

Fred Olynyk Bursary: My Vision for Revelstoke

My vision for the future of Revelstoke includes an improved park and trail system, increased funding for infrastructure, and a council that makes informed decisions on development and tourism initiatives. Firstly, I believe our city needs to increase the area of park space and number of trails in town. A bylaw or regulation should be introduced to have a set ratio of parkland to residential/commercial lots and the option to take cash in lieu of land eliminated. Revelstoke also has a limited trail system, with little outside of the Greenbelt and Big Eddy Dyke. Although an elaborate future design has been created, no concrete timeline has been set for implementation.

Secondly, my future Revelstoke has a higher budget for infrastructure maintenance and expansion. My primary focus would be on the addition of sidewalks throughout the city as well as regular maintenance to the roads. There are many areas in town with little or no sidewalks and/or pavement in rough condition. I was pleased to hear that the city has raised the budget for infrastructure in the coming years as well as the construction of a roundabout at the Fourth St/Victoria Rd. intersection.

Lastly, my future council would make decisions on development and tourism with meaningful consultation from the citizens of Revelstoke. They would take into consideration all points of view, the official community plan, the results from the visioning surveys, and potentially hold referendums for large issues. In conclusion, my vision for Revelstoke would have an extensive park, trail and sidewalk system, and a council that made their decisions with the values of Revelstoke residents in mind.