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Branch Update (#9)
October 2024

Candidates engage in a 'lively exchange' at election season opener

The official election call was still nine days away, but the candidates for the three (remaining) parties arrived at St. John's Presbyterian on September 12th, ready to try out their arguments, slogans and zingers on the crowd of just under 100. Candidates for both the Surrey-White Rock and Surrey South ridings had been invited; all three candidates for Surrey-White Rock attended but only the NDP candidate for Surrey South, Haroon Ghaffar, was there. The Greens had not approved a nominee for Surrey South by the date of the meeting and Brent Chapman, the Conservative, was a no-show.

Trevor Halford, the BC United incumbent running under the Conservative banner, emphasized his four years of service and attacked the NDP record on health care, housing, and the nine billion dollar deficit.

Former White Rock mayor, Darryl Walker, defended the NDP's investments in health care and housing, and questioned Conservative plans to cut health care funding and Conservative leader John Rustad's position on climate change.

Green candidate, Scott Kristjanson, called the others out on climate change and presented himself as a problem solver with high tech business credentials and experience in public service as a White Rock city councillor.

Haroon Ghaffar emphasized the NDP's commitments to continue to invest in health care, housing, poverty reduction and public safety in our rapidly-growing communities.

For Federal Retirees', the event was an opportunity to educate candidates on the Association's advocacy priorities, including development of a national seniors' strategy, implementation of national standards for long term care and improved supports for home care.

Thanks to our cadre of volunteers (Ilene, Rob, Rod, Verda, Laurie, Karin), to our co-hosts, the Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table, to Frank Bucholtz for serving as moderator, to CARP for providing RSVP/registration service, and to Aspira Retirement Living for the post-debate cookies (after 2 hours of politics, we needed the carbs!). Sorry the coffee got cold; they said it would stay warm for 4 hours.



Niki Rapanos (far right) brings greetings from the Semiahmoo Seniors Planning Table. Candidates (L to R) Darryl Walker, Haroon Ghaffar, Scott Kristjanson, Trevor Halford. And Frank Bucholtz, moderator.

Upcoming events:

All Candidates Meetings

⇒ Oct 4 Langley-Willowbrook (see page 2)

⇒ Oct 7 Langley-Walnut Grove (see page 2)

⇒ Oct 8 Surrey-White Rock and Surrey South sponsored by CARP (see page 4)

⇒ Oct 9 Langley-Abbotsford (see page 2)

⇒ Oct 17 Advanced Care Planning, **Lunch and Learn**, White Rock (see page 4)

⇒ Oct 19



⇒ Oct 23 Langley Seniors Resources Centre **Oktoberfest pub night** (see page 4)

⇒ Oct 26 **For the Health of It**—Seniors Fair White Rock (see page 4)

Mark your calendars for the Meetings in the Langley ridings!

Provincial ALL CANDIDATES MEETING



Join us for one of our upcoming All Candidates Meetings to learn more about our local candidates, before you vote.

Advance Polling begins October 10, 2024.



WITH A FOCUS ON...

SENIORS' ISSUES

Transportation, Healthcare, Poverty Reduction, Food Security, Social Inclusion, Provincial Seniors Strategy



**Oct.
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LANGLEY WILLOWBROOK - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
Langley Seniors Resource Centre, 20605 - 51B Avenue, Langley
2:00pm to 4:00pm (Doors Open at 1:30pm)

**Oct.
7**

LANGLEY WALNUT GROVE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 7
West Langley Hall, 9402 - 208 Street, Langley
2:00pm to 4:00pm (Doors Open at 1:30pm)

**Oct.
9**

LANGLEY ALDERGROVE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
Langley Arts Council, 26770 - 29 Avenue, Aldergrove
2:00pm to 4:00pm (Doors Open at 1:30pm)



Let your voice be heard on
October 19, 2024



Langley Community Services Society



Langley Hospice Society
langleyhospice.ca

Providing compassionate care and support since 1983



Your candidates (as of September 21st = the day the writ was dropped)



Advance polls open October 10th, 2024 !




Electoral District	NDP	Conservative	Green	Other
Langley Abbotsford	John Aldag	Harman Bhangu		Karen Long - Independent Alex Joehl - Libertarian
Langley Walnut Grove	Megan Dykeman	Misty van Popta	Rylee MacLean	
Langley Willowbrook	Andrew Mercier	Jody Toor	Petrina Arnason	
Maple Ridge East	Bob D'Eith	Lawrence Mok		
Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows	Lisa Beare	Mike Morden		
Surrey City Centre	Amna Shah	Zeeshan Wahla	Colin Boyd	Ryan Abbot - Communist
Surrey-Cloverdale	Mike Starchuk	Elenore Storko	Pat McCutcheon	Judy Meilleur - Freedom
Surrey Fleetwood	Jagrup Brar	Atwar Gill		
Surrey Guildford	Gary Begg	Honveer Singh Randhawa	Manjeet Sahota	Kabir Qurban - Independent
Surrey Newton	Jessie Sunner	Tegjot Bal		Amrit Birring - Freedom Japreet Lehal - Independent
Surrey North	Rachna Singh	Mandeep Dhaliwal		
Surrey Panorama	Jinny Sims	Bryan Tepper		Dupinder Saran - Independent
Surrey-Serpentine River	Baltej Dhillon	Linda Hepner		
Surrey South	Haroon Ghaffar	Brent Chapman		
Surrey-White Rock	Darryl Walker	Trevor Halford	Scott Kristjanson	

BC Provincial Election Town Hall

Meet Surrey-White Rock & Surrey South Candidates
Hear their proposals for creating an Age-Friendly Community

Held at Crescent Housing Society
12850 26th Ave Surrey
Light Refreshments
Tuesday Oct. 8th 2024
11:00am-1:00pm

Questions?
Email your questions in advance for the Candidates. We will pull a few of these to be included in the CARP 5 Questions.
[Digital.Inclusion@brellasociety.ca]

To Register:
604-531-9400 ex. 207
[brellasociety.ca/
community-events](http://brellasociety.ca/community-events)

Semlahmoo Seniors Planning Table | Brella Community Services Society | CARP | Crescent Housing Society

Langley Senior RESOURCES SOCIETY | Recreation and Resource Centre
20605 51 B Avenue Langley, BC Canada V3A 9H1
604-530-3020 | lrsr.ca

OCTOBER FEST

Pub Dinner

Dinner Menu
Pork Schnitzel
Bratwurst
German Potato Pancakes
Braised Red Cabbage
Seasonal Vegetables
Black Forest Cake
Coffee/Tea
(vegetarian option available)

Wednesday, October 23
4:30 - 8:00 pm
members \$45 | non-members \$50
**Prices do not include soft drinks or alcohol.
*Please request vegetarian option at time of reservation.
Refund/Cancel 7 days prior to event.

Music by **S-Bahn**

COMMUNITY LUNCH & LEARN

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING
EXPRESSING MY WISHES FOR FUTURE HEALTH CARE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
10:00AM - 4:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9:30AM)

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH
2350 148 STREET, SURREY

PREPARE AND PLAN
Advance Care Planning professionals from Fraser Health will share information and guide you through how to have conversations and with whom. Advance Care Planning is an important task for all citizens. The morning session will be a general overview and the afternoon will be interactive and include provision of forms and booklets.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, TO HELP YOU LEAD A SAFE AND HEALTHY LIFE.

FREE EVENT
DOOR PRIZES
LIGHT MEAL

REGISTER BY: OCTOBER 10, 2024
EMAIL: semi.seniors@gmail.com
CALL: (778) 725 - 0711

HOSTED BY:

FREE

For the HEALTH of it

Saturday, October 26th, 2024
White Rock Community Centre (15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock)
9:00am - 1:00pm

Wellness - Head to Toe

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Keynote: Dan Levitt, Seniors Advocate
- Engaging Speaker Sessions
- Resource Fair

EVENT DETAILS:

- Free Registration
- Complimentary Lunch
- Prize Draws

REGISTER NOW

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