

Election 2026 Municipal Candidate Questions
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CANDIDATE KRISTINA BROWN ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** Maple Ridge has a strong foundation for watercourse protection, but I would not say the current framework is strong enough to say the job is done. The 50-metre development permit requirement around watercourses isn't necessarily the appropriate ecological protection distance for every watercourse. I want decisions based on good science, watershed-level planning, and the cumulative impacts of development.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** For fish-bearing streams, I support a minimum 30m setback, but I don't believe we should treat 30m as a magic number. If the science tells us a larger setback is required to protect the stream, riparian habitat, or groundwater, then we should follow the science. Our watercourses are too important to protect them only to the minimum standard.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Familiar, yes, an expert, no. I believe Climate Change is real and without the government setting targets and having a plan, people would likely not change from what they know, so yes, I support the need for the plan.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** We need to be very careful about adding new development or increasing development in areas that we already know are prone to flooding. We need to consider the impact on neighbouring properties, roads and emergency access, natural flood storage, groundwater and the cumulative impact of development. As climate change increases flood risk, I believe we need to be planning for the future and not just considering today's flood levels.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes, I believe ARMS has an important role to play in Council's consideration of development applications within the Alouette River Watershed. ARMS has extensive local knowledge and expertise regarding the watershed and Council should actively seek their input. Their advice should be considered along with the City's professional staff, qualified environmental professionals, First Nations, residents and other stakeholders. Ultimately the decisions are the responsibility of Council and they need to be made based on the best available science, legislation and City policies.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** Yes, the work you are doing is important and protecting the Alouette River Watershed is a municipal priority. That support should continue as long as funding is transparent, tied to clearly defined outcomes and provides measurable value to residents and the watershed.

7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** I have always believed that protecting our environment is part of being a responsible member of our community. In my own life, I try to make environmentally responsible choices, including driving an electric vehicle and recycling in our home. I've also taken action in my own neighbourhood. A vacant lot had accumulated a lot of garbage and debris and a neighbour had mentioned she was going to clean it up. I met her and she and I spent several hours cleaning up. It was a small effort, but I believe that taking care of the places around us matters.

CANDIDATE LEAH CAMPBELL ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I support this and building responsibly.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** I can support this though would like a more thorough understanding and education to be able to make the best decisions possible.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** I have read the climate action plan and support it. I also support building a city that is eco friendly and that also retains space for our wildlife. The future and climate change are already here on our doorstep.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** Considering I grew up there (232nd street backing onto river) I am aware of the issues of development. I feel the city needs to be very careful in their choices as this land once gone is not retrievable and plays an outsized role on the entire ecosystem of the area. With climate change I can only imagine the flooding and extreme events will worsen.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** I believe in the supporting role of environmental organizations to bring their experience to the table and valuable in advising of the consequences of actions that have perhaps not been considered and as partners to help make development happen in a responsible manner.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** I do believe you should continue to have your funding. I have seen first hand (I grew up on a farm on 232nd st backing onto a tributary of the Alouette) the salmon spawning, lived with it (and the bears). I would like our wildlife and ecosystem to continue into the future in the best manner possible on a personal level. On a wider context it is important for the future and climate action to take positive changes now to avoid further catastrophe later.
7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** I buy local produce as possible - nothing American in over a year, limiting my intake of meat/poultry and fish, do not take plastic bags for produce. I practice as little waste as possible at home with little food waste through careful food planning. I do recycle and use the organics bin. I do not buy over processed foods. I live in an apartment building where I can walk for most of my shopping and use transit as needed. Suffering a foot injury meant I was unable to drive at all and continue to enjoy that lifestyle (I am no longer able to ride a bike). My balcony is used for food production within the limits of what is allowed and have put in motion for the building management to allow more urban farming on our balconies. It is also well planted with perennial plants and bushes to help with shading. I purchase second hand the majority of my clothing and household items as it is a lifestyle choice and only turn on my A/C

in extreme heat events (I live in an apartment and they have not yet changed over our heating), I drive the least possible and combine shopping needs with my mother and another household I shop for.

CANDIDATE JUDY DUECK ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I support the natural features section.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** I support the 30-metre setback.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** I am familiar with the Climate Action Plan and supported it.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** I would follow the recommendations from staff and follow the OCP and recently adopted floodplain management bylaw.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes, ARMS plays a role. This role would be to provide input prior to the decision making.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** The city benefits from partnerships with ARMS and other organizations. As for funding, I have approved the funding every year to date.
7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** Follow the 3Rs reduce, reuse and recycle. Grow our own vegetables. Volunteered to clean up the town center. Walking uptown to shop rather than driving.

CANDIDATE LOU JOSE ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I support the OCP's watercourse protections and would enforce development decisions to be based on evidence to ensure that our water resources will be protected.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** I used to live on the South Alouette. I would not support reducing these protections simply to accommodate more development and would push back on any development on a slope leading to major streams or rivers.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Yes, I am familiar with the Climate Action Plan and support the need for one.

4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** I would not support new developments that increases the flood risk for existing residents, damages river habitat or creates unreasonable future costs for taxpayers. The cost of the development outweighs the benefits of developing.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** ARMS primary role working with council should be acting as the non-commercial advisor to council regarding development in the watershed area. Our councillors cannot be experts in everything and they need a non-biased advisor that does not come from city hall or a developers team.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** I believe that well established organization like ARMS should be supported by the city... but I cannot say I would support funding for every environmental group, especially groups focused on moving us to new zero which we could not afford.
7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** I have been an activist and volunteer my entire life: Spent hundreds of hours cutting trails and cleaning up bush and streams from Websters Corners to Alouette lake and beyond. In recent year as a Power Squadron member, I have spent time cleaning up beaches and shorelines.

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CANDIDATE JERRY KOK ANSWERS

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- 1) **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I support protecting watercourses and important natural features through clear, science-based policies. At the same time, we need a balanced approach that respects property rights, provides certainty for residents and businesses, and supports responsible economic growth.
- 2) **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** I support protecting fish-bearing streams, but I also believe regulations should be science-based, practical, and provide certainty for property owners. Any setback requirements should strike a balance between environmental protection and responsible community growth.
- 3) **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Yes, I am familiar with the Climate Action Plan. I support practical initiatives that improve environmental sustainability while also making economic sense for residents and businesses. My focus would be on ensuring that climate-related actions are achievable, cost-effective, and aligned with local priorities. Any plan should balance environmental goals with affordability, economic growth, and the long-term needs of our community.

- 4) **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** Development in the North and South Alouette River floodplains must be approached carefully, with public safety, environmental considerations, and long-term financial impacts in mind. I support decisions that are guided by sound engineering, science, and risk assessment rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. Any proposed development should demonstrate that flood risks can be appropriately managed while respecting the area's environmental and community values. My focus is on responsible growth that protects both residents and taxpayers.
- 5) **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes. Organizations such as ARMS can play an important role by providing local knowledge, environmental expertise, and feedback on potential impacts within the watershed. However, they should be one voice among many in the decision-making process. Council must also consider input from residents, property owners, businesses, technical experts, and staff, while making decisions based on evidence, applicable regulations, and the overall interests of the community.
- 6) **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** I believe organizations such as ARMS can provide valuable services to the community, particularly when it comes to environmental stewardship, education, and volunteer coordination programs like Adopt-a-Block. As with any organization receiving public funds, I believe funding should be tied to clear objectives, accountability, and demonstrated value for taxpayers. My approach would be to regularly review all grants and service agreements to ensure they are delivering meaningful benefits to the community and represent good value for money.
- 7) **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** I believe protecting the environment starts with everyday actions and responsible planning. In my profession, we place a strong emphasis on fuel-efficient driving practices, and through the Graduated Licensing Program we teach new drivers about the environmental impacts of automobiles, including reducing unnecessary idling, proper vehicle maintenance, fuel conservation, and the importance of preventing fluid leaks that can affect our waterways and ecosystems. Personally, I enjoy the natural parks, trails, and waterways that make Maple Ridge such a special place to live. As a community leader, I support practical, balanced approaches that protect our environment while respecting affordability, property rights, and the need for a strong local economy

CANDIDATE INYA MITROVIC ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I believe protecting our watercourses and natural environment is an important part of how Maple Ridge should plan for future growth and development. Having not previously served on Council or worked at the municipal level, I don't claim to have the technical expertise to assess every aspect of the OCP's Natural Features policies. However, I believe there is a significant opportunity to integrate environmental protection into thoughtful and balanced city planning. As Maple Ridge continues to grow, we should be looking at how development can be planned and designed to protect our natural features, including watercourses, rather than treating environmental protection and growth as competing objectives. Our natural environment is one of the things that makes Maple Ridge special, and I believe preserving it should remain an important consideration in how our community develops.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection**

Requirements? I don't currently have a position on the specific 30-metre setback requirement, as I haven't examined the technical and environmental considerations in sufficient detail to make an informed assessment. I recognize the importance of protecting fish-bearing streams and their surrounding ecosystems. Before taking a position on a specific setback requirement, I would want to understand the scientific rationale, applicable regulations, and advice from qualified environmental professionals and City staff. I believe decisions of this nature should be informed by appropriate technical expertise and a clear understanding of their environmental implications.

3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Yes, I am aware of Maple Ridge's Climate Action Plan, *Resilient Future 2050*, and I believe municipal climate planning has an important role to play alongside provincial, federal and broader international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I believe we should strive toward net-zero emissions where achievable and practical, while recognizing the importance of balancing environmental objectives with economic considerations, affordability and the needs of our growing community. I also believe climate considerations should be integrated into how we plan and develop our city, including infrastructure, transportation, buildings and the protection of our natural environment. For me, the value of a Climate Action Plan is in its implementation. I would want to better understand the proposed actions, their costs, anticipated benefits and implementation priorities to ensure we are making responsible decisions that deliver meaningful results.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** I don't currently have a position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain because I'm not sufficiently familiar with what development is currently proposed or contemplated in those areas. I recognize that development within a floodplain can raise important environmental, public safety and infrastructure considerations, and I would want to understand those risks and the relevant technical information before taking a position. I also think an important distinction is whether we are considering redevelopment of land that is already developed or proposing new development on previously undeveloped land within the floodplain. Those circumstances may present very different considerations. I would want to understand the specific proposal, existing land use, flood and environmental risks, applicable regulations, and advice from qualified professionals and City staff before making a responsible and informed decision.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes. I believe environmental organizations, like other community organizations and interest groups, have an important role to play in informing Council's decisions. Throughout my campaign, I have emphasized the importance of respectful debate, meaningful engagement and creating space for different perspectives, including those we may not necessarily agree with. I believe the best decisions are made when we take the time to hear and understand different perspectives, consider relevant information and expertise, and evaluate the broader implications of our decisions. Organizations such as ARMS can contribute valuable local knowledge, environmental information and perspectives about the potential impacts of development within the Alouette River watershed. Ultimately, Council has a responsibility to consider all relevant perspectives, technical information and community interests when making decisions. I believe that is how we arrive at more informed, responsible and balanced outcomes that reflect the interests of our community.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** I believe organizations such as ARMS play an important role in environmental stewardship, education and community engagement, and I recognize the value of the work they undertake within the Alouette River watershed and through programs such as Adopt-a-Block. I haven't previously been involved in the City's funding decisions, so I don't have enough information about the existing funding arrangements to comment responsibly on specific funding levels. However, I believe there is value in the City continuing to work in partnership with organizations that provide environmental stewardship and community services, and I would want to better understand ARMS'

work, its relationship with the City and how we can continue to support effective environmental initiatives in our community.

7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** On a personal level, my wife and I have undertaken significant renovations to our 1969 home to improve its energy efficiency and reduce our environmental footprint. This has included upgrading insulation to reduce heat loss and transitioning to a heat pump for heating and cooling. We also drive a hybrid vehicle, recycle and make a conscious effort to dispose of waste responsibly. Professionally, I spent five years working on the Ksi Lisims LNG project in northwestern British Columbia as a member of its Canadian leadership team. The project was designed with the ambition of becoming one of the world's lowest-emissions LNG facilities, supported by a comprehensive plan to achieve net-zero operations. In my leadership capacity, I had the opportunity to contribute to elements of the project's net-zero strategy and work alongside professionals developing innovative approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. That experience reinforced my belief that environmental considerations should be integrated into project planning and development from the outset, rather than treated as an afterthought. I believe we should continue looking for practical opportunities to reduce our environmental impact, both in our personal lives and through responsible planning, investment and technological innovation.

CANDIDATE CHELSA MEADUS ANSWERS

1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to water course protection?** I support the Natural Features policies in our OCP. Our streams and rivers are part of what makes Maple Ridge special, and the OCP gives clear, consistent rules for protecting them. I believe it's important to consider the advice of the experts around the table, including the City's environmental professionals, on every application.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the city's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** I support the 30 metre setback for fish-bearing streams. It's a proven, science-based standard, and applying it consistently protects fish habitat while giving landowners and builders clear rules.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Yes, I'm familiar with it, and I support having a plan. I do want us to be cautious: learn as we go and measure each step we take against its outcomes. I'd focus on practical, affordable actions that deliver real results, done in partnership with residents, community groups and builders. My platform is affordability, and I've made a commitment to the public to consider affordability in every decision, including this one.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** I believe in consistency. Every application along the river should be judged against the same rules: the OCP, provincial floodplain requirements and the City's own environmental assessment. If the public were interested in buying land along the river that faced the possibility of development, and there was strong taxpayer support for the purchase, I would be open to it. I have always believed parkland is a good investment in a community. As Metro Vancouver grows denser, more park space means a better quality of life. We don't need to spend millions on structures in parks when the natural environment gives people the connection they're looking for.
5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes. ARMS brings decades of local knowledge about the Alouette watershed. That expertise belongs in the conversation, through referrals, public input and working with staff, so council can make well-informed decisions.

6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the city and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** The City does play a role in supporting local organizations. As a past executive director of Adopt a Block, I understand that program well and the value it brings to the city. ARMS also plays a strong role through its advocacy. As a decision-maker, I look at every opportunity the same way, by asking what value it delivers to taxpayers, and that won't change this term. I recognize the very important role these organizations play in our community.
7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** Like most people, we try to reduce our footprint. We recycle and use active transportation, and I walk a great deal, easily 50 km a week. We also have a home that runs entirely on solar with no backup power, fridge included, so minimizing power and water use has become just something we do. There are small habits too, like air drying clothes or tossing a dry towel in the dryer to cut drying time. Over more than 20 years, I've volunteered with a number of environmental organizations and events, including ARMS (back when Jenny Lundgren was there), KEEPS, the early GETI festival and the mountain festival. I also started an adopt-a-street program through Adopt a Block.

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CANDIDATE RYAN SVENDSEN ANSWERS

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1. **What is your position on the Natural Features section within the Official Community Plan (OCP) relating to watercourse protection?** I support protecting Maple Ridge's important natural features, including our rivers, streams and wetlands. These are an important part of what makes our community a great place to live. Environmental regulations need to be clear, predictable and based on good science. I believe the Natural Features policies in the OCP can provide balance, and I would support applying them in a practical and consistent way.
2. **What is your position on the 30-metre setback relating to fish-bearing streamside protection, as explained within the Guide to the Streamside Protection Regulations found within the City's Watercourse Protection Requirements?** During my 2018–2022 term on Council, a development application came forward near 240th Street and the Alouette River. The proposal complied with the existing 30-metre setback measured from the top of bank. I ultimately voted in favour of the application. However, there was significant public opposition, including concerns that the proposed development was too close to the river and could negatively affect its health. That experience raised an important question for me. If a development complies with our existing regulations but the community believes those regulations don't adequately protect the river, perhaps it's time to revisit the regulations themselves. For that reason, I would support directing staff to review the existing 30-metre setback requirements on the Alouette River, consider the available environmental science and engage with the public on whether those requirements remain appropriate or should be amended. I believe this would provide greater clarity for residents, Council and the development community about what is expected before future applications come forward.
3. **Are you familiar with the Climate Action Plan? Do you support the need for such? If not, please explain your position.** Yes, I am familiar with the Climate Action Plan. I think it is important for the City to plan for things like flooding, wildfire, extreme heat and other risks that can affect our community.
4. **What is your position on development within the North and South Alouette River floodplain? Please explain your answer.** My priority is to focus new development in areas that are already planned for growth, particularly

the Town Centre and the Lougheed Corridor. These areas are better suited to accommodate additional housing because they are close to existing services, infrastructure, transit and amenities. Concentrating growth in these areas allows Maple Ridge to add the housing we need while making more efficient use of existing infrastructure and reducing development pressure elsewhere in the community. I would also support establishing a policy that prohibits density bonusing within designated floodplain areas. I don't believe we should be providing incentives for additional density in areas where flooding is already an identified concern. This doesn't necessarily mean prohibiting all development within floodplains, but I believe we should be cautious about encouraging additional density in these areas.

5. **Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, have a role to play in Council's decisions relating to development applications within the Alouette River Watershed? If yes, what role do they play? If no, please explain your position.** Yes. Organizations such as ARMS can provide useful local knowledge and environmental expertise when development applications are being considered. Council should be open to hearing from ARMS, neighbourhood residents, property owners, home builders and other interested groups. Ultimately, though, Council has to consider all of that input alongside professional advice, City policies and the broader needs of the community before making a decision.
6. **ARMS is provided an annual grant of \$20,000 from the City of Maple Ridge to support the work that we do within the Alouette River watershed. We also oversee the Adopt-a-Block program on behalf of the City and are allocated an annual budget of \$25,000 to do that work. Do you believe environmental organizations, such as ARMS, should continue to be funded for work of this nature? Please explain your answer.** I believe the City can support community organizations where they are providing a clear benefit to Maple Ridge residents. Programs like Adopt-a-Block and other environmental stewardship work can provide value to the community, but City funding should always be reviewed to make sure taxpayers are receiving good value and that the work being funded aligns with the City's priorities. I would support continuing funding where those standards are being met.
7. **What have you personally done or do to protect the environment?** My family owns two electric vehicles, which have significantly reduced our use of gasoline. More generally, I try to make practical choices in my own life that reduce waste and conserve resources. I believe environmental stewardship is most effective when it is practical, affordable and becomes part of the way we live day to day.