



**Langley Township Mayoral Candidate
Rick Green**

1) The WMP is constructed in my opinion based on some false assumptions, that is the main reason behind the drawing down of our aquifers is private wells and agriculture. It is also built based on the assumed cost of bringing in GVWD Water lines into Aldergrove and Gloucester as too expensive. Conservation must play an important part, but with our planned population growth including the approval of subdivisions drawing from public wells a 30% reduction in use is highly unlikely. I have a number of steps I would take to re-establish our aquifers:

- Initiate an immediate plan for GVWD Water lines into Aldergrove and Gloucester. A restrictive covenant can be placed on the line so as to prohibit ad hoc connection along the length of the line prohibiting development.**

- The cost of putting GVWD Water into Aldergrove and Gloucester is not going to get cheaper, only more expensive. This is something that previous councils should have undertaken long before now. I would go after a serious contribution from the Province and Federal Governments based on our regional commitment to the Liveable Region Strategy for accepting a population increase of 65% over the next 13 years. There has to be a trade off going forward.

- We will initiate, through Township records and local well drillers an inventory of abandoned private wells and develop a cost efficient process of having these capped. It is thought that we have an extensive number of these throughout the community leaking this valuable resource unattended.**
- After the regional water lines are in we would decommission as many Public wells as possible which would start replenishing our aquifers.**
- The moratorium over the Hopington would have to be left in place so as to secure adequate supply until we replenish the aquifer. What the residents of this area deserve however is knowing what the plan is going forward with a view to when we can lift that moratorium.**
- As part of my environmental plan as well as Horse Industry Task Force we would look to establish a Township driven Manure composting facility primarily for horse properties, offering a convenient and cost effective way to dispose of manure. Through a comprehensive education program we can dramatically affect the quality of our streams and rivers in a positive way.**

2) Fort Langley Floodplain

- I don't see the reason for the deadlock and the interests of everyone. Similar to many issues I have found throughout the Township I see the need for community involvement from all parties. I have a number of questions – Have we approached GVRD Parks? Would this be a wise move? Downside?
- My platform calls for the setting of Community Planning Committees in each one of our 6 major communities, Fort Langley in this case. We have to revisit our community plans in a structured Citizen Involved way. Through this process we could look at this entire area as part of that process. It is a great idea and feeds our ecotourism long range plan.
- As part of this process we would have a comprehensive list of TOL owned properties from which to work. This information should be public knowledge which it isn't at this time.

3) Authentic Consultations

- The most significant reason as to why I was willing to put my name forward for the Mayor's chair was what I saw as Top Down Planning, a complete lack of transparency and a culture in the municipality that saw the bureaucracy as being the professionals knowing what was best. Well I don't see it that way. All of the Open Houses and public meetings that I have attended over a variety of issues results in a predetermined outcome. The public of the Township want a fair and open process where they can be truly heard, not just listened to but be heard. We will develop a process of openness and transparency in all areas possible. (except for litigation, personnel and land purchase issues)
- As an Alderman for Delta in the 80s we dealt with 108 hours of public hearing dealing with the Spetifore / TDL lands issue (environmental, agricultural and urban issues) result: Turned Down, 40 plus hours of Burns Bog (agricultural, environmental and economic) result: Turned Down and Golf Courses as a Permitted Use on Agricultural Land (26 applications received) result: one approved which allowed for the drainage and irrigation of 300 acres of farmland. I have learned first hand the best way to involve and include the public.