

**Subject:** RE: Last minute questions for candidates  
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**Cc:** 2011 Candidates  
**Subject:** Re: your questions for candidates

Hi Cathy,

Thank you for your email and questions (below) to the 2011 candidates, soliciting their views on local OCP issues.

Many of your questions were raised and dealt with during the recent OCP and Conceptual Planning for the Village Centre. The OCP was unanimously adopted by Council, based on a wide range of recognized challenges and opportunities that will be part of our collective futures here.

It is not helpful to the broad community to try to make realistic decisions about the future of this community outside of a full awareness of the context and complex factors at play, particularly with regard to the local Village Centre Conceptual Plan.

It was encouraging to hear the M-C at last night's meeting raise the point of how beneficial it would be if the community had been able to hold the event at a proper centre available to all living here. The developed Village Centre plan envisions and roadmaps exactly these kinds of neighbourhood amenities.

For this reason the wisest course for residents who come to you with concerns about the adopted OCP, would be to direct them to participate in the upcoming planning implementation process. Directing residents to make rash judgments at this critical time based on an incomplete understanding of the critical factors at play would do a profound disservice to residents, and our chance for a vibrant future for this neighbourhood and the District of North Vancouver.

DNV Council has, with their experience and in-depth involvement with the entire OCP process, recognized the essential need for change and adaptation for the greater public good.

I would ask you to accept this well-considered decision by Council and transmit these same ideals to those who come to you seeking help to make their own best decision.

sincerely, Doug

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This is going out to Candidates for Mayor and Council

As is usually the case, I have many residents - and especially residents in the Lions Gate area - asking me who I think should be supported when voting on Saturday.

Hand in hand with that question right now is the topic on everyone's mind here in Lions Gate - the question of just how much density the various

candidates think is appropriate here in our corner of North Vancouver, especially due to the island effect - and access and egress being a concern and issue, even now.

It was interesting to hear last night one candidate's idea that congestion and other issues on Fullerton may have an opportunity to be addressed with a lot of new development here in Lions Gate. Many find that thinking to be rather incredulous - that it's difficult to see how adding another huge number of residents and others who would need to access our island, could alleviate the issues we have already.

Well, I for one will look for that traffic study to finally be done on all these issues - a study which the District refused to do during the OCP process. Many residents wanted answers before land use changes were made down here - it was requested many times, and the District did not want to do it. And there was time for it.

I heard the Mayor say at last night's Woodcroft meeting that the OCP can be changed, and of course that is true - so, as a candidate **what do you think is an appropriate type of land use, and amount of density for the Lower Capilano and Marine area?** Do you think another 500-1000 residential units and a great deal of commercial and retail space fits into this corner?

Another question I have is this: Should you be elected to District Council, **are you committed that any money raised through DCC's or other contributions by developers would remain in Lower Capilano, and in particular Lions Gate?** What I'm alluding to here is what I call the "take the money and run" scenario, whereby it has been suggested by some in the past - even on Council currently - that the District may be able to extract money from massive up zoning here in Lions Gate, and take those funds and use them to build a community centre in another location, or spend the money on needs elsewhere in the District. Frankly, the idea that we would take the hit here in Lions Gate in terms of a massive amount of density, and see other areas profit at our expense, is thought to be quite offensive.

Most of you will be spending today making calls to get the vote out, and other electioneering activities. If you can take the time to answer these questions during the day today, I will get them back to anyone who has been asking me about these issues, and encourage them to not only take them into consideration when voting, but also speak to others as well.

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