Oct 14/2011

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 15/2011 a list of 10 questions was drafted by members of community associations for prospective members of Council, including the Mayor, to which we kindly request a written reply. We ask that these replies be **emailed to fonvca@fonvca.org**

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

Knowing your position on these important ISSUES & PRINCIPLES will enable our communities to make more informed decisions at the polls on November 19th.

We ask that you return your answers as soon as possible but **no later than Friday Oct 28/2011**. When appropriate, please feel free to keep your responses brief!

Yours truly,

John Hunter (FONVCA Chair pro-tem)

The 10 questions...

- 1. What practical experience and accomplishments qualify you for local governance?
- 2. What three major issues are you most concerned about in the DNV, and how can they be addressed?
- 3. How would you encourage greater civic involvement by the public?
- 4. What role should community associations play?
- 5. What can be done to reduce the three largest municipal costs: policing, the fire department and NS Recreation Commission?
- 6. Will you commit to the removal, during the next term of Council, of all encroachments which block access to widely-used public lands such as the waterfront?
- 7. Aside from mandatory legislated requirements, do you believe DNV should undertake "green" initiatives which are uneconomic in a commercial sense? Why?
- 8. Under what circumstances do you believe ratepayers should subsidize those who realistically cannot afford to live in the DNV?
- 9. Will you push for and support doing a published review of DNV salaries, wages and especially benefits as compared to the private sector?
- 10. Which of the complex DNV by-laws and regulations governing our lives do you commit to simplifying or eliminating within the next term of Council?