

How well thought-out do you think the current Grandview Heights General Use Plan (GLUP) is?

Since I have never studied it thoroughly and have not lived in the South Surrey - Grandview Heights area any opinion I might have on it would be premature of me at this time.

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

I am of the belief that the neighborhood consists of the neighbors or people living in that neighborhood and they should be consulted before any density increases occur.

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?

I believe they should have a right to apply, especially in the case of minor amendments, but citizens should still have the final say if ultimately it will affect them.

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

I believe this should be left to the experts - professional urban planners, in consultation with city counselors and the individual neighborhoods. The city needs areas where affordable housing is to be located but not just shoved into an already established area where this is not accounted for in the OCP.

In your opinion, who 'owns' a neighbourhood?

The neighbors who own the properties in that neighborhood, and those owners that pay taxes.

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?

I wouldn't make a blanket answer on this question. I would bring my 51 years of common sense reasoning to the table when viewing the pros and cons of any situation including ownership value and political pressures with regards to the development industry. That's all I or anyone else can bring.

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