

## Salmon River Enhancement Questionnaire.



1). Let me start by indicating that I am in favour of maintaining the present development moratorium over the Hopington aquifer until such time as there are sufficient measures in place to ensure the aquifer's future is secure and in fact replenishing itself. I feel there are several strategies that should be added to the Water Management Plan to ensure the longevity of the aquifer for future generations. These include;

- Developing a specific plan to bring GVW water to the residences on the aquifer. Presently water is piped to the north east sector but when GVW water is brought to the Salmon River Uplands area by 2012 it should be looped through the neighbourhoods on top of the aquifer to connect up the the present end at 248th and 56th. This will provide a safe and secure water source for all residents. Following installation, if an incentive program to connect up to GVW water were to come in to effect the more residents that connect up the less the draw on the aquifer.
- We need a target date to map and cap all unused wells on the aquifer. This would be significant work but it would minimize the draw on the aquifer to only those properties that were actually residences in place and being lived in.
- I think we should immediately move to meter all large well users and create targets for their consumption. This would work well with an incentive program for conservation where they could achieve credit levels if they used less than their allotment on an annual basis.
- To recharge the aquifer I propose that a section be added to the WMP that highlights a program the focuses on drainage ditches being fed back in to the aquifer rather than running through the various networks in to the larger streams, thus being lost as a source to recharge the aquifer.
- I would like to see incentive programs for grey water systems be in place similar to the low flush toilet program.
- I strongly believe an education program on water conservation ways should be included in the Water Management Plan.

2). I am a member of the Heritage Committee so am fully aware and in support of the proposal vision of for the floodplain. This area has been a deadlock for some time and it may realistically take some time to completely solve the issues. The proposal is good and does realize and honor

the historic nature and value of the floodplain as it pertains to the historical development of Langley. The challenge is how do we fund such a long term plan. I think it can be done one piece at a time and will work well with our long term plan for an Arbour Ribbon along the urban/rural edge of our community.

3). Consultation---- is a tricky issue with many items dealing with property guided by the Community Charter and the Local Government Act. These documents regulate how business has to be done in land purchases and sales and in some cases this may seem to be less than transparent but given the potential for speculation (which has obviously been a problem in the past or there wouldn't be rules safeguarding land dealings), we are bound by these rules. Secondly, dealing such as the Huston/Dixon Lands where there were three governing bodies involved, each with their own rules and regulations and expectations one agency can by default challenge the expectations of the other two agencies and this was the case in this situation. Transparency and consultation are important but that too is my role as a Councillor. I am the ultimate eyes and ears of the community. I am proud of my record in listening to the public and responding to their concerns on issues. I presented the motion to remove the clause in the WMP recommending metering on household wells. I was a strong voice in vetoing the Brookwood Tree Bylaw when it was apparent that is not what the community wanted, I was against proceeding with the recommendation by staff to fill Fire Hall Lake, not once but twice. It is the role of a Councillor to get out in to the public, talk to the community and realize that when the community sees an issue as controversial or inappropriate it is my job to either refer it for further detailed work or background or simply to put the idea on the shelf. I am proud to say as the only member of this Council on a deep well and living in the agricultural region of this community I have been that set of ears and voice of reasoned decision making. Further, I am committed to work towards open and transparent consultation, as I feel active engagement of the public plays a positive role in solving problems, community understanding and creating public buy-in. I believe through working together we can better reach consensus and move forward in a positive manner.