



WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe Victoria deserves transparent, accountable leadership that puts residents and neighbourhoods first and manages our city wisely. We support:

ACCOUNTABILITY

Holding council and staff accountable to the public.



INCLUSIVE DECISION MAKING

Engaging all our voices in the conversation before decisions are made.



OVERSIGHT OF TAX DOLLARS

Careful oversight to ensure value, efficiency and results.



PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Living within our means and planning for our future.



RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW

Following and enforcing laws and bylaws.



SAFE STREETS FOR FAMILIES

Neighbourhoods where families feel secure and welcome.



TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

Open, honest and accessible decision making.



WHY THIS ELECTION MATTERS

If you believe we need a change from how our city has been run for the past four years this is your chance to make that change happen on October 17.

Your vote matters!

We are strongly endorsing a group of candidates we believe will make a difference to how this city is run. A difference that will bring back common sense and good governance which is now desperately lacking.



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ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNMENT



RESPONSIBLE
MANAGEMENT



RULE OF LAW



SAFE STREETS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 LET'S MAKE A CHANGE A NEW COUNCIL A FRESH START

Our Fernwood Our Victoria is a grassroots neighbourhood movement committed to a change in Victoria City Council.

We are not endorsed or supported by any political organizations, unions or other special interest groups.

We are committed to seeing a new more responsive, inclusive, fiscally prudent and open council for our city.

Visit our website to learn more.



Vote for These Candidates

Wendy Bowkett, Melissa Cseszko, Marg Gardiner, Stephen Hammond, Arthur McInnis and Karen Rothe.

We have considered these candidates based on municipal issues such as accountability, public safety, respect for residents, responsible management and transparency.

These candidates do not form a slate and are not running as such. They are independent and if they were all elected they would form the core of a fair Victoria City Council whose first priority would be to represent the citizens of Victoria.

Marg Gardiner and Stephen Hammond have stood up in Council for the citizens of Victoria and deserve to be re-elected.

Vote for these six candidates, you do not need to vote for any other, they will form a majority on City Council.

(visit our website to connect to their websites)



Wendy Bowkett

Candidate for city council

A business strategist and former Victoria Downtown Residents Association leader focused on public trust, transparent decision making, public safety, livability and affordability.

- Responsible use of taxpayer dollars
- Safer, vibrant neighbourhoods
- Transparent, ethical governance

<https://www.wendybowkett.ca>



Stephen Hammond

Councillor seeking re-election

A Victoria councillor since 2022, lawyer by training and a community volunteer focused on public safety and affordable housing that works for Victoria..

- Balanced growth and housing choices
- Efficient, effective city services
- Public safety and enforcement

<https://www.votestephenhammond.ca>



Melissa Cseszko

Candidate for city council

A Victoria born small business owner focused on rebuilding safety, restoring accountability and strengthening the city's local economy.

- Accountability and results
- Safe streets and public spaces
- Support for local businesses

<https://www.melissacseszko.ca>



Arthur McInnis

Candidate for city council

A law professor and former international construction and projects lawyer focused on public interest decision making, accountability, infrastructure and public safety.

- Accountability and the public interest
- Evidence based decision making
- Infrastructure that serves residents

<https://www.arthurmccinnis.ca>

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website: <http://ourfernwoodourvictoria.ca/>
QR code on front page

Advance voting days:
October 7, 13, 14, 15

If you need help getting to the poll visit our website for information.

Together we can take back our neighbourhoods and our city!

This is our chance to make a real change!

VOTE! Your vote counts!



Marg Gardiner

Councillor seeking re-election

A current Victoria councillor with extensive neighbourhood-association experience, focused on safe streets, liveable neighbourhoods, respect for taxpayers, and transparent government.

- Community voice and inclusion
- Prudent fiscal management
- Transparent open government

<https://marggardiner.ca>



Karen Rothe

Candidate for city council

A Vic West resident with public sector planning and emergency management experience, focused on better leadership, stronger neighbourhoods and practical long term planning.

- Neighbourhoods and livability
- Practical long term planning
- Strong leadership and service

<https://www.karenrothe.ca>

Not these candidates

Jeremy Caradonna, Matt Dell, Susan Kim, Dave Thompson and Krista Loughton (sometimes called the Gang of Five) have acted as a bloc that disregards the concerns and interests of citizens and small businesses.

They have

- ignored their obligation to uphold city bylaws
- ignored provincial and federal laws
- made back room decisions with no public notice or input that have deep effects on neighbourhoods (Dowler Place)
- run a biased referendum on the Crystal Pool replacement
- allowed and funded an unlicensed cannabis distributor and a drug use site to operate across Cook Street from a daycare bringing disorder and crime to the area. Citizens have experienced theft and intimidation. Our local businesses have experienced vandalism, threats and theft

Please do not vote for the above candidates or their new allies
Bella Lee and Jack Sandor.