

Community Dialogue on Housing

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, over 70 Sunshine Coast residents participated in a Community Dialogue on Housing at Roberts Creek Hall as part of the Local Government and Housing series to ensure housing on the coast is addressed in this year's municipal elections. Below are the questions developed to be used at all candidates meetings.

The District of Sechelt All Candidates Meeting will be at the Sechelt Indian Band Hall on Tuesday, October 2 from 6pm to 8pm.

The Town of Gibsons All Candidates Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4 from 6pm – 8pm at the Gibsons Public Market (473 Gower Point Road).

What are 2 or 3 questions you want to put forward to the new candidates?

- What happened to bylaw 530? (Updating zoning bylaws for District of Sechelt for increased housing).
- What's in the plans for housing in the District of Sechelt?
- Does the District of Sechelt have a land acquisition plan?
- What is preventing District of Sechelt developers from building apartments?
- What do you propose to solve the housing crisis on the Coast?
- What is one specific, concrete act you will do (i.e. zoning change) to increase number of houses here?
- What incentive will you give to home owners to create second dwelling for their families?
- Would you be willing to follow Vancouver and agree to more policies to allow duplexes and coach houses on single family lots?
- How will you ensure and encourage developers to create diverse, affordable housing for the local community?
- Will developers be encouraged to use local staff and resources in their construction?
- Will you adopt new zoning created by the Province for securing rental units and encourage more rentals? (will you bring together all stakeholders and nonprofits to facilitate creative partnerships to build more affordable housing)
- How will you work with other levels of government to balance power between renters and landlords?
- How will you address problems associated with vacation rentals; i.e. evictions for tourism season, or holding properties off market for short term rentals?
- Would you pursue provincial crown land contributions?
- How will you balance development cost reasonability, with the need for money to improve infrastructure?
- How would you seek infrastructure funding?
- Are you going to do something to change zoning bylaws to allow more homes / tine homes / increased density on acreage?
- What role does innovation play in solving the housing crisis?
- Are you willing to think/act outside the box?
- What does affordable housing mean in the future? Set to income? Set to term?
- How will you strategize and work with local stakeholders to access federal housing funds?
- What incentives can the SCR D provide to increase infill?
- Would you pool resources to form a land bank?
- Will you support the establishment of a Housing Authority? (e.g. Whistler)
- How are you going to provide affordable housing?
- Whose job is it to provide affordable housing?
- Can you work collaboratively to solve a "regional" problem?
- Should we put more emphasis on rental vs ownership?
- How will you educate yourself and communicate about housing opportunities?