LANGLEY TOWNSHIP

***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?**
Jack Froese							
Alexander Joehl							
Anna Remenik	Yes. "If the animal can survive in the wild when released. If not, then they should be kept in a natural habitat."	Yes. "It has been good to see the awareness is transferring into decisions made by the various industries. "	Yes. "I'd like to see incentives put in place to shift things away from factory farms. I'd like to see everyone on board with alleviating those conditions. Animals should not be made to suffer. I personally favour more sustainable, organic, and traditional farming practices, and believe as consumers we have a great deal of power in whom we support."	Yes. "Our Township is fortunate to have arable farmland on which we can produce a lot of plant based food. We need to get the land that has been allowed to go fallow back to being farmed and into food production. "	Yes. "Always in favour of sharing choices that are available, so people can make an informed decision."	Yes. "I think if the homeowner felt there was sufficient, timely recourse for damage that may be caused by a pet, then they would be more likely to agree to having pets in their rentals. "	Yes.

CITY COUNCIL							
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Petrina Arnason							
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David Davis							
Beverley Dornan							
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Gary Hee							
Phyllis Hepponer							
Jonathan Houweling							
Sunny Hundal							
Margaret Kunst							
Bob Long							
Michael Pratt							
Angela Quaale							
Kim Richter							
Kerri Ross	Yes. "My only argument for animals in captivity are for those that do not qualify for "genuine rescue, rehab and release programs and wildlife conservation efforts" such as those with permanent afflictions that keep them from re-introduction / release opportunities and due to a lack of adequate gene diversity are not eligible for conservation based breeding programs."	Yes. "There may be historical/cultural arguments for some groups but there is no reason not to continue with education efforts that see the call for these to be phased out and reduced over time. As to film and television it is increasingly common to see CG replacing actual animals and I would hope the trend will continue."	Yes. "I believe there is regulation in place but not adequate enforcement. Undercover investigations uncovered events universally condemned by both the public and producers. Lack of supervision, enforcement and vigilance leads to the lapses seen. More regulation won'[t help if we cannot enforce the laws we already have. "	Yes. "With the ALR in place we should be embracing an incentive to revitalize the underused land we have immediately around us. It would be fantastic to see more alternative crops and local eateries supporting the resulting products especially in an area like Langley!"	Yes. "My family already subscribes to a meat free night (or 2) a week as a way of being mindful and aware of the impact we have."	No. "The cost of housing is already extremely high and while I myself have struggled as a pet owner to find accommodation (I have even slept in my car as a result of being unable to house my dog during college) I also have seen the impact of tenants that do not properly care for pets while in a rental situation. Deposits on accomodation are not sufficient to cover landlords for the potential damage inflicted. I would like to see insurance coverage for pet owners as tenants that is mandatory so the burden is not heavily weighted to the landlord. There could be a fund set up entirely for this and managed; I would support municipal, provincial and federal contributions to a program that supported coverage as I understand that people with pets have less health effects and usage of local services. The cost savings should be redirected to a fund(s) supporting rental pet ownership."	Yes. "I believe we have an opportunity to use any and all resources to better no only the lives of the people in our community but everyone and everything. "If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."—James Herriot"
Terence Sheldon							
Michelle Sparrow							
Craig Teichrieb							
Stacey Wakelin							
Harold Whittell							
Blair Whitmarsh							
Eric Woodward							

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?**				
Megan Dykeman							
Brent Larsen							
Suzanne Perreailt							
Rod Ross							
Cheryl Snowdon-Eddy							
David Tod							
Marnie Wilson	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.				