



Gurban Nijjar, Council Candidate for Ward 3

What are your priorities for public services in our communities?

My priorities, in no particular order, are recreation, transit, infrastructure and emergency services (fire and police)

What is your position on private-public partnerships?

I think the P3 model is a valuable tool for governments to build large scale infrastructure. I don't like cumbersome processes to make additions to a contract but I do like that the cost of the project is amortized over a longer period of time including maintenance. I would only apply the model on large scale projects; not smaller facilities/infrastructure

What are your priorities for transportation?

My priorities are to maintain our existing infrastructure while expanding new in a feasible manner that has most benefit. Another major priority is public transit and the need for more LRT and BRT routes.

Do you support the change in campaign financing laws?

Albeit my first election, I prefer the previous format rather than the current.

What is your plan to address housing and homelessness in our communities?

My plan involves working with the provincial and federal governments to build more affordable housing units to help shelter our homeless and help them back onto their feet. I would target locations in the city that have good access to public transit and are affordable (land value).

What are your priorities to address the fiscal relationship between the provincial government and municipalities?

I want to work better with our provincial government to fund key infrastructure projects that are of mutual benefit. Further, I would look to partner with the province on other key infrastructure projects.

Some of the property tax and valuation tools are dated and would lobby to make amendments to the MGA to allow for more flexibility in our valuation methods deployed by municipalities. Further, the



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fixed assessments on specialized and government properties (cash in lieu of taxes) needs to be reviewed as it impacts municipal revenues.

The new MSI program has been paired back which is also an issue for municipalities.