PORT COQUITLAM

***Note: survey responses will be updated as candidate results are submitted. Check back regularly!**

MAYOR							
Name	Q1) Zoos & Aquariums	Q2) Animals In Entertainment	Q3) Factory Farming	Q4) Plant-based Foods	Q5) Meatless Monday	Q6) Pet-friendly Housing	Q7) Animal-Related Bylaws
	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?**
Patrick Alambets							
Eric Hirvonen							
Robin Smith							
Brad West							

CITY COUNCIL							
Name							
Dawn Becker							
David Blaber							
Steve Darling							
Robert DelaGiroday	Yes. "It is always better to be proactive than reactive. Prevention of the permanent captivity of exotic or at-risk animals is a far superior approach than trying to repair the damage after the fact."	Yes. "While there is a spectrum of treatment for animals in entertainment, ensuring humane conditions that allow for comfort and growth is paramount. The entertainment industries have a long way to go in ensuring adequate conditions that don't affect an animal's contentment or development."	Yes. "How we treat animals, especially those that sustain us, is a testament to the type of people we are – or should be. Transparency and accountability are key for an industry that has so many avenues for potential abuses."	Yes. "Choices in nutrition, including availability of plant-based foods, is important to everyone's quality of life."	Yes. "While I would support a Meatless Monday initiative to support a more varied diet and curtail overconsumption, I do believe it needs to be a matter of personal choice rather than dictate."	Yes. "I would support better education around pet-friendly rental for landlords and responsible pet ownership tenancy for tenants. We need to ensure that there are sufficient pet-friendly units, and that the minority of pet owners that don't care for their units don't ruin the reputation of all pet owners."	Yes. "'Nuisance' animals exhibit behaviour that almost always is a manifestation of abusive or neglectful circumstances. We need to ensure that the welfare of the community is balanced with the welfare of the animal. This requires a more holistic approach to investigation."
Erhan Demirkaya							
Vince Donnelly							
Laura Dupont							
Mike Forrest							
Shakeel Gaya	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes. "To be effective plant based food has to be safe and affordable for the public."	No. "Mandatory changes have never worked and people will always find ways to bypass. There must be education plus the choice of affordable substitute for the community to switch to less animal proteins."	No. "Once again it will be very difficult to monitor this rule and it must be done through communication and persuasion."	Yes. "I would support off leash areas but strictly enforce the needs for keeping the pets under control for public safety . I say this as an animal lover who has kept both dogs and cats."
Nancy McCurrach							
Darin Nielsen							
Priscilla Omulo	Yes. "There are no current city of Port Coquitlam bylaws around wild or exotic animals in captivity that I could find. As we do not have any zoos or aquariums I would be willing to propose the establishment of such bylaws in a preventative measure. "	Yes. "I am against animal cruelty and I recognize there boundaries to what animals should and could be used for when talking about entertainment."	Yes. "I would do my best to work with farmers and within the municipal boundaries to bylaw what we can to regulate the oversight of the animal farming industry. "	Yes. "Port Coquitlam has great community engagement with community gardens and by highlighting the benefits of locally grown plant-based foods I believe that the city would build on that engagement with other programs and initiatives."	Yes. "As an Indigenous woman that chooses not to eat meat most of the time I see great benefit in this movement. I see many indigenous people struggling with health and food security so to highlight health and how it is connected to food would be something I am familiar with and interested in seeing how the city could support such movements."	"I would like to see what could be done on all levels of government working together to create some support on both sides. For example a rent bank for deposits so pet owners and landlords have some security in possibility of damages and other pet related concerns. "	Yes. "As Port Coquitlam frequently has bears in the residential areas I would like to see us not only take precautions to not draw bears to our garbage by locking bins but also by ways of us knowing how to safely remove ourselves from the area bears are and safely encourage the bears to go in less residential areas. Keeping both residents and the wildlife safe."
Darrell Penner							
Glenn Pollock	Yes. "While we have no zoos or petting zoos in our city, I would support this."	Yes.	Yes. "I think the treatment of chickens is horrendous. Also, we've seen in the media, evidence of cruelty at dairy farms as well."	Yes.	Yes.	Yes. "My wife and I have two dogs, one being a rescue from Puerto Vallarta. I think pets should be allowed in all rentals possibly with a slightly increased damage deposit."	Yes.
Tommy Raguero							
Carolyn Stewart	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No. "I've had pets and know how much care is needed. I've only had one pet as an adult. I searched for a year on what type of dog would best suit our family and read many training articles before making a decision. What I realized is, what I learned growing up was not a good example of what is required. With this in mind. I actually, think training courses should be taken prior to owning a pet. Too many 'discard' them after the 'cute' phase and they become adolescence. Surprisingly, some think they are good owners (they are good people) but not necessarily good owners. I've helped a friend having troubles finding a place because they had a small dog. Thought there would be no problem, unfortunately, there was excremates in my house constantly and not being picked up outside. Then the constant barking. I know this is easily rectified with proper training for both owner and pet. As a landlord, I am still flexible, if asked depending on the circumstances. "	Yes.
Justin Traviss							
Dean Washington							
Jami Watson							

SCHOOL TRUSTEE							
Name	Q1) Plant-Based Foods	Q2) Meatless Monday	Q3) Animal Dissection In Schools				
	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 within your school district 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?**	As effective and low-cost alternatives to animal dissection have become widely available, a growing number of school districts are enacting student choice policies that allow students the ability to opt out of animal dissections and be given non-animal alternatives. Meanwhile, a recent survey indicates that 72% of British Columbians agree that school boards should have written student choice policies to this effect. **If elected, will you support the inclusion and implementation of a student choice policy for animal dissection within your school district?**				
Andrea Howorth							
Christine Pollock							
Edward Ram							
Bruce Richardson							
Michael Thomas							
Melanie Young							