

## 2023 North Saanich By-election Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Kristine Marshall

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: as the environment and climate changes waterfront properties will experience erosion. I support waterfront owners' legal rights to protect their properties.

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: I support opportunities for the community to engage collaboratively in the development of solutions to lessen the effects of climate change. One solution is not necessarily feasible for all.

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: Each application for rezoning needs to be considered individually taking into account recent studies and mapping.

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: I would support flexible language as long as such development does not cause environmental harm and considers neighbouring properties.

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: Lessening fire load and managing interfaces to reduce wildfire risk is a necessity throughout all areas of North Saanich. Waterfront owners have a positive role to play in developing solutions.

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: it is imperative that municipalities work collaboratively with other levels of government to address the effects of climate change and sea level rise.

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: I encourage open and transparent dialogue with all residents. I support and advocate for opportunities for collaborative, participative community engagement.