



## Green Party Surveys Municipal Candidates

The Green Party thanks municipal candidates who responded to a brief survey. On Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 an email was sent to all candidates in running for office in our local municipal elections. If an email address was not available for a given candidate, they were sent a letter by traditional post. Only two candidates could not be reached as they did not publish an email or postal address.

We hope readers will find the responses below informative and will make a special effort to vote for candidates they expect will best advance "Green" initiatives.

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## Coldstream Mayor Candidates

No Responses

## Coldstream Councillor Candidates

1. What does *sustainability* mean to you and how would you relate it to *development or growth*?

**Enns, Richard:** Sustainability means that certain activities can continue indefinitely because they are not negatively affecting the system in which those activities are being carried out. Human activities exist in an environment that is constantly changing and so we must be both adaptable and sensitive to our environment to ensure that our activities are sustainable. Sustainability is both a tool to measure how growth and development will impact a system or an environment and it is a value measurement to be applied to decide if we should continue certain activities. Local politician should be supporting sustainable activities.

**Kiss, Gyula:** Sustainability is the ability of the environment to maintain its natural state. Development and growth should be carried out in such manner as to reduce its impact on this natural state.

**McClellan, Peter:** Growth and development will occur at varying paces dependant on where you are located. The sustainability of a community will be dependent on many factors some we can control and others that we can not. This requires planning that will allow for future development and growth and requires the parties involved today to make decisions that will assist and not hinder those who will reside here after we have gone. We need to reflect on where we are today, how we got here and what can we do so ensure that future generations can continue to plan and develop for the generations that will follow after them. There is no clear road map but without some form of a map we will be lost!

**Taylor, Glen:** I believe that it's important to understand our environmental surroundings. Development does impact our environment but with proper planning we can strengthen our own needs for places to play and be active while working towards achievable environmental programs. The balance we must achieve will ensure that the building blocks we set in place will help grow a healthy community now and for generations to come.

2. Do you believe that we should reduce our CO2 emissions and if so, what should we be doing at the local level to do so?

**Enns, Richard:** CO2 emissions are a serious concern and we should be working to reduce them at the local level by encouraging local food production and consumption, by fostering

local tourism and by encouraging energy conservation. Local politicians can play an important role on all 3 of these matters.

**Kiss, Gyula:** Reduction of carbon dioxide emission is an absolute must. The major emission is related to burning fossil fuels. Control of these emissions should be largely the responsibility of senior governments. Usage of fuel guzzling vehicles, off-road vehicles, pleasure boats, etc. should be controlled and/or taxed to a greater extent. Locally we can provide mass transport, walk/bike trails and encourage green construction codes.

**McClellan, Peter:** Yes CO2 levels need to be reduced and I believe that education is the only way we will be successful.

**Taylor, Glen:** There are so many things we can do to reduce our emissions starting from what we do around the house such as reducing our draw on utilities, recycling, vehicle driving restrictions and so on. It is my belief that these changes will help in the reduction of the overall footprint but I don't believe it is enough. As long as we continue to use fossil fuels as our main source of energy, I don't see us making a difference. Our Governments world-wide need to look to the future for alternative sources of energy to fuel our needs. Solar, Wind, Hydrogen are alternatives and financial resources need to be committed to research these possibilities. In addition, we as a community need to support these alternatives and make the necessary sacrifices to support this change. We seem to run into the NIMBY (not in my back yard) attitude when something affects us directly, look at the long range benefits and let's make a difference.

### 3. What does social responsibility mean to you as an elected civic official?

**Enns, Richard:** Social responsibility means making tough but positive decisions when the interests of the community are at stake. Local politicians have a duty to consult and involve the citizens of a community as much as possible in the public process of making those decisions.

**Kiss, Gyula:** Social responsibility means an all inclusive society where all members are included in the benefits life can offer. In reality, it is difficult to achieve as more fortunate members of society are reluctant to share. This is why the new "occupy the city's" movement started. It also means to maintain the economy and the environment for the benefit of all.

**McClellan, Peter:** Social responsibility to me is a broad topic and spans housing, employment, culture, transportation, education, agriculture and the environment. Many of these aspects need support through government involvement, public understanding and support programs but public awareness and their education is critical for the less fortunate and programs need to be developed through grass roots measures and not strictly funded public programs. The public needs to be educated about social needs, how the number of people in need is growing and simply is it a result of social programs being too easy to access.

There are people in need of simple life skills and there are not the programs nor the people to provide these, society has a responsibility to help but we are too busy to stop and help little lone understand the issues that face these people and our society.

**Taylor, Glen:** As an elected official it is our responsibility be able to look at the bigger picture and be able to plan for issues that are current but also be aware of the long term effects these decisions will have on our community. I am a believer that it starts with our infrastructure and branches out from there. We need to put the building blocks in place for us to grow as a community. There is a balance in every community which allows us to live and enjoy our surroundings. We need to look for clean industry and provide incentives to attract new business which will offer employment opportunities which will aid in strengthening the community as a whole.

#### 4. What will do to address the lack of *affordable* housing in our community.

**Enns, Richard:** The implementation of Coldstream's Agricultural Plan will assist in meeting the needs for affordable housing. Working to split off agriculture water delivery from domestic consumption will help to keep domestic sewer and water rates affordable.

**Kiss, Gyula:** I would urge developers to include in their proposed developments affordable units. Unfortunately, "affordable" is a nebulous term and varies from person to person. Eighty nine percent of Coldstream's taxes are provided by home owners and it is not very easy to provide direct subsidies. One way local governments can help is by providing building permit fee reductions and revisiting secondary suit bylaws.

**McClellan, Peter:** I live in an agricultural community that is for the most part prosperous from off farm employment but would be hampered by the agricultural policies and the ALC's rules on housing. There could be many creative measures taken that would provide opportunities for affordable housing but when a farmer cannot build a second house for family members there is little chance for affordable housing projects.

**Taylor, Glen:** It is easy to say that I am in favor however there is a bigger problem that surfaces with this. The problem is again the NIMBY attitude which we continue to face as I have run into this before on specific housing projects. Not in my back yard. As a council we can work toward higher density zoning and developer incentives, but before we can be successful with these projects we have to educate the public and explain the importance of affordable housing. Neighbourhoods need to be assured that the denser populated community can actually benefit the overall health of a community as the accessibility to public transportation, additional green spaces, reduced service costs, etc., makes it more affordable for everyone.

## Enderby Mayor Candidates

No Responses

## Enderby Councillor Candidates

1. What does *sustainability* mean to you and how would you relate it to *development or growth*?

**Durant, Karen:** Sustainability is a balance between the good of our society and the environment. In Enderby we do not have a lot of room for growth outwards. It's important to sustain what we have and grow within.

**Shipmaker, Earl:** Growth should be more concentrated in urban areas to reduce our dependence on the automobile and make it easier to provide public transit and pedestrian services.

2. Do you believe that we should reduce our CO2 emissions and if so, what should we be doing at the local level to do so?

**Durant, Karen:** Yes we need to reduce our carbon foot print. Better public transportation. Trains do not run through Enderby but we have the corridor that is not being used. We need more jobs that keep people closer to home. Industry and agriculture also need to cut down on their carbon footprint. Education is an important tool to help people and industries understand what they can do to lower their carbon footprint.

**Shipmaker, Earl:** We should be reducing pollution in general, and of course we should be reducing CO2 emissions. One thing that I have already done on Enderby council is persuade council to change the tendering process to make the level CO2 emissions a significant component in the requirements. I was previously very upset when the City purchased a very fuel inefficient machine. The City should be taking a leadership role in encouraging our residents and businesse to think and act "green".

3. What does social responsibility mean to you as an elected civic official?

**Durant, Karen:** Social responsibility is the duty or ethic's we have to help maintain the balance of society and the ecosystem.

**Shipmaker, Earl:** To me it means trying to empower all of our citizens. I judge a community by how it treats it poor and underpriveledged. Enderby has several volunteer organizations that provide opportunities and support to residents allowing them.

4. What will do to address the lack of *affordable* housing in our community.

**Durant, Karen:** It is a far greater cost to have a homeless individual than is is to house that same individual. Enderby is one of the communities to receive funding and housing from the Olympic legacy housing project. Memorial Terrace will be 15 affordable rental

apartments for seniors. I think a review of policies for affordable rental and special needs housing would be a start. Encourage mixed use of property, such as housing above store fronts, densification when infrastructure can handle it. Address the needs of the community, by setting up a housing committee.

**Shipmaker, Earl:** Ironically, one of Enderby's problems is we are made up of a very high percentage of low income seniors and young single mothers. Housing is more affordable in Enderby than in our surrounding communities. This creates a different problem. In a more balance socio-economic community, the expensive homes pay alot more taxes and allow the community to provide more services. Enderby has very little industrial land and a small commercial tax base, so we are very restricted in our ability to raise tax revenue. This dilema is forcing us to look to senior government assistance in providing senior housing. It currently costs more than \$100,000 to create a new lot in Enderby but lot prices are selling for less than \$90,000. So to provide additional affordable housing will require senior government funding.

## Lumby Mayor Candidates

No Responses

## Lumby Councillor Candidates

No Responses

## Salmon Arm Mayor Candidates

No Responses

## Salmon Arm Councillor Candidates

1. What does *sustainability* mean to you and how would you relate it to *development or growth*?

**Jamieson, Ken:** Simply defined, sustainability means the ability to continue or endure, and it has always been an important element of development and growth but has only recently become part of our collective consciousness. When considering development I believe use of land and resources must be done responsibly. That means the smallest footprint possible should be used, and it must be done always with the ecological impacts considered. Sensitive areas should not be developed or done so with as little as possible alterations. One cannot consider the economy without considering social needs and respect for the environment. The three must be integrated in the planning and building of developments - both large and small. I would suggest that economic growth does have limits but where that

upper point is, I don't know. Economic growth cannot continue if it irreparably damages the environment. This type of growth is not sustainable. It might be a few years, or many, but the environment will eventually say "no" and ecological cycles will collapse. However, that does not mean economic growth cannot continue. It really depends on what type of growth it is. If it includes extensive and repeated exploitation of resources and land, then no. It cannot continue. If growth can be managed in ways that minimize or eliminate the use of resources, especially non-renewable resources, then growth can continue at a rate that increases and helps distribute wealth.

2. Do you believe that we should reduce our CO2 emissions and if so, what should we be doing at the local level to do so?

**Jamieson, Ken:** Yes, we need to reduce CO2 emissions at the local level. Possible contributions to this reductions could include decreasing waste into landfills and increasing waste into the recycling loop. In Salmon Arm, we have begun the trapment of gases and will hopefully introduce the substances into the grid and/or use it as fuel to power vehicles. Another way emissions can be reduced is to use energy efficient or alternate energy vehicles in our fleet. We need to improve and possibly expand transit systems so that people see it as a convenient and affordable option. The expansion of trail networks and safe, convenient walking corridors is an excellent way to encourage bikers and walkers. Public buildings should be energy efficient and up to date.

3. What does social responsibility mean to you as an elected civic official?

**Jamieson, Ken:** Social responsibility is more than voting. It is helping your neighbor whether you know him or not. It giving generously to individuals and groups that need support. It does not always mean money. It could be other resources, with the most important being time. Social responsibility means taking part in public discourse about issues and ideas and not attacking people before they have a chance to explain themselves and their positions. Social responsibility means doing one's best to work towards a better society and understanding that it is an obligation. Individual human rights must be protected - especially those of others! Social responsibility also refers to corporations. Companies and business generally have a social responsibility to treat their employees fairly and respectfully and to honour their labour. It is really what creates profits. Corporations also have a responsibility to create products and provide services that do not damage the environment beyond repair and/or create wealth that is exporting to another place or society that denies basic human rights to its workers and citizens.

4. What will do to address the lack of *affordable* housing in our community.

**Jamieson, Ken:** Salmon Arm is like so many other small cities. Homes have become too expensive to buy or to rent for many in our society. Cities must know what the situation is in each of their jurisdictions. What is the need? What is available? What must we do to correct

any problems? Affordable housing does not necessarily mean subsidized, government owned residences. But it can. Affordable housing is a continuum that considers all housing types and costs. I strongly urge our city to do a needs assessment and then move into a study that would have as an end result a housing strategy, one that clearly lays out what type of housing is needed and when and where it should be built. I do not think that government alone can solve the housing riddle. Private enterprise must play a part. Profit is not a dirty word and if a developer can build homes - whether for ownership or to rent - and make money then I believe that should be encouraged. Government do have an important role. They can provide incentives, such as density bonuses, lower DCCs, land grants or cheap leases. Good housing is a must and it should be available to all.

## Vernon Mayor Candidates

1. What does *sustainability* mean to you and how would you relate it to *development or growth*?

**Sawatzky, Robert:** Sustainability was supposed to be the topic of the SENS forum that we as political hopefuls were to address. Somehow most candidates wandered off topic but I will repeat much of what I tried to say there. Sustainability has two major aspects to it for me- environmental and economic. Somehow we always try to separate them but they are really interdependent and inseparable. Environmental sustainability refers to the maintaining for the long term, the air, water, land, and climate and geography that support our life. Economic sustainability refers to the activities of daily living that maintain us. By definition, without an economy we don't have a city or community. The two are intertwined and inseparable. Sustainability is a foundation of our Official Community Plan of 2008 and I support it. Smart Growth is a conceptual blueprint for urban design that advocates for a sustainable process including compact building design, denser neighborhoods, walkable neighborhoods, incorporation of mass transit, and a number of related principles. Smart Growth values long range regional considerations of sustainability over a short term focus. Again, I support those principles for our community. The types of development that occurred in the past with widely spread out, low density, large single family dwelling, supported by long, expensive umbilical lines of utilities is not sustainable, and should not occur in the future. We need to follow the City Center Neighborhood Plan and our OCP to encourage denser, affordable infilling from our core outward.

2. Do you believe that we should reduce our CO2 emissions and if so, what should we be doing at the local level to do so?

**Sawatzky, Robert:** We have no viable option but to reduce our CO2 emissions. The most effective methods of reducing them on a local level involve mandating how we build, develop and live. We don't have control locally over carbon pricing, which has to be the mainstay of any useful public CO2 policy. Therefore, we have to build smaller, denser, and facilitate mass transit and energy saving devices and techniques.

3. What does social responsibility mean to you as an elected civic official?

**Sawatzky, Robert:** Social responsibility is probably summed up by defining it as the responsibility I feel toward my neighbors, friends, and children, and their children in my actions and decisions.

4. What will do to address the lack of *affordable* housing in our community.

**Sawatzky, Robert:** . I will advocate for persistence in pursuing the affordable (or Attainable Housing) strategy that the City has put a lot of time, money, and effort into developing for our community. Some early successes have already occurred, but much more time and effort needs to go into the issue. The lack of affordable housing has been identified by all the participants in our Economic Development Strategy as a major problem.

## Vernon Councillor Candidates

1. What does *sustainability* mean to you and how would you relate it to *development or growth*?

**Cunningham, Juliette:** For me sustainability means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables us to meet our current needs without compromising the needs of future generations. The problem we have is that sustainability means so many different things to different people. My concern is that most politicians do not educate themselves on the scope of the issue of sustainability. While a City of Vernon councillor from 2005-2008 I took every opportunity to educate myself by attending conferences which looked at big picture issues such as peak oil, world population growth, food security, water, green building etc. The challenge for municipal governments in terms of development and growth according to UBC professor Dr. William Rees is “people today often see themselves and the economy as separate from nature. They can therefore justify the destruction of ecosystems on grounds that our actions won’t seriously affect ourselves. That is why as a councillor I fought for Smart Growth B.C. to be part of our Official Community Plan development. With the use of sensitive eco-system mapping, 3 development districts were identified reflecting low, medium and high degrees of sensitivity in terms of preserving the environment. As a councillor I would work very hard to promote development in the lowest sensitivity area which is the City Centre. Multi-family housing with smaller footprints built where our infrastructure already exists is far more sustainable.

**Hoyte, Ruth:** Sustainability to me, would be to look at our future, and balance our needs against the necessity of protecting agricultural lands, preserving open spaces,environmentaly sensitive areas and our need for growth I would like to see a focus on increasing density and development within the City Centre as opposed to development on our hillsides.

**Nicol, Patrick David:** Here are my comments which will not specifically answer any question but give a sense of where we are and where we are currently headed with some of the practical challenges. The population will increase in Vernon as people migrate to our city. There has been an exodus for thirty years from rural areas based on stats in the region. The elderly population is tripling 70 to 85 in the next 25 years .The population 35 to 49 is going down on regional growth population models. Kelowna has grown rapidly and will continue to as business locates there and centralizes a number of north okanagan offices. Vernon will have to be competitive to retain its work force and opportunities.I support Councillor Spiers thoughts on a financially sustainable community . According to stats can 44 % of our gdp in BC is connected to the growth of government.We will have to pick some priorities and we have tried to do that regards bus service , water by utilizing all of our citizens collectively for the water services in our region .In a nutshell our ability to protect our water and improve our modes of transportation will lead us in the right directions. The current economic woes may be longer lasting than anyone can forecast and that is a huge factor that I sense will have a lot to do with our financial sustainability. Growth has funded our expansion of services to address sustainability , where once we handled environmental issues on contract we now have two full time employees and a tdm co ordinator and related support staff.The infrastructure projects of tdm have actually added to our long term infrastructure deficits rather than reduced it becuae they are new projects rather than addressing current infrastructure deficits. We are addressing landfill closure deficits with substantial cash injections because they are our largest liability now and into the future. So little by little Vernon leads the way in many of these areas where we virtually independently fund the bus service in a community that is more compact than outlying areas but will have the highest percentage of senior citizens as we fortunately live longer. Again this region alone will require health faciitiies in increasing numbers in order to help our valued seniors. Thus this region alone advanced the full amount of two additional floors of the new jubilee hospital without receiving 60 % from the province and the province has agreed to pay our citizens back in an unprecedented look to the future by our citizens. The hospital budget is 190 million , we fund 40 % of capital and that will come on over the next three decades for our citizens.As we provide the types of housing for citizens growing older we will be a center for their relocation from outlying rural areas and affordable housing will be at the heart of that demographic shift which will add growth to the central core. Vernon council has attempted to address our priorities , water to drink and the last of the poorest water sources for citizens will be converted in 2012 as citizens come off the goose lake system and west swan lake.Watershed management and creek cleanup are priorities in greater vernon. Our spray irrigation systems for ag users is finally being metered to allow us to measure , our drought response systems will allow us to make smarter calls when drought threatens . A lot of work has been done with lots more to do . I do not have all of the answers but I am ever hopeful that a communtiy driven city with dedicated citizens like Vernon has will find answers. We add ubco bus transport which is excellent but funding was diverted from our chance in vernon for a more reliable and frequent commuter service. We continue to work hard at that for green house gas emission reductions . It will also allow people to live in Vernon and work in the region and perhaps raise families in a reasonably priced home in an area under redevelopment based on the city neighbourhood plan. Vernon has a social conscience that

comes from our citizens who provide help to many with volunteers churches hospital organizations and out city enhances that by encouraging their work . Community gardens and the farmers markets will be further enhanced in the coming years as priorities. We follow in many ways the lives of our citizens and we take our cue from these great individuals , I do beleive change happens incrementally and pushing it down peoples throats is the easiest way to go backwards in view . When we polarize the community over items that are not priorities we no longer have community support and we stand still . Thanks for writing. Patrick Nicol councillor candidate city of vernon.

**O'Keefe, Mary-Jo:** Sustainability to me is the important balance of maintaining our great lifestyle,( maintaining our farmlands, proper water regulations to ensure our future) with the constant demands created by citizens need to access services more easily and at less cost.

**Pearson, Mike:** Sustainability to me is what the Mohawk's believe, as long as it does not alter seven generations in the future. Like it said in the dictionary; which conserves an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources. I like to look at things in the bigger picture of things. When I was 17 living in St. Catherines Ontario, finished grade 10 vocational school with a green house ticket and welders ticket and ready for life adventures. I had noticed what progress and growth was doing. Farm land turning into building sites, residential road, highways etc. etc.. And I remember what I was thinking at that time, if all those farms are disappearing, and there were more and more people, how are we going to feed them. A good friend of my said to me. Most people look at it this way. Here is my house, here is my yard and here is the curb. And that is as far as they go. But you Mike, you look at the bigger picture. So please bare with me, I am coming to a point. I know I am only running for civic election, but there is some things that a small town or city can do for it self, but I think we need to work on the some bigger issues as well. Like the transit system. My idea is have the buses system going from Penticton to Salmon Arm on a regular basis, every hour pick up. Starting at least 5 am. to 11 pm. so people how work in other areas can us it, not their cars. And in the smaller communities have smaller buses and the cities use the larger buses. And when the buses are being used more, than do the road diet. All buses should be hybrids. But the bigger picture should be light rail through the valley. And a much bigger picture yet that I think should be handled by the Green Party and the NDP is to talk to the oil companies on to how to divert their attention to the railway system to go electric fast rail, like Eruop. Give them the idea how they can make a profit with a clean energy. Like they say it is better to attack with something sweet then with sour grapes. I know I am not running for the Green Party yet. I need to start somewhere first. Ok, back to earth now. Speaking of earth, have you heard of rammed earth buildings ( sirewall ) I would think you have. David Suzuki indorses the idea. It is an idea that I have brought forth to the Art Centre for the new complex they are asking for, with the museum and the Chamber of Commerce. They have all shown some positive interest. I am hoping for some support from us greens. I will be putting on some presentations after the election, win or lose. But looking for funding by other sources, NOT Vernon tax payers. Plus work is to done by Vernon companies, not out of town people. Do you know what that does to are air we breath, traffic back and forth

to from Kelowna. This makes me mad, especially when we are trying to promote biking and walking and I am carpenter for 32 years and can't get a job in this town because they have their own guys. Don't you think we as greens should start using some common sense. I like to say sorry but that is why I am running, I am mad, we need common sense in council. I had a business plan on building with Straw Bale construction to build in this town, ( low cost housing ) but the hard time I had with the build departments, city and regional. I have studied for 20 plus years on passive solar, earth ship, Straw Bale, cord wood, log homes, now rammed earth, you name it I studied it, did presentations on them and can talk for hours on it. Sorry for the excitement, but I am very passionate about the green issues. We need jobs in this town and common sense. With new energy ideas I have study and connection with as well. I am very creative in thinking of new ideas and great at problem solving. I hope I have answered most of your questions, but I'm sure you can see where I am coming from and my passion. People that know me will say that wear my heart on my sleeve and I am honest and say it like I see it. So if you think or fill that I am your kind of guy to make a deference in this political arena please support me with your votes. And with the short time that I have left, could you please pass it on to all your members for me. I will work very very hard for you all.

**Quiring, Brian:** Sustainability is an economic, social and environmental strategy that requires meeting the needs of the present without encumbering future generations and inhibiting them to achieve their own needs. Sustainable development relies on the concept of smart growth. Smart growth is an urban planning and transportation strategy that concentrates growth in infill sites within the existing infrastructure of a city.

**Spiers, Bob:** Sustainability is the long-term maintenance of well being of a way of life that can endure and be there for our children and their children. Development sustainability as it relates to growth must incorporate smart planning. Development in the City of Vernon must progress from the inner core to the outer perimeter on a planned basis. I Opposed the subdivision of Commonage land that can be developed without having to provide City Sewer and Water. I support a Commonage Area Plan that would eventually be incorporated into Vernon's OCP. This will ensure that any development is done in manner that is consistent with the 30 year time horizon in our DCC bylaws and is sensitive to all environmental concerns. I am also quite intrigued with investigating creative solutions to our sewer and water problems and their future.

**Todd, James:** Sustainability. to me this means waste not- want not- eg: in development I would like to see it mandatory for rainfall/cistern collection systems installed in all new buildings,

2. Do you believe that we should reduce our CO2 emissions and if so, what should we be doing at the local level to do so?

**Cunningham, Juliette:** Yes I do believe that we should reduce CO2 emissions. Any reductions on our reliance of fossil fuels will reduce CO2 emissions. Some examples are:

Reduction of Single Occupancy Vehicle trips Compact and mixed use development. Transit supported development Expansion of schedules and routes for public transit Promote car pooling, bike to work Building design / green technology Promote and model renewable systems such as solar, geothermal, bio-mass technology More bike and pedestrian infrastructure Planting of native plants and trees

**Hoyte, Ruth:** Yes, I think we should look to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. At the local level, providing a variety of transportation options, especially environmentally friendly transit, along with bicycling and walking paths would be a good start. Also, as stated above, increasing residential development in the City Centre, provides opportunity for residents to access local amenities by walking. They would be able to live, work, shop and play in close proximity, thus reducing their use of their automobile.

**Nicol, Patrick David:** See 1

**O'Keefe, Mary-Jo:** Our official community plan enunciates how we will move towards reducing our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – there are a wide variety of initiatives including increased off road and on road trails to automatic lighting and heating infrastructure to reduce use. A lot of it is education as well so we are working with all our partners to ensure that we can work towards our CO<sub>2</sub> commitment levels.

**Pearson, Mike:** see 1

**Quiring, Brian:** I believe that we should reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Local strategies for this would include transit oriented mixed use development with a wide variety of housing choices. Energy efficient buildings based on LEED design principles and low maintenance landscape are also ways for our community to reduce our carbon footprint.

**Spiers, Bob:** Local level CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be reduced by enforcing idling requirements on the City fleet and perhaps extend that through education to all vehicles. Emissions could be most reduced by having a bypass in our future Transportation plans. Also the carbon tax reserves we are building up (from the taxpayers pocket) that will have to be used to buy carbon offsets from a provincially mandated list is wrong. We must have this changed so that we can spend that money on locally produced solutions. We could use our mandated offset purchases to improve our vehicle fleet purchases to more hybrid or electric cars etc.

**Todd, James:** absolutely, reduce emissions , public transit using hybrid vehicles , as an example

### 3. What does social responsibility mean to you as an elected civic official?

**Cunningham, Juliette:** For me social responsibility as an elected civic official means I have the obligation to perform my duties in an ethical manner that will benefit my community as a whole.

**Hoyte, Ruth:** Social responsibility would be including all segments of our population. Those citizens who are struggling with a variety of issues included, whether they be addiction, mental health issues or other. My volunteer work with the Gateway shelter has given me some perspective on a variety of social ills. When the Gateway was first proposed, I was very involved in bringing the social agencies and the business community together. In the beginning, it was very difficult....over the course of time, a level of empathy and respect developed to each others views. I'm proud to say our shelter has become a part of our community, whose residents are not viewed as such a negative influence.

**Nicol, Patrick David:** See 1

**O'Keefe, Mary-Jo:** to me it represents our responsibility to our neighbours to ensure we provide access to all basic services and basic needs. All levels of government are involved in this in some ways but it is important for local municipalities to act as an enabler to these services. We are the closest level of government to our citizens – we should know the lay of the land better and make more efficient use of the resources provided by others – a coordinator of sorts – thereby maximising the available services and programs while utilizing the tax funded programs most efficiently.

**Pearson, Mike:** see 1

**Quiring, Brian:** As an elected official social responsibility means an obligation to make decisions that benefit the society as a whole. It is a duty to balance the needs of the economy and the ecosystem.

**Spiers, Bob:** Social Responsibility means a balance between the economic reality of the municipal taxpayers responsibility and a desire to help those in society that need that help. I have endeavored to get more substantial concessions from a developer who will be displacing 36 low income housing renters to build a Senior's complex in Vernon. The idea of a 1 month rent payout seems rather inadequate and I will (if legally able to) ensure that these people get more. City and regional grants to social organizations such as Teen Junction and the The Mission will always be higher on my budget priority list than other worthy non-profits. You can stretch the municipal taxpayers dollar only so far.

**Todd, James:** social responsibility-I refer to my flyer

#### 4. What will do to address the lack of *affordable* housing in our community.

**Cunningham, Juliette:** Access to affordable housing is just a basic right in my opinion. I fought as a City Councillor to put Affordable Housing on the Agenda at City Hall. As the chair of the Affordable Housing Committee I worked collaboratively with many sectors of the community to complete an Attainable Housing Strategy which was adopted in January 2008 while I was still on council. We recommended to Council that we lease a city-owned property to the Native Housing Society to build 40 units of subsidized housing. The city

provided reductions in property tax and development costs charges and the province provided the capital costs. We also recommended to council that some of the affordable housing reserve go towards buying a piece of property which was in turn leased to Under One Roof project. 6 units on non-market housing were built. If re-elected my goal is to aggressively pursue other aspects of the strategy to address the issue of affordable housing.

**Hoyte, Ruth:** One of the first things we can do to address the affordable housing issue, I believe, is to bring all the stakeholders, including developers to table. Questions we can ask, what can we do to encourage development of affordable housing, both rental and home ownership Could we consider exchanging increased density or lower DCC's for some affordable units to be build? I also think that we look at partnerships, such as the successful "Under one roof". Part of the Mayor and council's job would be to lobby the provincial and federal government for a national housing strategy. I support much of the City's attainable housing strategy, work needs to continue.

**Nicol, Patrick David:** See 1

**O'Keefe, Mary-Jo:** Vernon has been a leader in creating the partnerships necessary to achieve an increase in our affordable housing. This model of working with all partners including the city to achieve our goal of addressing the ever increasing need for affordable housing is a good one and one I believe we should continue.

**Pearson, Mike:** see 1

**Quiring, Brian:** I will continue to promote the recommendations in the 2007 City of Vernon Affordable Housing Committee Attainable Housing Strategy.

**Spiers, Bob:** I fought for years and finally had DCC's for affordable housing built by non-profits waived in Vernon's DCC responsibilities. We have in the past and will in the future provide land where we can in cooperation with other senior levels of government to ensure that non=profits can create more affordable housing.

**Todd, James:** relax the bylaws against in-law suites, and make sure that any new development , has a percentage of units , devoted to senior, low income , residents