



Ambleside and Dundarave Residents Association

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Name Shaoron Thompson

QUESTION		
1.	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	District Councillor
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Yes, 37 years
3.	List of municipal or civic group experience.	Lead - Caulfeild Park Conservation Society Library Board, Enhance – Community Centre Board, Finance Committee, Community Engagement Committee, Heritage Advisory Committee, Public Art Advisory Committee, Coastal Marine Management Working Group, Howe Sound Unesco Biosphere Initiative, Gleneagles Advisory Committee, Community Awards, Community Grants, Design Review, Parcel Roll Tax, West Vancouver Sunrise Rotary, Collingwood Parents Council,
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	I really enjoy the role in our community and feel dedicated and confident in representing community views. I bring a practical, responsible and respectful approach to decision making and discussion. We've invested 4 years in each other and I have learned a lot.
5.	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	Transportation and Access to and through the community – we need to focus on a bold long term solution. Regional growth and access to outdoor recreation will continue to add pressure to our roads and community Responsible decision making and spending. Housing alternatives – duplexes, townhomes and gentle densification that respects Neighbourhood Character
6.	What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)	People moving to and through our community. We need an inspired transportation plan and fierce advocacy across the North Shore and at the Translink table. Livability. Provide and incentify more housing alternatives such duplexes and townhomes. Rent to own and equity building solutions. Improve permitting time and make the process more stream line and transparent.

		Responsible and accountable decision making - Engage in robust discussions with staff, community and field experts. Open up our communication system to a direct access to staff and council
7.	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)	I support the Arts and what I will be looking for in the Committees recommendations are feasibility and suitable location within the LAP. A hotel would be very nice and much needed. We should have a boutique hotel in the Ambleside area and a travel hotel in areas slated for development off of Taylor Way. The plan that resonated most with me, over the years, was a series of buildings and areas for the arts strung together through Ambleside and the Park. Ultimately tho, it is up to the community and what is achievable.
8.	What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?	It would be varied and staggered with set back and wide sidewalks. Perhaps an 8 story boutique hotel if it fit into the LAP on Marine Dr. but other blocks left from 1-3 stories with meandering pathways throughout. Id love to see the Village Square revitalized along with beautifying the alleyways and corridors to entice pedestrians to stroll safely through the village.
9.	Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)	Fight for Light Rail, improve transit scheduling and service, supplemented with an On Demand service which we are starting to see introduced in areas of North America.
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