



Langley Township council candidate Mel Kositsky

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. .

See attachment on WMP for details.

- The Water Management Plan is a working document that is currently out again for community input. This is a follow up to the Township's Water Resources Management Strategy, which began many years ago to protect our precious groundwater resources. For years the Township has been asking successive provincial governments for stricter groundwater regulations, such as that exist in other provinces, as TOL is so reliant on its groundwater. Finally the provincial government has put some resources and funding into the current project and we look forward to continued dialogue from citizens and experts. There is no rush to see more development in the Salmon River Uplands special study area, and current global market conditions may lead to a slow down in development, as well.

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.

See heritage attachment for details.

- Discussions are on-going for improvements to the floodplain and as long as I am a member of Council we will continue to involve the various community groups who have expressed interest on the issues. That way everyone has input into the decision making process and members of Council can make a more informed decision.

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.

- Proper communications and well-designed communications processes are important to me, but sometimes government fails to communicate its processes well, so misconceptions thrive and ruin good intentions. I have continually worked to improve TOL public consultation processes so that Council is

always informed what staff is doing and can have good dialogue with its residents. We welcome all ideas and no plan is a "done deal" until your elected representatives on Council have voted on it.