



NORTH SHORE HERITAGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE 2005: COUNCIL

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4. What is your position on preserving historic school buildings in West Vancouver, such as Pauline Johnson and Hollyburn?

1. MAYOR

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones

No response

2. COUNCILLOR

John Clark

No response

Rod Day

Rod Day provided the following statement:

I am the West Van Council heritage rep, since 2002, to the Heritage Advisory Committee. I also served as heritage rep during my earlier years on Council 1986-1996 and was chair of the Museum and Archives Committee. I have been a professor of history at SFU since 1966 and am now professor emeritus. We are presently doing a Heritage Strategic Plan (our consultant is Harold Kalman of Commonwealth) in order to find ways better to preserve our

heritage buildings, businesses and landscapes. We are trying to achieve the goals stated in all four of your questions, so you can count me as highly affirmative to your questions.

Jean Ferguson

1. What is your position on the value of heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

I place great value on West Vancouver's heritage buildings. Our heritage buildings play a vital role in defining our community character and identity.

2. What might you do to help better preserve heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

As most of our heritage buildings are private homes, we can provide incentives to home owners to preserve and protect them. One way to do this would be to allow a secondary dwelling to be built on larger lots, thus providing living space, a possible revenue source, and heritage preservation. Other ways could see tax exemptions or reductions for heritage homes, or a trust fund provided by a Community Benefits policy, to assist in the maintenance of our heritage buildings.

3. Would you support increased funding for heritage preservation, for example through grant, tax or other incentive programs?

I would be willing to explore options such as those, provide information to the citizens and engage community discussion on such options.

4. What is your position on preserving historic school buildings in West Vancouver, such as Pauline Johnson and Hollyburn?

It is my understanding that the Provincial Government and the School Board have the final decision in this regard. As a former School Trustee I encouraged the renewal and enhancement of those heritage schools when seismic upgrading took place. As a Councillor, I would encourage the School Board in maintaining those two buildings, and explore opportunities to support their efforts.

Michael Smith

1. What is your position on the value of heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

I believe that we should preserve that which has been identified as significant to the history, uniqueness, and culture of our community. Once they are gone, they are gone forever.

2. What might you do to help better preserve heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

Vote on Council decisions as per the above statement as well as encouraging the identification of those buildings that are significant and that are not now identified.

3. Would you support increased funding for heritage preservation, for example through grant, tax or other incentive programs?

Yes. However, there must be a good case made for public funding. I would prefer to see incentives rather than tax increases.

4. What is your position on preserving historic school buildings in West Vancouver, such as Pauline Johnson or Hollyburn?

I was on the School Board from 1982-1990 when funds were committed to upgrade both of those schools. They are owned by School District 45 and there would be no reason to divest them. The capital dollars would go back to Victoria and would be lost to our community.

Bill Soprovich

No response

Vivian Vaughan

1. What is your position on the value of heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

I would like to see all good quality heritage buildings preserved, within reasonable cost.

2. What might you do to help better preserve heritage buildings in West Vancouver?

Their best chance of long term survival is to be fully used and at a cost that compares well enough with new accommodation.

3. Would you support increased funding for heritage preservation, for example through grant, tax or other incentive programs?

We have to be very prudent with the public purse. I favour incentives for the volunteer sector and voluntary donations. I would love to see your Society initiate a set of heritage awards, to recognize people for various heritage contributions and achievements. A good awards ceremony can get press attention. Why should we only be seeing awards for the new glass and concrete buildings, like our Gleneagles Community Centre. It is really just an expensive gymnasium. It would have been so much nicer to have the old Gleneagles golf clubhouse restored, as a priority.

4. What is your position on preserving historic school buildings in West Vancouver, such as Pauline Johnson or Hollyburn?

We should preserve them if they are in good enough structural condition and they do not become an endless municipal expense. Solicit funds from the alumni? Some of them should be old and financially successful by now!

ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE 2005: SCHOOL BOARD

The West Vancouver School Board trustees were elected by acclamation.