

Lion's Bay Candidate Survey Responses - November 2014

Name	Candidate for:	In the last year, all North Shore municipalities and School Districts formally endorsed the North Shore Food Charter . If elected, what will you do to support implementation of the Charter?	Urban farming includes activities such as backyard gardening, sale of produce and seedlings, keeping of small livestock (i.e. chickens), edible landscaping, and farming of leased/borrowed urban land. Most of these activities are currently not permitted under City/District bylaws and policies. Do you support urban agriculture initiatives, and if so how will you support urban farming initiatives in your community?	Many cities have food policy councils established to bring municipal staff, local experts and community members together to research and develop policies related to local food security issues. If elected, what priority would you place on forming a food policy council for the North Shore?	The demand for locally-grown food on the North Shore is growing. If elected, what priority will you place on increasing access to locally produced, fresh healthy food for North Shore residents?	What is your level of interest in supporting new food businesses (eg. small scale food processors, producers, markets, etc.) in your community?	Food waste is a growing issue in our region, and food recovery is emerging as an innovative method to ensure that fresh food avoids disposal and makes it onto the table. If elected, what priority would you place on supporting food recovery initiatives on the North Shore?	Please use this space to elaborate on any of your responses to the "ranked" questions above.
Helen Waterson	Council	I would endorse the North Shore Food Charter in principle as a framework for guiding decisions related to food programs in Lions Bay. I will also set up a Lions Bay Citizen group to lead promote the food charter.	I have been a big supporter of local farmers and backyard gardeners participating in many market fairs. I also have friends who are avid gardeners. In Lions Bay we had a communal vegetable/edible garden, which I thought was fantastic. I would definitely promote and expand on this. However because of bears we are not able to have small livestock in the village.	An issue I would support if put forward by other elected officials	An issue I would support if put forward by other elected officials	An issue I would support if put forward by other elected officials	An issue I would support if put forward by other elected officials	Ideally I would place this as a higher priority and would enjoy doing so, however our village is currently faced with other more pressing challenges which needs to be addressed first and then we can focus on promoting the Food Charter. This would be an exciting program for Lions Bay as many people are avid gardeners of backyard farmers and most of us are concerned about where our food comes from.