

## **PETRINA ARNASON ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN PLATFORM**



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Langley, BC – Two-term Township of Langley Councillor and independent candidate Petrina Arnason announced her re-election campaign platform today, citing growth and infrastructure, parks and preservation of greenspace, protection of farmland as well as affordable housing among the key issues for her if re-elected.

“I’ve been honoured to serve the people of Langley Township for the past eight years, but I feel that there is still significant work to be done on a number of issues important to the people in our community, and I am committed to continuing my advocacy in those areas,” says Arnason. “Langley Township is a wonderful place, and over my past eight years on Council I believe that I’ve been able to advocate for, and achieve, many important initiatives including delivering more libraries, advancing the interests of seniors, and championing a Township Climate Emergency Declaration, but there is more work to be done.”

Petrina is proud of her work to make the environment a regular part of Council deliberations, as well as fighting for more transparency and accountability at city hall.

Petrina understands how local government works, and how to advocate to the provincial and federal governments to bring the investments our community needs, such as advocating for critical housing infrastructure to address the growing homeless issue in the community and the funding investment to extend Skytrain to Langley.

**If re-elected Petrina has committed to a number of key initiatives:**

- **Prioritization of local climate action to protect public safety in the Township budgets.**
- **Advocating for substantive funding from senior levels of government for dike improvements on the Fraser River.**
- **Expanding local green spaces for recreation, habitat, climate mitigation, and ecological function.**
- **Use of our affordable housing reserve fund to find creative ways to deliver more affordable units within all communities in the Township.**
- **Advance the interests of local agriculture and food security.**
- **To work to create effective collaborative ties with the Provincial Government to address siting and other considerations arising from emerging agri-tech businesses such as vertical farming.**

Born and raised in British Columbia, Petrina currently lives in Murrayville with her husband. She holds a Master’s in Environmental Studies and a Law Degree. Since first being elected in 2014 Petrina has worked full time as a Township Councillor. She is proud to be an independent candidate for re-election and cites concern over the rise of slates in the Township.

“I believe that civic officials need to be able to vote their conscience in the best interests of the people in our community, I do not believe slate voting puts the interests of the residents at the forefront,” says Petrina. “We need only to look to our neighbouring communities in the region who have elected slate majorities and then felt the unfortunate repercussions of having special interest groups having too much control at city hall.”

As a Councillor Petrina holds a number of key portfolios including Vice Chair, Fraser Valley Regional Library Board; Alternate Director, Metro Vancouver Board, Director, Metro Vancouver Climate Action Committee; Township Seniors Advisory Committee; and belongs to community

organizations such as the Langley Heritage Society, WOLF (Watchers of Langley Forests), and the Nickomekl Enhancement Society, among others.

To learn more about her platform visit <http://petrinaarnason.com/>

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