



2022 Election Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Sanjiv

1. Do you support waterfront owners having the legal right to protect their properties from erosion, as long as the requirements of Development Permit Area (DPA1) are met?

Yes No

Comments:

Climate change is a reality, mitigation such factors have to be a collective solution. Thus, all properties owners should be supported in mitigating the negative impact of it.

2. During the OCP process, there has been discussion of the “Green Shores” approach to prevent erosion of the waterfront. While Green Shores may have value in certain favourable conditions, it is not technically or economically feasible on most waterfront properties in North Saanich. If Green Shores is included in the new OCP, will you commit to seeing it is presented as an option, rather than a requirement?

Yes No

Comments:

All process should be in collaborative and collective manner, green shores and LEEDs building can provide helpful ideas and worth considering – every case deserves review.

3. Currently almost all the residential properties on the waterfront in North Saanich are blanket zoned to a very restrictive M6, which we feel is unwarranted for certain properties in view of recent studies and mapping. Would you consider rezoning from M6 to a less restrictive M5 for waterfront properties which have moderate, low, or very low overall ecological rating as identified by up-to-date mapping?

Yes No

Comments:

Rezoning is up to the property owner’s request, which can address the ecological impact issues.

4. Waterfront owners feel the current OCP contains language that discourages development of any kind within the DPA1 15-meter setback. In keeping with the 2008 Marine Task Force Report recommendations, would you support more flexible language in the new OCP to allow for structures such as decks, docks, and seawalls, as long as such development would not cause environmental harm?

Yes No

Comments:

As stated, the key is 'not cause environmental harm', both to the requesting owner's property and their neighbours.

5. Waterfront owners are concerned that DPA1 contains restrictions that are not only unfair but result in unintended consequences. For example, restrictions in the 15-meter setback lead to neglect and a buildup of combustible material creating a "wildfire fuse" along the waterfront. Would you support a change in OCP, zoning and bylaw language which allows for flexibility and supports the waterfront owner as wanting to be part of the solution of waterfront protection and not treated as part of the problem?

Yes No

Comments: Collative community engagement with local-expertise could be used to provide a broader view that can be used to reduce unintended consequences.

6. For nearly a decade, waterfront owners have been acutely aware of the potential impacts of sea level rise. Studies conducted by the District of North Saanich led to the development of two draft bylaws that would have negatively affected waterfront properties. Would you support having a higher order of government take the lead on this issue?

Yes No

Comments:

The DNS should work with other levels of government, and neighbouring municipalities. A local perspective, in addition to federal and provincial, is important and should be included in decision-making that affects North Saanich residents.



7. If over the course of your term, Council considers adopting bylaws or changing any regulations or zoning requirements affecting waterfront properties, will you commit to ensuring that every waterfront owner is notified – individually – with a letter outlining the proposed changes and inviting participation in a true consultation process?

Yes No

Comments:

My platform of collaborative community-local expertise is well in line with this. There should be effective communication between the Council and **all** residents as a true consultation process.