

Following are questions recently asked of me by local newspaper Global Canadian. These are my answers.

**1. Can you give some background information (job, volunteer activities, ties to the city/district)**

My qualifications are unchanged from 2014 attached is a link to my video on this subject:  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=M1MG112EPG4>

Additionally:

I think it is fair to say that I was a tough business person. In the last 10 years I have come to view some of those traits in a different light, in a less desirable light, and I have felt a need to give back to, or 'Pay-It-Forward' in what I have often referred to in private as 'Karma Repair'. In pursuing this goal, I have taken what I learned in business and the courts and attempted to turn that knowledge for the good of others by providing legal advice and help for and to businesses and individuals who have fallen on hard times.

I represent injured workers against WorkSafeBC who have been denied benefits or who have been under-compensated. The most recent decision saw a worker granted a full pension estimated at \$480k plus annualized increases.

I have represented numerous persons against insurance companies that have failed to pay valid claims. In the most recent matter an elderly woman's home was wrecked by a fire in her building and the restoration company, in concert with her underwriter, abused her. We sued both and she was paid compensation through three separate processes until made whole. One action remains and won't be determined until her home is fully repaired so that action lays dormant pending a determination on the magnitude of the loss.

In another matter I fought the Sechelt Indian Band for raising lease rents from approximately \$6.3K annually to \$23.6K annually on 13 days notice. The matter went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada where the issues at bar were resolved by the Roger Williams decision. The 19 families affected were retroactively credited with their respective overpayments and life went forward under a normal rate increase process consistent with provincial legislation.

I have represented people in criminal matters where the issues were not deserving of the charges levelled by the police. I have won everyone of these cases.

I have represented tenants in eviction matters where landlords and developers have sought to evict persons because their long standing occupancy has left a disparity between the rent market today versus what they pay.

Over the course of these last 6 years I have represented more than 100 people and issues in civil, criminal and human rights court processes. Each matter to date has yielded large settlements and successful outcomes. I have never taken money or compensation of any form for my donation of time and legal support.

I have also simply helped out those in need when I was able to, be it with money or physical activity. It's my hope that all of the people I have helped will in turn help someone else in need when they are able, making our world a slightly better and more companionate place.

**2. Why do you want to run for council, besides the fact that you love the city or the district. Give us some solid reasons!**

Why do I love the City? I don't. I hate what has become of our little City by the sea. But I see and opportunity to repair it, with time and better management, making it into a place we can once again be proud of, and learn to love again.

I have lived here all my life. I was born here. It's the only place I've ever called home. To me it's worth repairing. My father donated his whole life to this City. It is fair to say that I did not even know him until after he retired. He was always gone. He worked at City Hall 6-7 days a week. When he wasn't there he went to his garden. He was passionate about this place. A little of that appears to have rubbed off on me. I know dad and Jack Loucks are up there doing back flips, angry about what the Mussatto 'Slate' has done to our community and the integrity of City Hall. I think, with time and hard work, this lapse in administration and integrity can be repaired, and they can once again rest in peace.

**3. What changes do you plan to bring to the functioning of the local government, and how will you bring those changes?**

At the root of our problems is a lack of open and honest government. A political regime that only hears what it wants to hear. No bad news. Tell us you love us or get out. That's not how democracy works. That's how Trump works, and no one should seek to emulate that man.

1. I will call for the council procedures bylaw to be redrafted to allow for City residents to appear before council every/any week they choose, to speak on any subject they choose, as often as they choose, and to do it for at minimum 3 minutes per speaker, with no limit on the number of speakers.

2. I will reopen the City planning process to allow unconditional opinions from City residents to better guide the decisions the City makes.

3. I will seek to return to City council from staff, the approval process for matters which have been automated away from council leaving neighbours affect by development immediately around them, or other issues such as group daycares, to recover input into what is to be or not to be approved.

4. I will call for a separation of developer relations and staff so that public concerns of proximity and bias in favour of the development community can be expelled. I will also call for an employment standards bylaw that forbids former public employees of the City like department heads and politicians from representing developers before council or with staff, and where they fail or refuse compliance then we reject those development proposals requesting OCP alterations or exemptions.

5. I would seek to implement a fresh moratorium on Casino operations within City Limits and seek to strike a grand bargain throughout the NorthShore with our neighbours blocking casino development entirely.

6. I would call for a moratorium on development proposals seeking an OCP amendment until we had reached a firm consensus on the issue of Renoeviction and displacement of affected persons and implement the solutions which flow from that process.

7. I would strike a committee to examine the potential for an at-grade commuter rail link, using the existing BCR come CN rail line between the Seabus terminal and Whistler with the first leg running back and forth at high frequency between the Seabus and Horseshoe Bay. The second leg running back and forth from Horseshoe Bay to Squamish at lessor frequency, and the third leg running back and forth between Squamish and Whistler at even lessor frequency.

Each leg would have intermediate stops. For example, the first leg could potentially stop at Harbourside, Park Royal, Ambleside, Dundarave, etc., terminating at Horseshoe Bay. That would allow us to redirect existing resources and create localized hub and spoke operations that lessened bus conflict with traffic plugged roadways, putting transit schedule compliance at risk.

8. I would call for a study on amalgamation. I don't know if it's a good idea or a bad idea to amalgamate. The concept is good, in theory, but we would have to determine if the outcome would actually be of benefit. If it was determined to be beneficial then I would put the matter forward for a vote by the population. But I would compel the question to include a discussion on what the residents wanted done with the proceeds. Amalgamation for the purpose of growing government is not the right move in my opinion. I would want any dividend to go to residents as a tax savings.

9. I would push council to develop a support structure for those who have become homeless as a result of the City's rampant development, and for a program to deal with homelessness in general in an effort to find solutions to these difficult but resolvable issues.

10. I would look to reconsider the developer backed Harry Jerome rebuild that sees the City backstopping a \$237M dollar deal. We don't need Harry Jerome to become the next Olympic Village. CNV residents can't afford a \$237M loss risk. It's easy for people who don't have to pay the bill to think it right, but not so easy for those who will be stuck paying that bill. There are much cheaper ways to satisfy all the needs of every affected interest. Accept of course Darwin's interest in profits.

11. Above all, I would devote my knowledge and skill to repairing our municipal traffic disaster and parking challenges relying on my 25 years experience in the transportation sector.

12. I would also seek to examine the viability of an at-grade rail system for the City similar in nature to that found in the City of Portland, Oregon. I think such a system would go a long way in helping us cure our traffic problems.

13. I would apply pressure at the GVRD and Transit levels to explore a third crossing via a floating bridge between Deep Cove and Belcarra, with connection via Lougheed Hwy to Golden Ears Bridge and beyond to the #1. The long sought 3rd crossing.

14. I would initiate discussions with West Vancouver and the District to explore development of a North Shore wide police force to replace the troubled and overly costly RCMP.

15. I will pursue common sense solutions to real life challenges while working hard to reduce taxes and the size of our local government.

These are just a few of my commitments to the voters of North Vancouver City and the North Shore generally.

Thank you.  
Kerry Morris