

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities to work towards in order of priority?

If Elected I will direct energies towards understanding priorities as decided upon by Council not by self.

2nd I will help bind together the Council.

3rd I will push on the timely development of our Town Core.

What is your view on the signing multi-year contracts in the last few months of your mandate?

Signing contracts that mean something... Means Something! I will sign proper and wholesome contracts at any time as is so deemed by Council.

If elected would you support cutting the travel and conference budgets for both council and staff to help keep taxation to a minimum?

Travel and Conference budgets for The District of Sooke are of significance. These are used to keep up and learn what we've done, what we are able to do and how to do it better. Integrating at every possible level with as many possible "Think Global – Act Local".

Group Benefit is Group Realized mentality.

If elected, would you support a motion at UBCM to have the meetings moved until after municipal elections, or at the very least, not attend UBCM in the last year of your term, knowing that you may not be re-elected?

There are times I would support UBCM Meetings. Always!

When Attending these meetings, it is attended by the Representatives of the People of The District of Sooke. I'm also sure that there is a chance that a Councillor might decline close to the end of a term. I would support them Declining just as much.

<http://ubcm.ca/> ...the following is from the UBCM website...

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Do you believe in a maximum cap for wages within the District of Sooke, or do we pay what it takes to get the employee we need?

I haven't met any numbers out here that seem like they are to be considered ready for a cap. I also believe in paying whatever it takes that we can find to get whatever we need.

Do you support wage increases above the rate of inflation for any staff?

Wage increase amounts, even percent basis differing ones among employees, are an accounting and management style used to find and honour the best of the best.

What makes you qualified to make decisions about the spending of taxpayer dollars and the level of service we receive?

Service is something I grew up being aware of. Lights, heat, fridge, stove and lots of city services being in Ottawa, the Country's Capital. Council is who decides what is done, not individuals. I am an excellent mathematician and things that add up today... will add up tomorrow. We operate within laws and acts that help accomplish that which is required.

What will you do to ensure taxpayers are consulted and their opinions are valued in making decisions?

Residents of the District of Sooke are always invited to meetings. Those more involved in the District and those that want to feel consulted are themselves responsible to properly address Council and should even consider addressing disagreements or concerns to Council, in writing outside of Council meetings.

Please describe a time when you demonstrated honesty, accountability, leadership, transparent decision-making, skills at dealing with difficult people, great communication, your commitment to something, long term decision making, etc., and what you did and what you learned from the situation.

Honesty, accountability, leadership and transparency.... I also Worked on the Secure Channel Project... to help deliver The Government of Canada to the Taxpayers of Canada via the Internet. I came across a network equipment purchase order that seemed expensive and when I checked, I was able to rebuild the purchase order for more than \$1 Million less expensive with the old equipment's new replacement models. I found this type of saving to the Taxpayers several times and I became responsible as the end point in the high-end network equipment ordering for our Secure Channel Bell development lab and production server rooms. This meant communicating and clarifying commitments and long term requirements.

What role should the community association play in the district?

The (SCA) Sooke Community Association's role in the Community is the responsibility of the Association's own Charter. The SCA was incorporated in 1935 to build and operate a community hall and to organize community activities in Sooke, B.C., and region. I do not find the SCA listed as a charity with the (CRA) Canada Revenue Agency. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/1stngs/menu-eng.html>. We have over 150 Community Groups in The District of Sooke. Community Groups are formally welcome to communicate with the District of Sooke via drop in to the office or Council Chambers, looking for forms or information. Also Welcomed... mail, email, telephone calls...

Do you support the subsidization of organizations by way of grants?

Some organizations.

Do you advocate increased density? If ?Yes?, where and how?

Increased Density – The biggest push right now should in my opinion be a real estate marketing, advertising boom of what we are planning on having and selling it verbally, on paper and in action. Now! Residents must realize that people like to come to what they can see. Let's show them all that we can make beautiful, some nice core area... Hey guess what? Mariner's Village is on its way! I feel that as soon as the Mariner's Village is seen, that everything else around it will become very worthy and things will start being felt to be developing in the Town Core. Things are sometimes started at levels that you don't always see in the immediate consciousness. We are on our way to a Town Core. Seeing this in print and understanding or familiarity with, does not mean there are no other issues. Densification of the (DoS) District of Sooke is something that will happen in stages with services in the Town Core and in the Area immediately surrounding the Town Core where Services are available. Services are available to any Community they pass through. Looking through stuff... DoS sees and uses business tax and fees as one of our Community's pillars of support. Taxes change and are always looked at. Mostly they go Up. Sometimes they go down and sometimes the Property Assessor 's evaluation is questioned and changed. Sometimes by www.assessmentappeal.bc.ca . Taxes and fees are being voted on by the People Elected to do so. The nature of a financially healthy Community is to me what drives the importance of timely development and services. Maintaining all current financial obligations and maintaining an important \$ in the Black 25% or more of all net income.

What strategies would you pursue to control future tax increases if any?

Do you support the use of tax dollars or borrowing to purchase lands such as Woodside Farm?

I support Council of the District of Sooke to use approved methods of evidence and opinions and then to vote in or out taxes at their discretion. I support the concept of helping to get Planning & Development to the scale that our Community needs. I support large efforts that are capable to be proven as healthy choices. I also appreciate low cost items for some things.

Do you support the use of tax dollars to help attract customers to privately owned businesses?

The District of Sooke will in my opinion absolutely continue to support privately owned business with tax dollars. It's their dollars!

"Sub-Urban Sooke" there really is quite a bit of development going on around us. It is residents and businesses that pay municipal taxes and fees. Developers pay fees to develop, Land Taxes are to be paid by Land Owners who own said land. Residential and Commercial taxes are very different and should be appreciated. Land Taxes are what pay for life-cycle costs relative to Municipal Services.