



**CANDIDATE PROFILE**

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QUESTION		
1.	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	I was sole owner and president of Overland Freight Lines for 30 years. We had 400 staff with 14 branches in BC and Alberta  Chartered Accountant, MBA (marketing, operations research), B.Sc. (math, computer science, statistics)
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Yes live in WV now and for 50 years
3.	List of municipal or civic group experience.	Founding Director of the Canadian Constitution Foundation Local baseball and soccer coach Volunteer for WV community day for 12 years.
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	Initially I became concerned because of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased property taxes at 3 times rate of inflation</li> <li>2. Utility Fees (especially water) rate increased more than 20% over last few years</li> <li>3. Traffic Gridlock</li> <li>4. Lack of parking in Ambleside and Dundarave</li> <li>5. Poorly maintained streets, storm sewers and removing dead wood (fire) along roads</li> <li>6. Construction of new highrise condos</li> </ol> <p>Then I started to pay attention to council decision making, I was horrified that their decisions were based primarily on their own agendas and they did not listen to what residents wanted. This was made obvious to me when council ignored the Angus Reid 'Mood of West Vancouver' survey here, for example, 72% of respondents were opposed to the additional 5 floors at Park Royal and yet council approved.</p> <p>This is when I became angry and concerned that council did not actively seek out residents' input in a statistically meaningful way. Their engagements are a fraud because their sole purpose is to promote councils' agenda.</p>
5.	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce property taxes, utility fees and staff levels at DWV</li> <li>2. I will conduct surveys of residents about significant community decisions and use the results as the basis for my voting decision on council.</li> </ol>

		<p>3. Ask the big picture question of residents: If they support or oppose “taking active steps to increase the size of the West Vancouver population by building more high-density apartment buildings and condos” (fyi, 67% opposed this type of population growth in Angus Reid survey)</p>
6.	<p>What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fiscal responsibility that includes reducing annual property taxes and utility fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How: Council directs staff to produce a budget with 0% increase in property taxes+utilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Regain trust of WV residents that council listens to residents objectively by conducting council owned and prepared surveys for residents and acts accordingly</li> <li>3. Create a ‘virtual digital model’ of WV and all development proposals would be digitally inserted. City of Kelowna has such a model.</li> </ol>
7.	<p>Do you support a 38M publicly funded Arts Centre? In Ambleside Park? With a hotel? If not, what sort of arts facilities would you support? (75 words or less)</p>	<p>NO, because a huge sample of WV residents voted NO and therefore I say NO.</p> <p>Possibly another ‘recreation centre’ type multi use and flexible building that could be used for different activities and very flexible design. Not a specific Arts Hub only.</p>
8.	<p>What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?</p>	<p>3 stories (27 feet) as measured from the centre point of Marine Drive. Would much prefer to see two stories. There needs to be lots of ‘view’ corridors between buildings that are also used as public spaces</p>
9.	<p>Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)</p>	<p>West Van can: Increase population by densification and that will drive increase in traffic gridlock. (no matter how good the bus service is).</p> <p>Or we can have reduced traffic and stop population growth by way of densification.</p> <p>I prefer the stop population growth alternative but would ask residents what they want before voting</p>
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