

## Achievements and a Look to the Future

As mayor of the Royal City for the past nine years (three terms), I am proud of the accomplishments that have taken place in our City. My open door policy has helped make this possible.

### Achievements

Prior to each election in each term I have made pledges to our citizens, and list their status as follows:

<b>Pledge</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Results</b>
1. Rejuvenating Downtown	“Interurban” High-rise/commercial	Done
	Plaza 88 High-rise/commercial	Done
	Hyack Spirit Square	Done
	Civic/Arts/Conference Centre	Done
2. Crime Reduction / Strong Policing Policy	Crime in City Down	Underway
	New Chief and Inspectors	Done
	Strong Civilian Police Board	Done
3. Waterfront to be enhanced	“Pier Park” Construction	Underway
	“River Market” Re-opened	Done
	Queensborough Water Piers	Done
4. Homelessness Reduced	Three Homeless Housing Projects Opened	Done
	Homeless Coalition Formed	Done
5. Senior Facilities Enhanced	Thornebridge Seniors Home Opened	Done
	Sapperton Pensioners Hall Upgraded	Done
	Century House Upgraded	Done
6. Sports Facilities Enhanced	City Playing Fields Upgraded	Done
	Mercer Stadium Artificial Turf Field	Done
	Moody Park Rink	Done
	New Moody Park Outdoor Pool	Done
	Queensborough All-Wheel Park	Done
	Three new parks in Queensborough	Done
	Perimeter Trails in Queensborough	Done
	Canada Games Pool Upgraded	Done
	Queen’s Park Arena Wood Floor Upgraded	Done
	Queen’s Park Turf Field	Underway
7. Civic Facilities	Century House/ Youth Centre	Done
	City Hall Upgrades	Done
	Fire Hall Upgrades	Done
	Downtown Civic Centre	Underway
	Queensborough Civic Centre	Underway
8. School Projects	Three New School Projects	Underway

9. New Large Commercial/Private Developments	"Plaza 88 on Eighth" - 10 Cinema Theatres - Shopping Centre - Three Towers	Underway
	"Brewery District" in Sapperton Queensborough Shopping Centre Starlight Casino Lowes Western Training/Warehouse Columbia Square Development	Underway Done Done Underway Done
10. Social Projects Completed	New Daycare Facilities New Church Additions/Renovations	Done Done

In part, a mayor's responsibility is to ensure that our citizens are heard, and their needs and wants discussed and evaluated before action is undertaken. It is of course a team effort!

**The Future**

We are now in new and difficult times and are very fortunate that we have many projects "in the hopper" and can continue our way forward. We strive to select projects that will generate income and thus **reduce the tax burden** for citizens and business. Many of the developments in the City have been made possible with external funding, thus costing the City virtually nothing.

However, this is a time of great financial uncertainty and one of my goals during my next term of office will once again **ensure fiscal responsibility** and continuing to strive for the services and amenities that our citizens want and deserve. Our focus now will be to complete the existing projects – and my track record shows that we will. At the same time, based on my knowledge of the City's needs, I will as always be on the lookout for opportunities.

I can state with confidence that New Westminster is in a strong financial position, and we will maintain our enviable position as **"the city to work, play, live and raise your family in!"**

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