

Council Candidate Responses

Question	Fabian Milat	Ian L. Paton	Anne Peterson
Slate/Independent	Independent	Delta Independent Voters Association	Independent
Residence	South Delta	South Delta	North Delta
1. In your first year in office would you support the formation of a Seniors Advisory Committee as a Council committee?	Yes I would support a Seniors Advisory Committee in recognition that Delta's population for the foreseeable future will be getting older and the number of seniors in the community will be increasing	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.	Yes – I have been working towards this for a number of years now, starting with my involvement on the steering committee which led to the production of a report called Delta Connects and then continuing with the initial group that formed the Delta Seniors Community Planning Team. I was the first chair of the Team and maintained involvement to this day.
2. Funding to local agencies - Are you	Yes these grants should be given on a needs basis with	Delta has a full time Emergency Social Services Coordinator that	Increasing grants where feasible are only one way of

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willing to increase municipal grants to local agencies providing these services?	consultation with the community. In addition, I believe there should be a city staff worker that should work on seniors issues and liaise with other partner groups to help facilitate services to seniors in Delta.	will arrange for and provide a full 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.	assisting local agencies. Other strategies include partnering, communication, joint projects, shared research and advocacy.
3a. Housing Task Force Report - What are you prepared to do to implement the recommendations accepted by Council?	I would seek consensus with my colleagues on the priorities and work with staff to implement the Task Force recommendations	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.	I was the vice-chair of the Housing Task Force and incorporated the results of the Delta Connects report into the final 10 recommendations. I anticipate a continuation of implementation of the recommendations as the first 3 have already been put into place.

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<p>3b. Lack of seniors housing. What are you willing to do with Delta's land bank to help address this need?</p>	<p>Seniors need more housing in the community that they can downsize out of from the current situation. In particular, there needs to be smaller square footage residences encourage to be built that would be close to amenities and public transit to assist seniors</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Delta owns very little land in comparison to other municipalities. Housing projects require an infusion of senior levels of government funding and support in order to assist in the development of appropriate housing for seniors. I am an advocate for income sensitive development that will address the needs of seniors</p>
<p>4a. What are your plans to improve sidewalks, street lighting, curbing, and intersections to ensure safety of pedestrians?</p>	<p>Areas which have significant seniors' populations should be looked at and prioritized for sidewalks and other safety additions. In addition, council should be looking at the potential for crossing guards if there is a need by the community.</p>	<p>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 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.</p>	<p>What we need to do is a "wheelability" study very similar to that which was done several years ago in New Westminster. This study would target particularly troublesome areas and done in conjunction with seniors, those using walking/sight aids and city staff. Once a list is compiled of needed improvements, the next step would be to set out a work program and budget to address the worst streets and intersections first, then roll it out through the community.</p>

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4b. If elected, what are your plans for seeking improvements to transit for Delta?	I would along with council help to advocate for increased public transit with Translink, especially with the community shuttle buses that can provide service in residential areas.	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.	I made a motion last June to have Translink attend Council to respond to the concerns the Team raised in the report to Council. Translink attended October 17 th where I raised many of the issues expressed such as safety, transfer challenges, lack of frequent service, benches, shelter areas and access to washroom facilities. I will continue to advocate for shuttle buses within Delta's community as well as other needs