

ELECT

Marcus Reuter

Councillor

I've been a Lions Bay resident for 30 years, always appreciative of the special privilege of our independence and being surrounded by nature. I've spent the last year and a half working to represent residents at many Council meetings and at the board of Metro Vancouver to drive our Rural designation and independence from the Urban Containment Boundary across the finish line. I believe this has been a significant event for our community. It gives formal recognition to the often repeated but imperfectly heard aspirations of our community to retain and protect the natural splendor that drew us all here in the first place.

My academic background includes philosophy and law. The first half of my working life I spent in marketing, advertising and copywriting, the second half running my own business in architectural cabinetry and millwork, with an emphasis on second-life reclaimed materials. I sit on several boards and am conversant with governing procedures and protocols.

I have a strong affinity for the natural environment, and believe in principled fiscal prudence. I am committed to our Official Community Plan, and recognize it as the founding set of principles that embodies our vision as a community.

Above all, I recognize that Council serves for, and at the pleasure of residents. What that means to me is that you've got to be fair and transparent, accountable, free of personal agenda—and leave your ego at the door. I believe it's serious and hard work, and would serve by these principles.

Where I stand on the issues: back to basics

FINANCIAL COMMON SENSE

- ◆ Focus on essential projects first. Dream projects come later
- ◆ Stop behaving like a large municipality. Staffing needs to be leaner and wear many hats—like we used to do
- ◆ Spending: critically review and ensure we're not paying inflated "municipal dollars" on projects
- ◆ Explore access to new grant opportunities through rural designation
- ◆ Trim costly consultants reports and feasibility studies. Move project management back in-house

REPRESENTING RESIDENTS

- ◆ Consult and consult again with Residents
- ◆ No more tail-wagging-the-dog: Council determines priorities and sets Agenda. Staff works for and assists Council
- ◆ Agendas released in a timely manner so Council and residents can be prepared and meaningfully participate
- ◆ Engage with residents who appear at Council: give them the respect they deserve
- ◆ Re-invigorate volunteerism and access the abundant expertise of residents

KEEP THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE

- ◆ Ensure Council policies are consistent with residents' desire to retain natural character of our village
- ◆ Fulfill fiduciary duty to residents' investment in this community by ensuring it isn't disassembled around them
- ◆ Protect our community from urban creep

ISSUES IN NEED OF SERIOUS ATTENTION

- ◆ Our greatest assets and vulnerabilities: Water, Watershed, Forests
- ◆ Watershed integrity: intrusions into our watershed, resulting fire danger and risk to water quality
- ◆ To start: we urgently need a fire bylaw to restrict access during most vulnerable periods
- ◆ Roads and Drainage
- ◆ Parking problems, influx of visitors
- ◆ Highway noise and pollution

LET'S CONNECT

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