

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER							
*Note: survey responses will be updated as candidate results are submitted. Check back regularly!							
MAYOR							
Name	21) Zoos & Aquariums	22) Animals In Entertainment	23) Factory Farming	24) Plant-based Food	25) Meatless Monday	26) Pet-friendly Housing	27) Animal Related Bylaws
Payam Azad	Wild and exotic animals (including those who are captive-bred) have unique biological and behavioural needs that cannot be met when kept in captivity. These animals can suffer greatly when confined in unnatural environments. If elected, will you support ending the keeping of wild and exotic animals in permanent captivity, in favour of genuine rescue, rehab and release programs and wildlife conservation efforts?	Public sentiment surrounding the use of animals for entertainment (e.g. circuses, dog-sledding, rodeo events like calf-roping, steer-wrestling and team-roping, use of wild or exotic animals for tv/film) has shifted in recent years, due to increased awareness surrounding animal welfare concerns. If elected, will you support ending the use of animals for entertainment purposes in favour of animal and family-friendly events?	More than 100 million animals are raised and slaughtered for food every year in British Columbia. The vast majority are confined in unnatural and intensive conditions and a number of undercover investigations in recent years have revealed widespread issues of animal cruelty. Growing public concern for animal welfare has resulted in calls for stronger on-farm regulations, as well as on-farm government oversight and enforcement, as opposed to leaving the animal agriculture industry to self-regulate. If elected, will you support government regulation and oversight of the animal farming industry?	There is growing consensus among experts that significantly reducing or eliminating our consumption of animal products is a necessary step in mitigating climate change, addressing factory farming and protecting public health. If elected, will you support efforts at the municipal level to increase availability of plant-based foods?	Meatless Monday is an international movement that aims to help protect animal welfare, the environment and public health by encouraging people to skip meat one day a week. This initiative to reduce our collective overconsumption of animal products has seen significant growth in Metro Vancouver in recent years. If elected, will you support the local Meatless Monday movement?	Amidst an unprecedented affordable housing crisis and historically low vacancy rates across British Columbia, affordable pet-friendly housing is in dramatically short supply. If elected, will you support ending the "no pets" rental policies?	Municipalities have the ability to regulate concerns related to animals. If elected will you ensure that standards of care are outlined in your animal-related bylaws, ensuring that nuisance and welfare issues are addressed together?
Linda Buchanan							
Rod Clark							
Guy Heywood	"Thank you for asking me to respond to this questionnaire. You have raised important issues for consideration. I believe that most of them are not amenable to "Yes/No" answers, so I decline to give those. However, as mayor I would welcome further presentations and discussion on all of these matters. In the meantime, I am providing information and comments below in response to your questions." "The Pet Establishment Regulation Bylaw already prohibits any pet establishment keeper from allowing any wild animal to be sold, offered for sale, or displayed to the public. I am not aware of the keeping of any wild animals in the City of North Vancouver by residents. It is a small urban community."	"While the events you mention are not likely to occur in the City of North Vancouver, it is possible that domestic or exotic animals may be used in filming. The City of North Vancouver's Filming Provisions requires the use of all animals in filming to comply with applicable laws or conditions imposed by the City's Animal Services Department or other authorities."	"The City of North Vancouver allows the keeping by residents of up to eight hens (no roosters) under the City of North Vancouver's Bylaw to limit the keeping of small creatures. No slaughter or euthanization is permitted. Animal farming is not an issue in the City of North Vancouver. In my view, regulations need to focus on governance of activities within our community and are not an appropriate mechanism to make broad or normative statements about issues that occur in other municipalities. I share your concerns about animal welfare on a personal level."	"The City of North Vancouver already participates in a unique partnership between the City, the North Shore Neighbourhood House, and the University of British Columbia for the Loutlet Farm, a sustainable social enterprise that facilitates social, environmental, economic and educational benefits for the community is the first step in building a plant to plate local food system on the North Shore. The City also permits community and personal food gardens."	"I will give consideration to featuring this movement as a proclamation."	"I am myself a pet owner and believe that pets improve quality of life, and I sympathize with tenants and encourage landlords to be reasonable, especially with longer term tenants. I do not believe, however, that a blanket policy is an appropriate level of intrusion into private property rights, especially where there are many secondary suites where allergies, phobias or other legitimate objections to having certain pets may directly affect the homeowner and/or share tenants."	"The City of North Vancouver regulates only dogs, and it already addresses nuisance and welfare issues in the same regulation. See the Dog Tax and Regulation Bylaw."
Kerry Morris							
Michael Wilcock							
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Pooneh Alizadeh							
Holly Back							
Bill Bell							
Don Bell							
Anna Botenko	Yes. "Exotic animals require special care, housing, diet, and maintenance that the average person cannot provide. When in the hands of private individuals, animals suffer due to poor care. They also pose safety and health risks to their possessors and any person coming into contact with them. Individuals possessing exotic animals often attempt to change the nature of the animal rather than the nature of the care provided and this is unacceptable."	Yes. "We, as a culture, have been growing around an exotic animal environment for centuries. It seems quite normal to us in filming to comply with applicable laws or conditions imposed by the City's Animal Services Department or other authorities. Although, it's a misconception that zoos, circuses, aquariums, seem to be under control. They're not. The sad reality is that the animal entertainment situation is still thriving today. It's a hushed topic."	Yes. "The earliest animal welfare legislation was developed in countries where industrialized production is the norm, these legislative instruments tend to focus on farm animals housed, transported and slaughtered in high-technology environments designed to intensify production. However, animal welfare legislation need not be limited to industrialized production. Well-drafted legislation can and should apply to other types of production such as subsistence farming and small-scale commercial production. Different scales of production raise different concerns, but the basic animal welfare principles are common to all."	Yes. "Plant-based food purchasing can build on nutrition standards that have already been adopted by several cities and counties. While nutrition standards typically promote more fruits and vegetables, less fat and sugar and smaller portion sizes, municipalities have an opportunity to update these standards or adopt new standards that reflect the emerging scientific consensus that a healthy diet also requires consuming fewer animal products. Another way for municipality to support plant-based lifestyle is to invest and to promote local agriculture and urban gardening."	Yes. "Skipping meat one day a week is good for you, great for your nation's health, and better for the planet. I definitely will support this movement."	Yes.	
Bob Fearnley	Yes. "Yes, for animals but I'm not so sure about fish in Aquariums"	"Yes, I would not have a problem with domesticated farm animals being part of displays like Maplewood Farms. Animals like goats and horses actually like to interact with people and children. Living in the City there should be opportunities to see domesticated farm animals."	"I of course believe that animals need to be treated humanely but in truth I don't know enough to make intelligent comments."	"Yes, I love eating my fruits and vegetables. I supported a community farm that produces great veggies in our densely populated urban community."	"We usually have one meatless dinner every week. But meatless Monday? I rather it was one meatless meal a week but I understand what you are doing."	"Yes, I'm a cat lover and I know the many benefits of having a cat or dog as part of the household/family."	Yes.
Angela Girard	Yes. "While Zoos and aquariums have a tourism appeal, they illustrate a lack of empathy towards other biological sentients that must endure their captivity. I would sincerely encourage keeping our wildlife in their natural habitats as a prime directive."	Yes. "To steward our society towards a more just and conscious awareness, these types of degrading displays should be severely restricted. TV and Film can cope with CGI technology and more education will be needed to supply the economic will to reduce the demand for live animal entertainment. Promoting non-invasive observational tours of an animal's natural habitat is a wiser choice."	Yes. "We must find a balance between regulation and the farming industry needs. With a "best practice" approach to legislating harmful and cruel behavior, we can achieve a balance between the animal's welfare and the cost of our food supply. Ultimately, a meatless food culture should be a long term societal goal, and any steps that can bring our society towards that end must be contemplated as a factor in our economy."	Yes. "See previous comments."	Yes. "Awareness and empathy are key elements in reducing the harm of extensive meat consumption. This idea and others like enable those traits so that they become more common, thus slowly moving our culture away from meat consumption and towards more evolved nutritional behaviors."	Yes. "Private property rights have typically overshadowed domestic animal rights since the beginning of time. But, in those very early days and even now, "pets" perform a symbiotic role to the family and community. Responsible pet ownership must be balanced with a variety of other needs in a high density environment. Allergies and excessive housing of animals must also factor into any type of regulation around housing and "pets."	Yes. "Animals have needs too and a way to judge the evolution of a society is by the way it treats its most vulnerable citizen (which include our pet in my mind). Best practice bylaws surrounding nuisance and welfare issues always welcome to me."
Joe Helman							
Tina Hu							
Kenneth Izatt							
Albort Jaberansari	Yes. "It's 2018, let's move past talking points and act, of course I support ending the keeping of wild and exotic animals in permanent captivity."	Yes.	Yes. "Yuval Noah Harari is correct to point out that industrial farming is one of the worst crimes in history. In that vein, animal agriculture has morphed into such an efficient machine, that animals are raised as commodities, and thus, they are not even considered as sentient beings. Our collective outcry at videos of animal cruelty in factory farms (which is the norm, let's be honest) speaks to our innate tendency to want compassion for sentient creatures, be they farm animals destined for slaughter, or otherwise. The least we can do is make sure animal agriculture industries aren't self-regulating."	Yes. "The German government recently banned meat from government functions; I think that's a great idea. Plant based foods are not only the future, but the solution to mitigating the damage the cattle industry is doing to our planet. You give someone a Beyond Meat burger, there's a good chance they can't tell the difference to a beef burger."	Yes. "Even some meat companies are encouraging this."	Yes. "The sky hasn't fallen in Ontario, where they have pet friendly policies."	Yes.
Mica Jensen							
Aaron Lobo							
John McCann							
Mack McCormindale							
Jessica McIlroy	Yes. "There are no zoos or aquariums in my municipality, but I do support rescue, rehab and release programs and wildlife conservation efforts. If any rescued and rehabilitation animals are deemed to be unable to be released back to the wild, their living environment should meet strict standards around suitability and humane conditions."	Yes. "I fully supporting ending the use of animals for entertainment purposes in any situations where animal welfare is a concern."	Yes. "I support stronger regulations and legislation that relate to the conditions under which farm animals are raised, transported and slaughtered. These activities are not regulated under municipal governments, nor are there any factory farms in my municipality, but I would add my voice to the support of such measures."	Yes. "I support this to the extent that the municipal government is able to do so. I'm not aware of any current bylaws or zoning that would limit the availability of plant-based foods. There are a number of plant-based restaurants in North Vancouver and grocery stores do carry a wide range of plant-based products."	Yes. "I would support a motion to declare a Meatless Monday and encourage restaurants to participate in Meatless Mondays."	Yes. "As a pet owner, I've experienced the difficulty in renting with pets. I fully support increasing the supply of pet friendly rental units and removal of building bylaws that relate to size and breed of animal."	Yes. "There is currently only one animal shelter on the North Shore and a lack of bylaw officers that can respond to concerns of animal welfare. I support the investigation of the need for increased shelter and bylaw officer capacity in order to ensure animals are kept with the appropriate standards of care, along with a review of existing animal-related bylaws."
Ron Polly	"I do not believe in keeping wild animals captive. The only exclusion is for rehab or if the creature can not be released due to injury or behavior. But also there is the matter of poaching animals in to extinction. There may have to be supplied safe heavens for them."	"No I do not attend such events and strongly disagree. I would rather feed a horse and apple than ride it..."	"I have not eaten a mammal in over 30 years. Sorry to say I still eat some fish and a little poultry. Working on that... But every time when it comes to money over animal welfare. Money wins out."	"The way of the future and is growing... Municipal level in the city will be hard to change... But there could be promotion to events that promote..."	"Not a problem here... I think if more posters of what actually went on in slaughter houses this would push more people to think about where their meat comes from"	"We have three rescue dogs. I have been involved in animal rescue most of my life... Our tenant has a lovely doggy named Astrid and she stays with us when she is away... So yes to pet friendly housing"	"City of NV has no local shelter. I find this appalling... They do have a bylaw officer that only does enforcement... I would try to get the Co of NV to work with the District of NV to provide better animal welfare..."
Sherwin Shahrari							
Bon Sostad	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Brett Thorburn	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Thomas Tofgh							

