

October 2, 2004

To: All Candidates running for Mayor/Council in the District of North Vancouver

**From: FONVCA** (Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations)

**Dear Candidate,**

As you may be aware, a number of community associations in the District of North Vancouver regularly meet to discuss common concerns and communicate information with each other. At our FONVCA meeting of September 16<sup>th</sup> 2004 a list of nine (9) questions was drafted for prospective members of Council, including the Mayor, to which we kindly request a written reply. An additional list of seven (7) questions was specifically drafted for those running for Mayor. We ask that these **replies preferably be emailed** to our secretary Brian Platts at [fonvca@fonvca.org](mailto:fonvca@fonvca.org) or alternatively mailed to him at 3187 Beverly Cr., North Vancouver, V7R2W4. For any queries Brian can be contacted by email at [bplatts@shaw.ca](mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca) or by telephone at 604-985-5104

All replies will be collated and subsequently:

- redistributed to FONVCA members
- displayed at subsequent all-candidates meetings
- placed on our web site [www.fonvca.org](http://www.fonvca.org)

Knowing your position on these important ISSUES & PRINCIPLES will enable our communities to make more informed decisions at the polls on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

We ask that you return your answers as soon as possible but for receipt/web posting no later than Friday Oct 15/2004. When appropriate, please feel free to keep your responses brief!

Yours truly,

Brian Platts (Chair FONVCA – pro tem)

## **Questions for Councillors & Mayor**

- i) What role should community associations play with respect to local neighbourhood and district-wide issues?
- ii) Do you support the concept of community based planning?
- iii) What practical experience do you have in local governance that qualifies you for council?
- iv) Are you committed to the repayment of principal and interest of monies borrowed from the Heritage Fund? Clarify if required.
- v) What strategies would you pursue to control future tax increases?
- vi) Under what circumstances do you support the District of North Vancouver getting into commercial ventures?
- vii) Do you support the subsidization of organizations only by way of grants?
- viii) What is your position on environmental issues such as stream protection and dumping raw sewage into Burrard Inlet?
- ix) What major issues are you concerned about in the District of North Vancouver?

## **Question for Mayor only**

- i) Why do you feel you should be elected Mayor?
- ii) What experience do you have which qualifies you to handle the Mayor's duties in a crisis situation or natural disaster?
- iii) Detail the experience that renders you qualified to lead a diverse and sometimes quarrelsome group of councillors; for example, what have you done which demonstrates an ability to bring cooperation among Council to get them to work together as a team?
- iv) What knowledge do you have of procedural rules necessary to effectively and efficiently run a meeting?
- v) How much time will you be able (or plan) to dedicate to the Mayors job?
- vi) Describe your relevant financial experience and abilities.
- vii) As a mayor is automatically a director of the GVRD, how will you balance your responsibility to the District and the North Shore with your responsibility to vote on critical regional issues like new transportation infrastructure or managing our water resources.