's Vulnerable Persons Unit are well resourced. In the upcoming budget, we will be looking at what are the appropriate staffing levels that meet the growth and change in the city and supports the day-to-day delivery of services for Richmond Fire Rescue. To maintain a high level of emergency response readiness, a sustainable solution that allows for the continuation of a planned replacement strategy for vehicles and equipment needs to be found. With the legalization of cannabis next month there will be added pressures to RCMP and Richmond Fire-Rescue resources—to what extent hasn't been determined yet. We need to keep our Emergency Preparedness planning a priority. The flood and wildfire events of the last two summers highlights the importance of having plans and programs in place for an effective response in the event of a major emergency.

• Housing-I want Richmond to re-

main a vibrant, family-oriented city with single-family neighbourhoods and planned growth that has a healthy mix of housing options. The Affordable Housing Strategy, Market Rental Policy and Market Housing Policy are some of the tools that we use to provide a wider variety of housing types, sizes, and prices to meet the ongoing demand. We cannot do this all on our own at the local government level and need to keep up conversations for partnerships and funding from the Provincial and Federal governments.

• Transportation—the Canada Line is a key element in reducing vehicle travel to and from Richmond. We must continue to advocate for strategies to ease the passenger crunch at peak times and for better local access to routes to and from the line. As the City Centre continues to densify, building communities that are walkable with access to cycling and

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transit routes is key. Adding to the cycling network and adapting transportation infrastructure to meet the accessibility needs of the community is also important. We must continue to advocate for a cost-effective and sustainable solution for the Massey Tunnel replacement that is right for Richmond.



Name: Kelly Greene Party: Richmond Citizens' Association (RCA)

High School: Hugh Boyd Post-secondary: UBC

Richmond resident since: 1990

Occupation: Community activist and stay-at-home parent

Bike/bus/car?: Car, Canada Line

Why are you running for office? To be the change I wish to see, so that our children inherit a city that is vibrant, green, and prosperous.

Role model: Mr. John Dyck **Political role model:** Elizabeth Warren What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- · Reduce house size on farmland to curb speculation. Speculative development is cited as the top reason farmland is taken out of production. The reduction of house size on farmland is a major tool to protect farmland from speculation. Only Councillors Day and Steves, and Mayor Brodie voted to reduce house size on farmland. We need to get more councillors elected that will protect our future food production. Grow and protect our supply of appropriate and affordable housing. In Richmond, we see a lot of one bedroom condos and luxury mansions built, which is squeezing families and seniors out of the place they call home. We are simply not building enough 2 and 3 bedroom homes and there is a dire shortage of rental supply, both market and subsidized. The way we think about our neighbourhoods needs to be re-evaluated, as we struggle with vacant luxury homes and the erosion of community.
- Amend the municipal conflict of interest rules. Current conflict of interest rules are insufficient to inspire trust in

elected officials' ability to conduct themselves in the best interest of the entire city. To that end, I will petition the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to amend conflict-of-interest rules to include a declaration of all assets and business interests of the elected official and their spouse, have a lobbyists' registry that is publically accessible and free to search, and to appoint an independent officer to provide conflict-of-interest oversight and complaints investigations for BC municipalities. Confidence in government stems from transparency and accountability. Without specific reforms to the Community Charter, we fall short of that benchmark.

• Develop a comprehensive environmental plan. Environmental plans are about more than waste reduction at community events and public buildings meeting LEED standards. We have made a good start, but it is not enough. Richmond is next to a rising sea level, and this summer we experienced firsthand a drought related forest fire. We need to be climate leaders, not followers. We are overdue to develop a single use plastics phase-out plan, and are behind other Canadian cities when it comes to a plastic bag ban. District energy, solar energy, energy efficient buildings, green space, and better public transportation options, are all things we need to consider during the planning process. It is time to set goals, and enthusiastically achieve them.



Name: Judie Schneider Party: Richmond Citizens' Association (RCA)

High School: Sardis Secondary

Post-secondary: UBC, Langara and

Richmond resident since: 2013

Occupation: Part-time assistant at an independent business

Bike/bus/car: I get around Richmond and Vancouver on my bicycle, on transit and on foot.

Why are you running for office? I am See Page 23



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### RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



# Pets make us healthier and happier



Eval Lichtmann

In a housing environment where prices and availability make it necessary to compromise on many things size and location, for example—there are some things many of us will not compromise on: Leaving a family member behind.

At the City of Richmond Animal Shelter, which is run by the Regional Animal Protection Society, the No. 1 cause of pet surrenders is the inability to find adequate, affordable housing that will allow companion animals.

Anti-pet policies have detrimental impacts on families and communities—as well as the pets who end up homeless. It even, ironically, has negative consequences for landlords.

Rather than an average 18-month tenancy, households with pets stay in place for an average of 46 months. This decrease in turnover means lower costs for landlords. Pets also help build cohesion among residents, which increases safety and happiness for everyone.

There are even more startling studies around the impact of companion animals on our health and well-being.

"If you have a cat, you're 30 per cent less likely to have a heart attack, and you're 40 per cent less likely to have a cardiovascular incident like a stroke," wrote veterinarian Marty Becker in his book Your Dog: The Owner's Manual. "If you have a heart attack and you have a dog, you are (significantly more) likely to be alive a year later."

We may take our pets for granted sometimes, but they may be literally saving our life merely by sitting next to us and purring.

Sound far-fetched? The range of health benefits animals have been shown to support in their human companions includes reduced loneliness and increased feelings of social support, both of which are known to have tangible effects on health.

Pets improve mindfulness, helping to decrease stress and manage pain. Animals can help alleviate migraines and arthritis. For kids with ADHD, animals help focus attention. Those with autism spectrum disorders are reportedly calmer around pets.

Teens with diabetes who have pets are better about managing their con-

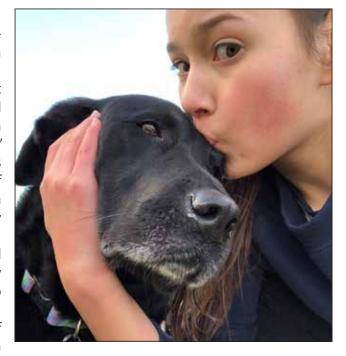


Photo submitted Raps adopted dog Misty and human sister Bella.

dition. Having pets when children are young helps prevent allergies and improve immunity.

And none of this takes into account the intangible impacts of animals on increasing community cohesion and, by extension, safety.

victims of domestic violence are likely to remain in the situation longer, or return to it sooner, if they have a pet. communities. Of the 452 women's shelters in Canada, just eight accept pets. The inability to take a beloved animal when flee-

ing a violent situation means victims are victimized longer.

Animals, of course, deserve to be loved and appreciated on their own merits. But for people who are making public policy—including those who set pet policies in rental housing and Conversely, studies indicate that strata units—it is worth remembering the very substantial effects animal companions have on our lives and

> • Eyal Lichtmann is executive director and CEO of the Regional Animal Protection Society.

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running for office because Richmond's and could be mitigated by these mealivability, affordability and perfect mixture of urban amenities, farmland and riverfront community space (the reasons I decided to raise my son here) are now threatened by decision makers who care more about developers' demands than the needs and wants of the rest of the citizens.

Role Model: I am inspired by many people—both strangers and those close to me—to strive to be the best version of myself I can be.

Political Role Model: None What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Lowering ALR House Size Limits— Richmond is fortunate to have some of the best soil for growing food to feed our province. When house size on farmland exceeds the limits on neighbouring residential properties, our farmland becomes threatened by speculation. With yearly droughts happening in California, it is increasingly clear that we need to protect our food security for future generations by respecting the original intent of the Agricultural Land Reserve. To this end, we need more than two councillors working to protect our farmland from landowners who benefitted from lower purchase prices because the land was in the ALR and subject to strict rules, but now want to play by their own rules regarding development.
- · Incentivizing Renovations of Single Family Homes—Housing unaffordability for both buyers and renters, low rental vacancy rates, fractured neighbourhoods, low school enrolment, constant construction noise and traffic, environmental damage, loss of trees and loss of architectural history are all consequences of uncontrolled, rampant demolition

sures:

- · Raising the price significantly of house demolition fees-Mandating that 70 per cent of demolition materials be recycled Offering financial incentives to renovate older homes. Taking a stronger lead on encouraging homes to be moved to another location. 405 single family homes were demolished in 2017 in Richmond, which created 40,500,000 pounds of demolition waste. I believe we can do significantly better than that for our environment.
- Providing Housing That Meets Local Needs—Address Richmond's plethora of empty homes by implementing an empty homes tax. Build new rental buildings, housing co-ops and subsidized housing for seniors and families. Protect rental housing/starter homes in single family neighbourhoods from demolition and replacement by luxury homes. Actively enforce short-term rental regula-



Name: Harold Steves Party: Richmond Citizens Association (RCA) High School: Richmond High

Post-secondary: UBC

Richmond resident since: Richmond resident since birth

Occupation: Farmer, Agro-ecologist Bike/bus/car? As transit has improved I mostly take the bus, Canada Line or car

Why are you running for office? I am running again to continue my role in protecting farmland, developing parks, community facilities, heritage and waterfront, and promoting affordable housing, transit, food security and energy

alternatives to improve the lives of all er and climate are changing. We must in-Richmond citizens.

Role model: Manoah Steves Political role model: Tommy Douglas What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- McMansions on farmland—As Richmond's provincial MLA in 1973 I was one of the main founders of the Agricultural Land Reserve. I fought the council of the day to save Terra Nova, Garry Point and the Garden City Lands from development. Mansions on farmland are by far the greatest threat to the ALR in Richmond since it was founded. I am shocked that six members of council are prepared to allow what is happening on No. 2 Road to cover Richmond farmland with over a thousand 10,764 square foot mansions. There must be a change. Richmond's future is at stake.
- · Affordable housing-We have a shortage of available housing because of empty houses and short-term rental AirBnBs. We need a vacancy tax on the empty houses. While developers are required to provide some affordable housing, there is a need for co-op housing and purpose-built affordable housing. It can be financed from the vacancy tax, negotiating land from developers and matching funds from senior governments as we did in the past.
- Law and Order—I am appalled with the money laundering at the casino and in real estate as well as "illegal" hotels and short term BnBs flouting Richmond's bylaws. We need to better police our community and actively enforce our by-laws rather than only acting upon complaints. We need a code of ethics at city hall that puts councillors at "arm's length" from development activity.
  - Planning for the future—Our weath-

crease public transit and LRT; plan a food secure future with the Kwantlen Farm School assisting young farmers, getting unused farmland back in production; develop energy alternatives from geothermal district energy to solar, including green or solar rooftops; reduce food waste and increase recycling; encourage waterfront redevelopment for recreation and tourism and rebuild our dykes to accommodate rising sea levels.



Name: Jack Trovato Party: Richmond Citizens' Association (RCA)

High School: McNair Post-secondary: SFU,

Richmond resident since: 1976 Occupation: Teacher

Bike/bus/car? Mostly car. I take the Canada Line into downtown Vancouver.

Why are you running for office? I am committed to ushering in a new age of honest, transparent, and accountable civic government where the common good and best interests of the entire community are a priority.

Role model: Martin Luther King Jr. Political role model: Tommy Douglas What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Preserving Farmland for Future Generations—The RCA presented a petition to city council with 5,500 signatures in support of lowering the maximum house size to 500m2 (5,383 sq. ft.) in Richmond's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). We will decreases the size limits on farmhouses from 1,000m2 (10,764 sq.ft.), put

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better protocols in place to make sure that farmhouses are actually used for farming, and work with the province to close the loopholes which permit speculators to purchase farmland by avoiding residential lot guidelines, pricing policies, and residential property taxes. Ultimately, with climate change, food sovereignty will become increasingly important.

- Amend the Conflict of Interest Rules and Implement a Lobbyist Registry-The RCA wants to ensure that our elected officials are serving the best interests of our community. Municipal officers are governed by the conflict of interest provisions of the Community Charter, which is legislation enacted by Victoria. I will petition the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to request that the BC government amend and strengthen those provisions to include oversight by an independent officer, and that a new lobbyist registry is created that will require all individuals lobbying the City of Richmond (Mayor & Councillors) to register and declare all their lobbying activ-
- · Protecting and Growing a Variety of Housing Options—The growing housing crisis plaguing Richmond attests that an ever-increasing number of renters are struggling to keep their families housed. Current research suggests that as many as one-fourth of all greater Vancouver residents are spending over 50 percent of their total family income on housing alone. RCA will work in partnership with the provincial and federal government to advocate for more affordable, non-profit, and purpose-built rental housing. Clearly, when families are living from paycheque-to-paycheque it becomes apparent that we need more social, cooperative, and subsidized housing.
- Work Towards a Single-Use Plastic Ban—Municipal governments are at the forefront of global action on climate change, and many of the policies/initiatives fall under their jurisdiction. We all have a role to play in reducing our waste and consumption. We should explore how to reduce waste from disposable cups, shopping bags, and take-out food

containers. Moreover, RCA will advocate to the BC government to establish industrial norms to ensure new bags and other disposable items such as coffee pods are recyclable. Let's elect officials who recognize the need to make these changes to protect our environment.

affects us all. I look forward to learning more about the new or expansion projects and the need for seismic upgrades in the long-range facilities plan. Future trends with regards to land use, the ever-changing community demographics and enrolment projections are crucial to decision making.



Name: Richard Lee Party: Independent High School: Killarney Post-secondary: UBC Richmond resident since: 2006

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#### **TRUSTEE CANDIDATES**



Name: Heather Larson
Party: Independent
High School: Richmond
High
Post-secondary: Langara

Richmond resident

**since:** 1970

Occupation: Customer service Bike/bus/car? Car and bike

Why are you running for office? This would be an opportunity to give back to the Richmond school district and my own community, something I have wanted to do for a very long time.

Role model: My daughter Maryanne
Political role model: Harold Steves
What are the top four issues in this
election and explain your position?

Inclusion and mental wellness-We need to continue to build on current programs to create equal opportunities for all students to reach their maximum potential in preparation for their future. Building more community agency support and interaction. Proper training and support for those teachers and educational assistants on the front line. We must ensure that the health and well being of all district personnel is being observed in order to provide the best opportunity for our students. It is a team effort no matter what the role. There must be an avenue to be heard (with support being deemed depending on the need) particularly for the teaching and support staff who are facing head on the difficulties that arise every day. I will continue to support the implementation of the SOGI policy and work with the stakeholder groups, students and families and hopefully dispel some of the fears while working towards the understanding of this safety and anti-harassment policy, as it



## **COMMUNITY COMMENT**









**DEAR RICHMOND CONSTITUENTS.** 

I am continually amazed at our Richmond youth – their caring, compassion, and humanitarian values.

I had the privilege of recently traveling to Refilwe, a small community in Lanseria, South Africa, with nine Hugh Boyd Secondary School students who are members of the Rotary/Interact Club. The main purpose of the trip was to renovate a used, 40-foot shipping container into a classroom to benefit the underprivileged community in Refilwe, located near Johannesburg. Helping Refilwe began as a germ of an idea in 2008 and has become a multiyear commitment. Every two years, students from Hugh Boyd travel there to work on various projects in Refilwe.

This time, the students created a functional classroom from the shipping container and added a spectacular Canadian-themed mural. Other tasks included adding a fresh coat of paint to daycare rooms and the repairs of additional infrastructure around the community.

All of us should be proud of the work of these youth from Richmond which has had such a positive impact on the lives of the Refilwe people. Additionally, these young Canadians had an meaningful time immersed in the lives of the local children while also sharing Canadian culture and values. Kudos to the Richmond Sunset Rotary Club and the Richmond School District for supporting this worthwhile humanitarian project. For more information on Refilwe please click on www.kylegomes.com/africa18.

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Occupation: lawyer Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? To help our young people to live a full meaningful life for years to come.

Role model: my high school English teacher

Political role model: Winston Churchill What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

Over the last four years I learned from my neighbours that you have concerns for your children in our schools:

- Needing a school in our city centre
- · Seismic upgrades for our at-risk
- · Making schools more accessible to our community groups after school hours
- · Work with Victoria for additional resources for our students and our teachers



Name: Alice S. Wong Party: Independent High School: Education in Hong Kong Richmond resident **since:** 1992

Occupation: School trustee Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? I like to serve for community with my volunteer experience at schools, and also can take part of decision making on various issues.

Role model: My mom

Political role model: John A. Macdonald

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- City Center School—Indicated that the population of City Center will grow within these coming years, unfortunately City Community Plan didn't save land for school. School District needs to work closely with the City to ensure that a school will be built to accommodate the increase of student population in City Center Area.
- Seismic Upgrade—My priority concern is safety, school need to be safe for staff and students. Over twenty schools

in Richmond School District are needed for Seismic Upgrade. School District work closely with government, delivery of school seismic mitigation projects in Richmond. Hoping that it will meet the goal to be completed by 2030.

- SOGI Policy—As a Trustee, I need to listen and respect parents' voice. The passed SOGI Policy still need review and make amendment, communication is the way for getting both side to know and understand. Need to restore parent confident on public school system and hold back their trust for School Trustee.
- Catchment school for student—Richmond School District has four closed schools, meant that the Kindergarten students are not accepted and enrolled at their catchment except sibling. That made parents mad and some decide to move away Richmond. I suggest that school district need to give advance notice to parents before enrollment start, and give them more choice to choose from their neighbourhood school. And Board need take action to solve these problem as soon possible.



Name: Debbie Tablotney Party: Independent High School: Windermere, John Oliver Post Secondary: National Career College, VCC

Richmond resident since: 1982

Occupation: Insurance Broker/trustee for the Richmond Board of Education.

Bike/bus/car? I like to ride my bike when possible especially when training for the Ride to Conquer Cancer. I take transit when going to downtown Vancouver or other busy areas. I do drive if the other two are not an option.

Why are you running for office? When first elected, the board faced having to make serious cuts to class size, composition, arts programs and support for students; while a number of these have been restored or retained. I feel there is new and exciting work to be done in the areas of safe and inclusive schools, student engagement and capital planning.

Role model: Princess Diana

Political role model: Margaret Thatch- this work.

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Capital planning/Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP)—The new board must publicly consult on and adopt a facilities plan that accommodates our rapidly changing demographics and future educational program needs. We must ensure that students and staff have safe, accessible and environmentally-healthy buildings in which they can learn and work. Facilities should be energy efficient to maximize savings on operating costs to preserve classroom funding. My experience as a trustee will be invaluable during the consultation process and in the final decision making leading to the adoption of a LRFP.
- Supporting student learning and the new curriculum—Teaching and learning are shifting from teachers as facilitators to coaching students to become inquisitive about who they are, engaging them and encouraging innovative thinking. It is important for the board to ensure that the proper learning resources, technology and training are in place to assist teachers and administrators in meeting the changing needs of the classroom. I feel that it is the board's responsibility to hold the Ministry of Education accountable for fully funding the collective agreement not only for classroom needs but also to address recruitment and retention of teachers and staff.
- Safe and Inclusive schools—It is not only important to provide structurally-safe buildings but to also ensure that the school environment fosters a sense of belonging and supports respect for diversity of all students, staff and their families. Students learn best when they are nurtured by caring individuals in a supportive environment. Trustees must ensure that policies are in place that consider and respect the needs of all students and staff. I have served on the policy committee to not only develop new policies but to amend old and outdated ones. This work is ongoing and extensive and I look forward to continuing

· Student Mental health and Wellness-This issue is crucial due to the fact 5,179 BC children were hospitalized for mental health concerns in 2016-2017. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for children and youth in Canada. One in five teenagers say they have considered suicide. LGBTQ youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide. Students increasingly suffer from depression, anxiety, ADHD, substance use and self harm disorders. We, along with staff, stakeholders and parents need to lobby the Provincial Government to provide increased wrap-around mental health services that are easily accessible for both young people and families.



Name: Rod Belleza Party: Richmond Community Coalition Post-secondary: Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers.

Richmond resident since: 1983 Occupation: Financial advisor Bike/bus/car? Most of the time I drive my car.

Why are you running for office? Because of my passion for community service and public service, I can help other people including children.

Political role model: Abraham Lincoln and Nelson Mandela

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Underfunding of our public schools—I believe in enabling our children's individual potential by providing them the best quality education. We cannot have quality education unless we adequately and properly fund our public education. My commitment is to advocate for adequate and proper funding of our public education and to have more support for our teachers and students with special needs.
- · School Closures and Catchment Issues-Stop school closures and review catchment regulations. I will make sure that our catchment regulations are properly followed and fair to everyone.

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consultations to all stakeholders will be done.

• School Safety—Safety upgrades should be done. We cannot jeopardize the life and safety of our students and staff. No act of discrimination including bullying shall be allowed. The rights of students and staff under the Charter of Rights and Freedom and other corresponding legislations shall be respected and observed. We should adhere to our Inclusion Policy to promote peace and harmony in our schools and our community. My commitment is to advocate for a healthy, inclusive and safe learning environment for our children and staff.

• City Centre School—Build a city centre school. One of the reasons why Steveston land was sold is to have a city centre school. I will hold those who voted for the sale of Steveston Land accountable to explain why until now there is no City Centre School. If I will be vot-

If there is a need to be changed, proper ed as a Trustee, one of my priorities is to by listening to the concerns of all stakehave plan to address the need for a City Centre School.



Name: Keith Liedtke Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Stouffville District Secondary Post-secondary:

Centennial College of Applied Arts & Technology

Richmond resident since: 2001 Occupation: Realtor

Bike/bus/car? I use the car for business, but use transit whenever possible—going into Vancouver. I bicycle for pleasure on weekends

Why are you running for office? After many years serving as a director on various not-for-profit boards in the City of Richmond, I would like to use the governance skills I have learned, and provide effective leadership on the school board,

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holders.

Role model: My father, father-in-law, and grandfather

Political role model: Winston Churchill What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

to feel their concerns are heard and that they are respected.

As the governing body of the Richmond School District, trustees need to listen to all stakeholders and implement methods of communication, that can improve the flow of information between the school board, the teachers, and the parents.

An effective and respectful communication pipeline, will help all sides understand the concerns of the stakeholders, and the challenges faced by the School Board to address and implement the concerns brought to the School Board.

Richmond is a city of diversity, with Parents, students, and teachers want many cultures and religions—improved communication will foster harmony and respect with all parties, and help the school district build for the future.

> The Richmond School District, has many schools in dire need of seismic upgrading.

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recent announcement, that 2 more schools will receive seismic upgrades, the truth is, Richmond has fallen way behind when it comes to upgrading its schools.

Students, teachers and all school district employees, need the assurance that the school district will do everything possible to speed up the process of seismic upgrading, for all schools in the district that are in need.

This will take leadership and the will of all trustees, to have a loud voice and close communication with the Provincial Government.

The City of Richmond, needs a "City Centre School"

With the rapid development and building of numerous new condo towers in central Richmond, many new families with children, are moving into the new towers, and their children have no schools located nearby. Children from the city centre, are being enrolled in schools that are a great distance from where they live, creating the over population of other existing schools.

This important need will only be implemented with leadership and vision – something must be done now.

The Richmond School District and Richmond City Hall, must work more closely together and communicate with each other on a more regular basis.

With the rapid growth of our city, the city and school district must become more aligned when it comes to planning for the growth and vision of our city.

There is no logic to providing a huge spurt in population, without planning for the placement of new schools to serve the new families.

With improved communication and aligning their efforts, city hall and the school district can better plan for the future.



Name: Rahim Othman Party: Richmond Community Coalition Post-secondary: BCIT Richmond resident since: 2005

Occupation: Program manager Bike/bus/car? All (hybrid)

Why are you running for office? To bring harmony, balance and action to the school community in Richmond

Role model: Muhammad Ali Political role model: Nelson Mandela What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

There are many areas that I would like to work with all stakeholders on. My main goal is to listen to them carefully, understand their priorities and advocate for them in the school board and in front of all levels of government. Some of the priorities that reflect what I have been

hearing are the following:

- Kids and staff safety is of utmost priority and our schools are not safe until the necessary seismic upgrades are completed. We need to put an expedited plan (and mitigation plan) for all the schools that need seismic upgrade in Richmond by working with all levels of governments and stakeholders to allocate the necessary funds and resources.
- Parent and youth engagement in civic politics has been very low resulting in work that does not necessarily reflect their priorities. We need to analyze the situation and put programs in place to encourage youth, parents and staff engaging in shaping up the school policies. I have been having several ideas from stakeholders that I will bring to table for further consideration and discussion. We need to look at the current engagement level, identify motivation factors and put a plan for execution to achieve the desirable engagement level.
- Bullying and being felt discriminated against are issue we have been making good progress to address however there is still more that we need to and can do. I will consult and work with all stakeholders (youth, school staff, parents and subject matter experts) to identify actions that strengthen our anti-bullying policies and programs while promoting harmony and acceptance and encouraging work-

ing together for common good. One program would be implementing hotline phone number to provide support and guidance to students reporting bullying, discrimination or similar incidents. Another would be identifying a day in the school year for all the schools to celebrate multiculturalism and how we can leverage diversity to strengthen and enhance our schooling community.

• Extracurricular activities are an important element of our education system and school board can do better. We need to support initiatives, work with societies and organizations to introduce new programs that are accessible and affordable by our schools.



Name: Harv Puni Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: McNair Post-secondary: Capilano University

Richmond resident since: 1977 Occupation: Professional MC Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? To be able to make a difference in the quality of education that my children and the children of my friends and neighbours receive here in my beloved hometown.

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Role model: Wavne Gretzky Political role model: Pierre Trudeau What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- · Seismic upgrades for schools in need—our elementary schools have always been the centres of our neighbourhoods. We can not lose any more of
- The need for a city centre school we are seeing more and more young families in the city centre area and the schools are full. We are in a position where a favourable deal can be made to have a school subsidized by a developer.
- · Diversity in the elective curriculum—while preparing our children for a fast-changing digital world, we also need options for programs teaching agriculture, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and mindfulness.
- Hunger—there are still a shocking number of students in Richmond who arrive to school hungry. We need to create programs or partnerships that provide hungry students with a healthy snack at school.



Name: Grace Tsang Party: Richmond Community Coalition High School: Queen Elizabeth Secondary School Post-secondary: BCIT,

Richmond resident since: 1993 Occupation: Certified financial plan-

Bike/bus/car? Bus and car

Why are you running for office? As an immigrant who has benefited from the BC public education, being able to serve on the Richmond Board of Education is one way I can give back to our society.

Role model: Mother Teresa Political role model: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Inadequate Ministry funding—To ensure students' success, I will work with the BC School Trustees Association and stakeholders to advocate for adequate and sustainable funding to sup-

port school programs. I will support the Richmond Board of Education's annual meetings with our four MLAs to discuss local issues and to present any budget recommendations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

- · Safe and healthy schools—The Richmond School District embraces diversity and inclusion. To create a safe and healthy learning environment, promoting mutual respect and harmony, I will support implementation of policies and programs to contribute to the safe and healthy growth and development of our students. I will collaborate with our community partners to utilize our resources to support initiatives for both physical and mental wellness for students, teachers and staff. All seismic upgrade projects must be monitored and completed.
- School catchment issues—I will review the school catchment policy to ensure that it is equitable and followed through. A comprehensive consultation process with stakeholders must be implemented if there is any need to change.
- · City Centre School—The Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) is a working document that forms the basis for the Richmond Board of Education's capital asset management decision making. The LRFP report of June 2012 projected that there would be a significant increase in student enrolment within some specific areas in the city centre, where there is new housing development. If elected, I will work with the Ministry of Education and City Council to build a City Centre School to ensure those students who live within the area can attend their neighbourhood school.



Name: Norman Goldstein Party: Richmond First Voters Society High School: Sir Winston Churchill

Post-secondary: Cornell University Richmond resident since: 1994 Occupation: Mathematician Bike/bus/car? Bus, car

Why are you running for office? Support my community as school trustee, based on a life-long embrace of learning

Role model: Hiroshi Nakamura

Political role model: Winston Churchill What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Seismic upgrade—Make realistic and steady progress. Far too much time has elapsed since the identification of the dangers posed by earthquakes. Set out a time-scheduled plan for completing all the necessary work.
- Funding—Continue with a combination of advocacy and budget tradeoffs, as well as considering our education model. Why is there a funding crunch? Is increasing funding the only progress to be made? Heart-to-heart talks are needed with the Ministry of Education, the teachers and the BC School Trustees Association.
- SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) implementation—Move forward, with fine tuning, as needed. Also, deeper explanations and reassurances are needed for the parents. SOGI is addressing an identified high risk and vulnerable segment of our student population.
- Achieving student potential—Identify special programs for different student populations. For example, special needs, highly motivated (Incentive), art, band, dance and sports. Parent choice needs to be expanded, clarified and advertised. The district must be pro-active in adequately promoting available options, so that families and students are aware of the various programs in our district.



Name: Elsa Wong Party: Richmond First **Voters Society** High School: St Catherines' Girls' College Post-secondary: Small

Business Accounting Program - SUC-CFSS

Richmond resident since: 1992 Occupation: Part Time - Constituency Assistant, Real Estate Marketing AssisBike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? | strongly believe that children deserve everything we can provide to build a successful future and it has become my passion and dedication to support them by ensuring they receive a proper education of paramount quality.

Role model: My Mother ( Lau Kuen Siu)

Political role model: Linda Reid What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Marijuana in school grounds— With the legalization of marijuana in October, I advocate that all schools must expand the "no smoking no drug" policy to include ingestible marijuana, so that students will not have access to marijuana within the school grounds.
- · Seismic remediation—It is good to know that three out of forty eight schools are being upgraded to seismic prevention as we speak. I advocate to push for more funding from the provincial government so that other schools can be upgraded to better protect our children and school staff. I am committed to work towards a safe school district for our children and continue to push for more assistance from our government.
- SOGI-Due to the major differences in both language barrier and cultural backgrounds, many people in Richmond have different opinions towards the recently implemented SOGI. If elected, I advocate to continue communication with stakeholders towards SOGI, push for more transparency in its regulations, and to monitor the policy so that it is working for all parties involved.
- School enrolment—Richmond school enrolment has been an issue. Both elementary and secondary schools are facing the same issue. I advocate to liaise with stakeholders, teachers, staff and parents to come up with a workable plan to resolve this issue so that our students can have better access to education they deserve.

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#### News and Information from the City of Richmond

### Improvements transforming transportation in Richmond

Construction will begin this fall on River Parkway, an important new transportation link that will transform traffic flow within Richmond's City Centre. Completion is anticipated for Spring 2020.

The project entails further northward extension of River Parkway from Gilbert Road, along the former railway corridor to Cambie Road near No. 3 Road.

"The opening of River Parkway will provide a huge improvement to traffic flow throughout north Richmond," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "It is a great new option for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians travelling to and through the City Centre."

Once River Parkway is complete, an existing section of River Road running from Gilbert Road east to a future extension of Browngate Road, will eventually be closed to allow for the future 37-acre Lulu Island Park.

The River Parkway extension builds upon other complementary transportation projects underway or already completed, which are designed to improve traffic flow and alleviate congestion throughout the City, while also encouraging use of transit, cycling and walking.

#### **City Road Network**

Over the past four years, several road projects have been completed to enhance traffic flow in the City Centre. This includes the widening of Gilbert Road from two to four lanes between Lansdowne Road and Dinsmore Bridge. An extension of Lansdowne Road: between Minoru Boulevard and Alderbridge Way was also completed; creating a continuous direct eastwest connection from Hollybridge Way to Garden City Road, connecting two anchors: the Richmond Oval

and the Garden City Lands.

Elsewhere, work is underway on No.2 Road between Steveston Highway and Dyke Road. The project includes widening at intersection approaches, traffic signal installation and a shared continuous cycling/ pedestrian pathway along the east side.

Widening of Westminster Highway between McMillan Road and Nelson Road is substantially complete, pending upgrade of railway crossings in the area. Further work is now underway to enhance pedestrian and cycling access along this segment of Westminster Highway.

#### **Public Transit**

Over the past two years Richmond has seen continued growth in public transit ridership and service hours. Annual hours of service were up five per cent and boardings increased by six per cent in 2017. The City is working closely with TransLink to further enhance transit service throughout Richmond.

Through volunteer developer amenity contributions, the City has accrued funding required for a new Canada Line station at Capstan Way. The City is currently working with TransLink on station design concepts. Detailed design and construction will begin later this year or early 2019. In addition, 24 new Canada Line cars have been ordered to provide additional capacity; these cars will arrive by the end of 2020.

A new centralized bus mall for Richmond City Centre is currently being planned for implementation as part of redevelopment occurring around the Canada Line Brighouse station making transfers



Ground is broken for new River Parkway extension. Pictured are (from left): Coun. Alexa Loo, Coun Chak Au, Coun. Ken Johnston, Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Coun. Linda McPhail, Coun. Carol Day and Jeff Busby, Director of Infrastructure and Program Management at TransLink.

between buses and to Canada Line more convenient. Construction of the project is expected to commence in 2019.

#### **Cycling/Pedestrian Access**

In July, Council endorsed a public bike share pilot program for Richmond to be operated by U-Bicycle. The service will allow a user to pick up a bike at one location and return it to another designated area. The service is anticipated to launch later this fall.

A new multi-use parkway is now being constructed along River Drive from Van Horne Way to No. 4 Road.

Later this year, construction will begin on a new Sexsmith Road Multi-use Pathway, connecting from Beckwith Road to the Canada Line Bridgeport Station.

### City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

#### **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 19 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Council Meeting**

7:00 p.m., Monday, September 24 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall

#### Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 25 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Development Permit Panel**

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 26 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall

#### General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m., Monday, October 1 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Finance Committee**

4:00 p.m., Monday, October 1 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Planning Committee**

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 2 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall



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Name: Donna Sargent Party: Richmond First **Voters Society** High School: Gladstone Post-secondary: nil Richmond resident

since: 1986

Occupation: Board of education trustee, British Columbia Trustees Association director, Maples Seniors Society **Board Member** 

Bike/bus/car? All three

Why are you running for office? Public education is the key to everything and I believe my knowledge, passion and integrity are needed to ensure we continue to have the very best public education system possible.

Role model: Mother Teresa Political role model: Hillary Clinton What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Capital/Seismic—The Board of Education has worked hard over the past 4 years developing a long range facilities plan. We must ensure each of the recommendations in that plan be pulled out and have an extensive, collaborative process about the current and future needs of our district. We must continue to strongly advocate for capital funding for our seismic needs to ensure our schools are safe environments for our students and staff. I believe strongly all students must have a neighbourhood school that is of the highest quality. Neighbourhood schools help to create caring, welcoming communities and puts an arm around each student as they make their way through life.
- Funding—The Ministry of Education is currently in a funding review process and it is essential we continue to be involved with that process and share the views of the needs of our community. We must also continue to strongly advocate that our system is adequately funded in order for all students to reach their full potential.
- Inclusive/Safe Environments—Every student is entitled to and must have a safe, caring environment in which they can learn, grow and be successful. It is

our job to ensure such a place. Each student comes with their very own way of being and that should be celebrated and supported. No child should ever feel they are not valuable and nor important.

• Collaborative District—to ensure we have the highest quality public education system we must all work together. It is very important that our partner groups are at the table and their meaningful involvement is key. Working very closely with the City of Richmond and community groups will help to build that system. Working with our provincial association (BCSTA) is very valuable and I am proud to say I have served on that Board for 4 years and work hard to make a difference Provincially. We are 60 districts strong and working with my colleagues from around BC helps to ensure districts like ours is supported.



Name: Eric Yung Party: Richmond First **Voters Society** High School: Richmond High

Post-secondary: UBC,

Albert Einstein College of Medicine Richmond resident since: 1975

Occupation: Staff Scientist, BC Cancer Agency

Bike/bus/car? Car (mostly - some SkyTrain)

Why are you running for office? Many initiatives (seismic remediations, inclusive policies) are just starting, and I wish to see them through to completion and be responsible for any changes needed.

Role model: My father (Bennie Yung) Political role model: Barack Obama What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Seismic remediations—We have 28 schools with at least one "high risk" building section in Richmond. With the four projects currently approved, a lot of work is still needed to advocate for seismic remediation projects for the rest of our schools, to get all of our staff and students in safe facilities. I am committed to working to make sure we get the funding needed to remediate all facilities in use

by the school district.

- Inclusive policies—With updates to our general Vision statement/Policy 100, a new Code of Conduct and SOGI policy all having been put into place within the last year, it is important to monitor how well these are working, communicate with the community and remain open to feedback. I will work with all of our stakeholders and have an open, accountable process for monitoring how well our policies are working.
- Long range facility plan—The school district's long range facility plan highlights the responsible use of all of our facilities, which includes possible changes to catchment areas, the need for a City Centre school site etc. This has the possibility of the significant changes to the school district and I am committed to seeing that a consultative new plan that gives all Richmond students the best possible chance for success is put into place.
- Stable funding—The Minister of Education launched a new review of the funding formula for all school districts earlier this year, and we expect the results this fall. Richmond has an interesting mix of issues: a history of declining enrolment that has levelled off in recent years, urban cost pressures and staff wages, a large number of English language learners which all need to be advocated for in a new funding formula. I am committed to advocating for increased, stable funding for Richmond and working for a fair funding formula for Richmond.



Name: Ken Hamaguchi Party: Richmond **Education Party** High School: Hugh Boyd, Steveston

Post-secondary: Doug-

las College, SFU

Richmond resident since: 1960

Occupation: Autism Behaviour Consultant, executive administrator and School Trustee

Bike/bus/car? Car (and occasionally SkyTrain)

Why are you running for office? I am

running for office because I believe I can provide strong leadership to our school district, based on my years of experience working with children with special needs, my experience running community sports organizations and my belief that our students deserve the best education we can provide.

Role model: My mother Political role model: Barack Obama What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Student Safety—We have to make our schools safer for our students. We need to continue with the seismic upgrading of our buildings, as well as ensure that all schools have appropriate safety supplies and effective emergency management procedures. I would also like to see us complete the development of a concussion management program for students that includes a comprehensive set of "return to school" guidelines.
- Student Facilities—As already stated, we need to complete our school seismic remediation program. But we also need to consider - are we better off using government funding to renovate old schools whose capacity exceeds the needs of the neighbourhood, or does the district "chip in" and pay more for a new building that meets the needs of the neighourhood. The need for a school in the city center has been a promise made by some school trustee candidates. Before spending millions of taxpayers dollar, we need to do our homework to ensure that our dollars are being spent effectively and responsibly. To have a school costing millions of dollar sitting half empty, would not be a good use of taxpayers' dollars.
- SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Program—Last June, the Board of Education voted to adopt a SOGI policy. Despite the district's thorough consultation process, there were a number of people in our community who did not agree with the policy and believed it would cause harm to their child if implemented. At that meeting I told the audience that policies are not "forever". If this policy is ineffective or proven to cause

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harm, then they can be changed. Therefore, we need to monitor it. I also believe that many parents have been given inaccurate information about this policy. To address this, we need to provide more education to parents and be more available to answer any questions they might have about it.

• Student Programs-With the increase of depression, anxiety and stress among our students, we need to look at providing more options/programs/services to help them. We currently have some good programs in place - but not enough to meet the needs of these particular students. I would also like to re-visit the idea of operating specialized academies for sport, the fine arts, etc. These programs have been attempted before by the district, but were not very successful.



Name: Sandra Nixon Party: Richmond Education Party (REP) High School: Silver Heights Collegiate Post-secondary: Univer-

sity of Manitoba, Vancouver School of Theology

Richmond resident since: 2002 Occupation: Ordained Minister Bike/bus/car? Electric car (EV)

Why are you running for office? Offering my time and skills to help ensure our children receive the best education possible, is the best investment I can make in my community and its future.

Role model: My mom Political role model: Jack Layton What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• School facilities/student safety needs to be a priority for the district

budget and in advocacy with the government. Areas of focus: seismic and other important school upgrades such as new pipes for safe drinking water. When feasible, spend the \$ to get a new school rather than fixing up an old one.

- Prioritize planning for City Centre.— Ensure full consultation with public and stakeholders regarding long range facilities plan.
- Earthquake/disaster preparedness update plans and training for school staff. Create equity and equip all schools with proper supplies (PACs should not have to fundraise for this!)
- Student wellness & mental health continue to foster inclusive and supportive school environments where all students feel a sense of belonging and care. This includes: support for SOGI advisory group in implementing new SOGI policy; enhance social/emotional & mindfulness education & provide training for teachers; additional funding & resources for educational assistants: ensuring enough counsellors and better partnerships between district and community agencies to provide appropriate and timely mental health supports.



Name: Karina Reid Party: Richmond Education Party (REP) High School: Completed Grade 12 at Spectrum Community, Victoria, B.C

Post-secondary: Humber College Richmond resident since: 2013 Occupation: sales manager Bike/bus/car? Bike and car

Why are you running for office? To provide equitable educational opportunities for all children in Richmond.

Role model: My Mother

Political role model: My Mother was a local politician in Victoria BC and she inspired me to want to make a difference in this world.

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- · Securing completion of seismic upgrades needed in our Richmond schools. We also need to keep advocating for funding to have Emergency Preparedness Supplies in all Richmond schools. These funds should not be raised by PACS. Emergency Preparedness in a publicly funded building is not a PAC's responsibility. We need a reunification plan implemented and practised for school staff to carry out their role in the school's has appropriate safety equipment and emergency plan.
- · Creating an emergency preparedness standing committee within the Richmond School District to ensure accountability and priorities.
- Working on implementing the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Policy that will help to ensure that there are teaching and learning resources for parents, students and staff that encourage understanding and foster an inclu- Education passed a stand alone SOGI sive and respectful environment.
- Resourcing and supporting parents of children with special needs; and more focus on mental health programs.



Name: Andrew Scallion Party: Richmond Education Party (REP) High School: Cole Harbour District High School (NS)

Post Secondary: Douglas College, BCIT Richmond resident since: 1998

Occupation: Distribution sales and training coordinator, Hettich Canada Bike/bus/car? Bike and car (prefer the

Why are you running for office? To make the Richmond school district the best place to learn and lead.

Role models: Ken Hamaguchi and Sandra Nixon

#### Political role model:

#### What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Student Safety—We need to make our schools safe for the students and staff. Too many schools in Richmond will not survive an earthquake and that is simply not acceptable. I will work to continue the quick remediation of our at risk schools as well as ensuring every school emergency procedures.
- Student Facilities—Are we making the best use of the facilities we have? Are we putting money into buildings that don't meet the needs of our communities? I will work to understand the diverse needs of Richmond's communities and seek the best solutions for our district as we move forward.
- SOGI Policy-In June the Board of policy. This proved to be very controversial as evidenced by the highly contentious last board meeting. Unfortunately, there was much misinformation bandied about and confusion on what, exactly, the SOGI policy is. I will work to clarify the policy in our community and seek to help people understand why this policy is so important to the school district.
- Student Programs—Mental health is an increasingly prevalent issue in our schools. I will work to increase the supports and programs for student who face these issues at both the Elementary and Secondary level.



# Richmond Sockeyes: Catch the Action!

Thursday, Sept. 20 vs. Grandview Steelers at Minoru Arenas

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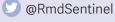
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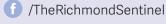
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# Eugene Sheffer's crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- Spill the beans
- 5 Corp execs
- 8 Price
- Unctuous
- 13 Odometer start
- 14 Sea predator
- 15 Flower parts rich in Vitamin C
- 500 sheets 17
- Rock's Brian
- 19 World Cup cheer
- 20 Garden dwarf
- Earl Grey, for one
- 22 Pen name
- 23 Ravi's instrument
- Raw fish dish 26
- 30 "American

- Pot-bellied pet 31
- 32 One-named supermodel
- 33 Icon lineup
- 35 Frighten
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- Overly aggressive 38
- Back talk 41
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  - 53 Biblical pronoun

#### **DOWN**

- Drill
- King of the jungle
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- Vatican VIP
- "Mayday!"
- Crunchy party snacks
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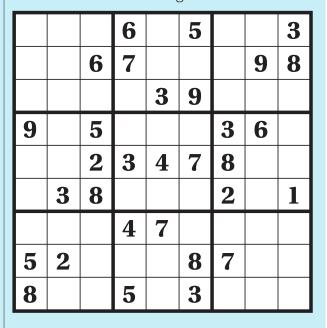
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- 22 Satchel
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- Wedding words 24
- 25 Overly
- 26 — Lancelot
- 27 "As I see it," to a texter
- 28 Chairman of China
- 29 Squid squirt
- Bit of butter 31
- 34 Lad

- Easy targets
- Overcaffeinated 37
- Bygone days
- Golden rule word
- Goblet feature 40
- Theater box 41
- 42 Go angling
- Duel tool 43 44 Being, to Brutus
- 46 Letter sealer
- 47 Grass shack

Answers will be posted in the next issue in October

#### **SUDOKU**

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.



#### **TIC-TAC-LOGIC**

A one player game, the object of the game is to place X's or O's in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutives X's or O's in a row or column. There are equal of X's and O's in the same row and column and all rows and columns are unique.



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#### September 22, 2018



#### Mid-September 2018 TRAVELLING BRUSH PRESENTS | **B1**

### Discovering the world one brush stroke at a time.

We are pleased to be presenting the Grand Prix of Art again this year, as we believe in celebrating arts, culture, and community. Since 2005 we have been leading international painting excursions around the globe, revelling in the fact the world is our studio. For one day each year the world is invited to our backyard studio as over 100 artists celebrate this amazing community event.

#### Semana Santa in Guatemala with The Travelling Brush

There are few places in the world that celebrate Easter quite like Guatemala's colonial city of Antigua. Join your host Mark Glavina for an amazing artistic and cultural experience in one of our all time favourite locations.

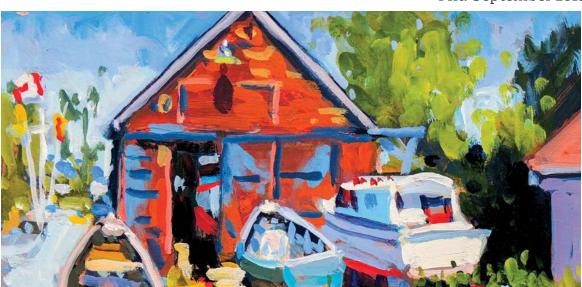


#### Painting Portugal with The Travelling Brush

Join the Travelling Brush in Portugal's capital with our host artist Eudes Correia. Eudes, an internationally renowned watercolour painter, will guide our creative adventures in his home town of Lisbon, sharing his knowledge of painting and some of his favourite painting locations in one of the most stunning and vibrant cities in Europe. Departs May 26th, 2019.



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# 2th Annual International Outdoor **Painting Competition**

Join us on Race Day as over 100 artists of all ages and experience levels race against the clock to complete a work of art on location. Artists are allocated a painting location and will be painting in the streets of Steveston from 10am until 1pm. Visitors are encouraged to watch the artists in action and then invited to our awards ceremony and exhibition of paintings on display and for sale at Britannia Shipyards National Heritage Site.

#### Event Schedule - Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 9:00 Artists check-in at Britannia Shipyards National Heritage Site (5180 Westwater Dr.)
- 10:00 Gulf of Georgia's whistle marks the start of the race
- 10:00 Live Music at Phoenix Art Workshop music tents (check map for details): "Route 9", "Crabgrass", "Two Boots," and "Steve Gunther"
- 12:45 "Ear Buds" perform at the Main Stage at Britannia Shipyards
- 1:00 Gulf of Georgia's whistle ends the race artists return their work for display and adjudication at the Britannia Shipyards Seine Net Loft Building
- 1:00 Artist and Volunteer Lunch provided by Steveston Seafood House
- 1:45 Artist and Volunteer Raffle Main Stage
- 2:45 Award Ceremony Remax Main Stage
- 3:00 Penta Building Group Exhibition opens to the public at the Net Loft Building
- 5:45 Exhibition Closes for the Day

#### Sunday, September 23, 2018

- 12:00 Display and sale of artworks opens to the public
- 1:00 "Sangra Morena" performs at the Net Loft
- 2:00 Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS River's End Fisher Poets fee admission
- 4:00 Award Ceremony Coast Capital Savings People's Choice Award













#### Instagram to Win - #grandprixBC



#### **B2** | HOST PARTNER: CITY OF RICHMOND Mid-September 2018

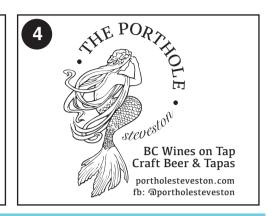


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#### **Grand Prix of Art - Painting Locations**

- 1 The Richmond Sentinel
- 2 Prickly Pear Garden Centre
- 3 Steveston Built Local Taphouse & Grill
- 4 Porthole Steveston
- **5 Kove Kitchen**
- **6 Britannia Brewery**
- **7 Treasures Boutique**
- **8 Vancouver Whale Watch**
- 9 Timothy's on the Landing
- 10 Sockeye City Grill
- 11 Penta Building Group
- 12 Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS
- 13 Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS
- 14 Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS
- 15 Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS South Dock
- **16 Timothy's Garry Point Park**
- 17 Scotch Pond Garry Point Park
- 18 Jade d'Art
- 19 Pieces
- 20 The Juice Truck

- 21 Budget Appliances
- 22 A Monkey Tree
- 23 Steveston Seafood House
- 24 Davood's Bistro
- 25 Travelling Brush Phoenix Net Loft
- 26 Britannia Shipvards NHS Net Loft South Dock
- 27 Britannia Shipyards NHS- South Dock West
- 28 Britannia Shipyards NHS- South Dock East
- 29 Britannia Shipyards NHS- Murakami House
- 30 Britannia Shipyards NHS- Office
- 31 Britannia Shipyards NHS- Chinese Bunk House
- 32 Paramount Shipyards NHS Steveston Harbour Authority
- 33 Paramount Pond
- **34 Paramount Pond**
- 35 #2 Road Boat Works Yard
- 36 The Diplomat Bakery London Landing
- 37 Ember Indian Kitchen- London Landing
- 38 Riverside Mortgage Brokers London Landing



#### Music, Food & Information at the Grand Prix

#### Music Tents

Steveston Tram: Route 9 10:30am - 12:30pm Steveston Museum: Two Boots 10:00am - 12:00pm Gulf of Georgia: CrabTree 10:00am - 12:00pm Imperial Landing: Steve Gunter 10:30am - 12:30pm Britannia Main Stage: Ear Buds 12:45pm - 2:45pm

**Event Information Booths** 

Richmond Sentinel at London Landing Info and First Aid at the Chinese Bunk House









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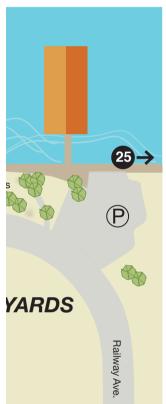
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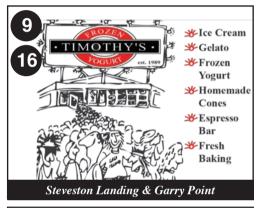


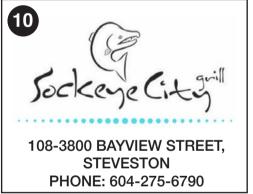


























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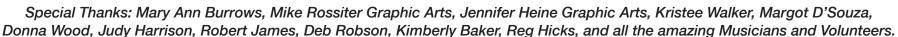
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# Richmond FIRST COUNCIL CANDIDATES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018



PETER LIU, LINDA MCPHAIL, SUNNY HO, BILL MCNULTY, ANDY HOBBS, DEREK DANG

### **EXPERIENCE YIELDS RESULTS**

#### **WORKING TO GET THINGS DONE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY**

#### **SAFETY**

- + Hired 40 new POLICE OFFICERS to protect our community
- + Improved FIRE and EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- + Built 3 new FIRE HALLS to post-disaster standard and updated others
- + Implementing 175 Intersection TRAFFIC CAMERAS to save lives



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### RICHMOND FIRST: WORKING FOR YOU



#### **HEALTHY**

- + Supporting FARMERS and Local AGRICULTURE
- + Enhancing PARKS in the downtown core
- + Improved the GARDEN CITY LANDS for all
- + Advocating NO RETAIL MARIJUANA in Richmond
- + Led the initiative (Since November 2015) for a new RICHMOND HOSPITAL
- + Endorsed a Seniors Strategy for 13% of our population

# Richmond FIRST OUR TEAM

On Saturday, October 20, Please cast your vote for Richmond First Councillors and Trustees. Thank you.

TRUCTEE

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CANDIDATES	CANDIDATES
Derek Dang	Norman Goldstein
Sunny Ho	Jason Zhen Ning Li
Andy Hobbs	Donna Sargent
Peter Liu	Elsa Wong
Bill McNulty	Eric Yung
Linda McPhail	



#### LIVABLE

- + Championed 1600 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS including Kiwanis and Storeys Housing
- + Doubled AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS from developers from 5% to 10%
- + Championed Richmond's AFFORDABLE HOUSING and MARKET RENTAL POLICY
- + Added 150 new CHILD CARE SPACES supporting families
- + Supported increased BUS SERVICE and TWINNING OF THE MASSEY TUNNEL
- + Building a new LAWN BOWLING CLUB HOUSE, ANIMAL SHELTER, ACTIVE LIVING AND AQUATIC CENTRE, STEVESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE and COMMUNITY SOCCER CENTRE
- + Stopped Mega-houses and protected FARMLAND

#### WELCOMING

- + Maintained LOW PROPERTY TAXES
- + Strengthened and supported SMALL BUSINESSES
- + Respecting All Communities, maintaining HARMONY AND INCLUSIVITY
- + Continually working to Improve the QUALITY of LIFE for all Richmond Citizens

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# Richmond FIRST TRUSTEE CANDIDATES



Jason Zhen Ning LI, Donna SARGENT, Eric YUNG, Elsa WONG, Norman GOLDSTEIN

We will work for our community and are committed to:

- Success for all students
- A safe, caring environment for staff and students
- Decision-making with stakeholders and the community
  - Strong advocacy for Public Education
  - Transparent, Accountable Governance

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Our children face a new and challenging world. Trustees must advocate for the resources to ensure our students can fulfill their potential in a safe, nurturing environment.

Eric Yung



Every child in Richmond is entitled to the best education possible. Our society needs a vibrant, respected public education system.

Donna Sargent



Our children are our future, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the proper education of paramount quality.

Elsa Wong



We need to ensure adequate, stable funding for public education. Our children are our most valuable resource.

— Jason Li

### **VOTE OCT 20**

#### SCHOOL BOARD

**Vote for 5 Candidates** 

Goldstein, Norman
LI, Jason
SARGENT, Donna
WONG, Elsa
YUNG, Eric

### CITY COUNCIL

#### **Vote for 6 Candidates**

DANG, Derek
HO, Sunny
HOBBS, Andy
LIU, Peter
McNULTY, Bill
McPHAIL, LInda



Every student needs to feel engaged, with a sense of belonging. This includes special needs students and students who are highly motivated.

Norman Goldstein