

General Answers to All 5 Questions

<p>NORTH SAANICH</p>	<p>Councilor</p>	<p>TSE-COTTON, Maya</p>	<p>I am a new candidate running for council in North Saanich. Your questions are very detailed (many look like they are at a program-level) and many are very specific to Victoria. Nonetheless, I have read them and they are a good introduction to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, the issues you care about and what you are advocating for.</p> <p>I am a knowledge worker of 30+ years. My slogan is "Fair Informed and Forward-looking". Another slogan I was considering is "The Innovation Candidate" but that might be a bit vague for the public to understand without an explanation. Here is a brief introduction to my perspectives and what I bring to the table as I learn more about how to be a better serve my community</p> <p>At 56 years old, what I am seeing across the planet are some of the most pivotal and challenging times in human history. I put this in these terms because as an anthropologist, sociologist, and technology strategist I see we are literally entering a new age on all fronts. The post war 50's to the 2022 means our generation has lived through one of the most peaceful, stable and economically prosperous eras in human history. That stability is being challenged by multiple crises.</p> <p>Why municipal politics? Localization. Broad policies from above all end up with implementation on the ground if they are to have any impact. But local governments strain under small budgets, lack of resources and lack of sufficient bandwidth to deal with them.</p> <p>What do we do about Wicked Problems as these? Work together to find localized solutions. None of the many wicked problems can be fixed by any one actor, nor is there any one "silver bullet solution" that can make a dent in the problems. It will require many, many coordinated solutions that are tailored to local conditions. This is a tall order, but not impossible.</p> <p>The only way we can do this is through collaboration and innovation. The systems must change and adapt with the changing conditions. I truly believe the "rise of the citizen sector" is a key piece that will help to fill those gaps at a local level with organizations such as yours. And we need to build many others.</p> <p>I am looking to build an innovative ecosystem of engaged citizens in the near future, called "Cinovation" - Citizens for Innovation and Adaptation. It's early days. It will be hard. I will bring my best-efforts to the task, but I can not do it alone. You can follow my progress and jump in to help as we build out projects in the future.</p>
<p>SAANICH</p>	<p>Councilor</p>	<p>MILLER-BROOKS, Leslie</p>	<p>Yes I support trying to place individuals in a setting that is closer to their cultural centre, based on a person's choice, and like the ideas Built for Zero espouse.</p> <p>I believe the entire Greater Victoria Area should share the responsibility for the unhoused.</p>

SOOKE	Councillor	BRANDON, Owen	<p>Housing</p> <p>I drive a taxi for a living in Greater Victoria. Not a day goes by that a customer asks me if I know of a room or basement suite for rent. I seems like every day I hear a customer tell me they are being reno-victed or simply kicked out via some lame excuse. For many life in Victoria has become an exhausting game of musical chairs.</p> <p>Meanwhile the pool of Airbnbs keeps expanding. People I know that would rent a room to students are now running an Airbnb. People are buying apartments and second homes just to turn them into short-term rental units. Clearly, there is a linkage between housing, homelessness and the rise of Airbnb. I call it the UBERizing of the rental market. Capping the Airbnb wild-west is clearly part of the solution to the housing crisis.</p> <p>Some quick math on the back of an envelope will tell you that 6 buildings the size of View Towers would pretty much put and end to homelessness in Victoria. This is doable. The trick is to convince the Federal Government that such a project will save money in the long run.</p>
VICTORIA	Mayor	ATKINSON, Lyall	<p>Send the druggies back to which ever city and province back to where they came from. Help single moms and dads with housing based on their earnings , Close our place and rock bay landing and make it mandatory to do drug treatment in a closed faculty with no coming and going</p>
	Mayor	JOHNSTON, David Arthur	<p>Humbly, as Mayor of Victoria I will move to rebrand the Coalition from 'ending homelessness' to 'ending the addiction epidemic'. Once the crack/crystal meth/heroin market is crushed (via free and court-offered 'diversionary' detox) tent-cities will become tenable and open to official sanction and support. Subsequently catalyzing the lowering of rents across the board. In turn, inhibiting the grand con that has us turning into a condominium Hellscape, while availing a never seen before pool of gardeners to initiate a massive volunteer program to turn Victoria into a permaculture paradise growing food everywhere. Which may come in handy as we face global economic and environmental collapse.</p> <p>I realize people put a lot of effort into your questions, but the reality is to maintain a sense of officialdom you must make certain presumptions that preclude necessary adaptation. Until I am mayor your organization is only a facet of the developer mentality that assumes turning into a New York-like metropolis is not only inevitable but a natural progression. I aim to change that.</p> <p>Homelessness isn't an issue its a distraction. A catchphrase to divert attention away from the blatant socially-engineered housing-market-guarding WMD gargoye of the addiction epidemic.</p>