

# CANDIDATE SURVEY

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IN PREPARATION FOR THE  
2018 WHISTLER LOCAL ELECTION  
ON OCTOBER 20

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Provided by: Associated of Whistler Area  
Residents for the Environment (AWARE),  
Whistler Community Services Society  
(WCSS) and Arts Whistler



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# About this survey

The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE), Arts Whistler and Whistler Community Services Society (WCSS) partnered to host an All Candidates meeting on September 26, 2018 at Maury Young Arts Centre at 6:00 p.m.

In preparation for that meeting and to maximize the opportunities for all 2018 Whistler General Local Government Election candidates to share their opinions, a candidate survey was developed. As questions in an All Candidates Meeting can only be directed at a few candidates at a time the survey provides an opportunity for all candidate's to share their views on a range of issues that impact the future sustainability of our community.

## Survey Content

Read all the results or skip to the sections of greatest interest. A total of 24 questions were asked, split into five areas:

- **Opening Questions** // Q1-8 // Topics include: Candidate priorities, growth, visitation, reconciliation, achieving a shared vision, tracking community performance, and the Official Community Plan. [Go to section](#)
- **Courtesy of Arts Whistler** // Q9-14 // Topics include: RMI funding, the Temporary Use Permit fee, fostering the local culture and heritage sector, general funding. [Go to section](#)
- **Courtesy of AWARE** // Q15-17 // Topics include: Climate Change, backcountry recreation planning, old growth forest, habitat protection, wildfires. [Go to section](#)
- **Courtesy of WCSS** // Q18-22 // Topics include: Housing crisis, Whistler's homeless population, Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, rent increases, affordability. [Go to section](#)
- **Closing Questions** // Q23-24 // Topics include: Your "most memorable legacy", any additional comments. [Go to section](#)



*The All Candidates Meeting focused on  
'Building Sustainable Community'*

# Section 1 // Opening Questions

Questions 2 to 7

*Topics include: Candidate priorities, growth, visitation, reconciliation, achieving a shared vision, tracking community performance, and the Official Community Plan.*

## Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #2

*On Your Priorities - What do you believe to be the top 3 priorities for Whistler as we seek to build a sustainable community?*

CANDIDATE	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3
ANDREWS, STEVE	Promoting our clean water	Increasing the number of waste transfer/recycling stations	Moving RMOW equipment and vehicles to renewable energy
ANNAND, GORD	Housing - rental & affordable single-family market.	Environment - defend & protect.	Support for non-profits.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Fiscal Responsibility	Local Housing	Solid Waste and Recycling
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Affordability, housing, daycare for our community	Improving our environmental performance	Managing growth = we have hit build out in many areas
FALCON, LARRY	housing	transportation	fiscal responsibility
FORD, JEN	Climate change leadership	Affordability for all residents	a right-sized tourism economy
FORSYTH, RALPH	Affordable Housing	Review of Whistler 2020	Retaining young families
GRILLS, JOHN	Build the employee restricted housing as laid out by the housing task force	Complete the current OCP process including the removal of Ministerial approval for future amendments and updates	Continued focus on the balance between a strong and stable local economy and a healthy vibrant community
JEWETT, CATHY	Affordability	Environment	Community
LLOYD, JANICE	Keep the vibrant Soul of Whistler alive.	Seek to house 75% of employees in Whistler	Strive to control transportation in, out and circulating in the community.
MURL, JEFF	Prudent Financial Management	Reduced expectations of growth for businesses	Increased adoption of policies and practices to meet environmental sustainability targets

REID, BRIAN	Housing of all varieties from permanent purchase to short term rental	Continued maintenance and improvement to the community infrastructure	Continued support of local culture, arts and support services
TARDIF, MELANIE	General Affordability-quality of life	Overtourism- analyzing a tourism carrying capacity	Waste & Plastic Reduction
TITUS, DAWN	Affordable housing for working residents	Community-First based decision making	Protecting our Natural Environment (what brought most of us here in originally) "Reinforcing Whistler's mountain community character" RMOW OCP

**Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #3**

*On Growth - The bed cap demonstrates the communities desire to have a limit on growth. The bed cap has been increased at key junctures in the past and we have not currently exceeded our bed cap. If elected, would you support raising the bed cap beyond what is already proposed in the Official Community Plan drafted in 2018?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	No Where would the extra people go? We need to deal with traffic and crowds before we can think about increasing our capacity.
ANNAND, GORD	No We are the victim of our own success and need to take time to respond to that success in ways that reflect our concern for quality of life, quality of experience and environmental quality.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Maybe I would support raising the bed cap for locally restricted housing, or in extraordinary circumstances, like the agreement to settle the OCP with First Nations. I would not support raising the bed unit cap for additional market development.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	No Our highway, parking facilities, water, sewage treatment, parks, lakes, trails etc. are hitting carrying capacity thresholds and we do not have enough housing for our workforce. Focus on managing better what we have and addressing the housing crisis not creating more growth.
FALCON, LARRY	Maybe I say maybe, as I would only advocate this if it was the only way to ensure that we create adequate staff accommodation for our existing businesses in town.
FORD, JEN	No Whistler 2020 discussion forums and recent discussions regarding the updated OCP have indicated that there is a strong desire in the community to limit growth. There are certainly opportunities to look at the current considered bed cap and re-evaluate how much is enough, and what is the right mix. There are suggestions that removing some TA zoned beds and turning them into Res beds may be worth considering.

FORSYTH, RALPH	No	We shouldn't need to. The last (2016) estimate was that the RMOW had 6,681 bed units remaining before we reached the 61,500 Cap. The Draft OCP also anticipates development of additional bed units if necessary. Chapter 4 Growth Management 4.1.3.6. Policy Continue to maintain a limit on Whistler's accommodation capacity measured in bed units, consistent with the following: (a) Recognize the existing approved accommodation capacity estimated at approximately 61,500 bed units. (b) Allow for up to 1,000 additional bed units for various initiatives to address Whistler's current critical shortage of employee housing. Continue to monitor ongoing housing needs and evaluate proposed developments relative to the municipality's rezoning evaluation criteria. (c) Support the additional development capacity associated with the proposed development of Kadenwood lands by Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation for low to medium residential development, with a capacity of up to 332 bed units. Recognize this initiative as important to reconciliation providing clear and substantial benefits to the resort and community.
GRILLS, JOHN	Maybe	The bed cap is a great tool for our community to control growth. Bed units and bed caps are somewhat unique to Whistler, so it is often a challenge when speaking to senior levels of government about them. I checked the maybe box for this question because our OCP allows us to consider raising the bed cap if there is a substantial benefit to the community. When and if that question is brought before us the community will decide.
JEWETT, CATHY	Maybe	The maybe is to ensure that we have the tools to support local residents. The housing market has become decoupled from local employee economy.
LLOYD, JANICE	No	Our present bedcap of 61,750 has increased substantially over the past 15 years to accommodate growth, visitation and community needs. To expand beyond this notwithstanding the present development permits under review as of September 2018 would undermine sustainability and compromise the unique resort experience. There is risk involved in over providing bed units unless we have a crystal ball to envision our community in 15 years. We need to accommodate employees to service our approximately 3,400,000 visitors and housing them is primary. Family homes for this growing demographic are key for our community yet we must preserve the neighbourhoods and improve and mark time until we bring our housing challenges under control. Infrastructure for our growing population of young families must be factored into the cost of increasing our bedcap.
MURL, JEFF	No	I think this is a key lever of government to control growth of the community and the subsequent demand on resources, services and infrastructure. Long-term planning is an important aspect of managing the growth and overriding those plans undermines their effectiveness and creates unintended consequences.
REID, BRIAN	Maybe	With increasing population worldwide and more people travelling there needs to be the potential for necessary growth within the community and as such there needs to be a reasonable mechanism to support this within the municipal plan.

TARDIF, MELANIE	No	I would not support raising the bed cap as it is a good limit to growth. I am passionate about smart growth, the policies implemented in the OCP were created for a reason and I would want to respect the hard work put into creating those policies. The bed cap was essentially something the community created and agreed upon for the OCP, it would seem counter-intuitive to increase it, unless critically necessary where amendments can be made to the OCP. Moreover, it would be interesting to see an analysis done on the actual physical space available to inhabit based on the natural resources surrounding the community. Comparatively, how many homes are empty throughout the year and can we do anything to alleviate the housing crisis with these empty places. If elected I will hold the RMOW staff accountable to the OCP guidelines and policies.
TITUS, DAWN	No	Our Community has reached a 'critical mass' and the impacts are being felt by all residents (congestion at parks and local recreation areas; traffic; lack of staff at businesses). It is crucial that strategies are put into place that will alleviate these issues. Whistler is losing long-term residents who by choice are moving, resulting in the slow erosion of the Social Fabric of our Community.



**Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #4**

*On Visitation - As a resort community, visitation impacts our long-term economic viability, environmental footprint and societal well-being. If elected, what would you do to ensure visitation numbers are kept within the limitations of a) our finite infrastructure (accommodations, transportation, natural environment, etc.) and b) our equally finite societal support systems (healthcare, affordability, quality of life, etc.)*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Not approving any major developments such as new hotels or tourist properties. Working to promote the region as a whole, there is a lot of space to go around and is worth visiting beyond Whistler.
ANNAND, GORD	a) We cannot close the gate however we can influence volume through pricing and programming. In the same we cranked it up we can crank it down. b) Preserve and build on our quality life.
BUZZARD, DAVID	The municipality is limited in what it can do to prevent people from visiting the resort. The one of the biggest problems is illegal nightly rentals (ie AirBnB), which erode local housing and increase nightly visitors beyond capacity. The RMOW should take a much harder line on policing these.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Manage visitation by not encouraging more during peak periods but rather filling in the quieter shoulder seasons. Manage better the facilities we have - do not build more. I do believe in the short to mid term we will see another down cycle Due to a weather event, geo political event or financial downturn. Therefore plan with a flexible platform.
FALCON, LARRY	Visitation numbers will always ebb and flow based on variety of different factors. We can not assume that numbers will continually increase. This is not realistic, and if we do assume rapid growth, the result will be over building and decreased business success.
FORD, JEN	Right-sizing the economy involves having enough of the right mix of guests to occupy hotel bed and restaurant seats, balanced with the right mix of seasonal and long-term resident employees to keep the resort operating at excellent service levels. Drawing more and more guests through various marketing initiatives, if not balanced with a resident workforce that are taken care of, is futile. By taking care of our residents, they are safely housed with secure food options, social infrastructure such as daycare centres and health care services, and opportunities for personal growth and learning.

<p>FORSYTH, RALPH</p>	<p>Trust me, you do not want to live in a place where the government decides how many visitors should or should not be allowed to visit. We live in a market economy, right now the market is "hot" but market forces are cyclical. The role of local government is to foster a climate that is supportive of local business. Here's what we can do to create a more prosperous business climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify ways to streamline municipal development permitting process</li> <li>• Create an Economic Development Advisory Panel</li> <li>• Identify and recruit businesses that could successfully integrate into the Whistler business landscape</li> <li>• Develop a Small Business Incubation Policy</li> <li>• Leverage opportunities with the Province and Federal Government</li> </ul>
<p>GRILLS, JOHN</p>	<p>We have a finite number of TA zoned and private beds in Whistler, that in-itself helps control the number overnight guests and residents. As for day traffic, it is more difficult to control but actions like, day lot pay parking in peak seasons, free transit bus service on summer weekends and other initiatives have helped alleviate the pressure on peak volume days. We are also now getting more assistance from the Provincial government with the dramatic increase in trail use in the SLRD.</p>
<p>JEWETT, CATHY</p>	<p>I sat at the "Growth" table at the OCP. One of the members spoke of Sustained Prosperity without continued expansion. As Council, we have limited ability to control how existing businesses operate or to control who drives up the highway. We all live here and also appreciate the connection with our natural environment and the ability to find peaceful places.</p>
<p>LLOYD, JANICE</p>	<p>A) I would like to see our visitation numbers controlled with increased use of bus service and by-law enforcement. By controlling transportation to our community we should be able to reduce accessibility to key pristine areas by insisting on controlled access, eg. the Skywalk Trail where residents are squeezed out and endangered by neighbourhoods being taken over by tourist vehicles, cooking and camping at the trailheads. Ideally, accommodation should remain as is until the community gets a grip on control through by-laws and restrictions on our pristine attractions. Another example is the River of Golden Dreams pollution and human-generated waste left behind by visitor use. Defining, measuring and managing visitation are essential to preserving the soul of our community. How do we achieve a balance as our visitation continues to grow? We have statistics but have yet to manage them. Transportation to the valley is key in my estimation. I would like to see an upgrade to our Waste Management protocol and applied to visitors in the valley. As locals we set a standard in waste control and management however we allow our visitors to be oblivious to these same standards. eg. Subaru Ironman, Tough Mudder, your average visitor and their families behaviour in our parks, walkways and at events. Our vibrant locals community is compromised at the onslaught of visitation with our drive to be sustainable. Improved stewardship of our natural resources is fundamental moving forward. B) Whistler Community Services is a jewel in the crown of our community development. Be the users transients or long time residents the provisions available including the brilliant re-use it philosophy projected by this service is a wonder. This being said we could do more to assist the challenged of our community. We have many long time residents who live off the grid because they have been evicted and can not afford the ever rising rents. As they age beyond their ability to work we can't just usher them out of Whistler!! They have helped create the fabric of our community even though they have not planned as well as some. I advocate for these people. I seek to find a way within the bounds of the Housing Authority to make a place for them that is realistically affordable and gives them a good quality of life as they live</p>

out their lives in Whistler. Striving to find youth support is a goal I support. more in the way of gathering opportunities in a casual environment that is not intimidating. Community fire pits with seating? Neighbourhood gathering areas? An avenue for involvement with the arts community where there is no family to help them through the dark spots of life. Our health support system is stressed by our diminishing numbers of health care workers, doctors and trained child care workers and the increased use of our small but very fine support system by visitation. The lack of health care professionals may be attributed to housing and general qualified availability. One of my goals is to create an increased attractiveness to lure such trained folks to Whistler via housing options. We clearly need to enhance what is presently available as the clinic is stretching at the seams and extremely challenged at peak times which are almost at a level mountain rage of times these past few years as visitation grows. How many visitors use the healthcare facilities when they visit. Do we have a statistic on this question? How do we build ( budget) this into a sustainable future so that our resident community is served desirably with quality. Government funding? Increased surcharge for visitors? Lobby provincial and federal government regarding our unique situation considering the vast numbers of visitation that sustain us. If we control transportation into the valley this may be possible, moving forward.

MURL, JEFF	I would work with the municipal staff and local organizations to use the legal and policy tools available as well as develop some positive and negative incentives to encourage the numbers in the desired direction.
REID, BRIAN	Build it and they will come. We did and they have. Whistler is a worldwide destination and with travellers both domestic and international there is no easy way to limit our visitors. With an ease of access from Vancouver the steady stream of visitors will always continue. The number of available beds with help to curb the amount of visitors and by limiting future nightly rental beds we can try to minimize the impact on the valley, it's services and residents.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Speaking to a major priority and interest from my platform, "Overtourism", I'd like to explore the idea of a tourism carrying capacity analysis. How many visitors can we actually sustain in this town, on the mountains and in our parks? Countries around the world are starting to recognize that there must be limitations to how many individuals can be visiting a popular destination. Places like Venice, Yosemite, and Kauai have been looking into a carrying capacity for their small communities. In Indonesia, they have gotten to the point where they need to close down beaches to allow for restoration and alleviate the pressure on the natural life. For Whistler, I believe it would be wise to consider both the environment and the quality of life. With more people recreating in the backcountry, and looking for "secret spots" or special undiscovered places. Additionally, the quality of experience these visitors are receiving when in here, from service to accommodation and transportation, we want to ensure that the quality is not declining so that they return to Whistler again in the future. Having shuttle buses to the trailheads, like the Skywalk Trail, or to Rainbow park, might help with transportation issues.

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TITUS, DAWN

\*\* I'm reviewing the OCP section; details at the meeting ( Hope you are not expecting a magic solution? ). \*\* I do feel that RMOW will have to impose 'park fees'/parking fees at our local parks and lakes ( If I go to Stanley Park etc in the city ... there is a fee to park ). Rainbow and Lakeside parks are over-run in the summer months ( Locals would have access via a pass of some type )

## Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #5

*On Reconciliation - If elected, what is your approach to reconciliation going to be / what more would you do?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Involving First Nations youth in community events, inviting our neighbours to take part in the bid process, increasing art and culture exchanges amongst our neighbouring communities.
ANNAND, GORD	Work with and build on the relationship that is in place. Ensure that we work with them to facilitate our mutual success.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	I have worked a lot with First Nations in the past. My focus and passion is to create every job and skills development opportunity possible. Its a win- win. Strengthening our labor force and economic growth for First Nations.
FALCON, LARRY	Reconciliation needs to be responded to in a very balanced and long view approach. We want to ensure that we do not rush into a decision that creates ongoing grievances in the long run. We need to ensure a solution that is fair, equitable and good for all parties.
FORD, JEN	We have made some in-roads with the protocol agreement signed between Lil-wat, Squamish, and RMOW. There are many opportunities to advance reconciliation efforts with the help and support of the Whistler First Nations Museum (SLCC). Overall, there are many ways in which we can work on our own understanding of what Reconciliation means to each of us, and then to embrace what that means for the region. A good first start would be to recognize that we are on the shared traditional territory of the Lil'wat and Squamish Nations in public forums.
FORSYTH, RALPH	Support First Nations economic development. In my previous experience as a councillor I worked with many leaders from both the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations and served for six years on the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee. In every conversation with these leaders their response to my questions about reconciliation, was to support their economic development initiatives. So, that's what I'll do.
GRILLS, JOHN	A stated goal for many on this current council was to work on our relationship with our two First Nation neighbours. We have signed an MOU and recently a Protocol agreement, more is in the works. This has been one of my key files and I look forward if elected to continue the work started in this term.
JEWETT, CATHY	The most important thing that we can do is to establish personal relationships with our FN neighbours in a way that honours their culture and invites them into our community.

LLOYD, JANICE	I am committed to acknowledging any opportunity to honour the First Nations. We need to create a renewed vision of balance with the indigenous and be inclusive in all our behaviours. Partly this means improving transportation from Pemberton to Whistler to enable a better access to Whistler for work and enjoying our shared lands, developed and unbalanced as our community is at present. I notice many First Nations folks at our re-use it Centre. As Councillor I would press for a dedicated liaison with First Nations and the Whistler community. I have visited and assisted with and established a relationship with Skatin and see this as a direct need for a respectful person to address and draw more understanding to the table. We are so enriched to have First Nations in our midst. Our ways are different but our fundamental goals are similar. We cherish family, beliefs, community and livability. Respect is key.
MURL, JEFF	I would need to listen, and be patient and take the time to find common ground on issues we share. Then I can learn from the conversations, and we can effectively work together to develop solutions beneficial to all parties.
REID, BRIAN	Collaboration with First Nations group has been improved in the past years and continuing in this direction will only help move this forward to the benefit of all parties.
TARDIF, MELANIE	I'd like to acknowledge how extremely important indigenous reconciliation is for our community, the province and our country. It's long overdue and in my opinion, it's so heartbreaking that we have suppressed and literally ignored First Nations for years. I look forward to building strong ties with the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations. While I am still learning a lot about reconciliation, like most people, I do know that we can learn so much from them and I'm inspired by their culture. As significant stakeholders in the community it'll be important to synergize on so many levels. Fostering strong relationships with our partners much like we did during the Olympics and with the Cheakamus Community Forest. I was especially delighted to learn about the Memorandum of Understanding between the province, RMOW, Whistler Blackcomb, and the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations, signed in February 2017. I am very pleased that the RMOW is putting significant efforts into reconciliation and I fully support the MOU. I also want to acknowledge that there have been residents actively seeking out more information and creating a dialogue on reconciliation in the community. Maybe the municipality can support these efforts by hosting film screening (e.g. Indian Horse) at the Whistler Public Library or workshops and information sessions, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC).
TITUS, DAWN	Continued engagement and meaningful conversations and interactions whenever possible. It is crucial that the positive relationship that has been established with First Nations continues to be built on. ( I'll review more carefully the OCP section before our meeting )

Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #6

*On Achieving A Shared Vision - Since 2005, the Whistler 2020 Sustainability Vision has been the leading community policy document. In 2018, a newly condensed set of vision statements were prepared as part of the work to update the Official Community Plan (OCP). As we look beyond W2020, how will you ensure the new vision moves beyond the vision statements - to clear actions and implementation?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Putting more money aside for these initiatives - it can cost a bit up front but in the long run will pay off both by efficiencies via renewable resources and also through a healthier community.
ANNAND, GORD	The challenges of tomorrow are different than the challenges of today. The current plan should be updated and revised on a regular basis.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	I have been very involved with the OCP. Tracking the Metrics like housing, municipal finances, Carbon emissions, labour shortages etc. are what I watch very carefully- how are community vital signs are performing. What do they tell us about our goals/visions. Monitoring this is very important to me.
FALCON, LARRY	The only way that we can move beyond statements is to ensure that council work together, as a team, to create the drive and dedication to turn words into actions.
FORD, JEN	It is important to reaffirm the positioning of the Natural Step and the Whistler 2020 sustainability actions in the new document. However, it is also critical that we embrace changes that have been recognized through new partnerships with the Nations. We cannot continue down the "business as usual" path. I hope that we do everything we can to address the Community Energy and Climate action targets, but it won't be easy. It will take massive commitments from every stakeholder.
FORSYTH, RALPH	Twelve years ago I was part of the Council that adopted Whistler 2020, The document is the community's shared vision and plan for continued success. According to Statistics Canada our Population in 2011 was 9,824; in 2016 it jumped 20% to 11,854, so I'd say we're on track to hit 15K by 2020. The problem is we aren't building to the pace of our population growth. Our Tourism visits are also at a breaking point and many in the community are asking if we're "killing the golden goose." We had a plan and we've failed to follow it. In fact we've abandoned it. Now is the time to re-visit Whistler 2020 and chart our course for the future. I would do this by re-starting the community consultation process that created the document in the first place.

GRILLS, JOHN	I may approach this differently than some but for me it is about actions, one task at a time. Big or small, doing what I or we can accomplish as opportunities arise. Here are some examples, suggesting to increase the insulation when re-roofing of the rink to lower energy use, especially now that the ice is in virtually year round. Supporting the building of the new Nesters recycling depot along with the addition of yard waste bins and metal bins. Supporting the new WCCS building and expansion of the valley trail network. Overcrowded local schools and a severe lack of daycare spaces are two key items for the next term.
JEWETT, CATHY	As a sitting Councillor I have ensured the direction we are going with our new Community Vision is that the 20/20 Descriptors of Success are honoured going forward. Many of the committees I serve on have exhaustively poured through the chapters affecting our area of focus. The new Council will have to continue and complete the work of adopting the new OCP. The incumbent candidates will have a head start on understanding the document and help get the new Council members up to speed.
LLOYD, JANICE	Controlled visitation and balance: Community first, define carrying capacity of visitation. In final OCP language must have the power to match the economic forces that relentlessly drive the visitation side of the balance our community needs. We need strong teeth to enforce the balance. Good for the mother grizzly on Skywalk to remind us!! Strong minds and community leadership, experienced in holding onto ideals is required for the implementation of actions - moving forward. Crushing our neighbourhoods and environment under the auspices of sustainability and commerce is not a vision I support. Read on.
MURL, JEFF	The community, country and planet has struggled to meet many of the goals that have been set surrounding environmental initiatives. I believe humans need to take responsibility and start to pay their share of the debt to the planet we have accumulated so our children don't bear the burden. I hope being on council will give me a greater voice within the community to pursue the goals we've set, and use some tactics from behavioural economics research to create better incentives to meet balance supply and demand on issues related to the W2020
REID, BRIAN	The key to this is the proper planning, designing and direction from the collaboration of multiple parties (RMOW, provincial government, First Nations and local residents). With this collaboration the visions outlined have a chance for success.
TARDIF, MELANIE	If elected I will do my best to create more community engagement, through forums, open houses and I'll actively recruit citizens to come out to said events. W2020 was created by citizens for the citizens! In my opinion it's the best way to feel a sense of belonging and connecting with the community, which is why I have have been highly involved and interested in the OCP and W2020 since I've been in Whistler (10 years) , attending several workshops and forums when I can. I'd like to see the municipality create a CECAP (Community Energy Climate Action Plan) Committee of which I'd be happy to chair, and/or a Zero Waste group/task force. This way we can have real action and see work be done on some of our current goals and objectives, the group could track the success of certain targets and watch that plans are getting implemented and monitored. Ultimately we still need to strengthen our ties with the W2020 partnerships and stakeholders.



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TITUS, DAWN

By including strategic targets and goals. Without them, there appears to be little accountability. \*\* A 'Zero Waste' goal needs specific targets as well as specific criteria to follow for decision making ...

**Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #7**

*On Community Performance - As part of W2020, community indicators were tracked to monitor performance and this monitoring continues today. How would you use the community performance indicators to focus the council and corporate plans and your decisions? Will you commit to keeping an eye on the indicators and taking action to address those indicators where we are falling behind? Have you noticed any gaps in indicators?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	I think we undervalue mental health, and understanding the alarming rates of depression and drug abuse within our younger population will help us steer goals and funding toward addressing this issue.
ANNAND, GORD	Community indicators should be instrumental in providing guidance for council agenda. Indicators, whether they are positive or negative should be immediately addressed.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Of course we have gaps - housing, childcare, a living wage, limits to growth, mental health, carbon emissions, etc. As a planner I look not just where we are at but with a long term view of where we need to get to. Many things we cannot quickly fix. I will drive long term goals with benchmarks along the way. Decision we make today affect future generations.
FALCON, LARRY	The performance indicators are necessary to allow council and locals alike to see how we are doing in relation to meeting our goals. I believe all of council should use these indicators to help plan and implement direction.
FORD, JEN	We need to seriously address the red and yellow indicators with a proactive budget that can address the issue of affordability, social and health infrastructure, and protective services.
FORSYTH, RALPH	The one indicator that I've watched go down for three years in a row is satisfaction. I believe this is because there is less community consultation. The indicator report shouldn't simply be a report, it should inform which policy levers need to be adjusted to get us on the performance track we desire. one simple way to do this is to add it to Council's Agenda (the literal agenda) so that each item refers back to which indicator were working on with each agenda item.
GRILLS, JOHN	The indicators are just one tool that council will consider when at our retreat updating the corporate plan, at the council table or attending any one of our many committee meetings. It is also important that an appropriate amount of staff time is dedicated to reports while leaving sufficient time to do the work to improve the performance indicators that need it.

JEWETT, CATHY	We are discussing the indicators now in the OCP process. There are over 90 indicators. Truthfully I have not spent much time assessing the indicators with their past and present results, with the exception of CECAP. I have been on Council for two presentations of CECAP and it is obvious with the growth in our economy that we are moving backwards in our environmental indicators.
LLOYD, JANICE	I am a steward at heart and completely committed to establishing and maintaining a balance between visitation, carrying capacity and NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. All above should be capitalized. This is the soul of our community and must be preserved. Language in the OCP must be enhanced to firmly capture these components for the future. Gaps would be the powerful drive for development to increase already burgeoning numbers yet not achieving a Balance with the core local community according to the OCP community response regarding indicators. The battle of the lifestyle vs the WOW, theme park and transients for visitors. I don't see balance here according to the indicators.
MURL, JEFF	As an Accountant, my strength on council would be my understanding and use of the numbers. So benchmarking our performance on W2020 is important, but I'd like to see that practice expanded to other areas of local government so we can compare our Key Performance Indicators with other communities and gauge our relative place among them. Using this to encourage our residents with positive results, but also let them know where we are falling behind.
REID, BRIAN	I am not overly familiar with the performance indicators but it is important to ensure any monitoring and tracking information provided is reviewed in full to ensure that the programs are moving in the proper direction.
TARDIF, MELANIE	I will definitely be keeping an eye on the RMOW staff and administration during corporate planning and decision making. Keeping them accountable to the OCP guidelines, while using the indicator metrics to guide the strategic directions of the plans. These indicators are real tangible data that was collected specifically for this reason, which will help set direction into the future. We also need to be looking at the total environmental impact of these metrics and not solely on an individual basis.
TITUS, DAWN	Honestly, I was very disappointed to see how W2020 was 'used' by staff to make certain projects look good - even when it was evident that criteria were not being met. You may understand I questioned how 'tons of plastic grass' fit into the 'Zero Waste' goal..... ( when clearly it did not ). Established community performance indicators should be used as guiding measures in decision making. They should not be 'interpreted' in ways that would allow decisions to be made that do not truly 'meet the grade' ( Hope that makes sense ). I would absolutely commit to being observant and watchful that indicators are truly being used to guide decisions.

**Section 1 // Opening Questions // Question #8**

*On the Official Community Plan - Should the OCP not be passed under current council are there any changes you would like to see? If so what would these be?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	There needs to be more provisions against sensitive wildlife habitats, right now it seems as that is not addressed to protect the few wetlands and old growth forests we have left.
ANNAND, GORD	The OCP is currently under review and it is difficult to determine if any suggestions put forward at the last open house have been implemented and at what stage the review is at.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	For the most part I am okay with this being passed under the current council. I would have retained a higher level overarching brief document like whistler 2020 - Whistler 2030. It speaks volumes to our global community on our commitment to social and environmental stewardship.
FALCON, LARRY	Based on the efforts so far by our present council, I would be remiss to present any changes at this time.
FORD, JEN	We have had a significant amount of input in a very short time, and there was extensive work dedicated to the 2011 version by the community. This was simply an update, hoping to get this document back home. Once it is approved, we can continue to engage the public in meaningful ways.
FORSYTH, RALPH	I'm satisfied with draft Official Community Plan as it is. Keep in mind, the OCP isn't the Magna Carta... Its a working document, it gets amended all the time.
GRILLS, JOHN	Given that there is only 2 meetings left in this term the 2018 OCP will receive first reading only, at best. From the beginning of this OCP update, all of Council agreed our main goals were to update the shelved 2013 OCP to 2018 realities, incorporate the Whistler 2020 document into our new OCP, write a new Vision statement and seek First Nations support for the revised document. All the while keeping the community members informed and by a number of methods and on different occasions seek their input. With Council's approval, the 2018 OCP would then need to be endorsed by the Province, We are also asking that there no longer be the requirement for Whistler to seek ministerial approval on any of our future OCP amendments or updates. For me, I want to get our 2018 OCP through this process and have it home as a working document as soon as possible. Without the requirement for ministerial approvals we can amend and update this document as required.
JEWETT, CATHY	The OCP will take many months of consultation with Council, staff, the community and our First Nations partners. The realistic timeline takes us well into next summer.

LLOYD, JANICE	THE OCP should not be passed under the current council. Whereas there has been creditable development for housing we need to define, measure and manage any forward future vision. The has not been fully addressed in the face of the powerful drive to accommodate visitation, and housing. Transportation is a thread throughout concerns. This is a key factor to protecting the fabric of a vision of balance. Limit access and better manage our future to preserve the community before it is too late. New Council should favour these ideals in stronger language and translate them into the OCP. Old Council to general in addressing these vitals to our Valley.
MURL, JEFF	A lot of work, time and resources have gone into developing the OCP and it will never satisfy all constituents, so I think it's best to move on and focus resources on achieving the goals of the community
REID, BRIAN	I believe the document represents a good basis on the forward movement for the community. It is important to balance all of the aspects of the OCP with community ideals. I would want to ensure this continues.
TARDIF, MELANIE	No, I do not think it should be rushed through and passed simply because the current administration's term is coming to an end soon. 6 months is not long enough to review and finalize, this important guiding document. I would definitely have some amendments to add, I feel like there are some weak areas, especially the environmental section could be strengthened, which is one page long in comparison to the recreation section which is several pages. Now let's lead the way with more green initiatives. After all, we all want our basic human needs met: clean water, fresh air, shelter, safety, economic security and food security, which is innately priority number one!
TITUS, DAWN	This is a critical document for RMOW's future. It would make sense to me that there should be an opportunity for the new Mayor and council to have input/review before it is passed. Ideally, the work that has been done will have been reviewed already by any newly elected councillors; they will hopefully have a good familiarity with the OCP. Also, we have a new Mayor who has been very engaged in the process for the past 4 years. There will be 3 new councillors for certain; I feel that they should have an opportunity to be involved in the last stages of the process to feel that they are truly a part of it moving forward ....



# Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler

Questions 9 to 14

*Topics include: RMI funding, the Temporary Use Permit fee, fostering the local culture and heritage sector, general funding.*



**Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #9**

*From Whistler Writers Festival: As a recipient of RMI funding, we greatly appreciate the support that goes towards Whistler-based arts and culture organizations. Will you continue to lobby Victoria in support of our world-class, homegrown efforts that are to the benefit of visitors and locals alike?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Yes
ANNAND, GORD	Yes The arts are an integral part of the Whistler community and add value to not only residents but seasonal workers and tourists alike. The continued support of FE&A is critical to the vibrancy of Whistler.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes I strongly support using RMI funding to support local Whistler artists and performers. In the last seven years Whistler has become a centre for artists and performers and the RMOW should continue to support them.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes Thanks to John Rea placing me on ACT - Alliance for cultural tourism - I have learned much about Arts Whistler. Arts is a fundamental part of our community identity as it expresses who and what we are as a community. It also diversifies our economy. you bet I will lobby for you!
FALCON, LARRY	Yes I very much support and want to see our local arts and cultural organizations continue to grow and flourish. The existing RMI funding is worth fighting for.
FORD, JEN	Yes Local arts and cultural experiences are as much a part of the draw for visitors and residents as are extreme sports and stunning nature. It is an excellent way to diversify our local economy, by supporting local artists and galleries.
FORSYTH, RALPH	Yes Here's my record on support for Arts and Culture: Approved \$100,000 to develop the Office of Community Cultural Coordination Approved multi-year Fee for Service Agreements with the Whistler Arts Council Agreed to matching contribution in partnership with the Federal Government for the re-development of Rainbow theatre Assumption of the outstanding mortgage for MY Millennium Place Approved the development of Whistler Celebrations Plaza Approved \$2.3M Budget for Festivals Events and Animation
GRILLS, JOHN	Yes Will I continue to lobby Victoria? Yes and I do so whenever the opportunity presents itself. I don't readily have the number of hours the municipal staff and management annually put into the task of maintaining, increasing and seeking better flexibility on the uses of the RMI and MRDT funds, I can say that it is a constant line item on the work charts. These funds are in excess of 10 million dollars annually and they are crucial to delivering a quality experience for our guests that can't be afforded by the local taxpayer.

JEWETT, CATHY	Yes	Yes, there have been discussions with the province for continuous funding. There will be information coming forward on the success of our requests. More focus on mid-week activities has also been a theme. Our local Arts community would benefit from this strategy.
LLOYD, JANICE	Yes	What would Whistler look like without our Arts Culture. The roots of the visionaries who started the Arts Council in 1982 are firmly entrenched and thanks be to their strength and commitment. We have grown quite a forest of culture which I am dedicated to nurturing, additional planting and enhancing. By the hour we perceive the apt management of Arts Whistler and we must pursue this endeavour forever in our community. It makes us who what we are, cementing our sense of place spite of who owns what and whether a person is a visitor, visiting child, homegrown, maturing adult or challenged individual. I see the government contribution in 2017 was about
MURL, JEFF		As I'm focused on having a financially responsible municipal government, I will certainly look to the other members of council and the community on where our precious resources should be directed.
REID, BRIAN	Yes	RMI funds are important to our community and visitors and as such would look to continue lobbying for its continuation. Whistler's arts and culture are a big part of the community and so to keep the flow of funding to these areas should continue to be an important part of the council mandate.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	As an artist myself (ever since I was a little girl) I thoroughly enjoy getting creative and artsy, admiring other individual's art around town brings me joy and inspiration, whether at the farmers market or on murals under overpasses. Art for me is like a form of meditation, I sometimes pop in at the Drink & Draw nights at the Dubh Linn Gate, or Knit Night hosted by a group of lovely local ladies. Whistler has such a beautiful array of talented individuals from art to music and other forms of entertainment! Through art, one can be genuinely expressive and foster a healthy life and mental wellbeing. I definitely want to retain and watch it flourished. With so many visitors in the corridor, local artists really have an opportunity to shine at an international level. Art is a significant part of our culture, it can also be a very powerful way to get a message across.
TITUS, DAWN	Yes	The Writers Festival is an Amazing opportunity for residents and visitors alike!



**Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #10**

*Now that the provincial government has made a three-year commitment to RMI funding, would you support the RMOW committing RMI Festival, Event and Animation funds to local arts, culture and event groups for three-year terms (rather than year by year), providing them with longer term funding stability?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Yes Yes but I think more needs to be done toward nurturing the locals instead of larger, more expensive artists.
ANNAND, GORD	Yes Providing they meet the yet to be determined criteria and also meet performance agreement.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes Yes, provided the group can provide a clear three year plan. It seems a more efficient use of the funds if the organization can make longer term plans re. venue leases and booking talent farther out from the performance date, etc.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes I appreciate the stability that longer term funding provides. I am in support of this as our commitment to Arts, Culture, and events is long term - become part of our DNA
FALCON, LARRY	Yes Guaranteed funding for three years would allow for better planning and growth.
FORD, JEN	Yes
FORSYTH, RALPH	Yes Yes, but it would have to be on a annual renewal.
GRILLS, JOHN	Yes As long as there is RMI funding there will be funds made available to the local arts. If we secure a long term funding commitment from the province we can also have that discussion with others.
JEWETT, CATHY	Without having sat on the FE&A committee and really still getting up to speed on so much, I would have to I need to study this more. However, one of the reasons that RMOW lobbied for this stable funding was to provide certainty from year to year. Hopefully decisions will be to transfer this certainty to our Arts Community.

LLOYD, JANICE	Yes	As the arts in Whistler grow, infinitely as history and economic statistics show, it is prudent in my opinion to secure this funding. With the focus of elected officials federally, provincially and municipally changes and wanders securing these funds and “making hay while the sun shines” and creating a thread of funding history I am in favour of three year funding. There are not statements enough to highlight how strongly I feel about how important these festivals and events in Whistler display the cornerstone and strength of our community vitality, attracting the type of visitation that I personally welcome. In every way this is good investment in our present and future Whistler. Our sustainability is guaranteed and our sense of community is preserved and enhanced.
MURL, JEFF	Yes	I think that allowing other organization, and citizens to make longer term plans is an important goal for the municipal government, from the OCP to longer funding commitments I think it's a prudent idea to provide longer term planning.
REID, BRIAN	Yes	Funding stability will allow the different community groups the availability to make more long term plans with the knowledge funding will be available for the extended timeframe.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	Coming from a charity background, I understand the need for secure funding. Having long term funding is significantly important and beneficial to organizations, because they can implement goals and objectives during their strategic planning session that speak to projects further into the future. I was lucky enough to be a part of the crew spearheading the Family Après this winter, and instilling art, culture and even natural history, to the young visitors and even their parents!
TITUS, DAWN	Yes	Yes. Not only would this provide longer term funding stability but it would also allow for improved financial efficiency /cost savings by making multi-year commitments possibly. Not having to 'wonder' from year to year about funding would free up 'creative' energy also to focus on the actual events and programs.

## Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #11

*From a Local Arts Professional: How do you feel arts and culture contribute to quality of life in Whistler?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	It's imperative. We need more of it and more unique, boundary-pushing work to make people think and re-assess their values and train of thought.
ANNAND, GORD	It offers enriched experiences and opportunities for residents of all ages. Many of the these at little or no cost.
BUZZARD, DAVID	As an arts professional myself, I think the strong local arts scene, and that it's an active part of the resort experience, is a huge asset to Whistler's draw as an all-round resort.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Whistler is a special place as defined by its community. We are so fortunate that the people who work here for the most part live here. Whistler would not be authentic without people in place. Arts and culture enriches this as expressions of who and what we are as a community. I am passionate about this!
FALCON, LARRY	The arts and culture contribute considerably to the quality of life in Whistler. We are fortunate to have world class artists in our town and one only has to walk around town to see how their efforts and work are enjoyed by visitors and locals alike.
FORD, JEN	A thriving and supported/supportive local arts scene contributes to quality of life by giving residents a sense of community among their peers, and support for new residents and visitors looking to understand the character and history of a place. Cultural history also helps residents connect with the land and the place by communicating through various media.
FORSYTH, RALPH	As Whistler looks to diversify its menu of tourism offerings, we must understand that creativity is the hallmark of economic growth. Our community needs to embrace the arts community and make appropriate investments to foster artistic endeavours, and promote collaboration between artists and all levels of the community. Arts and culture are going to play a more important role in the future of our resort, both in maintaining Whistler as a thriving community to live in and as an economic driver for tourism.
GRILLS, JOHN	As a town of 12,000 permanent residents we are very lucky with the number of facilities, outdoor recreational experiences and the festivals and events we get to take in.
JEWETT, CATHY	It provides more depth to our community and celebrates where we live. Sitting outside at The Point watching a play using a dock as the stage is the ultimate fusion of these elements. What a backdrop!

LLOYD, JANICE	<p>The contribution of Arts and Culture to the quality of life in Whistler. Do we have a static on how many residents young and old participate and include creative arts into the fabric of their lives in this community. I know of many, maybe 4 out of 5 that are involved in writing, painting, weaving, singing, hangings( mobiles), music largely as a result of Arts Whistler Workshops and the community exposure as we move about the valley. This is why visitors observe and voice how healthy, alert and fit we appear, old and young, to the visitor. I have read this in Toronto and Vancouver newspapers ( although it is acknowledged we drink a lot of wine). Recently on CBC this past summer this was said on a radio program during the day from 5 visiting women who relished their week long getaway to our community. The only negative comment was the long line of traffic to exit the valley, keeping the car running and so on underlining our transportation re-evaluation that must be firm and specific in the OCP. I am a founding member who continues to financially and spiritually support Arts Whistler and would crawl a long way to continue to keep and maintain the elements Arts and Culture contribute to the quality of life in Whistler. We could do more by adding improved wording regarding Specific wording on the OCP for Children’ art, mature people’s art, and arts for the spiritually bereft that are in our community. Fund events to showcase children’s Art and Mature persons ( over 60) of our community.</p>
MURL, JEFF	<p>As a very diverse community with citizens pursuing all sorts of activities, it's important that we encourage all forms of recreation and culture we can.</p>
REID, BRIAN	<p>This has always been an important aspect of our town. Whistler is filled with quality artists and the cultural aspects of a large city. With this great asset in our small community, the benefit is so much easier to enjoy. It allows us all to see and enjoy these works in a more concentrated level.</p>
TARDIF, MELANIE	<p>I think I spoke to this enough in the above two questions. But I would add that art can also create a sense of belonging and connection in the community. Personally, I have been on a spiritual journey over the last year, growing as a compassionate individual. One thing I have learnt is that our current society is too often in the "left brain"- linear, analytical, logistics, strategic, numbers, time-oriented, language &amp; talking, science, reason. We need to balance out and be more in our "right brain"- creative, emotional, art, music, colourful, peace &amp; love, poetry, passion &amp; intuition. So I'm advocating for a more balanced mind.</p>
TITUS, DAWN	<p>* When I attended the opening of 'POP' at the Audain a few months ago, I actually had to sit down and say out loud - "Never did I imagine I would be able to view original Warhol paintings - in Whistler - in such an incredible venue". That thought expresses my feelings of the value of arts and culture in Whistler .... and then ... the events we have the opportunity to enjoy at The Pointe are equally exceptional/enjoyable!</p>

Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #12

*From a Community Artist: Will you eliminate the Temporary Use Permit fee for artists who want to sell work from their homes – putting them on a level playing field with other home-based businesses such as yoga studios, graphic designers, architects, etc.?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Yes Yes, that's a silly rule and hurts Whistler's character.
ANNAND, GORD	Yes
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes Yes! That temporary use permit is total crap.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes Sounds reasonable. I do need to understand this further in terms of specifics like parking - perspectives from neighbours. My sense is this enriches the local neighbourhood.
FALCON, LARRY	No
FORD, JEN	The challenge we face with home based businesses is traffic and parking in neighbourhoods, and how that affects the neighbours. Whistler 2020 and the OCP indicates that we wish to concentrate commerce in the village core and commercial zones like Function Junction and Mons, etc. As we move away from the village, and move traffic further into residential neighbourhoods, the lines become blurry. I'm certainly open to discussing how the current system is working for the artists involved in the TUP process, and finding ways to make it better!
FORSYTH, RALPH	Yes To be honest I didn't know that was a requirement. Are you also obliged to have a business licence?
GRILLS, JOHN	No I am willing to have a discussion regarding home based businesses if I am on the next council.
JEWETT, CATHY	Yes I wasn't on council for this decision, so I don't know the background. My understanding is that it comes down to retail sales in our neighbourhoods. What other home based businesses are selling products out of their home and how are we regulating them? I've heard that this was a three year trial so it may be coming before the next Council.

LLOYD, JANICE	Yes	If this were to reach fruition, artists who are in a neighbourhood must have off street parking available, in place, and have signage approved by Council or the Planning Department that is not offensive to neighbours and the neighbourhood
MURL, JEFF	Yes	Although as a council member I'm only one vote, as an accountant serving diverse clients doing business in all sorts of circumstances, I don't see why an artist couldn't carry on their passions much as an accountant carries on theirs.
REID, BRIAN	Yes	I was not a fan of this when it was rolled out and as such would look to remove this requirement. There is no need to force this permit fee on the artist community and treat it unlike other in house businesses.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	Absolutely, why shouldn't they be entrepreneurs and business people, especially if it means that it levels out the playing field. Most artist don't sell their art in galleries but rather from various outlets and different opportunities. So long as it does not disturb the neighbourhood residents, and that the permit is meeting the intended purpose. I think I would like to explore what is "art" and with a better definition develop parameters that can help set guidelines, of which municipal staff could provide more insight.
TITUS, DAWN	Yes	Yes. I spoke directly to Cheryl Massey/Massey Pottery about the 'TUP' last year. This permit fee goes against one of my first priorities - Support Locals in whatever ways are possible. Adding this permit fee to hard-working local artisans was a very bad decision in my opinion.

Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #13

*From a Local Artist: In a transient and tourism-based town like Whistler, how should the local arts, culture and heritage sector be fostered and supported in order to both enrich and preserve Whistler's unique culture and character?*

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community Whistler Funding culture see continue unique

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Use more RMI money toward locals, both for art installations and live performances.
ANNAND, GORD	Provide more opportunity for exposure. Continue to support the funding of the Whistler Arts Council.
BUZZARD, DAVID	I'd like to see the RMOW support more locally based performers. For example, for the cost of bringing one out of town performer to play at the Olympic Plaza, the municipality could fund several local performances in the same venue.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	The more active it is the more unique our culture and character. This makes whistler more authentic which is meaningful to both residents and guest. Funding (within our means) is very important. I have more questions than answers on this but fundamentally believe we must support in every practical sense the growth and resilience of our Arts - culture and heritage sector. I will continue to say there is a business case for this. Having travelled and worked in hundreds of resorts throughout the world - I can say that authenticity is everything.
FALCON, LARRY	Our local arts, culture and heritage sectors need to be fostered by public and private initiatives. Continued use of RMI dollars, as well as judicious use of tax dollars and continued support of private dollars are key.
FORD, JEN	We need to find a new home for the Whistler Museum. Hopefully, it will be a place where history, culture and locals can mingle and feel at home. Visitors want to experience the local culture, and want to be immersed in something unlike anywhere else. Arts Whistler is well positioned to support and promote local artists in an authentic and meaningful way. I'd like to see more dovetailing between Arts Whistler and Tourism Whistler when promoting and planning for the work to be done.
FORSYTH, RALPH	I believe this is the intent to the (CEP) community enrichment program grants. . It's important to support community initiatives first.

GRILLS, JOHN	With the increased business levels over the past 4 to 5 years we have also seen a pleasant increase in the number of musicians performing at local F&B establishments. Arts Whistler has hosted some unique and very popular art shows featuring local artists. On a number of occasions when asked the Audain Art Museum has supported or housed an event for local artists. In the past two terms there has been a higher level of support for arts and culture in Whistler. More and more it becomes part of the fabric of our community.
JEWETT, CATHY	All those things encompass so much from our Museums to Festivals to Theatre to the many mediums that are Art. The municipality supports Arts Whistler and the Whistler Museum with Grants In Aid and many smaller arts organizations with Community Enrichment Grants. The Museum connects us with our past. Arts Whistler hosts a diverse calendar of events that pulls in artists from many mediums. I hope that we can continue to support Arts and Culture so that artists - from the established to the newbies and that there are supports to provide art workshops (writing, acting, film, paint...) to pull more potential artists into the fold.
LLOYD, JANICE	Improved wording in the OCP. A dedicated local artist should participate in formulating this wording, creating firm and clear language in order to enrich and preserve this unique aspect of Whistler's character. Annual Senior's Art combined with the Children's Art Festival or The Holiday Market. Always provide a spot for either end of the age spectrum that resides in Whistler. This could show as food art, sleep art, shoe art, hat art, glove art, anything that showcases our character and respect for all ages and personalities in the spectrum. Upper and lower age groups are often overlooked even though they are special.
MURL, JEFF	I believe the arts community is very active in Whistler and local government will continue to support initiatives and organizations that purse that activity under my watch.
REID, BRIAN	I feel that there is currently a good support network in place for presenting and supporting these areas. Continued art walks, opportunities for cultural presentations (plays, music, etc.) need to continue. Funding through both local and RMI funds needs to continue.
TARDIF, MELANIE	I love that there are so many free events to attend in this town, from live music or art shows. Whistler truly has a unique culture which attracts so many various people from around the world. Even local small town pop artists can make it big (e.g. Walk Off the Earth) and then return to Whistler and make a guest appearance as icons. I enjoy attending live art contests and watching my friends paint in the village square.
TITUS, DAWN	A consideration of priority given towards selecting LOCAL art for public art displays ( purchased art / murals / sculpture ), providing grants to support local artists and cultural events . Support for ArtWalk / Arts Whistler events ...



**Section 2 // Courtesy of Arts Whistler // Question #14**

*From Arts Whistler: Given that participation in arts and culture has proven to contribute to well-being, a healthy community and fostering creative and innovative thinking required in today's society, if elected will you continue to fund arts and culture at a level that supports arts and culture accessibility and sustainability?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Yes yes, I am a big proponent of the arts, used to sit on the board of The Point, and continue to push my own artistic pursuits every day. I'm a Burner who attends Burning Man yearly, if you've ever been then you know that it's a lifestyle that sticks with you back in your daily life.
ANNAND, GORD	Yes
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes As per my previous answers I stand in 100 % support of Arts and Culture in this special resort community - Whistler. Let's keep driving this and I appreciate how important it is to our four season diversification.
FALCON, LARRY	Yes
FORD, JEN	Yes
FORSYTH, RALPH	Yes
GRILLS, JOHN	Yes Arts and Culture funding was increased this year. A large investment has been made in the Cultural Connector. Still on the to-do list is securing a new home for our Museum. I currently sit on the FE&A committee and supporting local artists and events is always part of the discussion.
JEWETT, CATHY	Yes While I would not say that I'm an artist - I know what I like and I like art! If you know me you know that I am a keen participant in Arts and Culture events. Especially if there's dancing.

LLOYD, JANICE	Yes	Absolutely- I am committed to support our arts, culture accessibility and as goes without writing, our sustainability. Accessibility is key to this community. So far public art in all the ways Arts Whistler presents is fabulous. There are a few ways I would like to see this enhanced. If we could somehow move one of the very much older dwellings in sight of village visitation and enhance it in a whimsical artistic presentation. Old record player, folks in jeans and plaid shirts, no skirts on women in the 70's. In fact it made the paper when someone walked around Creekside in a skirt. The first baby born here and so on. Might be seasonal but maybe not- all this encased to prevent vandalism. A new record was cause for a friend and neighbours dinner gathering. No radio at that time. Radio was cause for a big celebration when a couple of stalwart individuals made this happen. Then phones!! Goodness!! Anyway, I wax on about the start of our community where Arts and Culture was always woven into any event.
MURL, JEFF		As a council member I would have to weigh many demands on the finances of the community while meeting my desires for a financially viable community. As mentioned in an earlier answer, we are failing to meet our environmental goals, and resources will have to be diverted from many sources to meet those goals, so I certainly will do my best to balance those requirements.
REID, BRIAN	Yes	These are important aspects to both our residents and guests so this requires continued funding.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	Definitely, I truly believe it's significantly important to enter our right brain in a world where we are always so analytical and strategic. I'd like to see more free workshops for the low income individuals, or those seeking a sense of connection and belonging. Especially if mental health is a concern.
TITUS, DAWN	Yes	



## Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE

Questions 15 to 17

*Topics include: Climate Change, backcountry recreation planning, old growth forest, habitat protection, wildfires.*



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for the Environment

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #15**

*Climate change is a global issue but one that we each have a role in taking action on. Reports using the community performance indicators highlight we are off track to meet our commitments on greenhouse gas emission and energy use as laid out in Whistler 2020 and our Community Energy and Climate Action Plan. If elected, what are some specific steps you would take to speed up action on climate change/the CECAP?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Change the vehicles to renewable fuel, outlaw leaf blowers, outlaw open doors in winter, prohibit propane heaters.
ANNAND, GORD	The CECAP appears to be stalled and needs to be implemented in a timely manner.
BUZZARD, DAVID	1) Work to increase local transit use, which also decreases highway and parking congestion. 2) Support municipal grants for owners of older Whistler houses to improve energy efficiency (extra insulation and weather proofing, installation of high efficiency furnaces, etc.). 3) Support regular bus routes between the Vancouver area and Whistler, which also decreases traffic and congestions (like local bus traffic).
DE JONG, ARTHUR	The Achilles heel is local traffic at about 55% of emissions and the elephant in the room is the long haul travel getting to whistler. Therefore we need to ask what we can do to influence this bigger footprint as well. I would like to see the highest percentage of local strategic employee housing possible to reduce car use both in Whistler and the corridor. In answer to CECAP - doing everything we can on reducing car use, mandate all practical building energy efficient solutions on new structures and retrofits. How can we be more efficient with NG which produces about 34% ( commercial and residential) of our emissions? Much work to do here!
FALCON, LARRY	As Whistler is a desirable place to live, we continue to see growth in our population. With this growth comes increased use of energy and greenhouse gas emissions. Since we can not stop our growth we need to strive to minimize the impact of our growth. Education and knowledge are the keys to assisting this.
FORD, JEN	If there is anything we can do to support more visitors to get on a bus instead of in a rental car, that would be well worth funding. We need more regular access from YVR via preferred modes of transportation. Our greatest contributor to GHGs is personal vehicles, and we are going in the wrong direction. More infrastructure to support electric vehicles, electric buses, and lower impact travel choices. Greater transit means less need for vehicles, so long as transit is reliable, frequent, and more convenient. Other ways to address CECAP are to make meaningful and bold moves towards zero waste initiatives.

FORSYTH, RALPH	Invest in low-carbon, climate-resilient infrastructure Set congestion charges, variable parking fees and toll lanes Eliminate Property tax provisions that favour single-use and single-family dwellings Eliminate Zoning rules that limit density Promote infill development Support retrofit of existing buildings with energy efficiency technologies Support Property tax deductions for low-carbon buildings
GRILLS, JOHN	Support Increased use of YVR shuttles by our residents and guests. Continue to add more E car charging stations and introduce E-bike charging racks. Introduce regional transit, increase free transit when possible, make the spirit transit pass more attractive, support the step code for commercial and multi use buildings in 2019. Install water bottle filling stations, install compost receptacles in the village stroll, continue to work on the upcoming once through water cooling equipment bylaw and more.
JEWETT, CATHY	As a member of TAG I see Regional and local Transit as important solutions to CC. There are some changes coming. Also I supported the Building Step Code which will improve energy performance in new builds. Transportation is our biggest emitter of GhGs. On TAG we have worked on our OCP Chapter to ensure that not just residents but visitors are encouraged to use transit options. We need to work to create a seamless and economic modes of transit from the airport. We need to be ready to move from NG buses to electric or even back to hydrogen when the technology is proven, supported and economic.
LLOYD, JANICE	Waiting in long highway line ups in a single motor vehicle that is idling must drive up emissions index. This was not necessarily acknowledged at the CECAP report to the Council. Whereas the drive to use natural gas and propane appears to be encouraged, electricity seems to be a wiser ecological choice although more expensive, Ensuring all new builds or major renovation have “green building” initiative Management of transportation is a large factor to be considered. More and enhanced bus service from Vancouver must be pushed forward. A third lane as at the 2010 Olympic arrangement is my goal to facilitate a better entry-exit to/from the valley. Business being mindful of open doors that let heat in or out of buildings is an initiative I would like to pursue. Water resources are a concern in addition to emissions. Another goal of mine is to establish a strategy to twin our water system for potable water separate from irrigation, fire suppression and industrial use. More growth without consideration of the water supply, it’s preservation and distribution is a risk. Think of Tofino that had to truck water to serve the community after a drought and compromising water shortage. How would that look in Whistler, never mind boiling water pumped from creeks.
MURL, JEFF	I would like to use the incentives that local government can control to "nudge" businesses and citizens towards achieving those goals. A great deal of research has been done on how to use "Opt outs" instead of "Opt Ins" to encourage adoption of preferred policies. I hope to better use behavioural economic research to achieve our goals and get buy-in from businesses and the community.
REID, BRIAN	Continue working on waste diversion streams ( compost, recycling,etc.) Continue to explore alternate forms of access to the valley via mass transit to try and minimize the number of drivers coming to our town. Enforce the non-idling bylaw more

TARDIF,  
MELANIE

This is something I have been following closely since I got to town a decade ago and I am well aware that we are off target. Something AWARE and the Board of Directors recognize there is the need for more community engagement at the OCP forums and open houses, with more pressure from the local passionate citizens we can create more momentum to start achieving our goals and create a sense of pride. Again, an amazing opportunity to be world leaders in the green movement. I'd like to see the easy low hanging fruit get crossed off the list first, examples like a single use disposable plastics eliminated or bylaws implemented. This would be so easy and AWARE has done so much work into collecting statistics and opinions from visitors, since 2007, regarding a support towards banning single use disposable items. I would like to see compost bins all over town right next to the garbage and recycling bins, which would diverge a considerable amount of waste from the landfill, there has already been a pilot project for this. Materials & Waste do add to the total GHG emissions, from producing the products to transporting the waste away from Whistler. I advocate for more cradle to cradle innovation. Give incentives to those that chose not to drive their vehicles, just like the in-fill housing initiatives. How? I decided not to insure my car this summer and instead bike everywhere, it was sometimes challenging needing to get to Pemberton for a scientific project I was a part of. Therefore, rewarding people who chose the more challenging route will potentially create a domino effect. Luckily I have friends who lent me their truck for the day (whom also should be rewarded), car sharing is another successful example. More renewable energy integrated in building proposal. The list goes on... If the RMI funding permits we could possibly hire an Environmental Officer who could oversee and monitor these initiatives and then report back to council.

TITUS, DAWN

For one - have all businesses keep their door closed in the winter time ! I am very surprised that this simple measure isn't in place .... On the larger scale - it is evident that we will need to stick to BedUnit cap; I'll need to review what 'strategies' staff has within CECAP - I watched Ted Battison's full presentation and it was clear that RMOW is not going to meet the targets ( but there was little on what to do about it ) .... In a perfect world, we would truly be working on ways to REDUCE vehicles coming into the resort ( rental cars for instance - have as many Guests as possible come by bus .... )

Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #16

*Whistler has a diversity of ecosystems - from valley bottom wetlands to alpine. More people are accessing these areas as the entire Sea-to-Sky corridor is seeing exponential growth in front and backcountry recreation. We believe that any investment in recreation infrastructure should be preceded by a science-based process of review - to include impacts on wildlife, habitat and connectivity of habitats. And that construction should only proceed if accompanied by funds to cover: ecological assessments prior to installation and on an ongoing basis after construction; as well as the cost of maintenance; and ongoing management (for example - managing for wildlife as seen on the Skywalk trail network closures this fall). Do you agree with this position? How would you support implementation of this approach?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Yes I think there is a good job happening already. I would look for inefficiencies and hope to see ways that money could be spent more wisely.
ANNAND, GORD	Yes
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes I have been an advocate of nature-based non-mechanized tourism for a long time. Build very low impact experiences inside the ecosystem as opposed to changing it. It also keeps the costs down.
FALCON, LARRY	Maybe As the population of Canada, let alone Whistler, continues to grow, we will see increased use of our backcountry recreation. We have certainly seen the impact of making access easier for the general public, i.e., Joffre Lakes and Garibaldi Lake. At the same time we need to balance the need to get more people outside and living a healthier lifestyle, and managing our resources. I am 100% in favour of the Spearhead Huts program, yet I fear if we were too strident in our review process, the Spearhead Huts project would not have moved forward. We need to be able to strike a healthy balance between not allowing growth and ensuring enjoyment of the outdoors by all.

FORD, JEN	Yes	We need to be willing to not be everything for everyone all of the time. Rightsizing the economy may mean not building new trails for the sake of expansion, not adding more people to places that are already at capacity. There will come a time when Joffre Lakes is no longer the place to be, and likely it will be because there are simply too many people to enjoy it. We may already be there. Parks access is in provincial mandate, so we'd need to work with our partners in FLNRORD and other agencies to ensure that these processes are supported.
FORSYTH, RALPH	Yes	Council could simply add this process of review to any development application.
GRILLS, JOHN	Maybe	I agree to assessing the impacts of these projects. We also need to consult with the First Nations. However to say that a trail could not proceed unless there was enough funds set aside specifically to cover future maintenance and management of that trail, how much and for how long should these reserve funds cover 5 years 10 years, +?
JEWETT, CATHY	Yes	We've seen the impacts on our Grizzly Bear population this fall as the entire West Side Trail network has been closed down. More access isn't always more better.
LLOYD, JANICE	Yes	I strongly support this approach. In fact it must be insisted upon as we move forward. Moving forward to me means restricting access to fragile and sensitive areas. The higher elevations of the Skywalk trail have been a known habitat for female grizzlies nurturing their cubs and preparing for the winter. This push to develop a trail without appropriate consultation with scientifically eco trained professionals is a travesty to our valley not to mention the danger and invasion of our Alpine subdivisions. I am dedicated to ensuring The River of Golden Dreams and surrounding areas are regulated for tourist visitation.
MURL, JEFF	Yes	As I tend to approach problems with a logical and practical approach, based on science and finance. I hope to employ that approach to coming up with solutions to this and other problems. The downloading of costs to anyone else is a common approach in business and government has a responsibility to ensure that all projects are financially viable and protected from abuse.
REID, BRIAN	Yes	There needs to be better management of these resources and not just the mass access we have seen in the recent past. The Joffre Lakes trail improvement comes to mind as well as the new Skywalk trail.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	As an Ecological Technologist by trade, I am in full agreement with this statement! Not only after the projects have been completed, but well into the future, such as 30-50 years away, considering most ecological impacts take a long time to come to light (human years vs. geological time scale, it's actually pretty short) We need to look at balancing our impacts with rehabilitation efforts, which will decrease our GHGs and safeguard habitat and biodiversity. Once again, an Environmental Officer hired to monitor and enforce mandates.



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TITUS, DAWN

Yes

Ensuring that adequate funding is provided for the groups ( AWARE, WORCA etc ) who are doing this important work now, as well as a strong Leader on staff with VISION to guide future recreational infrastructure.

Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17a

*For Question 17 candidates were asked to indicate which statements they agreed with, disagreed with or had not yet formed opinions about.*

As a tourism-based community, it is essential that we prioritize measures to ensure that our natural environment is protected for the long-term.

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE	FURTHER COMMENTS PROVIDED
ANDREWS, STEVE	Strongly Agree	
ANNAND, GORD	Strongly Agree	
BUZZARD, DAVID	Strongly Agree	
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Strongly Agree	
FALCON, LARRY	Strongly Agree	
FORD, JEN	Strongly Agree	
FORSYTH, RALPH	Strongly Agree	
GRILLS, JOHN	Strongly Agree	
JEWETT, CATHY	Strongly Agree	
LLOYD, JANICE	Strongly Agree	
MURL, JEFF	Strongly Agree	
REID, BRIAN	Strongly Agree	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
TITUS, DAWN	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17b**

The Cheakamus Community Forest allows the community to have greater control over local logging and each year we are mandated to log 20,000m<sup>3</sup>, including from old growth. As a resort community we should revisit whether logging 600/800/1000yr+ trees is the highest and best use of forest assets in the Sea to Sky.

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE	FURTHER COMMENTS PROVIDED
ANDREWS, STEVE	Strongly Agree	
ANNAND, GORD	Strongly Agree	
BUZZARD, DAVID	No Opinion On This Yet	Yes, see subsequent section
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Strongly Agree	
FALCON, LARRY	Strongly Agree	
FORD, JEN	Strongly Agree	
FORSYTH, RALPH		Yes, see subsequent section
GRILLS, JOHN	Strongly Agree	
JEWETT, CATHY	Strongly Agree	
LLOYD, JANICE	Strongly Agree	
MURL, JEFF	Strongly Agree	
REID, BRIAN	Somewhat Agree	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
TITUS, DAWN	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17c**

**Backcountry areas and habitat should be protected from degradation through proactive planning and management of access and infrastructure. (For example - in relation to motorized vehicle access, trail access, locations of trailheads, locations of washrooms/campsites, etc.).**

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE	FURTHER COMMENTS PROVIDED
ANDREWS, STEVE	Strongly Agree	
ANNAND, GORD	Strongly Agree	
BUZZARD, DAVID	Somewhat Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Strongly Agree	
FALCON, LARRY	Strongly Agree	
FORD, JEN	Strongly Agree	
FORSYTH, RALPH	Somewhat Agree	
GRILLS, JOHN	Strongly Agree	
JEWETT, CATHY	Strongly Agree	
LLOYD, JANICE	Strongly Agree	
MURL, JEFF	Somewhat Agree	
REID, BRIAN	Somewhat Agree	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
TITUS, DAWN	Strongly Agree	

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17d**

As a result of previous logging Whistler is surrounded by young, dense forest. Longer, hotter, dryer summers increase the risk of wildfire. As a community we should increase investment in and areas treated to reduce wildfire risk.

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE	FURTHER COMMENTS PROVIDED
ANDREWS, STEVE	Strongly Agree	
ANNAND, GORD	Strongly Agree	
BUZZARD, DAVID	Strongly Agree	
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Strongly Agree	
FALCON, LARRY	Strongly Agree	
FORD, JEN	Strongly Agree	
FORSYTH, RALPH	Strongly Agree	
GRILLS, JOHN	Strongly Agree	
JEWETT, CATHY	Strongly Agree	
LLOYD, JANICE	Strongly Agree	
MURL, JEFF	Strongly Agree	
REID, BRIAN	Somewhat Agree	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
TITUS, DAWN	Strongly Agree	

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17e**

**With a heavy focus on events, Whistler should prioritize becoming a world leader in executing green events.**

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE	FURTHER COMMENTS PROVIDED
ANDREWS, STEVE	Strongly Agree	
ANNAND, GORD	Strongly Agree	
BUZZARD, DAVID	Somewhat Agree	
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Strongly Agree	
FALCON, LARRY	Strongly Agree	
FORD, JEN	Strongly Agree	
FORSYTH, RALPH	Strongly Agree	
GRILLS, JOHN	Somewhat Agree	
JEWETT, CATHY	Strongly Agree	
LLOYD, JANICE	Strongly Agree	
MURL, JEFF	Somewhat Agree	
REID, BRIAN	Somewhat Agree	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Strongly Agree	Yes, see subsequent section
TITUS, DAWN	Strongly Agree	

**Section 3 // Courtesy of AWARE // Question #17f**

*Further comments.*

To above questions 17a through 17e.

CANDIDATE	FURTHER COMMENTS
ANDREWS, STEVE	Pretty straight forward but I agree with all these statements.
ANNAND, GORD	Some environmental issues fall under Provincial jurisdiction. We need to lobby the Province on a regular and ongoing basis and work with them on an aligned vision.
BUZZARD, DAVID	b) The CCF was passed through during the end of the 2008-2011 council. There was strong community opposition to it, including from myself and then mayoral candidate Nancy Wilhem-Morden. Once the RMOW entered into the CCF agreement, it became a one third partner with two other partners (industry and first nations) whose interest was primary in logging as much as they could, basically negating Whistler's ability to oppose it. Mayor Nancy, much to her frustration, has tried to control the logging, but Whistler's position has been consistently voted down by the other two partners in the CCF. Now the First Nations position in the CCF is enshrined in the OCP, so there is effectively nothing Whistler can do to oppose the logging in the CCF. I will be mad at the people who entered Whistler into this poorly thought-out and lop sided agreement until the day I die, but sadly, there's nothing that can be done to oppose it now. c) I'm not totally opposed to motorized recreation in the back country, but it shouldn't be at the expense of wildlife or fragile terrain.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Having been a pioneer in leading the environmental movement in the North American ski industry I have witnessed some wins but also many setbacks. On issues like climate change we are losing ground and running out of time. I will bring my experience and passion to the council table on environmental matters. I deeply appreciate the work of Aware and the environmental commitments of our community.
FORSYTH, RALPH	The Cheakamus Community Forest, agreement isn't something you can just "re-negotiate" or "tear up" other candidate might promise you these options (many have in the past) but I won't. The bottom line is, the agreement allows the community to have greater control over local logging. It's not ideal, but it's better than not having any control at all. You want unicorn and rainbows... You'll have to vote for someone else, I only make promises I can keep.

GRILLS, JOHN	<p>a) Whistler is first and foremost outdoor recreation. b) The cut is much lower than 20,000cm<sup>3</sup>. on many years. We are the only community forest selling carbon credits. Within the CCF any market timber cut for wildfire fuel reduction counts towards our annual cut. Protection of old growth trees from cutting is still a priority as is protecting them from a wildfire. d) We are with the assistance of the Province investing over 1 million dollars annually in wildfire fuel reduction and community fire-smarting. We are working to secure long term funding for our projects to make better use of the funds and secure contractors with specialized equipment. And yes more has to be done. e) I do agree we should strive for a much higher level of compliance.</p>
LLOYD, JANICE	<p>1. We must upgrade our municipal waste management protocol for visitations. (RMOW) 2. The frightening reality of visitors and some locals of flicking live cigarette butts begs a solution for control of such dangerous behaviour. 3. More by-law officers. 4. Visitors wanting to view and hike in sensitive areas must go to the trailheads or site by bus. Do not provide parking. 5. Utilize volunteer help to monitor and patrol sensitive areas. I would have liked to double click check marks on strongly agree for all of the above questions.</p>
MURL, JEFF	<p>The forest is one of the reasons I love being here, so I will always stand up for it's protection, prudent management and long term viability. This resource if properly cared for will far out live us all, and it is our responsibility in the time we are here to allow the forest to live another 600/800/1000 years.</p>
TARDIF, MELANIE	<p>A) if anything for the future generations, your kids and grandchildren! Following the First Nation model of 7 generations into the future. Securing land for wildlife is a win-win B) we definitely need to slow down on logging or there won't be any sustainable logging in the future, it is after all a FINITE resource. Eventually phasing out Old Growth Logging all together. C) I was very disheartened to see dirt bike tracks in the Emeral Forest (a Conservancy) the other day. Again, revisiting the idea of Overtoursim here. More enforcement/park rangers needed, and if the province can't provide the numbers/budget, than the municipality needs to step in. D) Absolutely, but coupled with reducing GHG and fighting climate change, otherwise there's no chance at stopping wild fires. We seriously need to halt our behavior as a consumer thirsty society and break free from fossil fuels. E) we have such an incredible opportunity here, let's sieze the day! Large events like Ironman can then go to other locations around the world with the knowledge of stewardship insipiring other cities or countries to follow the path of sustainability.</p>



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TITUS, DAWN

a) The Natural environment is what has brought the majority of people to Whistler from Day 1 (Myrtle and Alex Phillip ... lake fishing! Alta Lake is in need of protection ... Working towards implementing 'electric motors' only and limiting boat speeds is a project I will be working on) b) It is truly difficult to understand how anyone in the Forest Industry is able to justify cutting down magnificent trees 600Yrs+ in age. The incredible old growth forests in our region should be protected, and hopefully we can move in that direction. c) Motorized vehicles moving into the Whistler watershed are already a threat. The improved access and social media promotion last summer for the Train Wreck trail caused issues as there was no provision for garbage and over-flow parking ( same happening this year with SkyWalk ). "Build it and they will come", but better to be prepared for all of those who come.... d) This summer proved that wildfire risk is here to stay. It is critical that the RMOW plan is 'above and beyond' what might be required should fire strike here. After living here for 35 years, this is the first year I heard the words, "fire-proofing". I understand that RMOW is working with the Province to ensure that sufficient funds are in place to 'do what needs to be done'.  
Critical area of focus



## Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS

Questions 18 to 22

*Topics include: Housing crisis, Whistler's homeless population, Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, rent increases, affordability.*



**WHISTLER COMMUNITY  
SERVICES SOCIETY**

*"A Helping Hand Toward A Healthy Community"*

Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS // Question #18

*What can be done in Whistler to improve the current housing crisis in terms of rental prices and lack of available housing for seasonal and long-term residents?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Find a temporary solution such as a work camp, set up a lot where people who are living in their vehicles can use the bathroom and dispose of their garbage properly.
ANNAND, GORD	Accelerate the enforcement on long term rentals like Airbnb. Be proactive and not reactive.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Support both the development of private and WHA locally restricted housing.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	This is the fundamental election question. 1) build quickly what we know will work. 2) As a planner I need to understand what number of beds units that we need to build and what specific demographic housing needs (metrics) exist with season housing, young families, singles, couples, and ageing in place. Need to get these numbers right with current and future needs. 3) Assessing the Current WHA waiting list will be helpful in determining these needs. 4) Businesses need to be part of the answer. 5) Explore what is possible with price controls 6) Build for the future now. We should not have been caught in this situation.
FALCON, LARRY	Whistler does not have a housing crisis. I wish people would stop stating this as it skews what the real issue is. What we have is a staff accommodation crisis. New WHA housing is not going to fix this issue. What will fix it is aggressive use of municipal land and providing the necessary incentives to employers and private developers to create modular housing that will allow for inexpensive housing for our tourism-based staff. We need solutions now, not five or ten years down the road. Let's think outside of the box and do it now!
FORD, JEN	The BC government has significant funds dedicated to quick turn around, modular housing units. They've already opened 2000 units for low income families in Vancouver. I believe there is a very good case to be made in applying for some of these units to be placed in Whistler temporarily until all of the units that are in progress are opened in 2-3 years time. Frankly, we will be challenged to build new long term units by a shortage of trades and labourers (due to a lack of workforce.) Appropriate levers can be put into agreements to make short term housing remain short term. Regarding the idea of bringing rents back down to earth, there is very little that the local government can do about regulating rental rates. Those sorts of regulations only lead to those rental units being taken off the rental market. The rental rates have ballooned and deflated in cycles, and likely will again. In the meantime, we have to get more rentals built without delay. I would also request that the Provincial government rethink the removal of fixed term leases. This has removed many, many rental suites from the rental pool because landlords don't want to rent year round, or the perceived hassle of being stuck with a bad tenant.

<p>FORSYTH, RALPH</p>	<p>The solution: Build more housing! We need to quickly get our supply back up to meet demand. Instead of reacting to the housing problem, all it takes is a majority of councillors to direct staff to make it a priority, then talk to some developers and find out what it will take and how quickly it can be done to deliver some housing. Some other simple solutions to increase our housing stock include: Infill Housing Lift the moratorium on in-fill housing, and expand it throughout the resort. I support infill housing because it helps reverse the gentrification of our neighbourhoods, it would add more affordable housing to Whistler's inventory, add increased property tax revenue without increasing our development footprint, and it would keep more Whistler families in Whistler. Develop Cheakamus Crossing The plan for Cheakamus Crossing was always to develop it further with a mix of market and employee housing and a mix of product types from single family to apartments, the site is zoned serviced and ready to build on, all we need to do is take action! Rezoning in existing neighbourhoods Encourage redevelopment in existing neighbourhoods by allowing the rezoning properties for higher density. Another simple method would be to allow businesses to occupy (via rezoning and renovation) property in commercial or mixed-use zones. Soaring house prices and rock bottom vacancy rates aren't an inevitable consequence of success, just as their opposite aren't an unsolvable riddle, all it takes is some policy changes and some action.</p>
<p>GRILLS, JOHN</p>	<p>This is the number one agenda item. I know for those who are paying extreme rents for small spaces and business facing staff shortages every day, the new building is not happening fast enough. Two buildings are under construction one opened last December. October 1 there will be an open house regarding phase 2 of CC and the municipal staff are processing the private sector employee restricted rental projects. I have not supported the idea of temporary housing solutions because I think it is better in the long term to put all of our attention and funding into permanent structures. Though temporary housing may be an option for the trades who are contracted to build some of these housing projects. Additional rental housing projects are also being considered.</p>
<p>JEWETT, CATHY</p>	<p>Our housing market is decoupled from our local economics. Can we continue to ask the taxpayers to fund housing? We need to be more creative. I think we also need to consider dealing with social housing. We don't have shelter supports for the most vulnerable in our community.</p>
<p>LLOYD, JANICE</p>	<p>Change the Phase 2 renting regulation to open up space in the village. Many of these apartments and units are empty. With a municipal perk, perhaps tax consideration by the municipality, these spaces could be better utilized. Upgrade zoning so that when a house that presently provides rentals to locals or seasonals is purchased and demolished then replaced by a large ( huge) single family dwelling that is left empty or not used at all is more heavily taxed or that said new dwelling must have a rentable suite that is occupied. In other words, some incentive or preventive, positive zoning in favour of creating housing for established workers and families. Rent controlled is a must. Managing this might be out of the umbrella of WHA who do not appear to be moderate in their rent expectation for the low income worker or stay at home parent situation.</p>

MURL, JEFF	Working with the WHA, and the muni staff to seek projects that will provide beds for those in need is a viable plan that is not going to provide immediate relief but is the prudent path. We must also be planning for the next bust, as building capacity to serve the peaks will only make the next recession bite even harder. With that in mind, long term planning, prudent development, and patience will be required to keep Whistler a viable community going forward for those residents.
REID, BRIAN	More short term rentals need to be built for the seasonal workers. Permanent housing needs to be reviewed and perhaps built to a lesser cost level of finishing to allow for a lower price point. Everything does need to be built to such a high level of finishing so that the costs can be controlled. Let's get shovels in the ground and not get caught up in the red tape with the development process.
TARDIF, MELANIE	It seems like there is a sense of elitism in this town and I know it's not what the community wants, we would rather go back to the good old days of ski bums living in vans (oh wait, that's already the case) I'd like to see the annual allowable rent increase (4.5%) rectified and reduced to reflect the cost of living. Whistler's Vital Signs (2016) reported over half of Whistler's renters paying more than 30% of their income on housing, there's no chance to save for future plans (i.e. To purchase property, or a pension) As a "working girl" myself, I have directly felt the pressures of having to work 3 jobs to meet ends meet. If elected I would advocate for the provincial government to reduce these high rates. I'd like to see an incentive program for the second homeowners, of which their homes are empty for most of the year, for renting out parts of their homes. In the meantime, temporary housing in the modular homes could be the next step. More enforcement and stricter fines for illegal nightly rentals on AirBNB. If we all put our heads together, I'm optimistic that we will find a solution to this housing crisis.
TITUS, DAWN	*** Projects that would provide rental accommodation are moving forward for further consideration at RMOW as we speak. There is a concern however about the actual rates that ultimately will be charged for these units. Recent information provided to the public did not specify the proposed rates but only that the rates would 'be lower than' current rates ( which in many cases are not 'affordable' for many ). These private proposals may have to align with current WHA rates if they are in fact going to provide solutions for the current crisis (if that is a possible component to include). The recent decision in Vancouver to tax homes that are 'sitting empty' should also be reviewed further. Many of these empty homes used to provide long-term resident housing in Whistler. The taxes imposed could be used for more housing initiatives (?) There also continues to be concerns that there are WHA owners who do not necessarily qualify for ownership - there may need to be an audited review to ensure all units are currently available to qualified working residents. So many people 'on the list', that have been waiting for far too long for an opportunity to purchase. Cheakamus 2 is still a long way 'down the road' ....

**Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS // Question #19**

*How would you best support the homeless population in Whistler during the winter months?*

town beds Services work need emergency shelter community help  
 Whistler Provide support job people worker homeless

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Offer outreach services, Help with job programs, work with hotels for surplus beds to help when it's coldest out.
ANNAND, GORD	This problem is not unique to Whistler and is very complex and difficult to solve. Sadly I have no answer however we should initiate discussion with the experts on how other jurisdictions have dealt with the challenge.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Provide a safe parking area for Whistler workers who live in vans and campers. This would be to prevent people from parking local neighbourhoods and to provide sanitation facilities for the people. This would be limited to people who either work in the resort or have long term ties to the community. People wanting to come for short term camping vacations would not be allowed in the parking lot.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	I will explore this with WCSS in terms of needs and solutions - to support the homeless. I am sensitive to social issues in our community- I am the longest serving crisis line worker on the Vancouver Crisis line. Have also worked as an EMT in the inner city of Vancouver
FALCON, LARRY	Provide them with the proper health support and job training so that we can move them from being homeless into becoming a contributing member of our town.
FORD, JEN	First we have to acknowledge that there is a vulnerable population in Whistler that has unique needs. We need to partner with non-profit organizations (Whistler Community Services Society, Sea to Sky Comm Services, and others) that understand this better, and can offer supports that meet them where they are, and listen to their needs. There is a developer in town who has built units and dedicated them to people that really need the help. They remain anonymous, but it's acts of kindness like this that make our community so wonderful!
FORSYTH, RALPH	In the past, council had set aside funding for a transitional house where people could be safe, get support and help finding full time accommodation in or out of the resort. it was run by Whistler Community Services, I'm surprised that it's not still happening.

GRILLS, JOHN	There is no emergency shelter beds in Whistler and at this time there are no plans for any.
JEWETT, CATHY	See above. We are a town like any other, we have social issues too. There are people sleeping in their cars on frigid nights and worse situations than that. Our community did not participate in the BC Homeless Survey last year. Our last data is old. We should do another survey but in the meantime start planning for a shelter similar to Squamish's which started as a grassroots organization.
LLOYD, JANICE	Bunkhouse made of modular units. One shower, Toilets and bunk beds. Small kitchen. Temporary use only. Would need to be monitored by social worker. Another organized vehicle than the WHA should manage this and funding should sought from the province, federal government and municipality, WCSS.
MURL, JEFF	The rising costs of living in this and many communities have made being homeless (but driving your home) a desirable option for some people. We need to work with the bylaw department to minimize the impact of the transient on existing citizens, while directing them to and providing access to services to encourage their proper integration into the community.
REID, BRIAN	Sorry, I do not have a comment on this at this point.
TARDIF, MELANIE	This is an important question, Whistler is in desperate need of an emergency shelter not only for the homeless but for individuals suffering from mental health imbalances or injuries that put individuals at risk. In the meantime, emergency shelters are in critical need NOW, there are many people suffering from depression and are suicidal in this town. I think we need to address this urgently! We need support systems and shelters can be in municipal buildings like Fire Halls, Schools, Meadow Park Sports Center. Also partnering with WB to implement more staff housing and dormitories.
TITUS, DAWN	An emergency shelter is needed. Community Services does a tremendous job of reaching out and providing support to those in need. Not having anywhere - here in Whistler - available is a need that should be addressed.

**Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS // Question #20**

*Do you think there is a current gap in accessing post Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations in Whistler and if so, what would you recommend to address the issue?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	I don't know enough about this issue to say either way.
ANNAND, GORD	I am not sure the RMOW has any jurisdiction over criminal matters. This is an RCMP and medical examiner issue.
BUZZARD, DAVID	At the moment, sexual assault victims are required to travel to North Vancouver for forensic examinations (I think there is a proposal to offer them in Squamish, but I don't know if it is in operation yet), which is totally unacceptable. I would support municipal support to train and certify local medical staff to perform the examinations.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	I need to research this issue to provide an informed response. I will seek information from WCSS.
FALCON, LARRY	Unfortunately I will need to do some more research on this topic to make a proper response. I will say that there should never be a gap in accessing SAFE in Whistler.
FORD, JEN	Three years ago, a person who was attacked would have to report the crime, and then be driven by RCMP to Vancouver for proper testing within a small window to ensure testing accuracy. This is a huge barrier to making a report, as well as taking an RCMP officer out of rotation for a very long trip to and from the city. As of a year ago, Squamish General Hospital now employs a Nurse practitioner who can perform the tests within certain days/times. It is not perfect, but it's much better than it was. The gap remains that it is an incredibly difficult time for someone to deal with, and there are all kinds of barriers to reporting and healing. I would like to work more closely with our local RCMP and health care centre to offer this testing locally and to help start the healing process.
FORSYTH, RALPH	I honestly have no idea. The RCMP would have this data and you'd have to meet with Vancouver Coastal Health to see what's needed to fix the problem if there is a gap. Pulling together these two entities plus the health care center would be the best way to start.
GRILLS, JOHN	If you are asking the question I would say there is a need. I would suggest bringing it forward with the RCMP to council.
JEWETT, CATHY	I don't know enough about this topic to have a knowledgeable opinion, but would ask WCSS what their experience is here regarding the needs.
LLOYD, JANICE	Difficult to address. Yes. On call dedicated nurse practitioner to provide examinations. Respite room available or hotel accommodation. Dedicated examination room at one of the clinics. Local RCMP or ambulance service to provide transportation. Ultimately, co operate with Squamish and Pemberton to provide all of the above and use police and/or ambulance for transportation. Another option would be municipally funded taxi to examination location and respite room.



MURL, JEFF	I'm afraid I can't say i knew a gap existed, but as healthcare and policing are shared responsibilities with other levels of government I'd be interested to know more about the topic and see if there's ways to eliminate any gap we may have below best practices.
REID, BRIAN	I spoke with a local health centre employee about this as I was not aware of this item. It was mentioned that this very delicate issue is one of concern as there are not the resources nor personnel to provide this service full time. This requires the skill of specialized professional personnel with both compassion and understanding and if in order to best serve the affected person they be treated in the city, this may have to be the way it is until such time as more qualified personnel are available.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes, the gap is that there is no emergency shelter for women to go to where they can seek help and recover faster. If there were more services maybe there would be more reports and prosecutions, ergo justice. There could be a service such as a van that comes up weekly from the city to collect samples to bring to the lab for analysis. The problem is these samples need to remain refrigerated while in transit to the lab, and where can they be stored in the meantime, while awaiting this van? With sexual assault and rape, women are scarred for life, there is a huge emotional burden that is associated with such incidents. Therefore, they may seek counselling and social services for years post recovery. I would support more funding for WCSS, to alleviate this gap.
TITUS, DAWN	* I do not have current information on this topic. ** If there is indeed a gap ( due to lack of staffing/RCMP specialists ), then I would certainly want to understand what would need to be done to expedite having services readily available for victims. Again, this is a crucial support that needs to be in place for both residents and visitors alike.

Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS // Question #21

*The province recently approved an allowable rent increase of 4.5% for 2019, the largest increase since 2004. A 4.5% increase for a \$1,860 apartment adds \$84 a month, or \$1,004 a year. The legal allowable increases are making the housing crisis worse. About 20% of tenants in B.C.'s 550,000 rental units are spending more than 50 per cent of their gross income on rent. The B.C. NDP heavily criticized the B.C. Liberals for not doing enough to address affordability for renters and promised before coming into power to put in place a \$400 renters' grant for all renters. But the government has not yet introduced the grant. Do you support this grant?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	No I think it's a political band-aid.
ANNAND, GORD	Undecided
BUZZARD, DAVID	Yes I support the grant, but so far the provincial government can't get support in it's own coalition (the Green Party isn't supporting it) to enact it. There isn't a lot that the municipal government can do to support it.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	Yes yes - 50 % is much too high. I believe it should be in the 35 - 37 % range.
FALCON, LARRY	No Unfortunately the \$400. does nothing to correct the underlying issues that are forcing continual increases in housing and rental costs. I would rather see these dollars used for incentives so that employers and developers can build the housing that we so desperately need.
FORD, JEN	Yes
FORSYTH, RALPH	No
GRILLS, JOHN	Undecided It is hard to measure the impact of a renters grant and how long would it exist? The Province has stepped forward with funding on our recent WHA projects. BC housing is very aware of the accomplishments of WHA and have confidence in the organization as it now considers our future projects. Building additional employee restricted rental housing will hopefully reduce the rates for market rental properties.

JEWETT, CATHY	Yes	The RTB Regulations have resulted in many local landlords pulling out of the rental market. Rents are expensive because housing is expensive. In the past there was a rental tax credit, that would be one way to tackle it. There are some illegal rental tenants that would fall between the cracks though. Ironically rents are taxable so one hand taketh and the other hand giveth. I have personal experience with the economic realities of rent: income challenges.
LLOYD, JANICE	No	This grant deters from a root problem of low wages and high rents Whistler must be addressed In our community by zoning and rent restrictions. This is not an initiative but a band aid to a deeper issue. As a Councillor I would move towards a rental authority similar to the WHA that has a list of rentals that is compulsory to belong to and prevents unreasonable increases to established rental units and in the case of ownership changing ensures protection for present tenants and a provision for future tenants should demolish and rebuild take place.
MURL, JEFF	Undecided	I think it sounds like a election promise with few details. I'd like to see the numbers before forming an opinion. What are the costs, the expected impact, how it will help the most in need and not compensate those who aren't in need. Subsidies can be expensive tools and prone to abuse when the terms aren't well conceived. I think this is why this is still a promise and not reality.
REID, BRIAN	Undecided	
TARDIF, MELANIE	Yes	This once again speaks to my platform in regards to affordability. I would lobby the NDP government to introduce the grant and get the ball rolling. The reality is, people are leaving Whistler because they can't afford to live here, and therefore employers are short staff. Employees run this town!
TITUS, DAWN	Yes	

**Section 4 // Courtesy of WCSS // Question #22**

*What are your plans to promote affordability in our community regarding this legal allowable 4.5% increase?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	Encourage workers to demand higher wages, the average wage is far lower than the living wage assessed.
ANNAND, GORD	Expand the WHA formula to include all rental units.
BUZZARD, DAVID	Support the WHA, which has it's own rental rate policies.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	We have a supply/demand issue that we need to turn around and bring sanity back to our housing shortfalls. As a planner I need to take the long term view as we will not fix this in the short term. That being said I do not support the 4.5% increase.
FALCON, LARRY	As stated above, create the incentives so that inexpensive, yet quality staff accommodations can be built quickly and effectively.
FORD, JEN	The provincial government needs to rethink the removal of the fixed term lease. The objective of this was to protect tenants from being renovicted or displaced. The result has been landlords no longer renting their suite because they feel that they have no recourse if a tenant relationship goes bad.
FORSYTH, RALPH	Again, we live in a market economy, it's not complicated. The solution is to build more housing- it's lack of supply that drives prices up- build more inventory and prices will go down.
GRILLS, JOHN	I think this question has been answered in questions 18 and 21
JEWETT, CATHY	Specifically we are looking at resident restricted housing initiatives.
LLOYD, JANICE	I will not be raising my tenants rent this year. Hope she appreciates this gesture. I believe we should offer a pamphlet on being a responsible tenant. Many landlords welcome this allowable increase because taxes, maintenance, repairs, hydro and insurance costs are increasing dramatically. Some tenants are destructive, disrespectful to property and the noise they generate. Their deposit may never cover the cost of clean up and repairs after or if they leave. In answer to the question, lobby for rent control in Whistler for Commercial and "affordable housing". As a Councillor I could steer this in a positive direction, making a model for other municipalities.
MURL, JEFF	Inflation is a consequence of increasing costs on a basket of goods and services. As an accountant working on council, I would look to reduce costs in the community, and keep inflation low so landlords with good long terms tenants wouldn't need to increase the rent. Increasing competition for tenants will make increases harder to ask for.

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REID, BRIAN	Sorry, I do not have an answer at this time, but it should put a lesser increase in place with the knowledge of these affordability issues.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Maybe the RMOW could also provide grants to the low income individuals who apply and are eligible. Going back to RMI funding, there is a desire in the community to revisit what it can be used for and the type of things/projects it can fund.
TITUS, DAWN	Local council recently reported that they were able to make valuable connections with BC Ministry individuals at the UBCM session here this month. Having our new Mayor Jack Crompton set a priority to lobby the NDP to bring the above-mentioned grant would be the first step!



# Section 5 // Closing Questions

Questions 23 & 24

*Topics include: Your "most memorable legacy", any additional comments.*

Section 5 // Closing Questions // Question #23

*What would you like to leave as your 'most memorable legacy' of your term in office, whether it be socially, economically or environmentally focused?*

CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
ANDREWS, STEVE	More community events that bring people together, more RMI money in the hands of local artists.
ANNAND, GORD	That I got things done, operated efficiently and effectively and respected the taxpayers who pay the bills.
BUZZARD, DAVID	I'd like to see Whistler as a more socially inclusive place.
DE JONG, ARTHUR	I bring skill, experience, vision, and passion on all three. That being said my deepest passion is protecting our natural environment. The legacy for me is to deliver on improving our environmental stewardship in way that also made our community and economy stronger.
FALCON, LARRY	That I was a team player who with the participation of the rest of the team fixed our staff accommodation shortages.
FORD, JEN	I hope that we can move the dial on daycare and after school care spaces. I hope that we can make Whistler a place where seasonal staff can live safely and comfortably, without being gauged. I hope that families can stay and build a prosperous life here. I hope that our ageing population can age in place. And I hope that Whistler becomes a destination that the world sees as a sustainable eco-system and a great place to visit.
FORSYTH, RALPH	I'd be content with building enough housing so that rents are on a downward trend when the term is finished.
GRILLS, JOHN	I am proud with the accomplishments made during the last seven years on Council. Key goals for the next term are, get our 2018 OCP adopted as described in earlier questions. Continue the work with our First Nations neighbours. Scale up our wildfire fuel reduction and fire-smarting programs. Explore opportunities for additional classroom and daycare spaces. Get the employee restricted housing built!
JEWETT, CATHY	Improved public engagement and transparency through governance audit.

LLOYD, JANICE	<p>Affordable rental housing for ageing workers who have worked in Whistler and been pillars in our development but not been prudent in providing for their last quarter of life in Whistler. Because these folks have been errant in planning their lives they should have the support of a reasonably priced rental they can afford on CPP and OAP. As they pass/age on these premises can be used for others in similar situations. A caveat could be placed on these dwellers to give prescribed community service such as reading at the schools or spending time at youth facilities for a specific number of hours a week. Some kind of beneficial community activity. Manage accessibility of visitation to fragile areas for preservation and prevention of irreparable damage to our ecology. Enhanced Waste Management Protocol that profoundly influences how events and visitors conduct themselves in our valley and adjacent regions. This is not to be aimed at locals as much as at visitors. More after school child care for youth in or near our schools, ideally integrate this with the present school system. The schools have the infrastructure for safety, parking, drop off&gt;pick up, Perhaps if an older sibling attends the school partnering with the school bus to get both home safely ( to be explored) . Volunteerism could be useful in exchange for low cost housing. Preserve and enhance our neighbourhoods thereby adding big support to sustain the Soul of Whistler. Picnic area for locals in a created in a covered roundabout space including a fire pit for appropriate seasons. ( this vision could be enhanced to include book boxes, barbecue site and so on) More transparency in planning and issuing of permits. Direct involvement of residents and concerned council with respect to neighbourhoods and community development. Any present and proposed trail and park development presented to the community first with scientific assessment included before proceeding. Extensive study of ecological well being before development, including access to any and all surrounding areas. Increased Arts Whistler support. Increase municipal grant from \$680,000.00 to \$ 900,000.00 for this vital cornerstone of our community that provides for a healthy, increased workforce, spiritual and community satisfaction interpreted as overall health for young and maturing. This investment will foster quality visitation and infrastructure wealth for our valley community and entwine with other vital areas such as ecological, recreation and leisure, climate concerns and so many others that make up the fabric of our lifestyle. Evacuation Plans in the event of catastrophic incidents such as wildfires or earthquake. A community gathering place that is open 24/7 for all.</p>
MURL, JEFF	<p>I would like to have been a successful champion of financial responsibility, while still managing to achieve a greater push towards the environmental and social goals of the community. I think those ideals are not mutually exclusive and I hope to have the opportunity to prove it.</p>
REID, BRIAN	<p>I am not here to leave a legacy, I am here to support our community to the best interests of all. I feel that leaving a legacy only puts one's own personal agenda ahead of the community interest. I would be happy to have the community say that I did what was best for the majority of the town to the best of my ability.</p>
TARDIF, MELANIE	<p>I'd like to see single use disposable items phase out and more conscious consumers in our community.</p>



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TITUS, DAWN

Just over a year ago I had no political aspirations what so ever. Speaking with residents over the past 2 months as this election approaches, I feel I have already achieved something I will be remembered for.... Last summer, very few residents knew that there was a multi-million dollar proposal for a synthetic soccer field. I was extremely concerned that the RMOW would bring a very toxic material into our community ( crumb rubber infill ). Through the awareness I created by letter writing campaigns/council questioning .... the project was almost voted down (3-4). The win however, is that there will be NO crumb rubber infill. I have been thanked by many for my efforts. I will continue to follow the pro's and con's of bringing plastic grass to our 'Green Community' and maybe ... just maybe ... when it comes time for replacement - the material used will be natural grass. Ultimately, being recognized as someone who truly cares for the Amazing Environment we live in, and protecting it for future generations to come .....

**Section 5 // Closing Questions // Question #24**

*Please feel free to provide any additional points / comments  
you would like to share.*

CANDIDATE COMMENTS

ANDREWS, STEVE	I love Whistler and hope to be here for a long time!
FALCON, LARRY	I consider it an honour to run for council and look forward to engaging our community into doing what is needed to keep Whistler our home that we all know and love!
FORSYTH, RALPH	Vote for me! :)
GRILLS, JOHN	Thank you to those that take the time to read through these surveys and of course the volunteers that put it together. John Grills
LLOYD, JANICE	I have a sense of the arrogance, extreme control and unfair, expensive progress in our Planning Department. Projects of great cost proceed apparently without the transparency one would expect in our municipality. It would be annoying but productive to be proved wrong. I would like the opportunity to observe the mechanics of the municipal planning machine in moving forward, should I have the opportunity. Emergency Preparedness Plans completely transparent and widely circulated. A time factor must be studied to minimize losses. Paired with the above an Evacuation Plan a comprehensive package distributed to all residents and visitors to the resort valley so that in the event of a catastrophic emergency there is no doubt about evacuation routes and protocol. Packages would include essential advice such as passwords, wills and testaments, prescriptions, insurance information and vital information in the event of property loss, personal ailments and continued well being as best as can be achieved in the circumstances. On hand essentials such as water and food stored during high danger times of the year should be considered. A large amount of municipal funds was dedicated to this project and residents have not received any plan that is plainly accessed or on hand in the event of an extreme emergency.
MURL, JEFF	Thanks for taking the time to hear us and put together this survey, it was great to take the time to learn about topics important to the people of Whistler.
REID, BRIAN	It is a big responsibility to sit on our municipal council, one I do not take lightly. If voted in, you have my promise that I will always work to the community benefit and work with my other council members to ensure this is done to the best of my ability. With my work life experiences I am in a place where my understanding of negotiation, mediation and moderation will only benefit us all. Thank you for this opportunity.
TARDIF, MELANIE	Forget GDP, let's change it to Gross National Happiness Index like in Burma!
TITUS, DAWN	Thank you for pushing us to truly review the important role and responsibilities of becoming an RMOW councillor.

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Our thanks go to all the candidates  
for taking the time to complete this survey  
and for putting themselves forwards to serve  
the community we all love.