

***RE-ELECT***

# FRED BAIN for COUNCILLOR



Platform FJB

Government:

- Government is in existence to serve the residents
  - residents should be able to be informed and heard
- Communication is critical
  - with Whom, What, When and Why
    - Whom- council with staff, staff with residents and residents with council
    - What- anything new, changed or to be planned
    - When- as soon as possible
    - Why?, because it is the right thing to do and residents want to know what is going on in their village and have a right to be informed.
  - No secrets other than minimal closed meeting compliance

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- Infrastructure
  - Infrastructure Committee (IC) to be restored with greater scope and function.
  - Resident volunteers should to be encouraged to engage
  - The new IC should have greater input and functioning in advising Council
    - We should consider moving away from RFPs and put projects out to bids
    - no more “cost plus” bidding by increasing the scope after the bid is approved
    - no more designing as we go
      - this opens us up to projects “creeping” after the original concept is exceeded
    - Lowest bids would not be the only criteria
      - the winning bid(s) would always be the best fit and verified by the IC and Council
        - a lowest bid is no longer the lowest if the project is allowed to exceed the original, accepted concept
    - Projects should be planned well enough in the beginning before putting them out for bids.
    - No more starting projects before the “bottom line” is known
    - Cut back on the reliance on consultants – use the IC members as much as possible as needed.
      - Also, be guided by common sense.
  - Stop chasing grant funding for things we do not have as top priorities.
  - No paying “Super Retail”
    - “retail” pricing plus 10-50% on top
- Volunteers
  - renewed enthusiasm is noticed
  - they need encouragement and support and to know they are welcome and always valued
- Emergency Services
  - We have good people already in place and we need to continue to support them
  - we need to focus most of our emergency concerns to the application of the residents' benefit and safety
  - Evacuation routes for “worst case scenarios” still need to be worked out
    - some progress has been made
    - resident privacy needs to be respected during non-emergency times, but we need flexibility

### **Personal Conduct:**

My goal as an “un-political” public servant is to treat others how I would want to be treated. That is, with honesty and care for residents' concerns and ideas, and to hear them and respond respectfully.

Lion Bay is our collective home and as residents , something to be valued and enriched together as a community.

What was accomplished this term:

- Emergency Program Coordinator in place
- ESS team Leadership Re-established
- Progress in setting up the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
- Emergency Planning Committee reactivated
- Memorial Committee established and functioning well
- Mary Comber Miles Indigenous Plant Garden took on new life
- Initial phases of evacuation planning with a draft pamphlet
- Lions Bay moved from an Urban designation to a Rural designation
- Wood burning restrictions deferred for a number of years

Concerns/areas needing attention:

- Lack of progress of major projects
- Cost over-runs appear to be on the way
- Poor communication
- The Infrastructure Committee was dissolved