

## Fraser Valley Current

### Langley Candidate Questionnaire: 2024 BC Election

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Who are the Fraser Valley's provincial election candidates? And what would they prioritize if elected to BC's legislature?

We recently asked candidates about themselves, their personal priorities, and about specific projects and issues — including the Bridal Falls tourism proposals, Fraser Valley transit, and the future of the Agricultural Land Reserve. For some of these, we asked candidates to give simple yes or no answers to let you see who matches your priorities on local issues.

We gave candidates more than a week to respond, and received answers from more than half of the candidates by our deadline. Those candidates included nearly every person running as an independent, all but one of the BC NDP candidates, around half of the BC Green candidates, and two BC Conservatives. ...

Most of the BC Conservatives did not respond. Neither did two BC Greens and one independent candidate. (Exactly who didn't respond can be found in each local questionnaire.)

Notably, many of the candidates who did not respond to our questionnaire have also avoided all-candidates meetings. You will be able to read more about that after the long weekend.

#### **Tell the public who you are: (100 words)**

I have been a community leader in Langley-Abbotsford for 25+ years. I know the issues and concerns, and have the connections, work ethic, and leadership experience to get things done for this riding.

As MLA, I will focus on:

- Seniors' Issues
- Health Care
- Affordability
- Public Safety & Crime
- Agricultural / Farming & Food Security Concerns

I want to be Langley-Abbotsford's voice in Victoria – I am the only candidate who has been committed to this community heart and soul for decades.

**Why are you running for MLA in your community? (50 words)**

As an Independent, I have no affiliation with any one political party. The BC NDP has provided slow, ineffective solutions, while the BC Conservatives push outdated and extreme policies. As your Independent MLA, I will support centre-right, free-enterprise, fiscally conservative policies to ensure the right and left work together.

**What is something with local resonance that is not explicitly mentioned in your party's platform and for which you will advocate for your local constituents if elected? (150 words)**

Seniors' issues are a primary concern in Langley-Abbotsford, something that has been a particular focus for me as a community leader for decades. These issues include everything from health care to housing to food security and general affordability.

As a society we have a greying population and we must begin to plan better, so that our elders can age with dignity and grace. As an Independent MLA I would advocate for the establishment of a ministerial-level position for seniors' issues so that such planning is comprehensive and coordinated.

**What is a piece of information about your local community that the public may not know about, and informs your views on policy or politics? (150 words)**

Having lived in, and been involved in this riding as a community leader for decades, there is a definite sense that Aldergrove / Northeast Langley has been forgotten by our various levels of government. When it comes to issues like transit and transportation, community and infrastructure investment, and social supports, residents often feel that they are just not heard.

In my various community roles, I have worked to push these issues forward as best I could. It's time to elect an MLA who is truly responsive. As an Independent MLA, I will be fully free to fight for this riding without being tied to party politics.

This is a historic election, with upwards of 17 candidates running as center-right Independents. These MLAs may well hold the balance of power between the BC NDP and the BC Conservatives. I want Langley-Abbotsford to have a seat at that table.

**What is something from another party or candidate's platform that you agree with? (50 words)**

We are seeing a lot of new development in Langley and West Abbotsford. Infrastructure has not kept pace. As an Independent MLA I would consider supporting ideas like the BC Conservatives' plan to deliver \$1 billion in provincial funding to local governments each year for a decade.

**Which of the following projects do you support:**

Bridal Veil Mountain Resort  
Cascade Skyline Gondola Project  
Neither

**Would your government provide funding for flood protections on Sumas Prairie?**

Yes, whatever it takes  
It depends on the cost  
No

**What transit upgrades should the province prioritize?**

SkyTrain to Abbotsford  
More buses on Highway 1  
Regional buses between Mission, Agassiz, and Hope  
Rapid buses on Langley's 200th Street  
Increased West Coast Express service  
None of the above

**Do you support the removal of land from the Agricultural Land Reserve for any of the following reason?**

Housing  
Industry  
Sports parks  
Land should not be removed from the ALR

**Should climate change projections should be used when setting building and infrastructure standards?**

Yes  
No