

Hello,

My name is Merv BAYDA and I would like the honor and privilege to serve as your city councilor. I have served with the RCMP for over 35 years and more than 45 years in community policing and law enforcement. For all my community work, I was fortunate enough to receive Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II both the Golden Jubilee medal and the Diamond Jubilee Medal. I am very proud of this accomplishment.

Social structure and the feeling of being wanted is desired by all. Most persons get complacent and are hesitant to any type of change. Change for the sake of change rarely occurs. There is always a reason for change. Unfortunately for the residents in the Grandview Heights area, change would only be for someone to make money. Money is the root of many evils. Over the past 9 years there has been little to no public input regarding the growth here in Surrey or the infrastructure that is required to sustain new growth. All one has to do is look at Clayton and see the disaster that area is experiencing. Land for very little money was given to builders that made millions at the expense of the current residents. There was absolutely no planning for schools, recreational facilities, transportation, roads, police and fire protection. Everyone agrees that the Clayton area is a disaster. Unfortunately nothing is being done by the current council to overcome these day to day problems.

No one can stop growth. Surrey is experiencing growth that is estimated at 1,000 persons per month. We have to make sure that infrastructure is in place prior to allowing mega residential projects to proceed. It is time we make sure transportation, roads, schools, recreational facilities, parks and other amenities are in place prior to building. It is time for change at city hall. Over the past 9 years, city council has not been listening. They have taken the attitude that public input does not matter. For them, it is all about money, friends and the feeling of power. Unfortunately it came at your expense.

The Grandview Area is a much loved and cherished area of Surrey. We must make sure we proceed very slowly to preserve the habitat that currently exists. If elected, I would ensure true public participation to ensure there is a win win for everyone. Barinder Rasode and the One Surrey Team believe that it is time for change. We have to bring city hall to the people and not the other way around as is the current policy. I am just as concerned as you are regarding the current direction Surrey is proceeding. Crime, social structure, lack of consistent construction permits and many other areas need to be addressed immediately.

I am asking for your support to elect Barinder Rasode as mayor and the rest of the One Surrey Team for council.

Merv BAYDA

City Council
One Surrey Team