



Kerry Morris

[CANDIDATE  
FOR MAYOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

**VALUES:** I will be a Mayor with a moral compass that compels refusal of campaign donations from developers and unions.

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (SCHOOL) LANDS:** Public School Lands must remain public assets. I will not support the sale of SD #44 lands at Cloverley, Lucas Centre or Ridgeway Annex, for residential redevelopment.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** The 'Mayors' Council' decision to move the North Shore's 85 TransLink buses to Burnaby jeopardizes the security and accessibility of our public transportation system. The decision must be reversed.

**DEVELOPMENT:** The frantic pace and scale of development in our community is out of control and unsustainable. Development needs to be 'Lower and Slower'. It's not a race! It's our future, let's get it right.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH SHORE:** We need an integrated traffic management plan designed to enhance flow throughout the entire North Shore.

**PARKING:** We need more and better public parking solutions. We need to stop modifying our street-scape in ways which reduce the availability of this valuable resource.

**LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE:** We must ensure the needs of City residents are placed above those of developers. We need common

sense housing solutions.

SHIPYARD LANDS: I support a public adaptable use plaza space on the waterfront.

[CANDIDATE  
FOR MAYOR]

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?** No answer received



**Darrell Mussatto**

**[CANDIDATE  
FOR MAYOR]**

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Mayor Darrell Mussatto was born and raised in North Vancouver and continues to live in the City, steps away from his mother, Eileen Mussatto, who was also born in North Vancouver. He attended Brooksbank Elementary, Sutherland and Carson Graham Secondary and is a member of St Edmund's Parish. Darrell has been honoured to serve his community as a Councillor since 1993 and as Mayor since 2005. He is a decorated ambulance paramedic and also worked as a teacher upon graduation from Simon Fraser University. Darrell is passionate about the City and its people – people who are his friends and neighbours. He is a positive leader who listens to all members of the community, includes everyone in decisions and believes in finding solutions that work for everyone. He believes in making the City a place where the benefits of growth are shared by all by supporting affordable housing, child care, new parks, trails and recreation facilities. With Darrell as Mayor, the City of North Vancouver is an award-winning national leader in lowering its carbon footprint through bike-friendly policies, reducing energy use, managing waste in a more environmentally friendly way, supporting urban gardening and expanding the award-winning Lonsdale Energy Corporation.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

The Lucas Center lands are owned by School District 44 and are now mostly free of school use save for the grass sports field at the north-west portion of the site and the works yard that I believe will be relocated. Any future change in use of the lands will need to come forward from the School District in the form of a rezoning. If and when that were to occur I would see consultation with the local community as a critically important component in this process.

As there is much discussion about this now I would not want to presume what other uses the community would consider. However, if pressed I would be in support of maintaining the current grass sports field and would consider low density residential use should the area no longer be needed for school use.



George Pringle

[CANDIDATE  
FOR MAYOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I'm a disabled military veteran (PPCLI) and can't do the door to door visits I would like to be able to do. You can do me a favour by checking my website, [pringleformayor.ca](http://pringleformayor.ca) for detailed info on my platform. I will be running with a party name, Amalgamate North Van on the ballot. A vote for George Pringle is a vote for a binding referendum on a detailed amalgamation plan devised by the citizens, perhaps through a citizen's assembly. Every citizen deserves a vote to decide if the City and the District shall merge and to direct how it would happen. Second, the Lonsdale Energy Corporation should be made a transparent City department to make it fully open to the public scrutiny. Third, we need a rest to allow the many problems that rapid development has caused, to be solved. I will propose a moratorium on all new development more than six stories until amalgamation is dealt with. It will be a four year process and a Council elected in 2018 by all North Van can get to business. I pledge to reduce my salary by \$20,000 and donate any Metro Van meeting allowances to local charities.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

No answer received





Holly Back

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Acclaimed as a highly successful businessperson, educator and politician, Holly Back has proven to be a natural leader in her industry and community. Before opening her Salon and School, Holly completed a Masters degree in education. The business has been a success winning "Best Salon on North Shore" award for the past 16 years. Holly was twice a finalist in Vancouver's Women of Distinction Awards and has been recipient of Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards in the "Best Employer" and "Business Person of the Year" category. Among other recognitions are: Chatelaine Magazine's "Women of Inspiration" for Canada, North Shore Outlook "Women of Excellence" community award, "Industry Success" for Western Canada and "Global Salon Business" awards. Holly not only gives back to her community financially through her numerous fundraisers, but also regularly gives her time to many charitable causes such as ALS foundation, Dragon Boat Teams, Cops for Cancer, Women of downtown east side, North Vancouver homeless shelter and many more. Holly has also served a three year term on the North Vancouver School Board in the elected position as Trustee. Holly looks forward to campaigning for position of councilor for the City of North Vancouver.

**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

My vision for the property at Lucas Centre would be for the City of North Vancouver and the School Board work together towards developing a plan that would see a portion of the site used for low density housing together with retaining the sports fields. One of the fields could be viewed for artificial turf.





**Bill Bell**

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Bill Bell has served four terms as a City Councillor from 1987 to 2002. He has served the community on numerous boards, agencies and charity organizations including the Kiwanis, North Vancouver Recreation Commission, North Neighbourhood House, Presentation House, North Shore Emergency Preparedness, and North Vancouver Museum and Archives to name a few.

Bill Bell is a hometown boy, brought up here in North Vancouver City, schooled at St Edmunds, Ridgeway, Sutherland, North Vancouver Senior Secondary and Capilano College, now Capilano University. Bill along with his wife Dorothy, raised his family in North Vancouver. He has worked tirelessly for the City and is known to take on tough fights for the people of our community.

Bill Bell has fought over density and high rise (above the OCP) development both as a former City Councillor and as a writer for the North Shore News. He strongly believes that traffic is an issue that must be dealt with, not just as a traffic engineering problem, but as a comprehensive community issue that takes into account, safety, pollution, seniors, livability and other social issues.

**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I do not want Lucas Center or any other school property to be sold to any private interest and believe that it should be retained first by the School Board and if that is absolutely not possible, then the City of North Vancouver should buy it to insure that it remains as a community facility. Retention of playing fields are an absolute necessity. This is an area that should not be redeveloped into a high density condos.



Don Bell

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

It has been my privilege to serve you as City Councillor for the past three years.

A North Vancouver resident for 45 years, I have lived in Central Lonsdale for the last eight years. I have owned a small business and been a corporate executive. My local political experience includes service as District Councillor and Mayor, North Vancouver School Trustee, Member of Parliament for North Vancouver, and now as North Vancouver City Councillor.

Our community faces many challenges ahead. I believe a top priority for Council must be to control the rate of future development to minimize negative impacts on traffic congestion, parking, transit and community infrastructure. Getting to and from our homes and our work places, shopping areas, medical facilities, places of education, parks and recreation is becoming an increasing problem.

My other priorities include replacing the Harry Jerome Recreation and Silver Harbour Seniors Centres, finalizing the Official Community Plan (OCP), deciding the future of the Lower Lonsdale waterfront, improving public transit and SeaBus service, and supporting small business, all while limiting tax increases.

I seek your vote to continue serving you on Council, using my experience and independent, common-sense approach in addressing the issues our City faces.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

Surplus school lands such as the Lucas Centre and Cloverley school sites must remain for public benefit uses. These lands should not be carved up for high density residential development. My first choice for the Lucas Centre would be for public park and trails plus sports field uses. There are also other possible educational or community-based uses that could be considered for portions of the site. As well, the restricted road access and lack of public bus service to the Lucas Centre area must be a major consideration of any potential future uses.



Dorothy Bell

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I moved to North Van City in 1990 to marry the love of my life, and have worked, raised my family here. This community is my home. I am a former school trustee, and I am now running as an independent progressive council candidate for the City.

I am a strong urban environmentalist and as the Executive Director of the Recycling Council of BC was instrumental in bringing many recycling programs, including the Blue Box, to the Province. As the Hazardous Waste Reduction Commissioner I helped changed the focus of the Government from treating Hazard Waste to reducing it at source and then addressing the residual problem.

North Vancouver requires strong ethical leadership now with councilors that value history, the environment and community. I do not take developer donations as I believe that practice is unethical and undermines the confidence of the community. Councilors should not vote as a block, slate or party, but independently for the citizens of the City.

I have been awarded national and international awards for my community work and understand the determination and effort required to achieve extraordinary goals. Vote for Dorothy Bell as we move forward with community plans and development of the shipyards.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I strongly believe in "No sales of school property to private interests." I understand that money is tight at the school district but you don't have to sell school property. You can never buy it back! It cannot be replaced. It is a community resource and should stay that way.

I cannot imagine the play fields being dug up and replaced by more condos. We need more places for kids to play, the community to learn and engage with one another.

It could be leased and if very desperate I would approve a sale to the city. The latter would be contingent on it remaining community institutional property. **SAVE THE LUCAS CENTRE!**



Pam Bookham

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I believe my job as a councillor is to listen to you and to ensure your concerns are heard whenever we make decisions that will affect you. I hear a growing fatigue and frustration caused by constant construction and daily gridlock. It's time to slow down and scale back density. I hear a growing suspicion that developers who contribute to political campaigns have more influence on council decisions than you do. I have never taken donations from developers or unions. It's simply wrong.

We need to rethink our priorities. I do not support spending \$30-50 million dollars on the Waterfront Vision before we get the bill for the new sewage treatment plant. Harry Jerome, Silver Harbour and North Shore Neighbourhood House are essential to the health and well-being of our community. They should be our first priority. Equally important, are the school sites that have been declared surplus. I will not support selling these important community assets to developers, but will work with school trustees to preserve them for community use through a long term lease.

It has been a privilege to serve you for nine years. I ask for your continued support on November 15th.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I will not support the sale of school lands that have been identified as surplus to the educational needs of our community. I believe to do so would be very short-sighted. I recognize the financial pressure on all school districts as a result of years of underfunding from the Province, but to think the sale of these important public assembly lands is their only option, is simply wrong. For decades, neighbourhood schools have filled many needs that contribute to health and well-being of our community. In addition to their primary function, they have served as playgrounds, sports fields, sites for daycare, rehearsal space for dance and theatre, community learning centers. With projected population growth that will see our population double in the next fifty years, the need for these open green spaces and community gathering places will only increase.

Through cooperation between Council and the School Board, we were able to do some great things including construction of a new school administration building, redevelopment of two beautiful heritage schools, finding a home in the heart of the community for the Marion and Gordon Smith Gallery, Artists for Kids and H.Y.A.D. What makes this cooperative effort such a cause for celebration is that it considered the needs the whole community, not just our educational needs and not just present needs. It's this kind of long-range visionary approach we need now as we consider Ridgeway Annex, Cloverley and the Lucas Centre.

I and my colleagues, Councillors Clark, Bell and Heywood have repeatedly sought to meet with the School Trustees to explore how we might preserve these sites for future community use and provide the financial support for education in the City. Mayor Mussatto, and



Councillors Keating and Buchanan have suggested that we treat the School District as we would any developer, and so they have thought like developers whose definition of “highest and best use” is to realise the maximum financial return through redevelopment. Hence the outrageous density in some of the scenarios you have been asked to consider. But they are not just any other developer and they have a responsibility under the Provincial Policy to engage in the broad community consultation that we have been seeking. I would like to see an open and transparent dialogue with the Recreation and Arts Commission, North Shore Neighbourhood House, Vancouver Coastal Health, Seniors Groups, Community Social Services and Community Associations to discuss potential partnerships and community uses. Only after that process has been undertaken can we make decisions about the Lucas Centre and the other two sites. I hope we on Council are able to persuade the School Trustees that a long term lease is a far better long-term solution than sale of these lands.

If the future use of “surplus school lands” is a key issue for you, I urge you to elect Councillors and School Trustees who are strongly committed to such a process and who understand how vital preserving these community assets is to the sustainability and livability of the City now and for generations to come.



Linda Buchanan

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I've learned that building a truly successful community means planning for today and for the future. A thriving economy, vibrant neighbourhoods, quality gathering spaces, and strengthened public services and amenities are all requirements to create a strong community that is welcoming to newcomers, families and seniors. Together we can achieve the highest quality of life by continuing our commitment to the kinds of relationships, social connections and partnerships that make healthy, happy and resilient communities.

I am proud and passionate about our community. Over this past term, I have put this pride and passion into everything I do and every decision I make. I will continue to listen to everyone's concerns and look forward to meeting many more of the interesting, talented, and dedicated people who make this city one of the most livable, and healthiest, communities in our province.

Civic leaders must continue to foster solutions to a number of challenges an aging population, increasing housing costs, growing recreational demands and aging infrastructure. By working together, we can build on our progress and continue to create a thriving, vibrant city by keeping the values of community at the core of our decisions.

I ask for your support for re-election.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

Schools are one of the components of a civilized society. They were built as a testimony to universal education and today remain a symbol of the importance of our nation's development. Schools, also, represent the growth and development of an entire community and school buildings offer tangible links to its origins. The Lucas Centre, or Hamilton Junior Secondary School which was its name when I was growing up, is part of the social fabric of Hamilton Heights. Its history is about much more than books, teaching and learning...it's where families met, friendships began and generations returned. As a founding member of the Ridgeway Heritage Committee (2005) faced with the uncertain fate of the school, I understand the emotion of the Hamilton Heights neighbourhood at the thought of what might happen to the Lucas site lands. My commitment back then was to ensure all stakeholders' voices were heard and that we all collaborated cooperatively in partnership. My commitment today has not changed. I would not expect less for this neighbourhood then I expected for my own.

So, how do we look at these lands and put them to better, more neighbourhood compatible uses that works for all stakeholders and is economically sound?

I believe to create the best potential for success, together we must continue to build on the spirit of the City's and School District's history of good co-operative efforts that has seen the revitalization or re-build of the majority of our City's schools. Through this process immense community amenities have been created such as: child care, preschools, before and after school care, heritage retention, the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, an upgrade to Rey Sargent Park, housing for young adults with disabilities, an

artificial turf field and track, and a larger elementary gymnasium for community use.

Based on this success, our starting point for the Lucas site should not be a dichotomy between let's sell to the highest bidder or a pre-determination of public services but rather, let's create a vision together. Let's start by saying 'these lands deserve our commitment; they are a source of pride in our neighbourhood. How do we come together as a community in partnership and take the opportunity presented to create something that works for everyone?' More often than not, solutions can be achieved when different and competing perspectives are respected and relished through constructive engagement that leads to superior outcomes. I know from personal experience, that together we will come to a solution that we thought was never possible, and as a community we will be proud. That is what I envision.

*“Linda and I worked closely toward the conservation and restoration of Ridgeway Elementary. Our committee greatly appreciates Linda's commitment to our project and her ability to bring people together, to listen and transform community concerns into solutions.”*

*-Jeanette Langmann, Ridgeway Heritage Committee*



**Matt Clark**

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I'd like to earn your vote for the City of North Vancouver Councillor. The beautiful North Shore is my home. It matters to me like it matters to you. I was raised here, went to school here, and after a few years away, I was lured back (without a fight) by the City's infectious charm. Today, I'm raising my family on the same streets I learned how to ride a bike on as a kid. Three generations of the Clark family now live in North Vancouver. It's as much a part of me as my last name. Now, along with my amazing wife and beautiful baby girl, I get an opportunity to give back to the community by sitting on council.

Though I may appear to be a baby-faced newbie (thanks, mom, for the great genes!), I'm actually an old hat at managing marketing projects, delivering on promises, and listening intently. I am a certified Marketing Project Manager, a businessman, and a proven leader. I weigh facts carefully and am open to changing my opinion based on new information, external factors, and strong arguments.

Please have a look at my website to learn more!

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## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

First and foremost I believe the city owes the residents of Hamilton heights more creative solutions for the use of this site. After speaking with quite a few residents I see two general themes. 1) the fields are a huge asset to the community and should be protected. 2) if there must be residential development added it should be low density, ie single family homes.

I think that a hybrid plan can be created to add single family homes AND protect the fields from any future development.



Rod Clark

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Look around our City ... there is a development frenzy. I believe we need to return to the low/slow growth that has served us so well. Let's slow down on density. Our local School District is on a short sighted program of selling so called surplus land. The Lucas Centre, Cloverley School and Ridgeway Annex are to be sold off. I say NO WAY to selling these valuable and irreplaceable community assets. Do you think huge campaign donations from developers influences voting on projects by those developers? YES? I do too. I will take no money from developers or unions. I pushed for and won approval for a shovel ready project timeline for renewal at the Harry Jerome Rec Centre. Much needs to be done but we do have this as a Council priority. I do not support a grand waterfront scheme until we have a business plan and hard taxpayer funded costs ... and a firm project at Harry Jerome. As a city councillor, I have always made fact based decisions for the benefit of the community as a whole. I am open, honest and forthright in those decisions. I will continue to be.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I am strongly opposed to the very short sighted sale of so called surplus school lands.

They are extremely valuable community assets that simply cannot be replaced.

We need meaningful community consultation to determine the future of the Lucas Centre.

I would like to see an expanded field complex with a significant daycare & educational use of the site.





Via Fearnley

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I am a hardworking mother, nurse, and business woman. I have raised a family here and have volunteered in the community.

As a nurse, I know that building a healthy community is the most important job of a City Councillor. As your Councillor, I will listen to and engage with you, our residents. I will respect our residents and their views. I will be an independent voice on Council.

Our residents have put up with too much development, and for far too long! Now it is clear to many of us, that the pace of development is negatively impacting our quality of life. We need to slow the pace of development in our City. We must also have sufficient infrastructure, both social and physical, to support our increased population.

Our City contains a number of large and growing ethnic communities. As an Asian Canadian, I can understand and speak to the needs of our ethnic communities. I also understand the issues of mainstream Canada, because I have lived here for over 28 years and am married to a non-ethnic Canadian. I am uniquely qualified to represent all of our residents. Elect Via Fearnley, a proud Canadian!

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

It is of utmost importance to consider the vision of the residents of this neighborhood for this site. I will respect their views and advocate for the residents of this community.

My vision for this site would include a place for sports and civic uses and would include playing fields. A place that the community can meet and use. The site must remain a public land. This site was purchased with our community's money, and so we should have a big say in what happens to it.

# John Harvey

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## PUBLIC PROFILE:

I am John Harvey an Independent City Candidate. First I take interest in watching TV investigative programs, plus a fan of Dr Phil and fan of a deceased great District Councillor Ernie Crist.

I did run in 2002 where at that time there was No Public Input. On my brochure I was the only one seeking this for the public.

Although not elected, low and behold from 2003 one can now speak for 2 minutes at Public Input. However, I have spoken to have this increased to at least 3 minutes, but an in-camera City Council has not supported this. I would also suggest that you check, of which Candidates have actually spoken at a City or District Public Input session. Together with of how many times. My track record is amazing, plus similar of my Delegation speaking.

One focus has been that from a number of North Van Lawsuits etc I have been seeking trying to have a more accountable Policing Committee and it being Resident led. Another focus is of following through of the lagging Harry Jerome re-development. Given only 200 words blocks others.

As I am retired I am available both morning and afternoon for your attention.

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FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

No answer received



Joe Heilman

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

The City of North Vancouver is important to Joe Heilman and his Family. Joe wants to make the city exceptional for your family. Our city is at its lowest crime rate on record in a decade, our people are happy, fit and healthy and Joe ensures to maintain the livability of North Vancouver as great as it is.

The cities economy is filled with small businesses in tourism, digital media, technology and natural attractions. With Joe's entrepreneurial background and smart decision making residents will know that tax payer's money is used to better the city as whole. The cities economy is full of opportunity and Joe will lead it in a responsible way.

Joe has been involved in community organizations like the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Gate Foundation. Joe enjoys contributing to a better City and has sat on the Board of Variance and the Design Panel. He volunteers as a coach for his kid's hockey, baseball and soccer teams. Joe supports Harvest Project, Challengers Baseball and Children's Wish Foundation.

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No answer received

# Dave Janis

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## PUBLIC PROFILE:

[CANDIDATE  
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No answer received



Craig Keating

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

It has been my privilege to serve the people of North Vancouver as a Councillor for the past fifteen years. In that time I have tried to ensure that we grow together as a community. That means working to find solutions where everybody wins no matter what the issue.

It means ensuring balanced growth that meets the needs of everybody in our community. With just 1% growth per year in the last census period, we are one of the slowest growing cities in the region.

I have worked to ensure that even with that modest growth our residents see real benefits. In my 15 years on Council nearly \$500 million in community amenities have been delivered at no cost to the taxpayers: a new recreation centre, a new Library, almost 600 units of affordable housing, the preservation of heritage schools, new parks and trails and many other benefits besides.

And we still have some of the lowest taxes and largest financial reserves in the region.

I'm asking for your support for another term of hard work on your behalf. On November 15, please support me, Craig Keating, for North Vancouver City Council.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

The currently named Lucas Centre and its surrounding lands has been used as a school and recreational site for many decades. In that time, a single-family neighbourhood has grown up around it and the two have established a symbiotic relationship.

It seems unlikely that a school use will be returning to this site for years to come. As School District 44 considers options for the site, its current level of use and the way it fits into the surrounding neighbourhood should form the guiding principles of its future use. To that end, I believe that the fields surrounding it should continue to be used as they have been for many years as sports fields (although I think refurbishing is in order). In terms of the portion of the site where building now stand, I have no strong feelings about one particular use over another. I am only concerned that the surrounding neighbourhood have a predominant say in a thorough process of public engagement with whatever might go there.



## PUBLIC PROFILE:

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

### **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

To answer your question I would like to see what the communities response to the topic on hand is. I am not a resident in the neighbourhood, but I would like to listen and make an informed answer. I attended the Lucas Centre for summer courses and recall there were 2 large fields. I believe in the conservation of them. Parks and fields are very important in this city, and growing up being a very outdoorsy person i believe they should stay! But it is also important to understand the costs of maintenance for the park/fields. With that large area of land there might be different solutions to subsidizing those park costs. Im looking forward to hearing the different suggestions.



Kathy McGrenera

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Born and raised in North Vancouver, Kathy McGrenera has always given back to her community. A founder and community leader of Quayside Village, a pioneering cohousing project in Lower Lonsdale that seeks to create a modern village in an urban setting, Kathy has helped implement a range of environmental design features saving water and energy, diverting over 90% of their waste, growing food everywhere possible, and ensuring the shared indoor and outdoor spaces form the heart of the small community. Kathy's leadership has helped make Quayside an internationally recognized model of affordable housing, environmental sustainability and a pioneer community for aging in place.

Kathy holds numerous certifications. In addition to a BA, a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Women's Studies and a Masters in Education, Kathy is a certified group facilitator and trained bookkeeper. Kathy has been a small business owner, operating a successful community based daycare for more than a decade. A passionate volunteer, Kathy is the treasurer of her Strata and the PAC at her daughter's school, Handsworth Secondary, and was a longtime equipment manager with the NS Girls Soccer League.

Kathy wants to bring this same level of energy, commitment, caring, skill, financial stewardship and values to City Hall.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I understand why the Hamilton Heights Neighbourhood Association is interested in the future of the Lucas Centre site. Once the school board approaches the City about a change in use, it will be extremely important to work with area residents to shape the future vision. It appears very important to maintain the grass field that currently exists, and is well used. Since the current neighbourhood consists mostly of single family homes, it would not be useful to propose medium or high density changes, or to consider any activity uses that would negatively impact the neighbourhood. I would look forward to a process along with local residents to vision the future of this site.



Amanda Nichol

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

As a long-term resident of the City, Amanda lives and works on the North Shore as an exercise physiologist. She and her husband have chosen to raise their two boys here and have firsthand experience and understanding of the issues affecting our current community.

Amanda is actively engaged in community advocacy. She has attended over 120 council meetings, many workshops, public School Board and committee meetings, public hearings and information sessions. She is currently chair of the CNV Parks and Environment Advisory Committee. She believes our community should benefit from the growth we are experiencing so that future generations can enjoy the same or a better quality of life we do. We need more realistic long-term vision and planning reflecting the concerns of our current community relating to land use, traffic, affordability, childcare, and density.

Amanda is committed to a less divisive decision making process with more discussion and compromise, and a cohesive approach to matters affecting us all. She will bring the same commitment and energy to the council table that she has shown in her community activities over the past several years. She will make certain that residents are represented.

## **Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

As far as future use for Lucas:

There are so many options for that space (5.05 hectares and additional playing field space with the city-owned fields on the west side), there are no reasons we need to develop this community asset into residential and have it lost forever.

The possibilities are endless. Keeping the current building with renovations, there are educational, community groups and daycares that can make use of the space. Removing the building, there are opportunities for more public and community uses than can be listed here. Playing fields and a club house, athletic facilities, track, and I believe all options should take advantage of the pathways and Mosquito and Mackay Creeks, and incorporate surrounding casual use park and trails that will always be publicly accessible. The possibilities of incorporating any building form for a club house, or community centre, senior centre are all complimentary uses I see in a space like this.

I recognize the limitations of accessibility and think that whatever happens needs to be considered very carefully and include planning for that being sensitive to the community around it.

# Ron Sostad

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## PUBLIC PROFILE:

[CANDIDATE  
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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**



Tony Valente

[CANDIDATE  
FOR  
COUNCILLOR]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I am running in this election to give a voice to principles of reason, dialogue, and transparency. Too often we believe that disagreement in civic affairs must lead to division. If we are willing to discuss, reason, and celebrate the diversity of our ideas and their ability to strengthen us, then we can move forward together as a community.

As a project and risk manager with an energy sector crown corporation, I have the ability to balance the competing needs of stakeholders, and to make decisions based on data and logic. Our City needs my experience on Council to make cost-effective and planned decisions on the significant investments to renew our infrastructure.

As a founding member of the North Van Urban Forum ([www.nvuf.org](http://www.nvuf.org)), Chair of the Low Level Road and Port Area Community Liaison Committee, and a member of the Central Waterfront Branding Committee I have worked to advance the cause of citizen engagement. We all have a voice which deserves to be heard and respected. Now more than ever, our City requires representatives who respect, listen to, and act on the concerns of our community.

It would be my honour to do this for you.

## Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?

I envision the school board lands at the Lucas Centre preserved for public assembly. Since 2011 I have been working as an individual and as a member of the North Van Urban Forum ([www.nvuf.org](http://www.nvuf.org)) to enhance and develop the public realm.

Your City Council of North Vancouver is responsible for determining the future uses of these sites because the council controls the land use zoning. Key components of my platform include *Balancing Growth in Our Community* and *Advancing Public Spaces*, both of these are relevant to the Lucas Centre site. I will:

- Act to preserve public assembly lands including the school sites at Cloverley and Lucas Centre
- Protect and enhance public assembly lands by creating linkages between parks, protecting existing parks, and acquiring new recreation spaces

I would like the school board to work to find additional tenants and solidify existing leases for the school buildings at the site. New tenants may be providers of childcare and other community programs. The City and other stakeholders must also evaluate improvements to the Lucas Centre sports fields, which are well used and could be a more valuable asset.





Megan Higgins

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I have lived on the North Shore for over 40 years. My three children (one of whom has learning disabilities) are at Queensbury, Ridgeway, and Sutherland schools.

I have a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from UBC, a Bachelor of Laws from University of Alberta, and a Masters of Law from Cambridge University in the UK.

I worked as a labour lawyer on behalf of union clients for 13 years. During that time, I also worked on behalf of the BC College of Teachers. In the community, I was a member of the North Shore Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, and was on the Executive of the Upper Lonsdale Preschool.

I am concerned about the future of our public education system. In recent years we have seen inadequate supports for learning disabled children and teachers stretched thin in overcrowded classrooms. I am also concerned about the sale of School District properties and whether we will be able to properly support future increases in enrolment.

If elected I will work to improve class size and composition ratios, improve supports for learning disabled children, explore public use options for remaining "surplus" school properties, and ensure a properly funded, well respected public education system.

As of: October 21, 2014

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

No answer received



Tanya Lahulek

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I am a working parent of 2 young children just at the beginning of their educational journey and am an active volunteer in the community on several committees and councils. I believe in supporting students from the time they enter the education system until the time they step into their futures. I support programs that encourage children to think outside the box, learn about the world at large, and get them thinking about how they can change it for the better. I believe that all students should have access to safe, respectful environments where they can grow and learn from each other. I believe in transparency in decision making, and community involvement and consultation. It would be an honour to be elected to the school board and be a voice for the children in our community and provide them with the support that they need and deserve.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

As a resident of this community, I would like to see the land and building being used to enhance the area thru educational and/or athletic programs. The building is currently leased to an alternative education program and has historically been used for continuing education. It would be nice to keep using the building in that capacity, being leased to other education programs, Language

schools, and/or off site campuses. Alternatively, it could be used as a seniors out-reach/activity centre, daycare, special interest facility, or community centre similar to North Shore Neighbourhood House.

The surrounding land can be updated into athletic facilities, including a track, throwing events venue and lit grass or AT fields which would be available to all of North Vancouver to use and enjoy. The trails can be connected and make it easier to soak up the nature all around it.

I am opposed to selling the land to developers as it seems to result in high density housing, which has several downsides, one of which is traffic. Currently the traffic on Fell is chaotic at certain times of the day. With high density housing, it would only make the traffic situation worse. The intersection as West 16<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton is already a dangerous area to navigate, as a vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist, as is the crossing at Fell and West 17<sup>th</sup>. You increase the number of people living in this area, and you increase the traffic. Marine drive is getting harder to navigate thru and it's taking longer to get to destinations as a result. It would be a shame to see Fell turn into what Marine drive is now.

Current enrollment in this school district is over 15,000 students, above the predictions by approximately 2000. Schools are nearing or at capacity. People are moving to the North Shore as the City increases its densification and starting families. All of this will result in a rising enrolment rate, not a decreasing one. There has to be long term solutions that don't involve selling the land that

can allow for public schools to move back in when enrolment and district needs arise.

This is my neighbourhood. I live here and am a part of this community. My family plays here, I run the roads, we walk our dog on the trails, and my children ride their bikes to and from school. This is a decision that directly impacts me and my family, as it does the families who live around me. I do not believe that the selling of this land to developers of high density housing would result in the betterment of this community and the school district.



**Bill Papandreou**

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

If elected, my top priority would be to serve as a strong advocate for children and their families. As a strong school board we need to continue to improve our school system to adapt to our growing community and to do that as cost effectively as possible while maintaining high standards even in the midst of fiscal challenges. Student achievement is priority.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

No answer received



Christie Sacre

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I have lived in North Vancouver since birth and in the City for close to 25 years. I am raising three children, with my husband, who have attended Grand Blvd. PPP, Ridgeway Annex and Ridgeway. The younger two are presently in grade 8 and 10 at Carson Graham and the eldest is in first year Sciences at UBC.

I take the role of Trustee seriously and rarely miss a meeting or committee commitment. I like to make connections with students, teachers and parents to get a feel for what is happening in schools. Communication and collaboration between partner groups is key to creating a positive experience for students and Trustees can help this liaison. It is imperative that we continue to advocate for adequate and consistent funding from the government and to continue to champion the value of a quality public education to society.

I value the sometimes varying points of view that I receive from fellow Trustees, community members and Staff. I make decisions with students at the forefront, with an open mind and without a personal agenda.

**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I appreciate the work the Hamilton Heights Neighbourhood Association has put into organizing this All Candidates meeting and

while I feel it is important to attend, I need to honour my commitment to my elected position and attend the School District Public Board meeting that is scheduled at the same time. Thank-you for allowing me to answer the following question. Sincerely,  
Christie Sacre

**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

There are two ways of answering this question. The first is to respond as a currently elected Trustee who believes that process needs to be followed. To date, there have been four meetings run by Dialog specific to Lucas Centre, two with direct community members and two Open Houses open to anyone. These events gave the school district and Board an idea of what could be done on the property or a baseline with which to start a process regarding Lucas Centre. There have been no decisions as to whether the property will be leased as is, developed in part or as a whole, or what should be done with the property, BUT we got a lot of feedback and ideas from community members and partner groups who attended the Open Houses. My thoughts: we need to make the property work for the school district financially, we need to respect the environmental habitat that surrounds the property and it is a huge piece of land and I think it would be a waste to just build homes on it. There are lots of ideas but we need to look at how we can make ideas into reality.

My second response to this question would involve a more speculative approach...like when you are sitting around with neighbours talking about what could be .... I like the idea of a Sports facility on this property, specifically with a proper Track and a grass infield that can be used for rugby. Perhaps the City's



gravel fields can be incorporated into the facility and made into turf for soccer or grass hockey or ?? Maybe one day the school district could offer a Track and Field academy or Rugby, for that matter....I could see the school district renting the venue out for different events so that the North Shore would not need to head to Swangard. Dialog did create an option that entertained the idea of a Track, but I will repeat again, that the Board has not discussed any “real” options, only the potential, and whatever is decided, needs to be feasible financially.

I am not against leasing Lucas Centre as is, but I see this as a short term solution because I think that even if a proponent chooses to spend money to upgrade, there is a life expectancy to the existing building and it is a large property to maintain. In conclusion, most of the talk about Lucas Centre to this point is speculation, but I envision that something special should be created on the Lucas site....something that neighbours can be OK with, something that respects traffic and parking issues and something that benefits North Vancouver as a whole. At our last Public Board meeting a motion was passed that the school district would work with the City of North Vancouver on their “special study” within the OCP in order to use the information that the School District has collected thus far and balance this with the needs of Partner groups (Recreation Commission, Coastal Health, etc.) within the OCP. The City’s OCP was not passed and how this will affect our motion has not been discussed yet.



**Susan Skinner**

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

It has been an honour to serve the community as Trustee since 2005 with a firm belief and commitment to transparency, respect and meaningful public consultation.

Together with my four children, from kindergarten to my eldest daughter's graduation from Sutherland this past June, North Vancouver schools and our incredible community have brought us the most enriching experiences of our lives.

I am the Executive Director of Consociate Group, a social-profit enterprise dedicated to research and policy development on the importance of social-emotional intelligence in the provision of public services and leadership development.

Previously, I worked with the Ministry of Finance during the successfully negotiated merging of the Financial Institutions Commission (FICOM) and the Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation (CUDIC).

On the issues: I strongly advocate for more resources in the classroom for teachers and students, as well, I will continue to advocate for alternate community use for the retention of our surplus school lands for the benefit of the community today and tomorrow.

I am seeking re-election because I believe in people, and because I care about students, our community and our future. I will continue to champion the needs and celebrate the greatness of students and our community.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

The Lucas Centre and lands are a valuable community asset and must be retained for current and future community use. I believe by working together, and better understanding the needs of all community members that we could infuse new life into the facility and lands to create a vibrant hub for community use.

Equally important, we must ensure the proper stewardship of the adjacent creeks and forest that provide a backdrop of beauty and a necessary respite from the City life for nearby residents and the surrounding community.

We need to provide a proper, inclusive, open and collaborative process with local Hamilton Heights residents and the larger community to bring forward the needs, ideas and vision that will inform the evolution of this valued community space.

I believe and strongly support that all of our school lands must be retained for community use. I have advocated this continually since the inception of the school district's Surplus Land Retention and Disposition Strategy. Since the Lucas Centre was declared "surplus

to educational needs" by the school district I have continually advocated for a global inventory of needs for community programs and services. The school district could accomplish this by working closely with Vancouver Coastal Health, the Recreation and Culture Commission and other service providers in the areas of sports, arts, recreation, the educational needs of all ages, senior's activities and daycare needs.

I think it is short sighted to sell these lands for short-term financial gains and real estate development when we do not have a full knowledge of current and future community needs. Although the Lucas Centre and lands have been declared surplus, and much of the services located there have been removed, this gem continues to be much utilized and valued by the community. Let us build on that!



Mary Tasi

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

Mary holds an urban planning degree from the University of Waterloo, and moved to the North Shore more than 20 years ago. Her daughter Sierra attends the University of British Columbia, and her husband Wade is an artist and Tourism Board Director. She is currently project manager at a design firm she founded, and a published author. Mary's relationship with the City is one that focuses on giving back. She has an ability to connect with the public and listen to feedback. She has a long history of community involvement as a School Trustee, Advisory Planning Commission, Towards the Future of Schools, District Fine Arts Committee, and currently serves as vice chairman of the Social Planning Advisory Committee. Mary is committed to connecting with students, parents, teachers and MLA's to find the source of concerns. She believes in a pedestrian friendly, walkable community that focuses on wellness and compassionate, peaceful leadership.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

As a former North Vancouver school board trustee (2008 to 2011) and an urban planner, I am aware that the future will bring increased needs for adult education, distributed learning,

academies, etc. I envision a future Lucas Centre mixed use development with opportunities for formal and informal learning and uses like pre-school, day care, active sports and free play opportunities, and urban agriculture. There is a trend towards the aging population wishing to re-educate themselves, and future baby booms will bring an increased need for education in our public spaces.

There are some serious issues. Only 4% of 12 to 17 year olds meet the daily requirements for physical activity. At the same time they are spending over 9 hours a day on technology. Our role as school trustees is to focus more on student achievement, how to bring out the vast unlimited potential in each child, and how to continue to attract people to the public school system with innovative programming, rather than the recent focus on land sales.

Our role is also to ask those difficult questions, such as: what is the source of the increased stress and depression in youth, and the increase in special needs in the classrooms? Is it the students, or has their learning style completely changed in the last 10 years to one that is more visual and less word based? There is a provincial mandate committing School Boards to diversity, choice of schools and programs, and accessibility to quality public schooling. The Lucas Centre could be an ideal site to bring together community, educational and other uses in a holistic and forward thinking way that creates an entirely new level of conversation. However, this will require trustees to set a tone of innovation, and a willingness to set

aside “positions” and “slates” the first week at the table, roll up our sleeves, and get to work. With the level of commitment to the process shown so far by your community, I am convinced this is achievable.



Erika Warkentin

[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

The communities of tomorrow will be shaped by the children we are raising and educating today. I am a parent, educator and active community member with a diverse and comprehensive background in public education. I hold a Masters degree in Education and my professional experiences include 20 years of teaching, working as a liaison between schools and community partners, and training teachers and administrators in learning strategies. I have a solid grasp of the complexities of public education and can understand the workings of school districts from multiple perspectives.

In short, I know learning, but more than that, I know and understand the critical role a strong and thoughtful board of trustees can play in the lives of our children. I support initiatives that target increased green space and opportunities for play and exercise in our schools, safe, healthy and environmentally responsible schools, seismic upgrades for all vulnerable buildings, and access to the arts and sports for ALL students. If elected, I will put our children and their learning and safety at the center of every decision I make and will stay true to a vision of unlimited possibilities for all learners in the schools of North Vancouver.



**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?** No answer received



**Antje Wilson**

**[CANDIDATE  
FOR SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE]**

**PUBLIC PROFILE:**

I am a parent of three, businesswoman, and community volunteer. I would like the opportunity to be on the Board of Education to champion our schools, and help continue the work of our school district of delivering world-class instruction. I support fiscal responsibility ensuring each dollar is wisely spent benefiting students first. I support green space for our schools. I support the availability for specialists for our students so that they are given the tools to learn in their classrooms. I am a dedicated, compassionate person and would be honoured to represent the people of the City of North Vancouver at the School Board table.

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**Question: What future use do you envision for the School Board's lands at the Lucas Centre?**

I see my role as trustee as an advocate for maximizing the education experience for the children in our community today and in the future.

At present, the property is under utilized for learning purposes. I think it is time for the NV City council to work with the Hamilton Heights neighbourhood to see how the property can be used. I do think that lease and community use options be considered. It is important to recognize that having land and buildings is of no value to students if those lands do not generate revenue to support learning or are not used by students.

As a school board trustee I will improve communication with the community and foster a cooperative working relationship with the NV City Council. I will have an open mind, be transparent, and foster community engagement so that we can use this property for the betterment of our children to ensure successful learning environments for students in North Vancouver.