



Peter Kent for Qualicum Beach

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My long-term vision for Qualicum Beach is one that is both protected and progressive in flavour. We preserve the past, take action in the present, and pursue a dynamic future inclusive to all. I envision our community vibrant, bustling and active while shielding our coveted green spaces, beaches, & artistic charm. We nurture our neighbourhoods and businesses while growing tastefully in alignment with our OCP. We strive to have a sense of community-wide ownership, loyalty and trust with extensive public engagement and high-calibre municipal leadership. Whether we are growing families or growing older, we grow together.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge that Qualicum Beach is within the traditional sacred territory of the Qualicum First Nation. The preservation and enhancement of existing green space and ecosystems is extremely important to the vitality of our town, for future generations and what makes us distinctive. By adhering to our OCP and not allowing intrusion into sensitive ecosystems, we maintain that protection. Also, Canada's plan to plant two billion trees over the next ten years is projected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 12 mega tonnes annually by 2050. We must continue to collaborate with our government to utilize.

In all honesty, I believe I'd get along with all three of our councillors well as a teammate, whether we view perspectives differently or not. I've appreciated the opportunity for dialogue speaking with our three current incumbents, our previous councillor/MLA Adam Walker and Chief Recalma of the Qualicum First Nation.

As the saying goes, "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." As a father to 11 year old twin sons (6th generation Qualicum Beach boys), it's important to me that our community is forward thinking and mindful of our environment for future generations. Whether I'm out for a bike ride or walking along the beach spotting orcas, I can't help but feel fortunate for the opportunity to call this home. This town is what attracted our family to reside here over 100 years ago and it's a town I hope to keep families thriving in for the next 100 years and beyond.

My favourite natural feature in Qualicum Beach might sound cliché but it's...the beach. My family and I cannot get enough of the ocean. My sons & I walk along the sea-wall and try to envision what it was like when their great-grandfather helped build the sea-wall decades ago. It's breathtaking.

Yes, I would ensure the pending tree and vegetation bylaw is enacted.

Yes, having operated under a Code of Conduct in Squamish during my time on Council, I agree. I also found team-building exercises amongst us very helpful too to help get to know one another better and work cohesively.

No, I have not accepted donations from anyone with an active development application nor anyone for that matter for my campaign. Accepting donations/support from developers or special interest groups for instance puts you into a situation that forces you to recuse yourself from voting with their applications due to the conflict of interest or public perception of bias. My campaign is funded only by me and I'm trying to keep it as "Green" as possible by re-using my candidate signs from my 2014 election for example.

No, I have accepted no donations from anyone nor will I for this byelection.

My donation amount is zero. I am funding my own campaign.

No, I cannot support residential developments in the Estate Residential properties as they do not align with our Official Community Plan.

No, as much as I love Pheasant Glen's golf course and in favour of the initial resort plan & vibe, at this time I cannot support the current plan with full-time residential homes sprawling on the Beach Creek watershed as per Official Community Plan.

No, I do not support bike trail deforestation activities for recreation. I absolutely love mountain biking; however, there is much maintenance whether it be trail degradation or soil loss to our existing trails to upkeep before impacting other sites or forests. I do however support Safe Routes to Schools and if there is an impact to biking safety routes for our youth, there might be the occasion where we need to evaluate the safety of a tree.

Bylaw 800 in the OCP is a policy document and guideline as per section 1.1 PLAN CONTEXT AND PURPOSE- it states "the document constitutes the OCP for the Town of Qualicum Beach, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act of British Columbia. As such, it establishes a framework of policies for land use and strategic policy development.

Yes, I agree with the OCP that we should prohibit urban sprawl into rural lands, both forest and ALR and instead add density to meet our housing needs.

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Peter,

I greatly appreciate your time and attention on this! Hope you have a great day.

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Same to you!

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