

TO: CHEK News

ATTN: Laura Broughton, Digital News Editor

FROM: Steve Blacklock, Comox Council Candidate

RE: 2022 Municipal Election Questions

1. Brief Bio

I am 46 years old and live in central Comox with my spouse and our rambunctious 9-year-old daughter. Growing up in Comox, I learned to love the outdoors and respect nature. Comox is truly my 'forever home'.

I finished undergraduate studies at SFU (Bachelor of Business Administration, Class of 2000) and post-graduate studies at UBC before starting my professional career as a property appraiser and land use consultant.

I am passionate about evidence-based decision making and land development issues. I have work experience in both the public and private sectors, and I currently serve on boards of the Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC) and Rotary Club of the Comox Valley.

2. My Priorities if Elected

Our Town is part of the larger regional Comox Valley and residents have identified the following key issues that, if elected, I look forward to working hard with my fellow councillors to address:

Upgrading our town's infrastructure to accommodate the continuing growth in our population and the challenges posed by our changing climate.

Continuing to **support multi-modal transportation** options for our citizens by collaborating with our neighbouring government officials in Courtenay, the Comox Valley Regional District, and the K'ómoks First Nation.

Increasing housing supply and addressing housing affordability by revising our Official Community Plan bylaw to encourage alternative affordable housing types and ownership structures.