

## Mayoral Candidate Responses

Question	Krista Engelland	Lois Jackson
Slate or Indep.	One Delta Civic Association	Delta Independent Voters Association
Residence	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?	I will appoint a Seniors Advisory Committee to the Mayor with a focus on age-friendly housing, transportation, safety, health and outreach services	In June after receiving the delegation at council, I directed our CAO, Mr. George Harvie, to prepare a report for council, setting out a term of reference to encompass seniors' needs, in a "New Delta Council Committee". If elected, it is my intention to include funding for an additional employee to encompass seniors and families' needs in our community. There are many agencies performing "family/seniors/children/prevention" and other "social services" in our community. I believe that a council committee can co-ordinate these various agencies; i.e. Boys and girls clubs, seniors advocates, provincial mental health, Fraser Health, Deltassist, PICS, family court, etc. To ensure that seniors needs are addressed
2. Funding to local agencies - Are you willing to increase municipal grants to local agencies providing these services?	In my opinion, non-profits have not felt appreciated by this Council. I would sit down and talk to non-profit societies. Funds can be re-allocated to help. It's a question of priorities	Delta has an emergency committee chaired by the municipally appointed "emergency co-ordinator" (Michel Latendresse, Delta Fire Department). The municipal emergency committee consists of the mayor, all senior departments, school board, Fraser Health, Tsawwassen First Nations reps, short wave radio personnel, victim services, etc. Along with other provincial emergency and national emergency programs, as required. When an emergency takes place, the municipal

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		<p>emergency plan is set into motion. The mayor, in conjunction with senior staff, determines when an emergency command post is to be established. Several classes of emergencies can take place. The mayor and all members of senior staff including police, fire, planning, engineering, CAO's office, etc. From the municipal offices set up the command post in either north delta public safety building or the municipal hall.</p> <p>Depending on the incident, police and/or fire will set up a separate command centre on site of the emergency. It is the mayor's duty to call the provincial emergency officers, if a provincial emergency is to be declared. I have had to declare at 3 "provincial emergencies" in recent times.</p> <p>Delta oversees all emergencies in the municipality, both "provincial emergencies" and "municipal emergencies" such as the 2 major fires in North Delta and Ladner, extreme wind storms, extreme snow conditions, flooding, etc.</p> <p>With our experience in the two major fires in North Delta and Ladner, it was a request by the mayor and emergency and senior personnel that a full time "volunteer co-ordinator" position be established by the municipality.</p> <p>Our "emergency volunteer co-ordinator" locates, trains and co-ordinates volunteers in Delta for a variety of tasks, depending on the complexity of the emergency. Therefore, the roll of the "municipal</p>

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		<p>emergency volunteer co-ordinator" is to identify volunteers and request their assistance if required. We thank the volunteers for all their contributions. I believe in "being prepared" therefore this new position ensures that we have a list of trained volunteers at a moments notice. In a major emergency event the co-ordinator performs as directed by the members of the municipal emergency command centre, under direction by the mayor and staff.</p> <p>We also have "victim services" personnel working with municipal and provincial funding to assist the police department on services which are needed through the Delta police, including a victim services dog who has been very useful in consoling victims. We thank all the many volunteers who respond to our citizen's needs.</p>
<p>3a. Housing Task Force Report - What are you prepared to do to implement the recommendations accepted by Council?</p>	<p>Having talked with numerous seniors, I believe their needs are of the utmost importance. All options that can be explored for housing must be considered. Top priorities must include accessibility of health care, transportation, community services and shopping. I agree with the present Council's endorsement of the task force report. I will work with seniors groups to support the unique requirements seniors have in living a long and fulfilling life.</p>	<p>Put the ideas and recommendations into action.</p>

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3b. Lack of seniors housing - What are you willing to do with Delta's land bank to help address this need?		Unfortunately, Delta has no land bank whatsoever. We know that with one person in four, being over the age of 65 in a few short years, I believe there will have to be many more innovative approaches to housing seniors. These must be flushed out and action taken as we prepare to have over 30% of delta population in the senior age group
4a. What are your plans to improve sidewalks, street lighting, curbing, and intersections to ensure safety of pedestrians?	People have been telling me that they want Council to listen to them. Clearly aging infrastructure, including sidewalks and lighting is of vital importance to our community, especially those with mobility issues. Again, it's a matter of allocating the funds, and I will get that done.	We continue to set aside funding each year to improve all of the above, and construct on a priority basis, with the most travelled areas and safety issues attended to first.
4b. If elected, what are your plans for seeking improvements to transit for Delta?	I will work with Council Committees, Metro Vancouver Committees, Regional and Provincial Boards to make sure Delta's needs are fulfilled.	We have been meeting continually with Translink to press our case for better services, not only for seniors but for all residents of Delta.