

All Candidates Forum

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All candidates standing for Victoria City Council were invited to participate in an All Candidates Forum. As a requirement of participation, candidates were to complete/submit a survey. Responses were received from 26 candidates. Candidates Chandler and Hobbis stated that they had submitted responses, although none had been received. These candidates were given the opportunity to resubmit. Chandler's response is now integral to this document; Barry Hobbis chose not to respond. This document is therefore an extension of the document distributed at the forum with candidate responses, sometimes abbreviated.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

What experience do you have that equates to being a mayor of a city?

JONES

I read a lot and I understand what I read. There are a lot of very necessary changes which must be made here and all over the planet which I can and will as mayor, prioritise.

FILIPOVIC

I have been the owner of my own construction business for 22 years. I have worked on numerous committees such as Mobilization for Global Justice, Together Against Poverty, and I have been the primary organizer for Earth Walk for the past eight years. I chaired the Social Advisory Committee for Victoria. My leadership and manner of working with others fosters a caring and open environment to encourage input from members and facilitates a positive exchange of ideas.

FORTIN

Career Experience: current Executive Director, Burnside Gorge Community Centre (17th year); former Executive Director, Victoria Association for Street Kids now known as the Youth Empowerment Society; practised family and criminal law, including young offenders.

As city Councillor: member, Finance and Personnel committee; liaison to Social Planning Advisory committee; Deputy liaison to Environment Advisory committee; Neighbourhood liaison for North Park and Quadra Hillside.

As CRD Director: Chair of the CRD Housing Trust; Vice-chair of the CRD Housing Corporation; Board member of the Greater Victoria Water Board and CREST; member, Environment, Parks and Liquid Waste committees.

Community volunteer work: Member, Victoria City Police Board 2001-2002; Member, Victoria Steering Committee on Homelessness; Senior Girls' basketball coach, Esquimalt and Oak Bay senior secondary schools; Boys' and Girls' Rugby coach, Burnside Elementary School; past member, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Violence Towards Women, Children and the Elderly. Accomplishments with community partners: established Burnside Gorge Youth Centre; created a neighbourhood house and family centre in Burnside; helped establish Burnside Community School; project leader of a partnership between local businesses, residents, and three levels of government to clean up Cecilia Creek; created the Homeless Family Outreach program.

Work with youth at risk: established job training projects; provided drug and alcohol counselling; assisted in street youth literacy program.

Education: BA in Urban Geography; Bachelor of Laws; Masters in Education (Counselling).

REID

I have been engaged in the community for 20 years, and currently hold appointments on the Telus Community Board and the United Way Cabinet. I am a successful small businessman with two stores, Frontrunners and New Balance. I have demonstrated success in the community through my involvement with the Royal Victoria Marathon building the profile of this event from less than 1,000 participants to over 10,000 this year. This has required strong partnerships with the City, Tourism Victoria, hotels, restaurants and extensive community consultation. This event alone is a strong economic driver for our tourism industry and brings positive attention to the city internationally. I have also founded Runners of Compassion, a charitable organization that supports not for profit organizations in our community.

My strength is in bringing teams together and I can use my business experience to guide us in a fiscally responsible manner toward solutions. I want to work with communities to bring residents together in honest dialogue. I recognize that we all want to share in building a brand for our city and in realizing our potential as a region.

TAYLOR

Bi-Lingual – French/ English. Born in Quebec. Lived in the Greater Victoria area over 50 years; residing at the same Victoria West home over 43 years. Married for 50 years – four grown daughters with families. Employed 11 years with the Provincial government in Corrections – three years at the Victoria Juvenile Detention Centre, working with troubled youth. Working with the BC Schizophrenic Society over ten years; gave insight and awareness of mental health challenges and issues. 40-year member and past-president of the Victoria Central Lions Club. As president, involved sponsoring youth sports programs. Lifetime member of Lions International.

INCUMBENT COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Why should you be re-elected? What was the biggest achievement of your last term?

CHANDLER

- I'm now an experienced city councillor which will allow me to be even more effective on your behalf as I work for you in a second term.
- I have been actively representing the voices of families, youth and seniors, as well as low and middle income residents, and those that who are commonly underrepresented and sometimes marginalized in our community and I have been doing so with integrity and commitment.
- I understand sustainability as a way of being in the world responsibly, not as a word to be added to a sentence for political effect.
- I see families, in their many forms, as something to celebrate, and I look forward to influencing family-friendly, age-friendly community planning.
- My biggest achievement has been spearheading the work that has lead to the City of Victoria Sustainability Framework – an overarching, city-wide tool that will allow our city and our neighbourhoods to be planned and serviced with a genuine commitment to social, environmental and fiscal responsibility – a balance that has been missing from City Hall.

COLEMAN

I think the biggest achievement of Council is the setting in place of the Coalition to End Homelessness. It is a necessary first step in finding the solutions to an over-arching societal issue.

I believe my biggest achievement, as the Council liaison to the James Bay neighbourhood, has been the work with the James Bay community to develop a new community facility that will not only embrace the services of The James Bay Community Project, the James Bay New Horizons Centre & programming from the James Bay Community School, but also create much needed housing for seniors & young families. In fact, the true recognition of the tremendous work done by the neighbourhood reps is evidenced in the unanimous endorsement of the concept by Council... and the seed funding by CMHC to develop a full plan that can be shared with the neighbourhood. I should be re-elected to carry on this work.

MADOFF

5 term councillor. Representing the wishes of James Bay around development and heritage issues.

THORNTON-JOE

I believe I should be re-elected because I hope my track record on Council has shown that I am a committed and conscientious worker. As an independent councilor, I have endeavoured to be a hard worker, to listen to the concerns of others, and to make decisions to the best of my abilities. I feel that I still have much to accomplish and would like this opportunity.

Although there are many achievements that I have been proud to be a part of, my biggest achievements would be as Chair of the Steering Committee for the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addiction and as a member on the newly formed Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.

YOUNG

As Chair of Finance I have advocated for responsible spending and fair tax rates. I have also supported planning for future rapid transit and bicycle transportation routes. As a council, we have seen the growth of downtown living space and have addressed the long-standing issue of secondary suites.

NON-INCUMBENT COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

Why should you be elected?

FARQUHARSON

We need to address the question of why so little gets done at City Council and why it takes so long. I have the requisite professional expertise in developing high performance organizations to provide leadership in introducing a new way of doing business at Council. I also bring the necessary political perspective -- that of a New Independent.

It's not a political party. It's an attitude, one of collaboration. It's an approach that's above the exhausted partisan divides of left vs. right, developer vs. the neighbourhood, business-person vs. City Hall. With others, I'll gather the best ideas from across the political spectrum and insist on practical, common ground solutions that work for all stakeholders.

As for political street smarts, through providing professional consulting services to the City of Victoria, voluntary chairing two city planning committees, and my involvement in several neighbourhood initiatives, I've learned to recognize and successfully manage the ever-present political challenges in a collaborative manner.

GILLESPIE

Victoria City Council has had the absence of a youth voice for a number of years. I can provide that youth voice with experience. I have experience in board and government settings. As a political science student, I understand the role of government and how to work within the institutions to get things done. I have been a resident of the Greater Victoria area for over seventeen years and have lived on the border of James Bay, inside Fairfield, for a year and a half. I bring fresh ideas to City Council and would listen to the neighbourhood associations and citizens to bring the will of the people back to City Hall.

HARTNELL

I want to help Victoria solve the homelessness problem in an expedited manner with a sense of urgency, so that once it is really solved, we can all learn to feel gratitude again for living in one of the most beautiful cities in Canada. At the moment, this shameful unresolved problem haunts the whole City.

I have longstanding concerns that the real public interest in the affairs of the City of Victoria be maintained and not compromised, as I believe that it is now, by special interest groups, particularly those of the commercial real estate development industry, which is often at variance with the greater public interest of all the citizenry of Victoria.

As a Victoria City Councillor, I will ensure that the ratio of commercial property taxes paid vis a vis the residential property taxes remains the same, and not changed to favour the commercial property taxpayers' interests. The majority of Victoria's citizens are renters who are vulnerable to hefty residential property tax increases charged each year to their landlords by the City, and then charged in turn to them by their landlords. By freezing residential property taxes, commercial property taxes and hotel room taxes in the first fiscal year, I hope to bring a sense of stability and prudence to bear on the administration of the City's finances, and thereby send a message that Victoria is back in business growing a slow but steady, properly regulated real estate and business market.

HENRY

I believe that there should be some new fresh ideas brought to the decision making table.

HOLLOHAN

I believe I have proven my commitment to our communities, Victoria and Victorians. As President of the Fairfield Community Association and Chair of its Planning and Zoning committee, it has allowed me over the last six years to work closely with James Bay community both within in your community and at City Hall. On James Bay issues such as development and housing, I have supported your efforts, as well supported other concerns such as pollution from Cruise Ships, Seaplanes, and Tour Buses. Homelessness, traffic calming, daycare and community services are other areas we need to be working on.

I believe James Bay is in a very vulnerable location to be exploited by outside interests. We need a council that is respectful of community values. We shouldn't have to feel as if we always have to

be defending our community, but rather work together to make James Bay a safer, more liveable, and sustainable environment for all.

Volunteer: Block Watch Captain; worked on CRD's Housing Action Team on a supportive housing project for seniors & for people with mental challenges; volunteered with my daughter at the emergency shelter Our Place/Open Door; worked on Parent Advisory Councils.

HUNTER

I should be elected because I am a life long fighter for social and environmental sustainability, both as a former MP and as a long-term worker with organizations like Oxfam, the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, and the David Suzuki Foundation. I am a current executive volunteer with the Canadian Multiple Sclerosis Society. I believe Victoria is an amazing place with even more potential.

LUCAS

I'm running for Victoria city council because of a deep caring and love for this city and its people, and a desire to commit my intellectual and physical energy into addressing some of our community's current challenges. I believe that Victoria has the potential to be a world leader in sustainable development, social justice, and citizen engagement, but we have been falling short of these achievable goals for far too long. We deserve policies that will create a safe and vibrant downtown core, improve public transportation, ensure good value for money on major infrastructure projects like sewage treatment, and allow and encourage real citizen engagement in our local government.

We expect and deserve so much better from City Hall than the dearth of leadership, creative-thinking, and determination that has plagued our city council for far too long, and as a city Councillor I look forward to working each and every day to ensure that our great city finally reaches its full potential, and that our community health and happiness is paramount in all municipal policies and practice.

LUNT

I was a three-term councilor from 1993 to 2002. I am running again for a seat on City Council because I am concerned at what appears to be a lack of transparency; and a lack of community consultation and input at City Hall. I also believe that my previous council experience will be very useful given the very challenging economic times that lie ahead.

LUTON

I have extensive experience in the community working on local issues and have a record of accomplishment on key transportation issues. That work has given me more insight into how local government works and how best to advance practical solutions for many of the challenges that face us.

I understand the need for non-partisan cooperation, engagement with the community and the building of partnerships that we will need to deal with issues like homelessness, housing, sewage treatment, cultural renewal, and economic development, and the imperatives of dealing with climate change and shifting transportation choices to sustainable models.

MUNKACSI

I have a long-standing passion for community and public service. I have a growing concern with the adversarial relationship the most recent council has had with community groups, such as the James Bay Neighbourhood Association. I would like to work towards building stronger relationships and greater consultation with the community and volunteer groups across the city. I believe solutions to many of the social problems facing Victoria can be solved by working closely with the community.

When elected, I will work to preserve the city's green space such as the lawn bowling green and Cridge Park. I will work to add more green spaces to the public registry, such as Dallas Road walkway. I believe with the growth of residential condo spaces downtown, new residents will need amenities such as park spaces. The sale of the lawn bowling green after 85 years for development and the threat to Cridge Park is cause for alarm. No one wants to live in a concrete jungle.

I will be fiscally responsible, promote tourism and investment in Victoria, but invest when needed. I would also like to build upon the work that Victoria City Council has done to date with homelessness and marginalized people. As an island community, we know that we have to work together to provide for our communities and its people. It takes a community to find solutions.

NATRASS

I will bring a new generation's perspective to city hall and the motivation to act on major issues. I will also bring the values of communication (this includes all of Victoria's citizens and community groups), efficiency in dealing with all of our issues and services, and a balance between all the needs and desires of Victorians.

RANDALL

As President of the Downtown Residents' Association I am up to speed on all the crucial issues facing us, including homelessness, crime and drugs. I'm working on the solutions. As a 42-year old homeowner and fourth-generation Victorian, I care about and know my city.

SMARDON

Current member or donor to 15 groups including: The Committee to End Homelessness, Water Watch, The South Island Health Coalition (SIHC), Executive member of the Council of Canadians. Former 3-year member of City of Victoria Housing Committee; Electoral Volunteer for 40 years; NDP club Vice President, University of Alberta (1980).

TURNER

Because I and my organizations have been working for 14 years to address homeless solutions, acute poverty issues, social poverty and family issues and alternative transportation. Drawing close to achieving applications in these, in order for us to fully benefit the communities, I require the opportunity to serve the community members from the seat of leadership on Victoria's City Council.

VAN ALSTINE

I have worked for almost 18 years in the community and have gained significant experience on a wide range of committees. I have worked on projects in land use, urban design, housing, transportation, and parks. I have chaired the James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc for 17 years; served 3 terms on the Planning Commission, two as Chair one as Vice-Chair; 4 terms on the city's Transportation Committee; and was very involved with the Federal Harbour Divestiture process.

I have worked cooperatively with Federal and Provincial Ministers of various political parties, as well as with city staff, and numerous Victoria Councils.

VANDYKE

I have had a long time commitment to issues of concern to Victorians. I am experienced in resolving issues and coming up with creative solutions and was elected as a City Councillor from 1987-90. I've also served on the city's Advisory Planning Commission in the 1980s and again from 2004-07. In my most recent APC term we provided advice on a number of current issues, including the proposed Downtown Plan and density bonusing. As a resident of James Bay, I am familiar with James Bay issues, having served on the Board of the James Bay Community Project, the Parent Advisory Committee at James Bay Community School and on the Executive of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association.

WOODS

As a professional journalist I have covered municipal and provincial governments in both Victoria and Vancouver and understand first hand the impact Council decisions can have on our local economy, development and quality of life. As your representative at Victoria City Hall, I look forward to working in consultation with the James Bay Neighbourhood Association to learn about the issues that impact the daily lives of area residents, and as an active participant in finding good solutions.

- a) Explain your understanding of how recreation and leisure services are currently delivered in the community of James Bay.**
- b) In these times of financial uncertainty, how will you ensure the City of Victoria provides adequate support for the James Bay community service centres?**
- c) Define 'adequate support'.**

MAYORS FILIPOVIC

- a) James Bay receives a budget and from those funds, recreation and leisure services are delivered to the community, through the James Bay Community Centre and the JB New Horizons.
- b) The benefits of recreation and leisure activities are worth the investment. I also believe that our neighbourhood associations are an important asset in reinvigorating our democracy and intend to fund them at levels to increase their ability to perform.
- c) Neighbourhood associations should be flourishing with activity and membership; they are an important tool in helping Victoria to form our neighbourhood developments. Funding should reflect this.

FORTIN

- a) As the executive director of the Burnside Gorge Community Centre and two term councillor, I have an intimate knowledge of recreation services in James Bay. I am a strong advocate of community-centered services, operated by local groups.
- b) I will continue to support funding including the cost of living increases. Further, we are uniquely positioned in James Bay to create renewed facilities especially one that incorporates James Bay New Horizons, James Bay Community School, and James Bay Community Project working in collaboration.
- c) see above

JONES

If everything in James Bay is running along smoothly now I wouldn't change anything. In these times of financial insecurity it would be wise for us NOT to build a sewage treatment plant - I know the reasons we do not need one and I can show them and explain them. Everyone in Victoria will feel it financially if that cost is incurred. Questions a) and c) I would be interested in having you or someone else who knows show me all the paper work with info on this first.

REID

a) James Bay is a terrific example of how a community can work together to provide services. The James Bay Community Project since the early days as a community school has actively advocated for funding and support to deliver programs by the community in the community. Planning for health and wellness in the community by the community is an excellent model for us to follow. The support offered by the JBCP to residents works to address many of the wellness issues. And, of course, the James Bay New Horizons offers an excellent program for active seniors. James Bay is geographically located to take advantage of our natural splendor and green spaces and provides excellent opportunity for outdoor recreation. As the organizer of the

marathon I recognize that this has an impact on the neighbourhood but I believe that the majority of the residents celebrate these opportunities and I am personally grateful to the residents in James Bay for all of the volunteer support this event has received over the years.

b) It is interesting to me how we cut services only to then be surprised to find an increase in our homeless population and hospital stays. I believe that we need to ensure that recreation and support services are maintained to proactively promote wellness within our communities. We need to promote and support healthy families so that our children and our seniors can age comfortably and with dignity. Safe streets are a big concern of mine and I aim to reclaim them for the benefit of all.

c) Adequate support addresses the needs of our population in a sustainable way. Those utilizing the services know what is adequate and where the services are failing to be effective. I am a very good listener and I have been successful as a result of my personal relationship building style. My approach to ensure that we meet or exceed community expectations will be to listen and look creatively at what opportunities exist for us to work together to sustain and build upon the strong values that exist in this community. Adequate support relies on recreation facilities and community groups taking advantage of the wealth of volunteerism available within our community.

TAYLOR

As a professional social ballroom dance instructor for over 50 years, I have taught in schools and recreation centres in every Greater Victoria municipality – including over 30 years with Camosun College (Adult Education) and UVic (Athletics Department). It's important all our citizens have access to recreation and leisure programs in our communities and I believe these services are being achieved. Should additional programs for youth and seniors arise, as Mayor of Victoria, I would be open to all suggestions.

COUNCILLORS

CHANDLER

a) The James Bay Community has several long standing recreation, leisure and community resources – The JB Community Project, the JB Silver Threads, the JB Community School, South Park School, the Community Market, the Community Gardens, and Beacon Hill Park. Currently there is a movement afoot to create a cooperative model of service delivery in the neighborhood that would build on the success of the Community Project in offering a variety of services to a diverse community and also decrease overlap in services and spending by combining assets and resources to meet common objectives.

b) I think that JB is a model in terms of how community based services can be provided in a collaborative and sustainable way. And although I believe that all communities deserve similar supports and resources, I do think that James Bay should be recognized for the leadership and vision it has provided, especially since in these uncertain times it will be this type of creativity that will succeed.

c) I think that 'adequate support' means 'as defined by the community' support. James Bay has a lot of human, historical and organizational assets within its community and if the City could nurture this by supporting the initiatives coming from the grassroots level the outcomes will be great!

COLEMAN

- a) Presently, baseline funding (in terms of both cash & services support) from the City flows to the James Bay New Horizons Centre and the James Bay Community School for operations. Community programme funding may be available for programmes delivered by community organisations. Limited "Neighbourhood Development" grants may also be available for projects in the community that are supported by community groups. Parks development and renewal initiatives are delivered in conjunction with the City's Parks Department. Further programmes are available to the citizens of James Bay on a City-wide (or even region-wide) basis but are delivered outside of the James Bay neighbourhood.... the Central Library is an example.
- b) The funds that presently flow to James Bay community service centres are, largely, in the City's core budget and therefore are stable. There are also some neighbourhood grants of a discretionary nature that are more problematic. I believe that the greatest community benefits are often outcomes of these types of investments & would work to increase these opportunities (even in times of financial uncertainty!)
- c) Those categories of support (be they grants of cash, services allocated, co-operative planning support, permissive tax exemptions etc) that not only allow community service centres to carry on their present mandates, but also allow for growth in making communities better & safer for everyone.

FARQUHARSON

- a) Through my involvement with a couple of consulting contracts to the City's Recreation & Community Services Division, I've acquired a good understanding of how recreation and community services are currently delivered in James Bay.
- b) Adequate support to one neighbourhood cannot be looked at in isolation from all others. In terms of ensuring adequate support, James Bay has the advantage of 3 community service providers. Greater collaboration among them would help to ensure adequate support from the City in times of financial uncertainty.
- c) The support required to meet the needs of James Bay residents, within the context of meeting the needs of other neighbourhoods and the resources available to the City.

GILLESPIE

- a) I understand that there are four main outlets of recreation and leisure services: the James Bay Athletic Association, James Bay Community School Centre, James Bay New Horizons Seniors Centre, and James Bay Community Project. Most of these are volunteer based, with the exception of the James Bay Community School Centre.
- b) The City of Victoria has supported our community centres through grants in the past and I would work with council to ensure that the community centres continue to receive adequate funding in the future.
- c) The amount of funding required to serve a community organization's needs and responsibilities to the population it serves. Adequate funding could include expansion of financing, provided adequate reasoning is provided, such as a growing increase in population using these services.

HARTNELL

- a) I have no direct familiarity with this issue, but I would say generally that all City of Victoria services will likely be reduced somewhat if we enter into an economic depression. That would be a general statement that I am afraid I would have to acknowledge, bearing in mind that we are

already in an economic recession, and I don't think it prudent to raise taxes in such an uncertain economic climate.

b) To maintain adequate support of services in James Bay during such times of economic uncertainty, hiring would also have to be frozen, and similarly for spending. These general policies would apply in all City of Victoria departments, recreation and community centres. We would try not to terminate any positions, but contracts with CUPE, Firefighters' and Police Officers' Unions would have to be impartially mediated to arrive at fair binding contract agreements in the first fiscal year.

c) 'Adequate support' would be on a par with the quality of services already historically provided by the City in James Bay, with perhaps a prudent diminution of the quantity of these services where efficiencies can be identified to help keep the books balanced.

HENRY

a) I don't full understand, but what I can say is that I am aware that JB does not have things like tennis court, hockey arena-in or outdoors, or swimming pool. I also understand that the transit system is very limited too. So, access to these recreational services can be very limiting for people facing barriers such as transportation, financial or physical. Having free accessibility to the parks and waterfront is great. Not being charged to park your car is also another plus.

b) I would like to see a minimal amount of user fees increased, increased access for all residents of JB to better bus services and to already existing services that are not available to the residents.

c) Acceptable and being there for the residents of James Bay.

HOLLOHAN

a) As President of the Fairfield Community Association I believe they are delivered in the same manner as in our community. Through your local Community Association or other similar organizations such as James Bay New Horizons, parks, play areas and walkways are what immediately come to mind. Funding is provided by the city in both cash and services provided. As well additional funding is available through the province in the form of grants, and gaming money. Along with fund raising events, donations and monies received from services that your community organizations provide.

b) I don't think the city gives enough to be concerned about it giving less. If anything maybe it is time the community got a raise. There are a million and one areas where the city and the province would have to cut funding before the community funding was ever threatened and if that ever happen we might as well put a 'for sale' sign on the whole city. We are one of the most desirable places to live in Canada, we are the capital of BC, we rely on government jobs and tourism and you have me as a councilor and I am not the quite shy type when it comes to standing up for our communities.

c) Having the requisite qualities or resources to satisfy a requirement or meet a need. Not only should it mean having enough resources so that nobody's wellbeing or safety is in jeopardy, but having enough resources to stimulate physical and mental growth in a positive environment is equally important.

HUNTER

a) Have been to and used the JB New Horizons, Community School/Centre and visited JB Community Health Project. They are a model of how community recreation and services should be delivered.

- b) I will fight to maintain and enhance services.
- c) Ongoing and enhanced levels.

LUCAS

- a) James Bay is one of our region's most involved, innovative and self-directed neighbourhoods, and this is reflected in your community-based recreational and leisure services and activities, including the JB Community Project, the JB Silver Threads, the JB Community School, South Park School, the Community Market, the Community Gardens, and Beacon Hill Park. Unlike services delivered by the other levels of government, James Bay's approach is to offer services by the community, for the community, and it is a cutting-edge model that is well deserving of the praise it has earned over the years, and that could serve as a model for other neighbourhoods in Greater Victoria.
- b) James Bay's service delivery model is high impact and cost-effective, and as a councillor I would ensure that it has the funds and resources necessary to continue to lead the region in community-based health, leisure and social services. It is not the time to cut these services; rather it is time to point to James Bay as a model of how progressive service delivery can be done at the local level.
- c) I define adequate support as continued infrastructure funding, with additional financial opportunities for innovative projects, and expansion of current services as needed.

LUNT

- a) James Bay has the New Horizons Seniors' Centre which provides services for seniors and people with disabilities, and the James Bay Community School Centre which provides adult and children's programs, and a seniors' dinner program. A third facility, the James Bay Community Project is tasked with health and social services.
- b) I believe in safe, healthy communities. Community centres foster a sense of belonging, a sense of wellness. I realize we are facing challenging economic times, but monies spent on such centres is money well spent in terms of the benefits afforded to our residents.
- c) There are currently challenges in programming with limited access to existing facilities due to time constraints, and the programs themselves are targeted to select demographic groups, leaving some groups with little programming. Adequate support would include not just protecting the status quo, but enabling the expansion of programs and their availability.

LUTON

- a) Delivered at the community level with programs and facilities at the Community School and at New Horizons. There are also many parks and green space in the community that host organized sports and recreational events, and invite people to pursue healthy lifestyles on their own.
- b) Maintaining services will be important for the city and financial efficiencies will need to be pursued to ensure key services are maintained. Neighbourhood support must be maintained or enhanced, particularly in areas where growing populations of seniors will demand access to local, accessible and diverse leisure and recreational opportunities.
- c) Funding will need to keep pace with inflation, and recreation renewal plans will need to ensure local access.

MADOFF

a) The James Bay Community Project and School, JB New Horizons and the Community Health Centre are widely respected as leaders in providing health, recreation and seniors services. Maintenance and growth of funding are priorities and need to be focuses of attention in these times of economic uncertainty.

b) see (a)

c) Adequate support is defined as maintaining and where possible increasing funding for existing and emerging programs

MUNKACSI

a) My family has attended a number of courses at the James Bay Community Centre. We know well that it offers Mom and baby courses, offers child care and after school programs, offers fitness and yoga programs, language programs and programs for new Canadians, dance classes, meeting room facilities. Since 1977, the James Bay Community Centre has been an active part of the James Bay Community.

b) I will work to ensure that the City consults and works with the James Bay Community Association and Business community to develop a plan of how Victoria can weather the uncertain economic situation. Given the present economic situation, more people will be turning to their local community I want to work together to insure that the increased needs will be met and well financed.

c) Adequate Support means funding based on need, demand, available funding consulted and negotiated in a municipal plan developed between the community groups, business community and municipal representatives. Adequate support comes out of regular discussion and dialogue to support services provided to the community.

NATRASS

a) To the best of my knowledge, most recreation services that are not privately owned come in the form of parks, fields, and courts or services offered at the community centre.

b) During the next few years, the city will have to be prudent in its use of capital. While on Council, I will work to ensure that funding for community organizations is a fixture on the budget and is placed above any extraneous expenses to ensure that things like flower gardens and murals, while certainly important to the appearance of our city, do not take precedence over communities.

c) Adequate support means that a community centre should be able to maintain its current level of service. This also shouldn't limit any expansion of services that is deemed necessary

RANDALL

a) New Horizons and the James Bay Community School are the core of a vibrant network of services. Last year I was invited by the City to participate in the creation of a strong new recreation renewal vision for Victoria's communities. We came up with a vision statement that ensures recreation remains a key component of City services and makes the City accountable for its implementation.

b) Enlarging the range of revenue possibilities, including leveraged government grants and increased facility bookings so that service centres are active all day long.

c) Not merely keeping funding stable but ensuring modest and prudent growth as our population increases and needs expand.

SMARDON

- a) These services are delivered through the partnership of the Greater Victoria School District, the City of Victoria, and the James Bay Community School Society.
- b) Lobbying the City of Victoria for funding will ensure adequate support. This funding should be a Victoria budget priority.
- c) Adequate support”: providing necessary funding programs operation, supplies, staffing, and other expenses required to operate the James Bay Centres.

THORNTON-JOE

I must preface my comments that as I have not been the Council liaison to this neighbourhood or, the council liaison to Parks and Recreation, so my knowledge is limited in comparison to others. However, I do know that James Bay has a community whose recreation and leisure services reaches out to all their citizens. From the James Bay New Horizons, the partnership between the James Bay Community School and the Community Centre, the Community Project, the Neighbourhood Association, and the James Bay Beacon newsletter, their members ensure that there is a rich synergy, and work together and move forward in ways that best serves the community as a whole.

- b) As all community service centres are important to the citizens of Victoria, ongoing support is not only envisioned but is something that as a Councillor I would advocate for.
- c) Adequate support is best defined by community members. As a member of Council my desire is always to exceed ‘adequate support’ but we must work to the best of our abilities without neglecting our responsibilities to the public purse.

TURNER

- a) I actually am not too certain how these services are presently delivered as I have had no personal experience in this. However, I have had many friends and family in James Bay, and I know that these are very important services.
- b) Through the initiation of The Esquimalt Harbor Ferry Company we expect that there will be suitable funds to allocate finances towards community projects and specific regions.
- c) Adequate support would include the initiation of a Community Leadership Team and Services Teams, and from a central foundation a regional planning committee (i.e. James Bay) a cost analysis and user ratio would be measured. Funds would be allocated accordingly. Beyond Administration (which we would cover majorly through a partnership) adequate funding would ideally consist of 50%-75% of an individual's assessed cost for service delivery.

VAN ALSTINE

- a) James Community Project provides social services delivery for a variety of ages and a community medical clinic. James Bay Community School provides leisure/recreation services, seniors dinners, community cafe, pre and after school care. James Bay New Horizons provides services for seniors and some limited recreational programs
- b) It is my firm belief and stated in my platform that strong neighbourhoods and their volunteers are the backbone of a community. I would support expanding funding for community-based programs. Some of the grants such as the base funding and matching funding have not kept pace

with rising costs. If we run into difficult financial times I would be inclined to push even harder for increased funding for neighbourhoods as we will need to harness valuable volunteer energy to keep our communities livable, safe, and stable.

c) See above. My background is in community work and I certainly would never support funding cuts that would hamper the delivery of services in our neighbourhoods.

VANDYKE

a) The city provides funding to the James Bay Community School to deliver recreation and leisure programs to children, youth and adults, and to James Bay New Horizons for seniors' programs. It also provides funding for the James Bay Beacon newspaper, and special grants for festivals and murals. The city provides sports fields in Macdonald Park for baseball and rugby.

b) I will ensure that the city's recreation staff continues their ongoing liaison with James Bay centres, providing support and monitoring, and reporting to Council on level of services provided. I would expect the centres to survey local residents to ensure that they are meeting identified needs.

c) Adequate support would be at least the current level of funding.

WOODS

a) Services are provided to residents through linked programs with the JB Health and Community Services Society, JB New Horizons, and the JB Community School.

b) If Victoria is to have a vibrant, feasible and responsive economy in times of uncertainty, we cannot continue to rely solely on traditional economic generators such as tourism and the provincial government. I believe we will need to embrace the new information and technology economy, and develop as a cultural centre, to attract new business so we can maintain a healthy tax base to fund important services provided by Victoria's neighbourhood associations.

c) Adequate support means funding to sustain current levels of delivery, as well as expansion of existing programs and the creation of new services to meet the future needs of residents. I will work closely with the JB Neighbourhood Association to ensure that physical infrastructure needs are maintained to meet current and future standards.

YOUNG

a) Recreation services in the City are delivered with a combination of neighbourhood and community school facilities and centralized facilities that cannot be provided in each community such as the swimming pool, central library and skating rink. Playing fields are used by people from the entire region, and in turn are spread across the region.

b) Given our budget constraints we must constantly measure the benefits versus the costs of all our services. Services provided in neighbourhoods are more accessible to residents, require less travel, and can be more responsive to local needs, and as long as they are well used and efficiently delivered they are an important part of our system that should be supported.

James Bay residents face significant and increasing noise and air pollution related to aircraft and vehicular (especially bus) traffic. The Quebec/Erie/Dallas corridor can have up to 6000 vehicles per day and there are up to 200 aircraft movements daily. What will you do to improve the livability of the James Bay environment for residents? Specifically address these noise and effluent issues.

MAYORS

FILIPOVIC

I would work with Planning to look into changes that could be made to reduce bus and other vehicular traffic. A possibility of planting more trees may reduce aircraft noise pollution. This is a complex issue that requires consultation with all parties involved.

FORTIN

Noise and effluent Issues

- looking to make sure air quality assessments are conducted,
- making sure that health and well being of residents in air quality studies are taken in consideration, and
- requiring and encouraging floatplane operators to employ newer aircraft that generate lower emissions.

In regards to noise levels,

- conduct new noise studies,
- implement noise reduction measures and noise monitoring systems,
- use modern aircraft that are quieter and less polluting.
- not permit noise levels over 90 dBA,
- restrict /prohibit floatplane operations,
- reduce or cap the number of flights, and
- limit any future expansion.

JONES

It's interesting to me that people don't like the sounds of the airplanes in the inner harbour because worldwide we need to have a three-day workweek for at least a number of years. What this could be is shut down ALL manufacturing and all industry and have no airplanes flying, no ships starting from shore, no cars except ambulances on the roads. This would immediately put a reverse on 'global warming' and we could save all life on the planet.

REID

I am aware of the ongoing concerns regarding noise and air pollution and congested streets. As the Capital City, I believe we should be the model city for the implementation of provincially supported initiatives that promote green energy and transportation. My intentions are to work closely with the province in this regard and to encourage creatively (not punitively) the introduction of alternative fuel/powered vehicles to existing fleets. There is no question that global warming will be a huge incentive for all of us to reconsider our choices and I plan to lead by example.

TAYLOR

We have a growing vibrant city with a busy working harbour - a feature that attracts tourism along with the beauty of our city and island. We're preserving heritage buildings, points of historical interest and parks, but with progress comes change and we need to adapt to some inconveniences.

COUNCILLORS

CHANDLER

I think that the City has a responsibility to ensure the impact of tourism does not destroy the very thing that people come here to experience some of which is clearly our natural resources and our unique neighborhoods. Issues of noise, effluent and transportation are all related to our overall capacity, not just our fiscal capacity, but also our social and environmental capacity. We also need to include quality of life and long term sustainability as a part of our measurement tools when assessing the benefits of tourism in our communities.

COLEMAN

I would continue to work with the James Bay Transportation Committee as we develop strategies to:

- a) bring more bus companies into compliance with the standards of ACOR emissions testing;
- b) move the Provincial government to re-instate vehicle inspection testing (with benefits felt in areas of both noise reduction & emissions curtailment);
- c) continue with the work of the Task Force in addressing the emissions & noise levels associated with the Harbour Aerodrome.

Finally, I would push for greater funding to speed up the implementation of the Harbour Pathway system that offers greater pedestrian recreation & access through James Bay to Downtown.

FARQUHARSON

I believe that vibrant and healthy neighbourhood communities are the basic building blocks of a livable and viable city. The economic viability of the city, through tourism or floatplanes, should not come at the expense of the health and/or livability of a neighbourhood.

Tour buses are also a problem in the south end of Gonzales. Our 1st course of action was to get the City to initiate discussions with the tour bus operators. I'd pursue a similar path here in finding an alternative to the current use of highway coaches through small residential streets.

My understanding is that the Harbour Authority is primarily responsible for addressing the emissions issue. I'd ensure that the City representative on the Harbour Authority provided regular reports to Council and the JBNA on the actions being taken to address this issue.

I believe in measuring, and rewarding (and where necessary enforcing) results, not promises or programs. Accordingly, regular measuring of effluent and noise emissions against clear standards.

The harbour is the 'commons'. To ensure that one user group, floatplane operators, don't spoil it for others may require a cap established in keeping with the carrying capacity of the harbour.

GILLESPIE

I would lobby BC Transit to use the most efficient; least noise-emitting buses are being used on the heavily used routes in James Bay. I would also work with BC Transit to ensure that in any future bus purchases, the noise factor from the buses are one of the priorities looked at. As for the harbour, I would present a motion to council to contact Transport Canada and launch a new noise and sound pollution study. I would work with residents and industry to find an acceptable level of harbour activity, to ensure that Victoria's economy continues to thrive, without causing undue duress on the citizens living around the harbour.

HARTNELL

The Concerned Citizens' Coalition addresses some of your concerns with air and noise pollution in our new 10 point 'Victoria Recovery Plan 2008.' Point Number 5 of the CCC's new Plan reads in part:

- To enhance public safety, ban visits of nuclear-powered and nuclear-armed vessels (such as USS Abraham Lincoln), helicopters, supersonic jets (including Seabirds) and seaplanes from within 3 km. of Victoria Harbour.
- Reduction of bus and taxi traffic noise and fumes from such bans would follow naturally, particularly from traffic to and from helicopter and seaplane activity.
- Air quality would be enhanced and sound pollution would be reduced with the absence of such inappropriate commercial activity in the adjacent James Bay residential neighbourhood.

HENRY

I would support the actions of the residents who want to forum a committee to monitor the pollutions of both the chemical and noise pollution. I would also like to see a time restriction implemented on all transit (oats, helicopters, planes).

HOLLOHAN

The greatest and most abundant resource any city or town has is the people within and instead of discouraging their involvement we should be embracing it. It has to start with a desire to create a safer, more liveable, and sustainable environment for all. Now it is time for council to stop procrastinating and make it so. I will listen and learn from those who are directly and indirectly impacted by the situation.

The people I have recently spoken with from your community, have spent weeks, months, and sometimes years becoming knowledgeable on the subject and if you want understanding along with facts figures and solution and suggestions, they would be the first stop on the list.

The roll of councilor is not to solve the problems of the city. It is my duty, my responsibility to see that they get solved and if I have to use the tools that my position empowers me with to ensure the people don't leave the table until that has been accomplished, I will.

Council has been putting their personal opinions ahead of public policies and community plans and that has got to stop.

HUNTER

Ensure Federal government monitors and enforces federal responsibility over marine airports, and that local law enforcement monitors and enforces traffic regulations on City streets

LUCAS

I believe that community concerns over noise, air and water pollution caused by high traffic, cruise ships, and floatplanes need to be better addressed by our city council, Harbour Authority, and CRD. Reviews of current air, land and sea traffic levels need to take a triple-bottom line approach which would place as much weight on environmental impacts, social costs, and the voice of residents as it does on the businesses that currently benefit from our inner harbour's beauty and accessibility.

LUNT

The City needs to work with all stakeholders (residents, bus operators, and Tourism Victoria) to mitigate the undesirable effects from the increase in bus traffic and to come up with solutions that work for everyone. With respect to the airport, the City and Transport Canada need to work together to take immediate steps to mitigate the undesirable effects from the increase in seaplanes. I am not qualified to speak to aircraft noise and effluent. There must be engineers who could speak to the City and Transport Canada with respect to measures that could be put in place to mitigate these adverse effects.

LUTON

Victoria's transportation infrastructure is failing us. The consequence is excessive noise, loss of air quality, congestion, and the misuse of valuable harbour real estate. Accelerating harbour pathway plans and local projects to fill in gaps in the pedestrian network can help. Expanding the cycling network can also help providing choices for people who want to enjoy the neighbourhood by means of active transportation.

Moving forward on LRT and other transit alternatives like an Ogden Point to downtown streetcar line could also help shift some of the tourism traffic to reduce impacts of increasing motor vehicle and bus traffic.

We need to bring the stakeholders together, and that includes residents, to consider the challenges we face in ground transportation related to the tourism industry and the growing concern with increasing air traffic. The focus needs to shift to findings solutions that meet competing needs rather than strategies to sneak deals past City Hall.

MADOFF

Looking to make sure air quality assessments are conducted making sure that health and well being of residents in air quality studies are taken into consideration. Also, encouraging floatplane operators to employ newer aircraft that generate lower emissions.

MUNKACSI

The Quebec/Erie/Dallas corridor and Inner Harbour are the epicentre of business and tourism in Victoria. In this uncertain economic time, it is critically important to continue to draw the tourism, business investment, supplies and services these facilities bring in. I support plans to expand the Belleville Street Terminal and Legislative Precinct. I want to insure that the Ferry Services, Cruise Ships and air traffic continue to thrive, bring tourists and business to our city. I would like to see permanent facilities set up which are efficient, effective and represent the character and heritage of Victoria. I would also like to insure that heritage elements within the area are preserved. I would like to consult with the business and local James Bay community to insure any new development has their input and is reflective of what both communities feel that their needs are, including working toward reducing noise and effluent issues. The Inner Harbour has evolved and

very much been terra-formed over time to create the beautiful space that it is today. I want to insure that the area continues to be a draw for tourism and business for generations to come.

NATTRASS

I would work to ensure that air quality and noise levels are kept within generally accepted standards, and that testing for these occurs only during traffic hours and is not averaged over a 24-hour period (this will enable more accurate assessment of the issue). As far as the harbour is concerned, I will need to see the report from the committee on this issue in order to take a better-informed position.

RANDALL

Enforcing Transport Canada regulations on aircraft movements and investigate rapid transit to reduce car and bus traffic.

SMARDON

Reduce emissions/noise by improving buses' reliability encouraging people to bus instead of drive. Move the helicopter pad and airport to a less populated area.

THORNTON-JOE

There have been meetings held, and these concerns are being discussed. We must consider these concerns and balance the livability for the residents with the need to protect our working harbour, our tourism sector and transportation issues. We must set standards that protect the health of our citizens and the environment, and as well protect our overall economy.

TURNER

A Light Rail Corridor to town along the waterfront would be my primary objective. However, the Aerodome boundaries (where planes can take off and land) must be moved outside the breakwater.

VAN ALSTINE

On 3 occasions over the past 2 years, I requested at the City Transportation Committee that Ogden be better serviced by Transit. I also raised concerns about amplified sound for tour guiding on open buses. City engineering staff referred this to bylaw enforcement. At Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society meetings, I tried to work with the Whale Watching fleet to reduce vehicle traffic generated by cruise ships by having some passengers transported by boat instead of bus. A dock has not been built to facilitate this. I also spoke out against the number of hop-on hop-off bus services operating from GVHA properties.

On aircraft, I propose sound monitoring devices in conjunction with current harbour monitoring cameras. The data should be saved for further research. It needs to be determined whether residents in the Ogden Point area are exposed to unhealthy excessive noise. Ten-year old sound studies, done at Ogden prior to the increase in cruise ship and aircraft traffic, showed very high ambient noise levels. I support random testing for volatile organic compounds adjacent to the harbour airport. We may need to look at limiting flight numbers. The health and safety of residents is paramount.

VANDYKE

I would require the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority to include measurable outcomes in their Cruise Tourism Community Initiative. Among these would be emissions testing for all vehicles that regularly access Ogden Point, and a plan to switch to shuttle buses that have the lowest possible carbon emissions. I would also encourage the GVHA to include a representative of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association on their Board of Directors. With regard to the harbour airport, I would require a Noise Exposure Forecast, environmental and aeronautic studies and a cap on noise levels and number of flights.

WOODS

I believe protection of valuable urban spaces is also a concern for residents as well as increased traffic and pollution, so I will address both.

Traffic Concerns: I would like to introduce an alternative way to move people around the perimeter of James Bay. Possibly shuttle (feeder) busses, which have been used in Europe for years. They fit well into communities as they are small, flexible, and unobtrusive and can have a low floor to accommodate passengers with disabilities. They can feed into regular bus routes and there are new low emission models available. Another safe and less polluting means of moving people could be a modern streetcar system, similar to the successful Portland City Streetcar, originating at Ogden Point and running along Dallas Road to downtown. This would eliminate the need for highway-sized tour buses and transit vehicles through residential streets to restore the once-quiet seaside ambience of the community.

Green Space Preservation: I am fully opposed to any development on the lands of Cridge Park and the Canadian Pacific lawn bowling pitch. As a historian and host of Victoria's local history show on CFX Radio, I am passionate about protecting important historical sites and public access lands.

YOUNG

I would like to see a rapid transit system on the North-South core of the downtown (preferably light rail, but possibly a rapid bus way for an interim period). This system should extend to the main job/population centers in James Bay, and if feasible extend to Ogden Point. This would provide an alternative route for cruise ship passengers as well as James Bay residents and workers – one light rapid transit line can replace many private vehicles. The problem of cruise ship air pollution/noise is being felt in many ports and we are seeing shipping lines improve their vessels in response.

State two specific, creative ideas you have for the future of Victoria – and how they will be realized.

MAYORS

FILIPOVIC

1. I believe in rent-to-own social housing. This opportunity for the working class in Victoria is one in which people could continue to pay market rent for this unique accommodation and receive equity when satisfying pre-determined conditions such as care for the building structure and peaceful living.
2. I support local farms to help reduce our carbon footprint and increase the quality of food we consume. Creating community gardens and rooftop gardens are part of this solution.

FORTIN

1. Look at the legislative district as a cultural district - Art Gallery on Apex site, renewed Belleville Terminal, look at having a solution to the sewage treatment and recovery project.
2. Renew Centennial Square, anchored by relocation and expansion of public library to the corner site.

JONES

1. There are a number of empty buildings which we could rent to fill with homeless and drug addicted and single mothers and their children with just three simple rules -no drugs no alcohol no violence. It is called behavioural rehabilitation and it's been working in Manitoba since 1971 under the name of X-Kalay.
2. It's interesting to me that people don't like the sounds of the airplanes in the inner harbour because worldwide we need to have a three-day workweek for at least a number of years. What this could be is shut down ALL manufacturing and all industry and have no airplanes flying, no ships starting from shore, no cars except ambulances on the roads. This would immediately put a reverse on 'global warming' and we could save all life on the planet.

REID

1. Victoria must once again become an economic engine for our region. One of my first actions will be an honest and sincere discussion with all the other Mayors about how we can work collaboratively together. Together, we need to approach to the Federal and Provincial governments and talk about the needs in our region – a critical first step. Although well intentioned, approaches by Victoria as a single municipality do not carry the same weight as a concerted, sustained effort by the four core municipalities. I have already met with both Saanich and Oak Bay to talk about opportunities and they are eager to get started. As the provincial capital, Victoria should be the model community for sustainable living and all of the provincial initiatives related to green energy, healthy living, and the knowledge economy. These are my own personal values. We need stronger productive and mutually beneficial relationships with the provincial government. These will result in more creative and open dialogue when it comes to addressing some of the challenges unique to Victoria and our region.
2. I would like to be instrumental in bringing about the healing that is needed in our police force, working closely with the new Chief of Police to bring about change. There is a wealth of talent and

commitment within the force but it is fractured and not able to respond to the community in a citizen-first model. We need to engage in discussions about community courts and other creative initiatives that can ease the case load and bring about positive change. Opportunities for integrated services with other municipalities exist, but these can only be pursued in an environment that is open to change.

TAYLOR

1. Public transit is improving but, “When we commute, we pollute.” My concern is the semi-trailers and commercial trucks, double-parked unloading cars and products during prime time hours, adding to pollution and congestion of road and pedestrian traffic. Early morning or late evening could be a solution.
2. To reduce traffic – more car-pooling and better-educated bicycle commuters would be an environment friendly answer.

COUNCILLORS

CHANDLER

1. An Office of Sustainability at City Hall that would be a resource internally to our council and staff, but also externally to our residents and neighborhoods’ as we all learn how to live more responsibly and respectfully. This office would also focus on the concept of ‘participatory planning’ and ‘community engagement’ since both of these are key to living sustainably.
2. Age-Friendly Victoria! A healthy community is a diverse community and I think as a council we need to acknowledge and nurture the intergenerational resource we have in our seniors and our families with children. The World Health Organization has developed Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide for Municipalities that looks at the unique needs that seniors and families, as well as the contributions that they make to our community. I would like to see council adopt this tool as a guiding document as we review our Official Community Plan and develop our sustainability framework since it touches on important areas like transportation, housing, recreation, civic engagement, the use and accessibility of public spaces as well as respect and social inclusion.

COLEMAN

1. I have suggested the concept of a Capital Regional District levy, matched by senior levels of government, as one of the possible solutions to the regional issue of Homelessness & Affordable Housing. Similar to the levy of 1999 that assessed a yearly fee of \$10 per average household for parkland acquisition, it is an “out of the box” concept that would allow the CRD to emulate the initiative of Calgary’s Commission to End Homelessness – provincial and federal governments match municipal contributions based on:

- the development of a concrete plan to comprehensively address the critical issue of homelessness;
- the identification of strategic benchmarks of success;
- the commitment to annually report on the outcomes of each initiative.

As an example, a \$20 per average household (based on assessment) fee over a ten-year term would generate \$100 million with senior government participation.

2. I have suggested that the City should designate one staff position to the task of identifying and

attracting alternative sources of funding. This may manifest itself in following up on new project funding from senior levels of government, but could also require developing partnered opportunities with foundations, national and international not-for-profit agencies & the private sector.

FARQUHARSON

1. A permanent facility for festivals and events throughout the year. My 1st choice would be Ships Point. The structure would be quite open yet protect folks from the elements; double, if required, as a parking lot when not in use; and, not block the view from Wharf St. This would help bring more people downtown more often.
2. The development of shared vision of a preferred future for Victoria – at least 3 generations out. It would detail what we collectively aspire to become as a city. As I did with similar processes as chair of the City of Victoria Greenways 50 year vision and in assisting the Fairfield Community Association with theirs, I'd encourage participants to be bold and to be creative. Towards realizing these two ideas, I'd champion both initiatives in my term on Council.

GILLESPIE

1. Hold developers accountable to our communities – I would introduce a bylaw that would hold developers accountable to our communities through community responsibility. Developers would be responsible for including affordable housing and/or rental units within their developments to assist with the housing crunch.
2. Make Victoria environmentally friendly – Victoria needs to be a leader in the environment. By adopting green practices, such as ensuring items get unplugged, investing in new technologies like solar, wind, and wave power, Victoria can become a world leader for our environmental sustainability. Other items could include urban farming of fruits and vegetables, ensuring our buildings are using effective heating techniques, and make-sure our roofs reflect heat, not soak it up and vent more.

HARTNELL

1. Solutions to the homelessness problem are found in Point Number Two of the Concerned Citizens' Coalition' new 10 point 'Victoria Recovery Plan 2008,' which I authored myself:
 - Instead of enabling addictions, subsidize Neighbourhood Recovery Houses in all affected Victoria neighbourhoods.
 - These Neighbourhood Recovery Houses would be run by self-help societies of recovering addicts and alcoholics with proven records of success.
 - Sell Memorial Centre and with proceeds renovate or build a new downtown residential treatment centre based on strict abstinence.

HENRY

1. Access to water fountains, free out door theatre (but not in Beacon Hill Park), but to have Beacon Hill park more user friendly to its first traditional custodians-the First Nations community.
2. For the theatre I would like to have at least once a month a free video night for the community in a open air space for all people to come and enjoy some of Victoria's own movies, And for the local video artists and production teams to display what their gifts are.
3. As far as Beacon Hill Park festivals, First Nations people have been caring for this park for centuries and have had to compromised some of their traditional celebrations because there is no

place for them to host their events. I think allowing them to host their events in the park would be a fabulous way to continue the healing journey with them.

HOLLOHAN

1. Over 60% of council's time is spent on rezoning. Council can take between 3 months and 3 years on a single zoning approval, as it often involves overriding community plans and city policies. This piecemeal approach has recently created 596 personalized, rezoned properties in Victoria (compared to 63 in the City of Vancouver). Consequently, *other important issues are neglected, or given band-aid solutions.*

Updating neighbourhood plans and including them within the Official Community Plan (OCP) will protect the things we value most and could dramatically reduce the amount of time council spends on rezoning to 15 %. This will restore certainty for individuals, neighbourhoods and developers by providing the policies and guidelines we all can live by. (*Council has postponed the update for 3 years.*) I will fight tooth and nail to reverse this decision.

2. Broadcast all Council meetings to engage the public and ensure accountability and transparency. I would introduce the motion at the Committee of the Whole and have any Councillor opposing the motion be answerable to the public

3. I would work with developers to provide low-cost housing by seeking federal tax deductions, waiving city fees, freezing city taxes on the property, and offering density bonuses as well as density transfers.

HUNTER

1. Community consultation and action on Legislative precinct grounds development.

2. Community consultation on Hydro lands development north of Capital Iron.

LUCAS

1. I have long been a supporter of a permanent downtown food and artisan market like Vancouver's Granville Island in order to highlight our local agriculture, food and wine production, protect our Agricultural Land Reserve by supporting local farmers, and greatly improve regional food security. I have already begun discussions about this project with various regional food groups, including CR-FAIR, Food Roots, and the Island Chef Collaborative, and as Councillor I will work to put forth a Request for Proposals to solicit ideas that can make this a reality for our community, and put in place incentives and policies to ease the financial costs and regulatory process.

2. In order to add to our ability to address homelessness in Victoria, I will work with council to implement a 10% levy on new developments in Victoria that will go towards the city's Affordable Housing and Homelessness Fund. This will increase our capacity and local resources to end homelessness, and will ensure that developers who wish to profit from our regions high property values also invest in our community's social health and overall prosperity.

LUNT

1. Satellite Art Gallery and Children's museum. Instead of endless discussion and needs assessment studies around a satellite art gallery and children's museum, lets just DO IT! There are stores currently closing out on Government Street. Instead of empty storefronts, these would become the new home for our latest downtown attractions. An excellent location for both residents and tourists alike.

2. Homelessness and Affordable Housing. With homelessness and affordable housing seen as an urgent priority, lets throw out a challenge to the community at large (individuals, schools, secondary institutions, etc.) to generate ideas. NO SPECIFICS. We need to encourage lateral thinking, thinking 'outside the box'.

LUTON

1. "Complete streets" – For the past 70 years our transportation solutions have tilted towards helping people get around town by car. We need to shift that strategy to a balanced approach that respects the needs of people who walk, cycle and take public transit.
2. "Sidewalks for seniors" – in this most walkable city, we need to be planning well into the future to accommodate an aging population that will rely more often on scooters and other mobility aids. It means more space and complete facilities so that seniors can get out and enjoy their neighbourhoods safely and comfortably.

MADOFF

1. Community consultations leading to improvements to Legislative Precincts to enhance James Bay.
2. Development of old BC Hydro property at north end of Victoria with social, tourism focus.

MUNKACSI

1. I would like to see City Council reach out to Community Associations to build and develop stronger community relations. I would like to work toward having City Council's Committees of the Whole sessions be held on a rotating basis at Victoria's community centres.
2. It is very hard for many to get out to Committee of the Whole meetings that are held Thursdays at 9:00 am. I would like to see them held after 7 pm so that interested citizens can attend them. This would increase the transparency and interactivity of City Council.

NATRASS

1. I would like to see Wisdom Councils used to obtain community input. Having participated in Canada's first Wisdom Council and met with the organizers on several occasions to discuss the future of this process and its integration into local democracy, I have a very high opinion of the potential for real and unfiltered community input. The information obtained could be used for anything from planning to recreation services to social programs for communities.
2. An important leadership role for the city will be to unite the vast number of organizations dealing with homelessness in our city toward a common goal by facilitating communication, bringing together similar groups to avoid duplication of services, and helping to find funding for this new format of services. This will make funding for small organizations more efficient so that less time and money is wasted and more is put toward helping those in need, and will provide a good foundation for the effective implementation of more permanent solutions to the issue of homelessness.

RANDALL

1. Expanded GV Public Library
2. Light Rapid Transit

With strong community support and Government partnerships it can be done.

SMARDON

1. To end homelessness, use a variety of housing like the \$1,500 each 64-square-foot houses co-designed on Granville Island by Emily Carr College and UBC students and city-sanctioned tent cities like in Portland, OR and/or other solutions.
2. San Francisco has a non-polluting/safe helium Zeppelin tour. To reduce emissions, Victoria could have Zeppelins to Vancouver and Seattle.

THORNTON-JOE

1. Although I embrace creative ideas, why invent new ideas when we can “steal” ideas from others that have been successful? I want to continue to serve on the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness because I believe this issue is important not only for the City but for the region, province and nationally. We need to make working on solutions our number one priority.
2. The future of Victoria is going to depend less on specific creative ideas, than on the ability of Mayor and Council members to work together and with other levels of government to bring forth concrete solutions.
3. Two years ago I started researching Community Courts. I brought the idea to the Downtown Victoria Business Association and it has been our desire to work towards having one in Victoria. I believe citizens want to see consequences to actions, and I believe having a community court would solve many of the concerns we currently see. This is something that I would like to continue to move forward.

TURNER

1. Homeless Solutions:
 - . Phase one: Dorms---"Streetlife Workshops"-assessing how we can help individuals and how they can help the community
 - . Phase two: Hotel Lease----for those participating in our social rehabilitation, community volunteerism, community education, community internships and community employment strategies
 - . Phase three: Leases apartments or condos for our project graduates that are ready for independent living.
2. Socio-Economic Infrastructure and Alternative Transportation Development:
 - . Initiate the Esquimalt Harbor Commuter Ferry Service leading to Light Rail Development, Community Commerce, Environmental and Social Sustainability.

VAN ALSTINE

1. The creation of locally built prefabricated affordable flex housing to deal with our current housing crisis.
2. The conversion of excess road surfaces to greenspaces, greenways and community gardens. We currently have numerous sites in the city that are paved roadways that are in excess to what is necessary for engineered function. We should take them back to improve, storm water management, provide trees for carbon offset, and community gardens for food production.

VANDYKE

1. I support the development of an integrated regional transit plan for Victoria and its outlying areas. Specifically, I support the protection of the Island Rail Corridor between Victoria, the western communities and up-island locations. This will protect the environment by providing a more environmentally sensitive means of transporting goods to market; develop the economy; and providing safe, green, efficient transportation. To make this happen Victoria needs to join with other municipalities in encouraging the provincial government to provide funding to match federal funding that has been promised for this purpose.
2. Ensure that parks and green spaces are protected by establishing a parks zoning category.

WOODS

1. Clean, Safe, and Welcoming Downtown. Create a downtown information and knowledge precinct linking culture, technology, and campuses to create a synergy of learning institutions. Help the Central Library, Art Gallery and the Maritime Museum in their quest for new, purpose-built facilities. Complete the Harbourfront Walkway. Create a “mobilization” partners group bringing together senior government, First Nations, non-profits and leaders from the business, cultural, technology, and education communities.
2. I propose a “Mayor’s Cabinet to End Homelessness” - a non-partisan, nominated group of twelve people representing all stakeholders to report directly to the Mayor to set a plan into motion. Look at creating a “city lottery” for construction of co-ops and social housing. Embrace a Community Court Pilot Project to reverse neighborhood decay and improve public confidence in justice.
3. Food Sustainability. Import farm and sea products from around Vancouver Island using an E&N heavy rail “food shuttle” to increase the supply of healthy, safe products to local community markets and retailers. To achieve this, I would build partnerships with BC Ministry of Agriculture, organic island producers, non-profit food supply groups, the Island Chef Collaborative, E&N Rail, and local delivery providers. Create community gardens on city/school lands so neighbourhood associations can sell at Saturday markets to raise funds for their programs and services.

YOUNG

1. In addition to the rapid transit system as I’ve discussed, I would like to see our inner harbour waterfront parking lots developed for marine use as a priority, and for people-friendly uses thereafter.
2. I would like to see a separate bicycle/skateboard/rollerblade path along the south shore of James Bay and Fairfield.