

Council Candidate Responses

Question	Neil Corbett	Garth Cuthbert	Scott Hamilton
Slate/Independent	Independent	Renew Delta Electoral Organization	Delta Independent Voters Association
Residence	South Delta	North Delta	North Delta
1. In your first year in office would you support the formation of a Seniors Advisory Committee as a Council committee?	The report was extremely informative with new information and also confirmed many things I was already aware of. The need to supply diverse, affordable housing and growth are the main points in my campaign. I wholeheartedly support the creation of this committee and would be proud to sit on it if elected.	Yes. Full support	Mayor Jackson and her Council have directed staff to report to the incoming Council with recommendations for the formation and mandate of a Senior's Advisory Council. The increasing numbers of seniors in our communities will place demands on existing services and require ongoing evaluation and response to the expanding requirements of our seniors. We must continue use our existing links to the senior's community through the senior's centres and existing support organizations. We will look to the new committee to assist Council in planning and executing new and expanded initiatives throughout the community for everyday and emergency needs.
2. Funding to local agencies - Are you willing to increase	Supporting local non-profits that in turn support those in need in our community is a	Yes and examine Delta's programs to ensure there is no duplication or	Delta has a full time Emergency Social Services Coordinator that will arrange for and provide a full

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municipal grants to local agencies providing these services?	priority. A review of current grants is certainly in order and any increase warranted I would certainly support. This needs to also be looked at long-term and budgeted for so the future of needed community service is never in question.	competition. I support all community non profit organizations as I believe in volunteerism can outperform most government programs. Examine my record and contribution to the Delta Museum and Archives, Arts Council and all the sports organizations	range of services during and following an emergency in the community. This position was created after the large fires in 2010. Our experience during these events is that there is lots of help offered by various individuals and organizations that requires someone to ensure this assistance is provided at the right time and in the right place. Our community has a policy of providing fees in exchange for services instead of grants. Any local agency providing a needed service is welcome to apply for funding through a fee for service contract.
3a. Housing Task Force Report - What are you prepared to do to implement the recommendations accepted by Council?	First, we need to make the Seniors Advisory Committee a reality and give them the teeth to recommend implementation of the recommendations in the report. Delta staff needs to be given the direction to make it happen. Specifically in regards to community planning and fully recognizing the housing needs we will have in the future and incorporating that into our	Find funding and make it happen!	The recommendations of the Housing Task Force are being implemented. The incoming Council will receive a report on the status of the recommendations and then Council can decide how it should proceed. This will be a direction that results from a majority Council direction.

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	area plans.		
3b. Lack of seniors housing. What are you willing to do with Delta's land bank to help address this need?	As stated a little above, but we do need to seriously look at developing the areas we still have left that may be suitable for more affordable communities. I don't mean all ALR lands currently being farmed, but some lands, such as Southlands, may be an area for this. As stated in your report, with the in-fill of certain communities that are with walkable distance of hubs and services, we need to look at densification and an alteration of the existing character of neighbourhoods. Subdivision of large lots needs to also be looked at further to create more affordable spaces as this process is currently made difficult for home-owners or developers.	I am not fully informed regarding Delta's land bank but I am prepared to examine what development opportunities exist. The current North Delta Inn development seems to be promising as senior occupancy of the additional density would lessen the impact to local vehicle traffic plus strengthen demand for public transit. Increasing density along Scott Rd and 56th in Tsawwassen might be a partial solution.	Delta does not have land bank. Delta might be able to provide incentives to developers interested in building senior's housing. We do not believe that any policy direction that requires Delta to partner in the development of senior's housing is not the way to accomplish this objective. Just look at Vancouver and the recent experience with the Olympic Village.
4a. What are your plans to improve sidewalks, street lighting, curbing, and intersections to ensure safety of	There is no doubt the current Delta budget does not nearly meet these needs and needs to be greatly increased. I would fight for that. To make more walkable neighbourhoods, all of	First, let's update our current construction standards for accessibility and our age demographics so new construction meets today's needs.	It is our policy to invest in new infrastructure for the safety and wellbeing of our community. Delta provides more than \$400,000 of new sidewalks every year. All of them are universally

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pedestrians?	our streets need to be age-friendly. More sidewalks where it is suitable to build, lower curbs, kept clear of signs and standards for scooters, and of course well-lit.	<p>Second, survey and inventory our current plant. Simple Google Maps! Prioritize the fix list and confirm with the Delta Seniors Community Planning Team. Find funding and accelerate bring onboard</p> <p>Third. Work with Translink to develop senior friendly service to senior's high density complexes and areas similar to Europe and Japan areas with very high senior populations</p>	accessible. We are constantly evaluating the lighting and intersection crossings to ensure the safety of all our residents. Our Traffic and Safety Committee meets regularly to evaluate priorities and propose new initiatives.
4b. If elected, what are your plans for seeking improvements to transit for Delta?	We need a better relationship with Translink, rather than what seems like fighting them for services that are being degraded because of our low and declining population. This is difficult because they simply won't supply it before it is needed, so densification along major routes will eventually help with better transit service. Meanwhile, perhaps we could look at developing a volunteer service through a combination	Third. Work with Translink to develop senior friendly service to senior's high density complexes and areas similar to Europe and Japan areas with very high senior populations	Mayor Jackson sits on the Board at Translink and is a tireless advocate for local transit improvements. She is supported in this by her council colleagues Campbell, Hamilton, and Paton. We are under serviced by transit in Delta and we must continue to pressure Translink to improve the transit access in this community.

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	of our many wonderful service clubs, where we can have a hot-line to pick up seniors in need for local doctors appointments, etc. Maybe our new Seniors Advisory Committee could take a look at the feasibility of this?		