



Questions to the Langley Township Candidates Civic elections 2008

1) Water Management Plan (WMP)

What would you add to the WMP so that it contains enough measures to actually restore water tables in the Hopington to historic levels that are adequate for fish habitat and private wells? As part of your answer please comment whether you would retain the moratorium on development over the Hopington aquifer until we have restored the water table and solved the water quality (nitrate etc.) issues.

In order to actually restore the levels in the Hopington we need to find creative ways to recharge it and reduce usage.

- Can we identify areas of discharge that could be redirected back into the aquifer?
- Can we encourage landowners to cap existing old wells?
- We must install water meters on homes to curtail water consumption
- perhaps a volunteer system to add water meters to wells would also help
- can the Township and Developers put more perforated pipes in the ground to help recharge the aquifer
- the moratorium should remain in place until a solution is found unless water AND sewer can be brought into the area

2) Fort Langley floodplain

What would you do to address the deadlock on the Fort Langley floodplain? As part of your answer please comment on the ideas from SRES, the Fort Langley Community Association and the Friends of the Trans Canada Trail for a cooperative new vision for the floodplain. This proposal was supported by the TOL Heritage Committee at their March 2008 meeting.

- I agree with the approach of a combination of water works AND wetland parks and trails

3) Authentic consultations

What would you do to engage the public in TOL issues in ways that are more effective and authentic than current approaches (for example the lack of meaningful public involvement in Fort Langley waterfront planning)?

Please comment on engaging the public at the outset in issues so the public is given the opportunity to be involved in generation of ideas and in planning out of those ideas rather than being presented with a fully formed plan that is difficult to change.

- I have always championed for an open and approachable council and would encourage any citizen to contact council members about issues within the community. In the case of Ft. Langley waterfront, I did not receive a single call. The planning processes are in my opinion never complete - so there is always time for input and plans can ALWAYS be changed.