

## Bowen Island - All Candidates Responses to Urban Agriculture & Food Security Survey

MAYOR & COUNCIL CANDIDATES: Please respond to the following questions by ranking your interest in or support of each initiative.			
	An issue I would need to learn more about before taking an interest in	An issue I would support if put forward by other elected officials	A high priority issue that I will personally take action on
1. There is a high demand for community garden space across the North Shore. If elected, what priority would you place on addressing this demand for community garden space within your jurisdiction?		Nerys Poole, Mayor  Doug Hooper, Council Tim Rhodes, Council Cro Lucas, Council George Zawadzki, Council	Rob Cairns, Council Peter Frinton, Council Silvaine Zimmermann, Council
2. Economic opportunities related to local food and urban agriculture sector are increasing. If elected, what priority would you place on increasing/supporting farmers market, local food enterprises, and other community programs addressing 'local food sector' economic opportunities?		Nerys Poole, Mayor  Doug Hooper, Council Tim Rhodes, Council George Zawadzki, Council	Cro Lucas, Council Rob Cairns, Council Peter Frinton, Council Silvaine Zimmermann, Council
3. 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?	Nerys Poole, Mayor  Doug Hooper, Council Cro Lucas, Council Peter Frinton, Council George Zawadzki, Council	Tim Rhodes, Council Rob Cairns, Council Silvaine Zimmermann, Council	
4. The Union of BC Municipalities (UMBC)	Silvaine Zimmermann,	Nerys Poole, Mayor	Rob Cairns, Council

<p>has supported a resolution that encourages municipalities to undertake a public land inventory for urban agriculture activities, and to develop related policies in support of these activities. If elected, what priority would you place on this initiative?</p>	<p>Council George Zawadzki, Council</p>	<p>Doug Hooper, Council Tim Rhodes, Council Cro Lucas, Council</p>	<p>Peter Frinton, Council</p>
<p>5. There are many people on the North Shore that do not have secure access to food. There are opportunities to better support vulnerable populations including; programs that reduce food in the waste stream by processing recovered food and making it accessible to vulnerable communities, programs to develop improved food skills or the development of an inventory that identifies accessible foods. If elected, what priority would you place on supporting these initiatives?</p>	<p>Nerys Poole, Mayor  Silvaine Zimmermann, Council George Zawadzki, Council</p>	<p>Doug Hooper, Council Tim Rhodes, Council Rob Cairns, Council</p>	<p>Cro Lucas, Council Peter Frinton, Council</p>

Name:	Position Running For:	Why do you think that food security and urban agriculture are important issues for the municipality?	5. Please use this space to elaborate on any of your responses to the "ranked" questions above.
Doug Hooper	Council	Health. Education. Security.	There are many competing priorities on Bowen Island that I would intend to initiate and/or lead/co-lead. The food issues have great champions in our community and I would very much support and assist their efforts!
Tim Rhodes	Council	As an island municipality we are very much at risk - more so that many urban mainland communities - with respect to not only rising food prices but rising energy costs.	I have checked the "if put forward" response because there was not a response for "if put forward by the community." Bowen and Bowen Council will rely heavily on local volunteer equity to bring these issues forward.
Cro Lucas	Council	I'm a strong believer that you are what you eat. There is considerable evidence that shows a link between what we consume and cancer related issues. At present, the consumer has no control over the use of pesticides and growth enhancement.	
Rob Cairns	Council	Peak oil, global warming, and economic uncertainty all mean that we need to start anticipating a future with less plentiful and more expensive food and energy. What ever we can do now to build local sustainable agriculture and energy infrastructure will be time and money well spent. This is the time to act, and this is the main reason I am	The most important thing we can do on Bowen is provide incentives and support to increase the understanding of the importance of food security, and to encourage more local food growing. In my term on council, I will be looking at how our existing policies and bylaws either support or inhibit this, and working to ensure that we move in the direction of increased support and encouragement of local sustainable

		running for council on Bowen.	energy, food growing, and agricultural initiatives. I will also be working with Parks Canada to ensure that this direction is anticipated and supported in any park establishment agreement.
Nerys Poole	Mayor	In this time of global climate change, it is important that we address local farming needs and find ways to provide more local food - with less transportation costs. This is particularly important on an island.	Food security on Bowen is an issue and I support local initiatives to address this. If there are ways that Council can support these initiatives by policy changes or support for designation of space for community gardens, I am definitely interested. As a small municipality, we are limited in staff resources so competing priorities have to be balanced.
Peter Frinton	Council	Bowen has the only vestige of ALR lands in the North Shore area, and still some rural character. Retaining the ability to grow food on small acreages, connecting people to the land, is vitally important both for those that choose to produce food, and the community around them.	I helped put together the Metro Vancouver Regional Foods Strategy, as I have been a member of the Agricultural Committee. Other than creating a N. Shore Food Policy Council, (which I think may be redundant), I strongly support all the above initiatives.
Silvaine Zimmermann	Council	Anything we can do to enhance local food production without negatively impacting natural ecosystems prevents increasing GHG emissions and saves money.	As a member of Bowen in Transition I have already started my involvement. I have also proposed that Parks Canada allow a community garden in the 'horse meadow' if we vote Yes. If not, we could try to convince Crippen Park authorities to consider this as well, although it is currently against their intended plans. I am also a long time proponent of community composting and green waste retention to help us all improve our rocky soils as well as have affordable access to compost on island without inadvertently

			feeding/ increasing the rat population.
George Zawadzki	Council	Food is life.	I'm all for local food enterprises, farmers markets, community gardens (we could use another one in snug cove, where the bakery used to be).
Jack A Adelaar	Mayor	No Response	No Response
Jonathan Bell	Council	No Response	No Response
Wolfgang C Duntz	Council	No Response	No Response
Daron Jennings	Council	No Response	No Response
Alison Morse	Council	No Response	No Response
Andrew Stone	Council	No Response	No Response

