

I believe that the best people to decide what happens to a neighbourhood, are the people that live there. Neighbourhood Concept Plans are supposed allow the people to have input and direction over how they want their community to look like. Developers must abide to the wishes of the residents of that community. If an NCP has been approved by the residents of that community, then the developers needs to be held to task to follow that NCP. Guidelines need to have teeth, so that developers do not disregard the NCP of a community they operate in.

Good environmental and social stewardship means finding the right balances between density and livability. I think that green spaces are a most precious resource in our city and we need to vigilantly protect what's left. I do not subscript to a idea of "we must build Surrey at any cost". Rather, I understand that not all development is good development and not all developers are good for Surrey.

I am also strictly against the practice of clear cutting in order to build homes. It is truly heart breaking to me when I see another green space lost in the name of development.

Density must be carefully planned in a way that keeps people connected to their community and the businesses that service them. And that a healthy and vibrant community needs to be connected to good transit, civic services and plenty of green spaces.

Thank you for your interest,  
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