

Additional questions from Lynn Valley – Phil Dupasquier DNV Council Candidate

How would you help the long time residents of DNV who are being demovicted from purpose built rentals in order to make way for market condominiums when no alternative rental housing is available?

First, lets be clear, I wouldn't allow it. Residents must have a suitable place to relocate to in order for development to go ahead. This may include the DNV leasing land to build out affordable (not market, below market) housing for our residents.

The Lynn Valley Flexible Framework contains provisions for density bonusing. Do you support the proposal for further density bonusing in the Lynn Valley Town Centre?

Density bonusing has been used as a tool by developers to increase their land use in opposition to our community plan. I would approach it very simply. If you would like to build you will stay within the communities wishes (OCP).

Change takes a lot of work and a lot of planning, where would you start? What is top of your must do list?

The first thing we have to look at is housing security for all our residents and those who work here. This is a multifaceted problem that will impact our decisions on transit and development.

Are you receiving union support?

I have been endorsed by CUPE (my Dad worked for the DNV for over 25years in the Utilities department).

Are you receiving financial contributions from any unions?

No

Do you believe increased density and ongoing development will provide affordable housing?

No

Have you received financial donations from family members or employees of a developer?

No

Are you aware that Emery Village residents have been given notice of a rent increase effective January 1, at the same time that they received their eviction notice?

Yes

What is your position on this increase?

It's an insult to good people. To put it frankly, it really pisses me off!

Why do we see more police traffic enforcement in West Vancouver than in North Vancouver?

I'm not sure of the priorities for either force but I suspect that because the RCMP is part of a larger force our officers have a larger mandate.

Do you support making municipal government more transparent by putting councillor's voting records on an easily accessible web site?

Of course, what's to hide?

If elected will you continue to implement the 25 year growth plan at the current accelerated rate or will you support a slower rate of growth?

We need to slow, slow, slow down the pace until we get a handle on what is being done and more importantly until the community understands and agrees with it.

Would you support a complete revamp of the OCP in light of the changing economics in our community? If yes, what section or policy in particular needs a revamp?

The OCP was primarily a response to the school closures that we had. We need to review and revamp as necessary and focus more on social issues (displacement and the whole housing continuum), infrastructure issues (transit, aging infrastructure) and less on simple growth.

If interest rates were to double, would you cut expenses or increase taxes?

I would advocate a balanced approach.

Do you support more bike lanes?

Yes we need off street bike lanes to give people a safe, reasonable alternative to driving.

Would you support more roundabouts to improve traffic flow?

Where it can be shown to be a benefit – of course.

How will you work with Translink who want to see density in order to increase service?

I would continue the work begun with the INSTPP report where the North Shore represented themselves as a whole. That said Translink will not listen to us as long as they continue the current funding model. We will always have less growth than other municipalities so we need to come to transit with solutions they can't say no to.

What local solutions do you have for tackling climate change?

Fundamentally we need to start planning for our people not our cars. As such, transit must be linked to any future growth. We must also institute a building code that achieve a net zero carbon footprint. Everything we approach needs to be looked at through an sustainable environmental lens.