



1. Do you see the need to develop a large public gathering space in Downtown Vancouver? If so, how would you support such an initiative?

No.

2. If elected, what would you do to enhance public space in Vancouver to improve the experience throughout the year, day and night - specifically in the dark, wet winter months?

Unfortunately, I would expect to have no say in improvements to our city.

3. In the aftermath of the Stanley Cup Riots, there were calls to limit or prevent large gatherings in Vancouver. How do you think that the City should balance the need for safety and security with the desire of many residents to attend public gatherings within the city?

People should be free to gather in public unfettered by security. The problem with security is that it is for the safety of the rich and their supporters instead of all citizens.

4. What do you think needs to be done in order to move people around Vancouver in a more active and sustainable way?

I would support public transit obviously. But why move people around? Instead why not reduce commute times for the working, more blend of residential and commercial/industrial. The same analogy would apply to students both working and non-working.

5. Vancouver voters select their city councillors at-large, which means that they lack strong neighbourhood representation. What are some solutions that you would support for the creation of greater neighbourhood representation in civic politics?

I feel so strongly about this matter that all other issues are immaterial. We have a failed democracy that can only be resolved by proportional representation. The necessary changes are too numerous to list here but proportional representation and/or direct democracy is the only way to move forward. A ward system is the first step but this should be done as proportional representation which would greatly increase the size of our government. The DNC is a neighborhood group which epitomizes how proportional representation should work. I would suggest a grassroots

based tier system with various levels reporting up rather than the top-down hierarchy we currently have. Other ideas include staggered ward elections and term length relative to the size of victory. We would also need to eradicate financial influence on elections, incorporate laws regarding obligation to fulfill platform promises by politicians and have a strong and quick recall system. To enhance all this we need autonomy from the province who currently dictate how municipal elections are run.

6. How should Council promote civic engagement with youth and other groups that are rarely represented in community decisions and Council deliberations?

Council needs to promote itself as being in the best interest of all rather than the largest donors. When they appear corrupt or disinterested in what the public has to say, people stop listening. The only way to promote themselves in this manner is to act in this manner, regardless of what group is concerned.

7. What are your ideas to improve conditions for pedestrians in Vancouver? How can we bring life to the streets of Vancouver to keep them safe, interesting and accessible for people of all abilities?

If we are ever able to reduce traffic then we can enlarge sidewalks.

8. What are your ideas to increase resident's opportunities for public expression?

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