

How well thought-out do you think the current (GLUP) is?

It was not well thought out for residents or for the City of Surrey. This type of development where the trees and park space are not protected and featured creates a less livable space for families. I live in South Surrey and my kids go to Sunnyside School. The recent clear cutting beside the school is another example of the disregard for the environment....this should not be tolerated.

What do you think about the extensive density increases that often occur at the Neighbourhood Concept Plan (NCP) level?

NCP means Neighbourhood Concept Plan....what part of neighbourhood is clear cutting every tree and packing in as many houses as possible? We need to plan and build sustainable communities where there are green spaces, mature trees and access to transit. We need to listen to those that live in the neighbourhood and provide them with what they want. The city needs to serve the citizens, not dictate to them.

NCPs are “guidelines” not by-laws. What do you think of the ability of developers to apply for amendments to zoning and other NCP elements?

We need one set of rules in Surrey where residents can count on their elected officials to support their wants and desires. Developers will try to get the maximum allowable as they make more money, but elected officials need to hold firm and listen to the communities who are asking for livable communities. The residents and businesses should be consulted and OneSurrey was created to provide that voice at City Hall.

What does 'good environmental and social stewardship' mean to you in relation to city planning?

It means one set of rules, based on community consultation and sustainable development. The city should not be building high density without transit, parks, services etc.... The funding model for schools needs to change and Barinder and I both have and will continue to advocate for a change to this model. Elected officials should serve the communities, not force unwanted developments upon them.

In your opinion, who 'owns' a neighbourhood? How do you weigh the 'ownership value' of long-term residents and new residents who plan to stay, over other, shorter term interests such as political pressures and the development industry?

The people in the neighbourhood own their neighbourhood. Everyone of us knows our neighbourhood the best and should be consulted and engaged in the process of any changes. The current forced development plan doesn't work for residents and I truly hope on November 15th, the we use our voice to vote for OneSurrey.

Regards,
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