



2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ELECTION

# Candidate Profile Guide

# Introduction

To assist voters in finding information about Victoria’s candidates and to make informed choices in the 2022 Local Government Election, the City of Victoria 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 profile statements submitted and any materials referenced, such as candidates’ social media and websites, have not been reviewed or edited by the City of Victoria.

The views and opinions expressed in the profile statement and reference materials for each candidate are those of the candidate and do not reflect the views or opinions of, nor are they endorsed by, the City of Victoria.

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# Candidates for Mayor

ALTO, Marianne

ANDREW, Stephen

ATKINSON, Lyall

FUENTES, Rafael

GRAHAM, Rod

JOHNSTON, David Arthur

MARSHALL, Brendan

WIBOLTT, Michelle

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First elected in 2010, Marianne Alto was returned to Victoria City Council in 2011, 2014 and 2018. Marianne is a facilitator by trade, a small businesswoman and community activist. She currently sits on 9 Council and CRD committees, and has served as Council liaison to 7 neighbourhoods.

Proud of progress made on infrastructure, active transportation, housing supply from policies prioritizing rentals and affordability, climate action, Reconciliation, all-ages recreation and pandemic recovery, Marianne knows Council can do more to make Victoria a vibrant, welcoming city for everyone. She has the experience to make tough, balanced decisions with solutions to help Victorians thrive in the present and future.

“Victoria is evolving, a big town becoming a city – it’s going to take courage to decide what that looks like. I know Victorians have that courage.” Marianne is proud mom to Benjamin and Pasha, and was married in 2003. More at [altomayor.ca](http://altomayor.ca).



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Stephen Andrew moved to Victoria in 1994 and lives in the Burnside Gorge community with his husband Danny.

Stephen was elected to Victoria City Council with an overwhelming majority in the 2020 by-election and is seeking to be elected as mayor of Victoria in the upcoming October 15th municipal election.

Stephen's platform, *A Victoria for Everyone*, highlights six key themes: public safety and community wellness, build homes, good governance, livability, business investment, in addition to environment and climate change.

Stephen believes the job of council is to represent its citizens and to put the needs and priorities of residents at the center of council's governance work. As Mayor, Stephen will focus on local priorities, to make Victoria the most accessible city in Canada, invest and improve decaying infrastructure, and ensuring everyone who comes downtown and visits our local parks feels safe. That is a vision for *A Victoria for Everyone*.

## MAYOR CANDIDATE

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Lyall Atkinson was born at VGH in 1963. I'm one of 11 children from a pioneer family. Lyall is married and resides in the City,

After years working in both private and Union sector health and food industry. Lyall founded his moving and hauling company in 2003, YOUR Friend with a Truck, and for the last 20 years has provided reliable delivery services. In addition to his professional work, Lyall is an active community volunteer and builder of classic and hot rod cars.

Politically, Lyall believes City government should return to its core functions. While drug addiction and homelessness are a blight on the city, it is not the sole responsibility of local government to solve these societal issues. There are two senior levels of government with that specific responsibility. Victoria Council needs to focus its attention and limited resources to local issues. If this community



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“A FRESH START” In many ways in a personal level and for the new council/mayor. If elected, I will not pursue outside politics to cause a by-election.

As a single father, I am dealing with the reality of affordable housing as a renter. Previously I was a 50% homeowner.

Currently, I am employed in the courier industry. In the past, I have worked at Victoria Youth Custody Centre for 16 years and I have owned my own (pre-school) business. I have gained a lot of experience in positive and negative situations. My daughter Madrona died of cancer in 2013 at just 2 years old. The unconditional support from this community helped us get through the darkest of days. Therefore, our family supports many organizations like Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock and Island Kids Cancer Association.

Lastly I will advocate and listen to issues such as the following: Affordable housing,



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My run for mayor of Victoria. Rodney Graham.

I'm homeless.

My campaign slogan is:

Stop The Persecution. Stop the Sweeps.

My background. I've been an activist in one capacity or another for more than 45 years. I'm 64 now. I ran a street paper in the prairies called Street Sheet. I was a correspondent for NASNA (North American Street Newspaper Association NASNA, now called International Network of Street Papers, INSP) – I was a homeless child at one time in Vancouver, B.C., was a ward of the state since the age of 12 or 13. I think I know some of what should be done to not only really help the homeless, but also to get them off the street and into housing.



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David is more qualified than a stick. Resigned to proposing radical and necessary changes to this city only to be shunted into near ineffectiveness, accepting his best effect as mayor will be simply to act contrary to the direction we've been going.

Understanding pretty things are easy to say David trusts in the beauty of Stoic pragmatism, knowing miracles are real even though magic is not. Given support, he has a plan to adopt a persona of a loving hippy tyrant and take the actual steps necessary to end the addiction epidemic and it's subsequent ocean of anxiety that drowns all public space. Which, in turn, will inhibit what David describes as 'the condominium Hellscape' from stealing the last of the sky.

Finally, and just as importantly, he will initiate a grand volunteer gardening program to work under the precept that economic recovery is not assured.



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Brendan is an entrepreneur, family man, artist, and lifelong resident of the Capital Region. As a small business owner in the food and beverage industry, Brendan has heard the concerns of thousands of residents, and understands deeply the importance of a vibrant and prosperous Victoria.

Brendan's campaign will focus on putting Victorians 1st, tackling issues such as housing affordability, homelessness and crime, traffic flow, and government spending.

### Michelle Wiboltt

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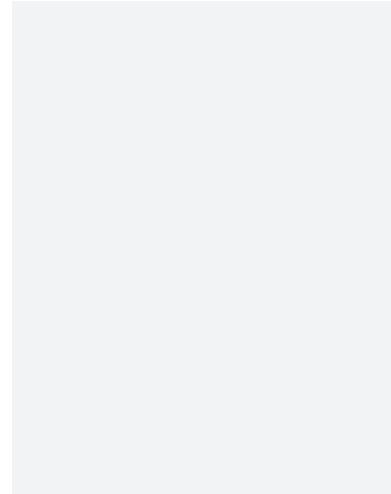
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fREEDOM of/from religion Bill 21, finally.

Evolves democracy: Our plans: Going forward ...

1. Democrasize city hall's = Mayor and Councillors have local constituencies, revolving, attend and be accountable for going's ongoing inclusively 5 years old and better, with.
2. Revenue generation for universal wage's = privatize Victoria's 70+ religious + divisive institutions.
3. Expectations that requests for improvement be submitted to City's administration building simply, comprehensively. (S.W.A.T analysis, grade 2 level. Simplest. Passes)
4. Build "pod" villages, diverse, in, initially, downtown, evolves. Democracy pleases, local's, housing's firstly then, understanding depths and breathers.
5. Build social site (i trilingual) truest representatively eh, reconciliation, democratic style with/of/for participation in of the creation of a MAPPING/game for us and our values visiting public And, assessing if potential new businesses added cause more "out of business", non.
6. Free from/of conflicts' language.



*No photo provided.*

# Candidates for Council

ALVAREZ, Julia

BEYER, Gary C.

BRAYBROOK, Tom

CAMERON, Michael

CARADONNA, Dr. Jeremy

COLEMAN, Christopher Mark

DELL, Matt

DUNCAN, Rob

ELARID, Jalal

GARDINER, Marg

GODRON, Riga

HAMMOND, Stephen

HANNA, Christopher

HARASYMOW, James

ISITT, Ben

JANZEN, Sandy

JONES, Jason

KALALA, Muller

KIM, Susan

KING, Anna

KLASSEN, Brian

LOUGHTON, Krista

MADDOCK, Jeremy

NIGHTINGALE, Janice

ORCHERTON, Steve

PARENTEAU, Emmanuel

PINTO, Derek

PITT CHAMBERS, Khadoni

QUITZAU, Jordan

SCOTT, William

SIFERT, Brad

SIMMONS, Susan

SINCLAIR, Tom

SMITH, Shea C.

THOMPSON, Dave

WILLIAMS, Janice

YACOWAR, Tony

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Julia fled Chile's military dictatorship with her family as a young child. She has always valued Canada's democratic values. She has lived in all three Prairie provinces and resided in Greater Victoria for the last four years. She has raised three children.

Julia has had a variety of life and work experiences in the private and public sector, including a career in the travel and tourism industry as a travel agent and airport representative, managing a small business in the shipping industry as the owner/operator of a 5-ton truck. Currently she works at Canada Post and has served as a union representative.

Julia's priorities for City Council include promoting true sustainable living through projects that support food security, addressing homelessness by creating innovative affordable housing supply and advocating for mass public transportation infrastructure like a commuter train to remove congestion from our roads.



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Gary Beyer is a longtime renter and business owner in Victoria. Growing up in a close family taught the values of compassion, and community.



### Tom Braybrook

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Experienced – Pragmatic – Approachable

Experienced:

Two-term Municipal Councillor, Deputy Lord Mayor  
Town of NOTL 2000 – 2006

Committee Chair – Finance, Planning, Works, etc.

Member Committee of the Whole

Committee of Adjustment 1994 – 2000

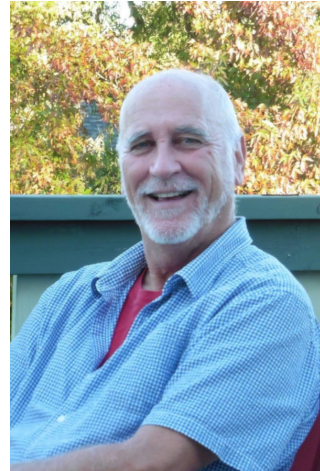
various volunteer committees and organizations

Pragmatic:

Tom believes challenges presented by Municipal Issues to Council should be addressed with a view towards combining the best available information with the expressed wishes and needs of the community.

Approachable:

An important aspect of good governance is the ability to listen to all sides of an issue with an open mind, and respect that there will always be differences of opinion.



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

### Michael Cameron

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My name is Michael Cameron. I have been living in Victoria for the past ten years. I'm currently working in the food & hospitality industry. I would love the opportunity to serve the people of Victoria, and am passionate about helping people who aren't always able to help themselves.



### Dr. Jeremy Caradonna

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I am proud to call Fernwood home where I live with my wife and two children. I am running for Victoria City Council to ensure that all Victoria neighbourhoods are more affordable, livable, accessible, and vibrant. When elected as your city councillor, I will introduce new, feasible initiatives to restore a feeling of safety within Victoria and revive our urban core to benefit locals, travellers, and businesses alike. As a board member of the Fernwood Community Association, a PAC volunteer, and community organizer, I have spent countless hours supporting affordable housing, the unhoused, climate action, public schools, and our arts scene. I work as a provincial civil servant and an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Studies at Uvic. I will bring to council extensive leadership experience and expertise on sustainable urbanism, housing, and climate change. Visit [electjeremy.ca](http://electjeremy.ca) to view my full platform and a vision that all Victorians can get behind.



### Christopher Mark Coleman

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Chris Coleman is running for Victoria City Council and the CRD Board because he prefers “Good Governance” to “great politics”. He is blessed with decades of experience internationally & locally:

- a former 6-term Councillor with the City of Victoria;
- represented the City at the CRD, the Regional Water Commission & the Waste Diversion Council;
- 9 years: Co-Chair, local chapter National Homelessness Initiative (SCPI);
- 8 years Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board;
- Represented FCM in Ukraine in 2016;
- International Electoral Observer for a Mexican State Election;
- 25 years on the Board of CFAX-Santas Anonymous;
- 10 years on the Campaign Cabinet of the United Way;
- served on two Community Association Boards;
- and so much more.

Chris Coleman wants to use this experience, guiding Victoria through the complexities of governing well for all her citizens.

Experienced official....Responsible governor.....  
Community builder.



### Matt Dell

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Matt Dell is a community leader who wants to create positive change in Victoria.

Matt is a civil servant, a former lifeguard at Crystal Pool, and volunteers on the board of Oaklands PAC and National Little League.

Since 2018, Matt has served as president of the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association, where he works to improve quality of life for residents.

Matt is running to build a better city for the next generation. He will be a strong advocate for housing affordability, climate action, improved transit, parks and recreation, arts and culture, safe/accessible communities and effective governance.

Matt lives in the South Jubilee neighborhood with his wife Rebecca and children Sophie (5) and Corbin (9). He has a master's degree in Political Science from UVIC.

As a new and independent candidate, Matt will listen to all voices and commit to regular open office hours. To get involved, visit [www.mattdell.ca](http://www.mattdell.ca).

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DR. ROB DUNCAN is a former academic social scientist with a PhD in developmental psychology. From 2012 to 2016, Rob worked on a second PhD in political sociology at UVic, until the financing became impossible. Rob is a social and environmental activist, feminist, amateur bass player/singer, gardener, bird watcher and amateur naturalist, and lifelong socialist. As well as academia, Rob has worked in various areas of support work, including homeless shelters and low-barrier supported housing. Rob is originally from Victoria and lives with his cat Eddie (who would really prefer just to be left out of this whole thing) in a small apartment in a big old house in Fernwood. Rob sees the housing crisis and the climate crisis as the foremost issues facing Victoria at this time and he has specific ideas for addressing these challenging problems in his detailed platform (see website and Facebook page).



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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I was born and raised in a Palestinian refugee camp outside of Tyre in South Lebanon. Growing up in a refugee camp, I did not know how the outside world existed let alone a beautiful place like Victoria, BC in Canada.

Growing up in Lebanon in the late seventies to early eighties, the civil war was wreaking havoc in the country. At the time, every Palestinian youth who was capable of bearing arms, including me, did so.

It seems miraculous I am here in Victoria. I am truly grateful for the experiences and people who have helped me to get here. I came to Victoria via Stillwater, Oklahoma after graduating from Oklahoma State University as a Mechanical Engineer in 1987.

My life experiences have provided me with an understanding of the marginalized, the moneyed, and the motivated. I will work hard to ensure Victoria is well resourced for all families



### Marg Gardiner

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I've lived in Victoria for twenty years and have been a community advocate for fifteen. As your Councillor, I'll use what I've learned working with the community and apply it to governance. My sense of public service, science and public management degrees, life and work experience, and community contributions have prepared me to serve you as an independent voice.

I've heard residents' concerns about Victoria's current challenges: growth and how it impacts housing affordability, taxation and spending, land use, aging infrastructure, transportation, accessibility, the impacts of climate change, and safety in our public spaces. Things need to change.

I'll listen to you. I'll be accessible. I'll be transparent so residents have the necessary information on issues affecting their lives. I will stand up for local voices and bring common sense and a commitment to make Victoria a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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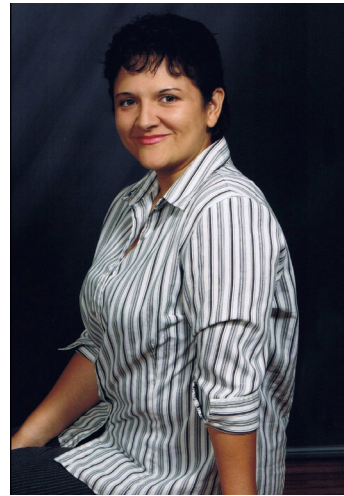
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A vote for Riga Godron is a vote for an increase in the Victoria police budget. A vote for Riga Godron is a vote for by-laws banning camping in Victoria parks. A vote for Riga Godron is a vote for by-laws that put the focus on public safety. A vote for Riga Godron is a vote for by-laws that restore enforcement of civil discourse in the downtown core.

The corporation of Victoria has a mandate to budget for infrastructure maintenance. The corporation of Victoria has a mandate to manage the operating budget for each of the city's facilities.

The corporation of Victoria is responsible for police, fire, parks, recreation, community engagement, special events, waste removal, and road repair.

You can count on me to work hard every day to get Victoria back on track. I will weigh the highest and best use for each parcel of land for each Victorian.



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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 three-time author for the last 31 years. He knows about fiscal responsibility because he's responsible for every dollar he earns and spends.

His recent community volunteer work in Victoria includes Big Brothers & Big Sisters, co-chair of the Gorge View (Housing) Society and former board member of Our Place. Stephen came to Victoria in 2000 where he met his partner, Jack Boomer. Stephen has live in the City of Victoria for the last 17 years.

Six years ago, Stephen stepped up to help his neighbourhood in crisis. He spoke up when out of sheer frustration, his neighbours were being intimidated, assaulted and their lives disrupted. He ran for mayor in the 2018 municipal election and came second. His three priorities are a safer city for everyone, realistic support for



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Social Democrat. Fourth-generation Victorian. Advocate of social liberalism and financial conservatism. Forty-year career as an historian and historical researcher of Victoria, Victorians and Victoria's built heritage. Experienced residential (re)builder. Life-long user of public transit. Caregiver for seniors. Likes trees, books, railways, and garden suites. Dislikes loud honking, worthless virtue-signalling, and government by press release. Supporter of diversity and reconciliation. Supporter of sympathetic (re)development in Victoria: i.e. densification along arterial routes served by public transit. Protector of single-family neighborhoods where basement and garden suites can prevail. More worried about the missing bottom than the missing middle. Let us celebrate all of Victoria's First Nations, European, Chinese, Black, South Asian, and Hawaiian heritage. If we do not preserve Old Town Victoria, Chinatown and other historic landscapes of Victoria, our city becomes just another undifferentiated condo slum. The true measure of a society is how marginalized members and the environment are respected.



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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I'm looking forward to bringing a fresh outlook to city hall. A contagious positive energy and supportive attitude are two assets I will bring to council. One of my strongest skills is having an open mind and being receptive to different points of view. My hopes are to do more to support mental illness, with such things as mobile mental health units and more places to get essential services.

I have a strong housing plan and intend to support initiatives to help with low cost rental housing. I'd like to see a safer downtown and more festivities to bring people together and raise spirits.



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I'm running for re-election as your City Councillor and CRD Director to continue building a caring, sustainable city and region.

While we may not agree on every issue, I've heard that community members value my experienced, compassionate, independent voice. They also value the energy I devote resolving individual residents' concerns.

We face major challenges – climate change, inequality, threats to democracy and human rights, increasingly toxic political discourse and ongoing impacts of colonization.

But I'm confident we can address these challenges. With your support, I will pursue:

- affordable housing through land assembly and regulatory tools;
- climate action by expanding fare-free public transit for everyone, starting with seniors;
- support for neighbourhoods, community centres, libraries, local enterprise and the Arts;
- enhanced food security;
- expanded parks and trails;
- open government with community participation, equity and fiscal responsibility.

I ask for one of your 8 votes and support for our grassroots campaign: [www.benisitt.ca](http://www.benisitt.ca).

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I am the baby of 10 kids. My Father served in WWII as a Paratrooper.

I have three very independent grown children. While being a single mother, I managed to attain a Bachelor of Arts focusing on Global Governance and I served in the CF primary Army Reserves.

Focused on Affordable Housing and humanely addressing homelessness while being cognizant of the safety concerns and needs of the broader public. I draw on my experience of living overseas in Germany, where I learned effective and pragmatic approaches based upon German Social Democracy coupled with my breadth of community engagement experience, having worked for non profits: UNICEF, Salvation Army and Goodwill.

I share the same issues as the wider public: Affordable Housing and support for local businesses. As an entrepreneur I operated a Cafe in Leipzig, Germany called Canada House.



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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Jason was born and raised in a caring family together with three younger siblings in Campbell River. Growing up he enjoyed exploring the Island's wilderness, competing in community sports leagues, participating in river and stream clean ups and the rehabilitation of salmon spawning beds and fry protection areas. After graduation, Jason set out on his own to Asia where he spent several years living and learning from the school of life.

Today Jason works as a care aide in a seniors' residence in Victoria. He is a critical thinker, patient and possesses a strong desire to see others succeed. A talented and creative hobby artist, Jason is also a keen problem solver. He strives to help others prioritize their goals and find solutions. He knows how life-changing it can be.

Jason is running for Victoria City Council on the VIVA Victoria triple "A" plan of Affordability, Accessibility and Accountability.



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Muller was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), spent time as a youth in South Africa and moved to Canada with his family where he completed high school in Ottawa. He moved to Victoria in September 2021 after conducting research in the DRC and South Africa for his Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science from the University of Regina.

Muller is self-employed and the CEO/Founder of Optic Security & Self-Defence Inc. which specializes in reducing property loss for grocery retailers.

As a newcomer to Victoria, Muller is looking forward to helping tackle important issues for City Council, including working to address homelessness, zoning dilemmas for project development, and traffic flow for both cyclists and motorized vehicles. Muller is ready to bring new ideas and additional support to the city council.

Bio link & policy ideas: [www.votemullerkalala.ca](http://www.votemullerkalala.ca)



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

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Susan Kim (김수잔) is a trilingual Korean-Canadian settler with a decade of experience working on the frontlines of community-led advocacy.

She is the Fernwood NRG Director of Operations and has worked in provincial and federal governments and non-profit organizations. With a commitment to good governance, equity and inclusion, Susan also serves on the board of the Sierra Club of BC and volunteers with the Victoria Korean Women's Association.

Susan is running for city council because she believes in an affordable, sustainable, and liveable Victoria for all.

As city councillor, Susan will work towards:

- Increasing the supply of affordable non-market and rental housing, while protecting renters from demoviction and renoviction,
- Building a transit system that makes sense for our city and develop evidence-based policies for combatting the climate crisis,
- Fighting for increased provincial funding to fix Victoria's healthcare system and attracting and retaining more healthcare workers.

### Anna King

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Anna King wants live in a Victoria that has homes for all, eco-friendly transportation, and diverse neighbourhoods so all can thrive no matter age, race, ability, or socio-economic resources.

Gentle densification and creating more units for families can help the housing and affordability crisis Victorians are facing today. Building along bus routes and existing bike lanes add efficiency to our city. Designing our city to be safe and accessible for children and those with disabilities will ensure walkability for all.

Anna King's value of generosity, inclusivity, and productivity are part of what makes her a valuable representative. She holds posture of listening to residents' thoughts, worries, and hopes in order to find pragmatic solutions that will help our community thrive.

With 15 years working with nonprofits, Anna is dedicated to amplifying the voices to those in need. Anna King lives in Fernwood with her husband and 2 toddlers.

## Brian Klassen

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Born in Winnipeg in the year 1960

Attended Britannia elementary, Stevenson Junior High School and Stevenson Regional High School for my senior years graduating in 1978.

Completed a Red River college course in truck driving in 1979 earning a Class One drivers license.

Began a career with the City of Winnipeg as a Bus Operator in 1981.

Became a City of Winnipeg, Firefighter in 1986 to the year 2004 when I decided to relocate to the province of BC.

James Bay, Victoria has been my home for the last 18 years.



### Krista Loughton

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Krista Loughton is committed to maintaining a well-managed city that takes care of the needs of all residents and businesses. Her vision for Victoria is “A City of Communities” full of walkable, accessible, and vibrant neighbourhood villages. She is passionate about increasing housing affordability and implementing real solutions for Pandora.

Loughton is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and business owner who has spent her career raising issues to all levels of government. Her first feature documentary, *Us and Them*, created an impact by viscerally showing how early childhood trauma correlates to poverty, homelessness, and addiction. The film has screened thousands of times throughout North America including on Parliament Hill and at the British Columbia Legislature.

Loughton has a Bachelor of Arts (Specialist) degree in Geography (making the Dean’s Honour List twice). She is set to release a new film in early 2023 and lives in Fernwood with her dog, Jedi.



### Jeremy Maddock

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Born and raised in Victoria, Jeremy Maddock received his BA in political science in 2011 and law degree in 2016, both from UVic. Since 2010, he has worked as a legal consultant, providing research and writing services, and represents disputants in traffic court. Jeremy believes that the justice system must be accessible to all because everybody deserves a voice where our laws are interpreted and made.

Jeremy understands that citizens know their own interests better than politicians. He is running for Council to fix a deficit in accountability. If elected, Jeremy will give a voice to the people of Victoria, striving to make this City accessible, affordable, and livable for those who call it home.

Between busy workdays, Jeremy is an enthusiastic boater, a member at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, and a frequent walker of Victoria's neighbourhoods. He is constantly impressed by the astounding natural beauty of Vancouver Island.



## Janice Nightingale

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I am an experienced municipal councillor whose life changes are bringing me home to Victoria. I would like the opportunity to continue serving my community through municipal governance and decision making.

I believe that a diverse, collegial, and committed group of 9 individuals making evidence based, rational, community focused decisions after vigorous discussion can improve the quality of life and services for everyone in our community.

Victoria has some pressing issues that are shared with other communities in the province. I look forward to finding solutions that enhance the enjoyment of our city for all.

Our quality of life in Victoria includes cooperative and engaged participation in regional decisions with our neighbouring communities, and with my previous experience, I am ready and willing to advocate for and promote Victoria's position in the Capital Regional District.



## COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE

### Steve Orcherton

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I'm a lifelong Victorian, attending Quadra Elementary, S J Willis and a proud Vic High alumnus. Peg and I live in Oaklands, together we have four children, Levi, Caitlin, Mackenzie and Connor.

I have served Victoria provincially as an MLA, on community boards both public and private along with numerous municipal, provincial and federal agencies, and commissions.

I bring my years of varied governance experience, collaborative decision-making skills and community understanding to council. I am an experienced decision maker who builds consensus and has the capacity to listen to and consider all viewpoints. These are my skills.

Time to rebuild public trust in our council that ends the politics of dismissiveness and division, ends flavour of the day decision-making, stays within our lane of responsibility, and considers decision consequences and manages down risks.

I am an independent candidate running to be a part of that process and our future. [steveorcherton.ca](http://steveorcherton.ca)



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I work and live in Victoria. I think ALL public servants should have to be from the municipality they serve. I want to co-ordinate with the Victoria Police Department as well as the societies that deal with caring for the homeless population of Victoria. My goal is to reverse the city's policy of incentivizing all of Canada's homeless demographic to come here and stay here.

Less than 2% of the Victoria municipality's population commutes by bicycle yet the entire downtown core and surrounding neighbourhoods are being turned into bike-only or heavily bike-favoured infrastructure.

Our city's approved budget has also grown to a boated \$274 million annually. Emmanuel seeks to reduce this budget by 5 to 10% and to pass on the savings to the public in the form of a reduction in residential and commercial property taxes.

I want a Victoria that is safe and affordable for my children.

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Derek Pinto brings years of behind-the-scenes political engagement and communications expertise. From big to small and everything in between. From national party governance – accompanying a national party leader on a Canada-wide tour as press secretary – to working at the local level as a strata manager with complex strata issues. Derek understands achieving the common good is one thing most of us can agree on – the common good for the environment we call our home, access to affordable homes, the right to quiet enjoyment and safety within these homes, and safety on our downtown streets where we all deserve to feel secure.

Victoria is our common home, and I would be honoured to represent you at the Victoria City Council table to promote sound discussion, common sense, and decisive action.

## Khadoni Pitt Chambers

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Khadoni holds an HBA from Carleton University in Ottawa, with a major in Environmental Studies. They have extensive experience working in both politics, and local communities through various paid and volunteer positions from coast to coast. They are a firm advocate for the creation of new housing stock in the region while improving upon and maintaining existing public spaces, as well as supporting the most vulnerable members of the community through municipal grassroots action.

They currently work for City Green Solutions in Victoria, specializing in educating homeowners on environmentally conscious home upgrades.



### Jordan Quitzau

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Dear residents of Victoria,

I would be honored to receive your vote to represent and serve you as a councillor on the Victoria City Council.

My main concern is that many young folks, including myself, would like to raise a family here in Victoria, but with the rise in housing costs and safety concerns, that dream is becoming unrealistic. Let's change that.

To bring about change, I offer quality leadership and effective governance. I'm a former UVSS representative and real estate law legal assistant, and I graduate this fall with a Master of Arts in Professional Communication degree. I'm ready for city council.

If elected, I will focus on local issues like creating more family rental units, filling the potholes, and empowering first responders to keep parks and streets safe. The goal is to make Victoria a safer, more prosperous community.

For a better Victoria. Be bold. Take action. Vote

### William Scott

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#### Platform

1. Citizens should determine development.
  - Neighbourhood associations encourage engagement.
  - The AAA network is crucial to the connection of neighbourhoods.
2. Transform Victoria, without using densification as a panacea.
  - Market-based housing should give locals first purchase option.
  - Densification mitigates neither urban sprawl nor the climate crisis.
  - Return AirBnb's to the rental market.
  - House conversions, and Residential Rental Tenure zones increase housing stock.
  - Place size limits on new single-family homes.
  - Pressure the federal and provincial governments to provide necessary housing.
  - Prioritize co-op housing and median-income based housing.
3. Consideration of native flora and fauna must go beyond tokenism.
  - The urban forest reduces flood risk and cools neighbourhoods.
  - The urban forestry director and Parks must become a fundamental part of any development proposal, weighted equally with engineering.
  - Built systems must incorporate suitable habitat and natural system regeneration.
  - Community gardens, pollinator pathways, and backyard biodiversity are vital to the health and well-being of all



### Brad Sifert

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Brad served the City of Victoria for over 33 years before retiring in February 2022. He served as Supervisor of Food and Beverage for 9 years at the Memorial Arena, and for another 25 years with the Victoria Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief, Prevention.

Brad has made many connections in the community over his decades of public service. He's worked closely with BC Housing to set up and ensure the safety of shelters for marginalized people. He's coordinated emergency response to large fires with the Victoria Police, conducted fire investigations and led public safety education in the community.

Brad would like to see more accessible city streets and parks for seniors and others who rely on vehicle transportation. He also advocates for more support for small businesses, police and bylaw enforcement to ensure Victoria's downtown is safe and welcoming for residents and visitors.



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### Susan Simmons

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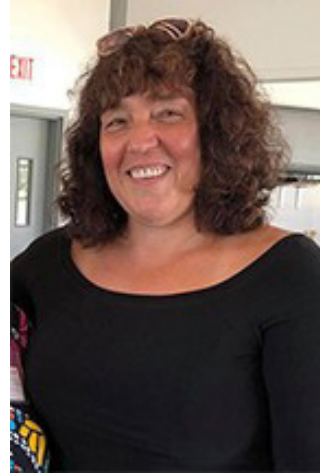
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I am running for council because I have felt that myself and other have not been heard. I see being elected to the City of Victoria council as an opportunity to give a voice to people with disabilities, seniors, renters, and many other residents in our city who have felt excluded from the process of making decisions about our community.

I want all residents of Victoria to feel valued and included when they interact with city hall.

I am running to represent all of you.



### Tom Sinclair

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Victoria has been my home for 20+ years; I moved here straight out of high school and never looked back. The art-forward culture of this city is largely responsible for fostering my career as a graphic designer/web developer. Without opportunities from small, Victoria-based, risk-taking entrepreneurs, I wouldn't be able to do what I do today.

As a freelance creative, I interact with a wide variety of local businesses daily in order to help them grow. I've seen firsthand the impact our lack of affordable housing has had on my clients. I've witnessed Victoria move away from the vibrant, creatively driven, community-based cultural mecca it once was.

More than ever, Victoria needs everyday people – young, hard-working, creative, & hopeful people, to step forward with their ideas in order to solve the complex issues we currently face.

First and foremost – accessible, affordable housing – that's what I'm here to fight for.



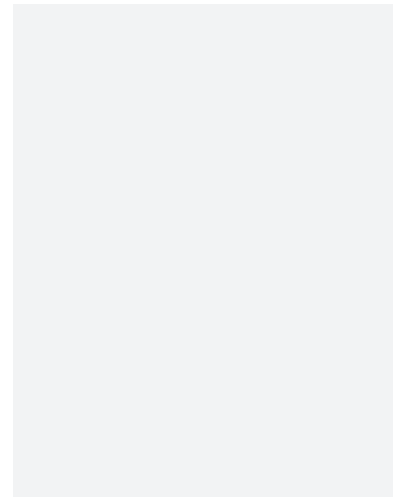
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Hello, I'm Shea Smith running for Council. I have a lifetime of critical experience with which some may call "the other side of the tracks", since a young age raised in group homes and foster care. I spent previously much of my youth and adult life, one way or another, trapped in the system. I can tell you, I know the struggles personally. The street community needs a voice. As many decisions regarding them are made without them. Victoria officially has no strategy to tackle this ongoing housing crisis. Solutions not guesses. Experience not experiments are the only thing that will bring effective healing change for the community. We have the resources and the ability .Without spending another dime. To stifle the crises in this great City. Subsidies, job creation, human rights. community, and especially housing are my goals. Effective, inclusive, bridge building, positive, experienced change is mandatory.



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### Dave Thompson

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I will advance key priorities by working with other City Council members and other levels of government:

- More housing choice, affordability and diversity: co-operative and non-profit housing, and other housing to boost vacancy rates
- Climate emergency: make Victoria a leader and an example to other cities by accelerating our GHG emission reductions
- Great neighbourhoods: welcoming, healthy, and safe for everyone
- A Council that enables and supports City employees doing their work, and that does its own work.

I've worked in and for governments, non-profits, and businesses. I'm a former lawyer, and currently a small business owner who advises organizations on planning, policy and governance. I'm an evidence-led, pragmatic progressive, with the experience and the skills to get results on the above priorities. I listen and I work collaboratively. I push for civility and dialogue that focuses on the issues.

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Janice Williams is a small business owner, economist and mother who has lived in Victoria for more than 20 years. She has a Bachelors and Masters degrees in Economics from the University of Victoria. Her platform includes good governance, public safety & crime reduction, improved accessibility, housing & fair development, and improving parks and recreation opportunities. Her goal is a Victoria that works and works well for residents and local businesses.



### Tony Yacowar

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As a CPA and business manager for musicians and actors, Tony has more than a decade of experience in Canada’s entertainment industry, a sector that experienced dramatic changes during the COVID-19 pandemic, and is a vital part of maintaining vibrant, liveable cities. Tony’s experience on the business side of the art community will bring a unique perspective, and he will be an independent, pragmatic, progressive voice on Victoria City Council. Tony’s top priority is addressing the city’s unprecedented housing crisis by pursuing policies that help to get more homes built at prices that people can afford. Tony will also draw on his industry background to rejuvenate Victoria’s arts and culture sector, and will push the city to be a leader on climate progress.

Born and raised in Greater Victoria, Tony has been married to his husband Emmanuel, a nurse at RJH, for 11 years.