

SNS Candidate Questionnaire

1. Do you agree with North Saanich's regional role, as set out in the [Regional Growth Strategy](#)? If so, will you vote to uphold and protect this role?

Yes, I do. It is an important document which shows the alignment of all 13 municipalities in the CRD where North Saanich was identified to be maintained as a rural community.

2. Would you vote to expand the urban containment boundary to include parts of North Saanich, now or in the future?

No, I would not. Most of the land in North Saanich is divided between the airport and agricultural land. Any expansion of the urban containment boundary will only increase pressure on the precious agricultural lands and the green canopy.

3. Do you believe the housing targets the Province set for North Saanich were appropriate?

No, the housing targets do not take into account the actual population growth in the district. Nor do they take into account the infrastructure capacity in North Saanich.

4. Do you support more residential density than that which is set out in the current OCP?

No, because the current OCP already meets the province's housing numbers while also paying attention to the environmental and infrastructure issues in the district.

5. The schools on the peninsula are filled to capacity, the hospital is closed overnight, and Panorama is packed to the gills. If you are in favour of allowing density in excess of what is presently set out in the OCP, what should be done to do to alleviate the pressure on services and infrastructure on the peninsula? And who pays for it?

I'm not in favour of increasing housing numbers beyond the provisions made in our OCP, which also addresses the issues of limitations you raise in the question.

6. The current OCP had to be drafted to comply with the housing targets. As a result, it permits much more density than the previous OCP. If the housing targets are repealed, would you consider reducing allowable density the next time the OCP is considered? If so, in what way?

Yes. The OCP addressed the province's housing numbers which is beyond the natural population growth for several decades in the district. The district's housing targets should be based on the ground realities in the district – evidence and data-driven.

7. If David Eby somehow ekes a win on October 24 and the provincial government imposes a Ministerial Order or other coercive measure which interferes with local land use planning, would you vote to take all available steps to oppose such interference, up to and including legal challenge?

Yes, I will. I would also encourage residents to write letters to the council to express their concerns about such orders.

8. What do you do for a living? If you're retired, what did you do before retirement?

I am a physicist and a researcher (retired academic). I also run a scientific consulting company.

9. With the exception of folks who are in the trades and on the tools¹, do you or any member of your family (spouse, parents, children, siblings) benefit financially from the residential development industry?

None whatsoever.

10. Are you or any member of your family (parents, children, siblings, spouse) presently seeking to subdivide or rezone any property in North Saanich? What about in the next four years?

No and No.

11. If you answered anything but “no” to questions 9 and 10, how will you keep this from influencing your decisions if you are elected to council? (For reference, here's [Policy No. COU-014: Code of Ethics and Conduct for Council](#))

¹ By this we mean working with materials at a job site, as opposed to supervising, acting as a GC, consulting, etc.

Not applicable to me. But I do believe that it would constitute a conflict of interest and they should recuse themselves from any relevant council decision.

12. Do you or your spouse own more than one piece of property in North Saanich? (Zoned residential or otherwise)

No.

13. Do you think “engagement” for bylaws and policies relating to land use should include any person who is not a resident of North Saanich?

No.

14. Should it include external organizations? (UDI, VRBA, etc)

Absolutely not. Community decisions should remain in the hands of the council and the resident volunteers on advisory committees.

15. The commissions have been suspended for months. If elected, will you immediately vote to reinstate them?

Absolutely, yes. The advisory committees are critical to local government accountability. I have deep respect for the residents who generously and selflessly volunteer their time and expertise to the advisory committees to provide community feedback to council and staff.

16. Are you in favour of building housing on the portions of the Sandown lands owned by the District?

Sandown is an agricultural land; therefore, its only purpose should be to maximize food production on those lands.

17. Do you think that land presently zoned for agriculture should be considered for development if it is not being actively farmed?

Absolutely not. Once 'developed' we will lose them forever.

We need to work on policies and incentives to increase food production in the district and create mechanisms such as facilitating the ALR leasing to new and young farmers.

18. Are you in favour of maintaining open burning in North Saanich, during the appropriate season and on days with a good venting index?

Yes, keeping in mind the fire-smart criteria.

19. How do you feel about roosters?

I am a vegan 😊. I respect that we live in a rural community with horses, cows, chickens (aren't roosters necessary?!), and other creatures.