



2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Candidate Profile
Guide

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Introduction

To assist voters in finding information about Victoria's candidates and to make informed choices in the 2018 Municipal Election, the City has produced an online Candidate Profile Guide.

All candidates for Mayor and Councillor positions were given the opportunity to submit a brief Candidate Profile and photograph to let voters know about themselves and their platforms.

The view and opinions expressed in the profile statements are those of the candidates and do not reflect the position of the City of Victoria.

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MAYOR CANDIDATE

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I've realized that we don't need the mayor to know how to run the city - we have a very proficient, well-paid staff doing that! What I offer instead is a VISION for Victoria - a GREATER Victoria! Amalgamation? Worth talking about? How about boulevard/schoolyard farming? Rainwater collection? Harm reduction? SENSIBLE cycling infrastructure? Most importantly, housing/zoning reform to help facilitate AFFORDABLE living spaces! Plus, I'll FIX TRAFFIC! After 20 years of cab-driving, enough people said, "Hell yeah! We'd vote for you...you just made all the lights!" So I ran for MP in 2006 - fun! - and kept it up: federally, provincially, municipally. In terms of the popular vote, I'll get my 1 percent; at heart, I'm a Buddhist anarcho-syndicalist: unmotivated by money, celebrity, or power (after minoring in Political Economics @SFU). Campaigning manifests my concerns for social justice and belief in karma. Thanks for your time and consideration!





Rob Duncan

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Rob Duncan is a former academic social scientist and a social and environmental activist, currently working in low-barrier supported housing. Rob was born and brought up on traditional Coast Salish territory in Victoria, and rents a small apartment in Fernwood. Rob is running primarily on a housing platform of policies and initiatives addressing Victoria's housing crisis. Victoria has a homelessness and nonmarket social housing crisis, a rental market crisis, and a real estate crisis. The starting point of Rob's platform is that housing is a human right, and homelessness is both a policy choice and a human rights violation. At the same time, 70 % of Victoria residents are renters, making the rental market crisis the one that affects the largest number. Other parts of the platform include citizens' assemblies, a municipal childcare program, a municipal living wage policy, encouragement of worker-owned co-operative businesses, and several proposals regarding transportation.

MAYOR CANDIDATE

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Michael Geoghegan has lived almost all of his adult life in and around Victoria. He first moved to Victoria in 1985 to attend the University of Victoria and in 1989 he graduated from UVic with a BA in economics.

He then worked for seven years at the BC Legislature including four years as a Ministerial Assistant in the Mike Harcourt government. During this time he bought his first house in Victoria on Prior Street. He then also lived on Oswego Street.

Mike served for seven years on Langford's planning and zoning committee while doing consulting work primarily in the construction sector as well as with First Nations: www.mgcltd.ca He has been endorsed by a wide range of notable individuals including John Dann sculptor of the Sir John A MacDonald statue and Chief Russ Chipps of the Beecher Bay First Nation. More information about Mike can be found at www.votemikeformayor.ca





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Stephen Hammond was Called to the Bar as a lawyer in 1988 and has owned his business as a speaker, and four-time author for the last 27 years. He knows about fiscal responsibility because he's responsible for every dollar he earns and spends. His community volunteer work shows his desire to help those who need help.

Stephen came to Victoria in 2000 where he met his partner, and for the last 11 years, his husband, Jack Boomer, who owns his own business and voluntarily directs the Arbutus Singers Choir.

Two years ago, Stephen stepped up to help his neighbourhood in crisis. He spoke up when out of sheer frustration, his neighbours received not a word of support from our mayor and council. But now he has assembled a team of NewCouncil.ca independent council candidates and well over a hundred volunteers who are demanding a better Victoria.

MAYOR CANDIDATE

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Lisa has worked hard over the past four years to deliver on her 2014 campaign platform. Four years later, revitalization, renewal and acts of reconciliation are taking place across Victoria. It's an interesting and exciting time.

With a transparent, no-nonsense approach to decision-making and a deeply collaborative nature, Lisa has brought unprecedented economic vitality to Victoria. She's also worked to ensure that everyone benefits from Victoria's success and to preserve the feeling of connection and belonging in our neighbourhoods.

An internationally recognized speaker on local approaches to climate change and community economic development, she's built strong relationships with Victoria's business community and with the provincial and federal governments. She's made City Hall more accessible by fostering an innovative and responsive culture.

Most importantly, Lisa has a vision of compassion, understanding, courage, and hope for the future. And she's got a plan to tackle the City's most pressing issues.





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I'm 47 years old, have not used money in over 15 years and catalyzed tents being legal. Expertly acquainted with the governing of a multimillion dollar tourist town, and am adamant about relieving the addition epidemic.

MAYOR CANDIDATE

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Bruce McGuigan lives in Fernwood. He moved to Victoria in 1994 to teach at UVic before working as senior advisor for the provincial government. A tenured Professor of Sociology at Vancouver Island University, he recently completed 5 years as the Executive Director of Family Services of Greater Victoria, and is the co-founder of the Victoria Social Innovation Center. He is the proud father of three graduates of Vic High.

Bruce is solution driven and known for resolving issues and completing stalled projects within shorter time frames than expected. His experience with contentious matters and diverse stakeholders in BC spans the Forest Service, ICBC, the Public Service Agency, and the Ministries of Public Safety, Transportation and Labour. He has also worked as a consultant to other provinces and the federal government. His desire to fix things led to his community work with Family Services and Victoria Social innovation Centre.





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Campaign RyMo acknowledges that we practice our conversations, art, and design on the traditional and unceded territories, of the Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples. Campaign RyMo is a legacy project - aimed at reimagining the spaces in which we are engaged as a whole city. Campaign RyMo is focused on the health of our city, through process-development and engagement. We have reached out to the arts community to provide imagery and language that provokes curiosity and conversation. This is a campaign where discourse and collaboration respectfully coexist. This is the beginning of a future with more direct democracy. A victory for Campaign RyMo comes in the shared progressive change of the city, practiced in everyday cultural expressions. RyMo as Mayor on October 20, is a direction for the campaign, the product of what that looks like lies in collective voice of the city. Please feel welcome to explore further at HeyRyMo.com.

MAYOR CANDIDATE

Alexander Schmid

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I was born and raised in Victoria, the city I love. I have a Physics degree and I am a Physics lab instructor at the University of Victoria. I am a problem solver by education and temperament, as well as a hard worker. I like to be helpful. I know that life is not easy for many in our community, and I am running for Mayor in order to make a difference in their lives as well as those of others who are more fortunate. I see many problems in our city and I want to solve them. I am used to challenges. People who know me, such as my students, colleagues and members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to which I belong, know that they can rely on me. I hope that you, too, will put your trust in me.





Krzysztof Zmuda

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I am running for Mayor because I want to lead Victoria onto a new path of *Common Sense Actions*. **First fix old problems:** Use a referendum of residents to choose whether to scrap the illegal pot shops, and decide whether to keep the bike lanes; fix homelessness in the city by engaging federal and provincial funding for homeless shelters; challenge the cost of the Johnson Street bridge project. **Secondly, attack new problems:** solve congestion in the city with more parking space, and the traffic snarl into the city with an express commuter bus system; just renovate Crystal Pool. **Third, fix City Hall:** Freeze those big salaries and change the CRD directors; improve tenant rights by challenging landlords with a Bylaw; make Victoria safe again with police presence on the streets; really promote Centennial Square as an attractive center for diverse culture in our City. My platform: www.elect-zmuda.ca.

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Gary Alberts - Proven. Successful. Professional.

Gary Alberts is a RE/MAX Realtor with an extensive professional background who will bring real-life management experience to City Council.

As an active member of his James Bay community, Gary is committed to making improvements for residents in all neighbourhoods. He believes in getting the facts, listening to both sides and making an informed decision.

In addition to his professional experience in real estate marketing, online media consulting, and consumer packaged goods sales, Gary is an active community member who volunteers with HeroWorks, Our Place and St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Gary and his girlfriend Laurel love everything Victoria has to offer. They enjoy restaurants, theatres and walking Dallas Road with their friends and their dogs.

Gary Alberts for Victoria City Council

Vote Saturday October 20





Marianne Alto

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First elected in a by-election in 2010, Marianne Alto was returned to Victoria City Council in 2011 and again in 2014.

Marianne is a small businesswoman and facilitator, active in the community for over two decades. She currently sits on, or is liaison to, seven Council committees and five more for the CRD.

Proud of progress made on infrastructure, housing, Reconciliation, local economic prosperity and social justice, Marianne knows Council can do more to make Victoria vibrant and welcoming. Marianne will champion Council's efforts to build more affordable neighborhoods, untangle transportation, and strengthen business and community.

“Victoria is evolving, from being a big town to becoming a city – it’s going to take courage to decide what that looks like in the future. I know Victorians have that courage.”

Marianne is proud mom to sons Benjamin and Pasha, and in 2003 married her partner of 15 years. Much more at mariannealto.ca.

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The reason I'm running in this election is to ensure we have a better city; a local government that listens and responds to all citizens.

For the past several years we moved away from good governance.

It's time for new voices at the council table that are respectful, reasoned and provide superior leadership.

Through my work as a volunteer and board member at Lifetime Networks, the organization is growing by leaps and bounds building friendship support networks and services for those with diversabilities.

At RunSport, the society that owns and operates the TC10K, my fellow board members, the race committee and I are thrilled with the growth of the race and the positive impact event has on the health of the community and our city.

I have the knowledge, the experience and the passion to work with others to provide good governance for a better Victoria.





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Being born and raised here, as a homeowner and business owner I have made strong connections with people downtown. I've been listening to many of their concerns.

Council must be aware of the impact their decisions make on the people of our city.

Supporting businesses by making decisions respectful of their livelihood will encourage a strong economy.

The next big projects are the Crystal Pool and the fire hall. We need a sensible fresh voice on council.

I respect your tax dollars. I will be clear and accountable.

I make choices based on good governance.

Let's support places to be inclusive and accessible.

As a former foster parent, I see a city safe for children and our elderly as a city safe for everyone.

Be Safe

Be Valued

Thrive in a Healthy City

Elect Darlene Archibald for your City Council.

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COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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I have lived in Victoria for 11 years. I love this city, and our city is facing some serious challenges.

As community organizer, I've dedicated my time to advocating for affordable housing, fighting to protect our watersheds, working to protect civil liberties, and to building a sustainable and resilient community.

I have valuable experience as an instructor at the University of Victoria, as well as from my previous work as a program coordinator at Victoria Women in Need, as the executive director of the Victoria Multicultural Society, and working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Now, more than ever, we need a City Council that will work together to address the housing crisis, to meet our climate leadership targets, and to listen to and address residents' concerns. I'm excited to bring new ideas and leadership to City Hall.

Together we can build an affordable, inclusive, and thriving city.





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When I was 8 years old, I fled the civil war in Somalia. I was a refugee for 20 years until Canada offered me a place to call home. As a proud Canadian citizen, democracy, accountability, transparency, and being available for community members are important to me.

I have a degree in business technology from the University of Cape Breton. I worked at the Intercultural Association and the Victoria Immigrant Refugee Centre Society. I have served with many organizations, including the Community Action Plan on Discrimination, the Youth Crime Prevention Steering Committee, and the Victoria Tenant Action Group. In 2017, I was awarded the Victoria Community Leadership Award.

With your support, I want to help create a more affordable, inclusive and thriving city. I believe in making local government more accessible to everyone. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the residents of Victoria.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

Steve Filipovic

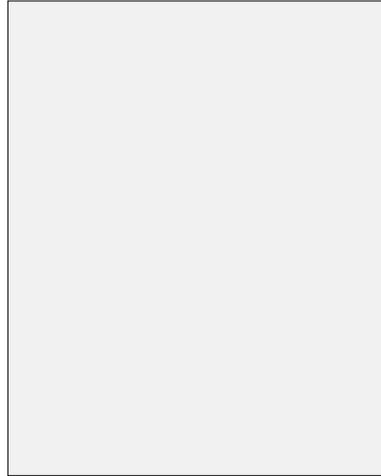
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Victoria is my home.

Our city is facing challenges and problems: growth, affordability, fiscal responsibility, ageing infrastructure, environment and climate change, and safety in our public spaces.

I ask the tough questions and have the determination to get answers. As your Councillor, I will make decisions based on evidence, and ensure resident and local business voices are heard. My sense of public service, my education and life experience, and my community contributions have prepared me to serve as a City Councillor. I have proven commitment to getting a job done, to being heard, to forward public interest, and to change. I walk the walk.

I see Victoria as an even more vibrant, progressive city: a City that puts finances in order, focusing on infrastructure needs and quality of life.

Strong neighbourhoods make a strong city.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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As an Aboriginal woman it is important to me to create public policy that looks seven generations into the future. The City of Victoria has a plan for densification: therefore, when elected I would lobby members of council to increase the Victoria Police Department's budget incrementally in correlation to the population growth. The primary responsibility of council is to attend to the business of running the city. When elected I would focus on just that. Currently the city contributes to affordable housing through the housing trust. I would increase this investment in our citizen's housing security. Funding of public transit would be another area of importance on which I would concentrate. I have 25 years of board governance experience. Presently I sit on the board for St. John's Court housing, BC Transit's Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee and I am the Vice Chair of the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee's neighbourhood association.





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I'm looking forward to bringing a new way of thinking to city council: Responsible spending, intelligent decision making, integrity and accountability. I don't just support affordable housing, I've got answers to affordable housing, as well as a strategic long term plan to clean up the core. A safe clean downtown is at the top of my agenda. I have low tolerance for people who abuse the system. I'm generous and patient to people who need real help. You won't see lawn signs with my name on them, the people of Victoria say they don't want them. I accept no donations. I am not aligned and answer only to my constituents. My strengths are listening and understanding. I love people, the ocean, our parks and neighborhoods. I enjoy playing board games with friends, conversing over coffee, and going for walks with my family.

Thanks for voting.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

Rose Henry

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Hi Everyone

My name is Rose Henry.. I am original from Tla'amin Nation

My family has reside here in victoria for the past 34 years. Eight months in Saanich and thirty-two years between North Park, Quadra village, Cook Street Village and Fernwood.

I have spent my time here attending school and helping build a better community by contributing to participating at round table discussions and getting involved with multiple board of directors for public community service agencies like Together Against Poverty, The Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition and the Capital Region Race Relations.





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Ben was elected to City Council and the CRD Board in 2011 and re-elected in 2014. An award-winning historian, legal scholar and author, Ben holds PhDs in History and Law. He has worked as a professor at UVic and UBC and advised government, non-profits and private clients as a civil servant and consultant. Ben combines this professional expertise with hands-on experience working with Victoria's street community, alongside more than two decades "thinking globally, acting locally" as a grassroots volunteer. As an elected official, Ben has earned respect from citizens and colleagues from across the political spectrum for his effective advocacy for affordable housing, sustainable transportation, environmental protection, strong neighbourhoods and good government. Ben enjoys spending time with family in the outdoors and has travelled to more than 80 countries for work and pleasure, gaining a deep appreciation for the world's diverse cultures and natural beauty. To get involved, visit www.BenIsitt.ca.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

Jesse Jimenez

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He has been serving in the financial industry for 15 years. He has over 10 years experience of organizing, operating and maintaining small businesses. He and his family has loved growing in Victoria for over 18 years now.

He has been putting the interest of others before his own. He has the heart of serving other people.

His view on being a councillor is "I'm not here to be liked looking at. But, I'm here to be the voice of my constituents, because I am a very good listener."





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City Council

*Randie Johal - Approachable. Enthusiastic.
Committed.*

Randie Johal's proven track record of building strong working relationships in a high-paced environment give her the professional experience to be an effective City Councillor.

During her 33 years of service at BC Transit, Randie held a high level of responsibility, not only for day-to-day logistics but also for managing often-delicate relationships with unions and employees. She was a member of the employers bargaining committee for two collective agreements and was considered the subject matter expert for the operations department. Randie was also a member of the union's bargaining committee prior to taking a management role in 2011.

An active member of the community, Randie's public service extends to being an Auxiliary Constable since 2005, Board member with the John Howard Society of Victoria since 2014, and active member of the Sikh Temple on Blackwood at Topaz Avenue.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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Who is Edison Kahakauwila:

I am an independent local entrepreneur that feels it is imperative that business be represented at the Council table.

The City represents all citizens; its local residents and is the face of our Greater Victoria. All of us are seeking a vibrant economy.

City spending, infrastructure and over all visioning for the city must be approached through a common-sense lens.

Victoria City Council must make decisions with the simple understanding of “cause and effect” and the possible “unintended consequences”.

My family, my business and my employees support many important organizations through fundraising and direct involvement within the City and region.

If given the opportunity to serve Victoria I will seek to work with Mayor and Council for the benefit of all who live, work and play in Victoria. On October 20th, I ask for your vote to work with our Council on the issues that matter.





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Anna King brings a fresh voice and a unique perspective to Victoria. Her values of generosity, inclusivity, and productivity are essential to what makes Anna a valuable representative. She comes to the table with a posture of listening to your thoughts, worries, and hopes in order to find pragmatic solutions that help our community thrive.

Through many years in the nonprofit industry, Anna has been dedicated to fighting for those in need. Her work in humanitarian aid overseas and experience in charity fundraising locally show that she cares deeply for the community.

Empower the next generation of leaders in Victoria today. If we work together, Victoria can be a vibrant place to call home - a home for everyone regardless of race, ability, or socio-economic resources.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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Sean Leitenberg is a businessman with a social conscience and over 30 years of successful business experience. Sean wants to help lead Victoria's City Hall as a fiscally responsible organization that is transparent and inclusive of its citizens.

Sean will use his experience, along with neighbourhood consultation to build affordable housing for both the working families of Victoria and those in need of social assistance.

Our streets will be safe and clean. He will build a sustainable city and be accountable for his decisions and insure the right choices are made. Sean will insure your tax dollars are efficiently used. Victoria's budget and growth will be handled in a business like manner with projects done on time and on budget without excuses.

With an exemplary track record and a goal of democracy, Sean is committed to making Victoria an affordable place to live with a City Hall that listens.





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I am a mom to two, a lecturer at UVIC, and am self-employed as a researcher and consultant. I am also a board member and long-time volunteer at the Victoria Sexual Assault Centre.

I am running to bring new energy and fresh perspective to Victoria city council. If elected, I will work to make sure there is space in Victoria for families. We need more affordable and attainable housing, we need housing that fits families, and works for our neighbourhoods. I will also work to establish a city-wide childcare action plan to ensure that we are doing everything we can to create, maintain and support before and after school, as well as infant and toddler care. Families, communities, and our city's local businesses need action on this issue now.

I am ready to build a bolder and more inclusive Victoria.

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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Since 2014, Jeremy has served as an accessible and independent councillor working with residents to fight for affordable housing, build a sustainable and inclusive city, and cultivate vibrant neighbourhoods. Jeremy is an experienced, effective, and thoughtful leader who is committed to meeting the needs of current residents while building the city of our future.

Jeremy served as first alternate to the CRD Board, Neighbourhood Liaison to the North Park Neighbourhood and Victoria West Community Associations, a Trustee on the GVPL board, a Water Supply Commissioner, and a liaison to the City of Victoria Youth Council. In 2017, Jeremy was named a Vanguard Fellow with Next City, a prestigious position for international civic leaders under the age of 40.

Jeremy is an award winning spoken-word poet and founder of the Victorious Voices Youth Arts Festival. Jeremy grew up in James Bay, holds a degree from Concordia University, and resides in Fernwood.





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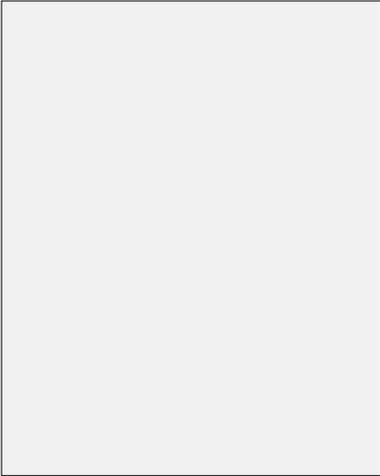
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As an experienced, accessible and responsive member of Council I have worked hard to develop forward-looking and sensible policies that serve the whole community, while balancing economic and social priorities.

I have advocated for the creation and retention of affordable housing, strong neighbourhood plans, arts and culture, high quality urban design and heritage preservation. I worked to ensure the retention of parks and green space, including the grounds of St. Ann's Academy and Cridge Park. As a member of the library board I played a key role in the creation of the new library branch in James Bay.

Our city faces many challenges and I would welcome the opportunity to continue working with residents and businesses and bringing thoughtful, well-informed and inclusive decision making to the Council table.

Working together we can ensure that our neighbourhoods remain strong and vital and that citizen participation is welcomed.



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I am a community organizer, mother, former emergency shelter worker, and current Volunteer Manager at Our Place Society. I hold a degree in Political Science and Human Dimensions of Climate Change from the University of Victoria. I have dedicated my career to advocating for social and environmental justice.

People in Victoria are struggling. Renters are being squeezed by higher rents. Seniors are at risk of being pushed out of their homes. Young families are being priced out of the market by speculators, and it's becoming nearly impossible to buy or rent a home large enough to raise a family. Small businesses are struggling to attract workers because staff can not afford to live here and some businesses have been forced to close their doors.

We need a City Council that will work together to address the housing crisis, help local businesses thrive, and listen to the needs of all Victorians.





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Andrew Reeve's youthful energy, political know-how, and lifelong familiarity with Victoria will bring a valuable perspective to City Hall.

Andrew's extensive resume of political advocacy, local volunteering, public service, and a rewarding career belies his millennial persona. Formerly the Director of Communications & Government Relations for the Trust for Sustainable Development, he now works in Communications at the Legislature. He is also the Chairman of Threshold Housing Society, a local non-profit that provides youth at risk of homelessness with transitional housing and life skills. Andrew previously served on the board of Amalgamation Yes and was a Senior Fellow at the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee.

Andrew's key priorities if elected are fiscal responsibility and management, downtown revitalization and public safety, responsible and future-forward city planning, as well as government accountability and evidence-based decision making.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from UVic and lives in the Hillside/Quadra neighbourhood of Victoria.

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I am proud to be born and raised in Victoria, and to call this beautiful city home. Although it faces pressures from both inside and out, it continues to be one of the most ideal places in the world to live and I want to keep it that way. That means addressing issues of affordability and housing with bold action. That means addressing homelessness, mental health and addictions in our community with compassion and empathy. That means protecting the identity of our communities and listening to resident's concerns, while building a vibrant Victoria for all to participate in. I'm also passionate about being Victoria's first representative for animals on city council. I will bring authentic values and balanced policy to Victoria city council with an interest in serving the people of this community first. Vote for me to make Victoria a safe, affordable, inclusive, and compassionate city for all.



COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

Ted Smith

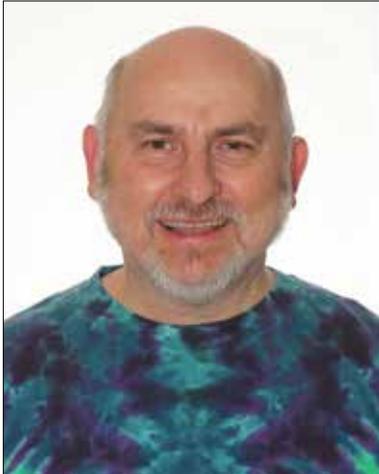
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Ted Smith is a big Boy Scout. Constantly helping others in need, Ted has successfully advocated human rights for decades. Founding the world's oldest compassion club in 1996, he has played a large role in the battle to the legalization of cannabis. In the 1990's, Ted gained a footing in Victoria by working with several organizations, including Inner City Youth Works Society, the Victoria Street Community Association, the Greater Victoria Community Economic Development Corporation, the Victoria International Education and Development Association, the Bent Nail and the CRUNCH initiative. Ted took a few years away from the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club to care for Gayle Quin as she died from cancer and he created a tea company, Gayle's Tea, in her honour. He was the publisher of the Cannabis Digest newspaper for 9 years. He is also the author of HEMPOLOGY 101: THE HISTORY AND USES OF CANNABIS SATIVA.





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See how many of the following statements you agree with:

1. John A. Macdonald's statue should be returned to City Hall.
2. Overdevelopment will kill the character of Victoria.
3. Cruise ships should be required to spend an entire day in port.
4. Fifteen hundred parking spaces have been removed from downtown. A vibrant downtown needs to be an accessible downtown.
5. A homeowner should be allowed to operate an Airbnb from May to August only if they agree to host an out-of-town student from September to April.
6. Scrap the proposed bike lane along Dallas Road.
7. Shop local.
8. We need to pause and review recent development decisions. What were good decisions? What were bad decisions? How do we improve going forward?
9. Affordable housing will never be achieved by building luxury condos.
10. We need to value every tree in the city.

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Senior wisdom. I have worked in many careers, from school teacher, social researcher, journalist to longshoreman, printer, and retail sales. I have experience with people of a cross-section of backgrounds—professionals, working class, First Nations, to disabled and homeless. I hold a B.A. in Social Science, and a Professional B.C. Teacher's Certificate. I am pragmatic, thoughtful, and bring common sense and a balanced approach to issues. I believe city counsellors should have an independent voice, and not just rubber stamp the mayor's programs. I believe the statue of John A. MacDonald should be prominently displayed, to honor Canada's Father of Confederation. My interests are promoting the arts, affordable housing, transportation and traffic flow, helping small businesses, and dealing with homelessness, addiction, and mental health.





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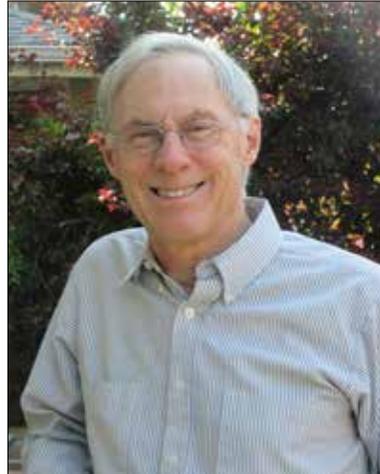
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Geoff Young is a member of Council and the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board. He has served on many regional and provincial bodies such as the Library Board, the Victoria Airport Board, Victoria Regional Transit Commission and the B.C. Financial Institutions Commission.

Geoff is an owner of a small business and member of the Chamber of Commerce. A senior partner in an economic research firm with offices downtown, Geoff is a qualified expert on economic issues with the Supreme Court in B.C. Geoff received his doctorate in Economics from Harvard University. Geoff and his family live in Fairfield.





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