

Vancouver Food Policy Council All Candidates' Questionnaire

The Vancouver Food Policy Council (VFPC) is an advisory group to Vancouver City Council, providing ideas and policy recommendations toward creating a thriving local food system. The primary goal of the VFPC is to examine how our local food system operates and provide ideas and policy recommendations to Vancouver City Council on how it can be improved. VFPC is comprised of passionate people from various sectors of the local food system. Members include farmers, food distributors, nutritionists, processors, waste managers, activists, and academics engaged in the food system. The VFPC functions as a bridge between citizens and civic officials, coming together to work on food policy initiatives that benefit all Vancouverites.

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Please complete the questionnaire and send back to us at info@vancouverfoodpolicycouncil.ca. We'll post your responses on our blog, and on the wall at our All Candidates Forum Oct 15th.

General Questions:

1. Will you endorse the Vancouver Food Strategy and/or the Park Board Local Food Action Plan if you are elected?

--Yes, There's a need for nutritious and healthy food.

2. What actions in the VFS and/or LFAP would you focus on first?

3. What have you already done for food in your community?

--I used to have a personal charity to feed old people, held BBQs for people on welfare, and volunteered for BBQs with the Salvation Army.

4. Given the many priorities of a municipal government, how do you feel food can contribute to our city?

If people have enough food, it gives them energy and courage to go out and look for a job, or for a child, it helps make them ready for learning.

Issues Based Questions:

5. Given the Greenest City Action Plan's goal "to ensure that the majority of residents live within a five-minute walk of a basket of fresh produce" and the Vancouver Food Strategy's goal to "improve access to healthy, affordable, culturally diverse food for all residents", what initiatives would you use to support these goals?

6. Given Metro Vancouver's upcoming 2015 organics ban, what initiatives would you support to get us to zero food waste?

--This will not happen but if all restaurants start to drop off to locations where poor people can get the foods.

7. Given that Vancouver has a rich urban agriculture community (e.g. community gardens, urban farming, beekeeping, backyard chickens) what is our biggest missed opportunity to this point?

--Urban gardens are for food and herbs not to grow flowers.

8. How would you as a municipal politician work with other levels of government on issues that may be considered outside of Vancouver's jurisdiction e.g. ALR, raising welfare rates, GMOs, migrant farm labour, others?

--This is all important. We need to insure that all opportunities are given to Canadians.

9. What role do you think local governments play in supporting healthy and sustainable food in schools?

--I support this and suggest giving a cut rate to families and individuals with low income.

10. The Vancouver Food Strategy and Talk Food To Us program engaged thousands of residents in the development of the strategy. What kind of engagement process would you utilize in food policy work?