

BC Election 2020

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Sonia Furstenau — Green



It has been the honour of my life to serve the people of Cowichan Valley. We have accomplished a lot in the past three years, including new funding for the hospital, our schools and child care, and support for the Cowichan watershed, but we are facing ongoing challenges like the increasing cost of living, the overdose crisis and the hits our small businesses have taken due to the pandemic.

We need MLAs who will work hard to focus on the needs of their constituents and work together to deliver real solutions. I will continue to stand up for our community and to work collaboratively to make sure our COVID-19 recovery supports small business owners and their employees, to make sure our residents have access to the services to stay healthy and financially secure, and to make sure we are investing in a long-term recovery that will create sustainable jobs and a better future for the Cowichan Valley.

Doug Routley — NDP



I want to thank the community for your support. It has been an honor to serve this diverse community for the past 15 years. In previous elections I have come to you and said if you vote for the NDP this is what we will do, but this is the first time that I have been able to stand before you and say this is what we have done, and this is what we will continue to do.

I am proud of our government's record that has brought increased investments in healthcare, childcare, education, job creation and more. We have been able to make these investments while leading the country in economic growth — proving that investing in people and communities is the best way for all of us to thrive.

I am once again asking for your support so that we can continue to move our community forward, together.

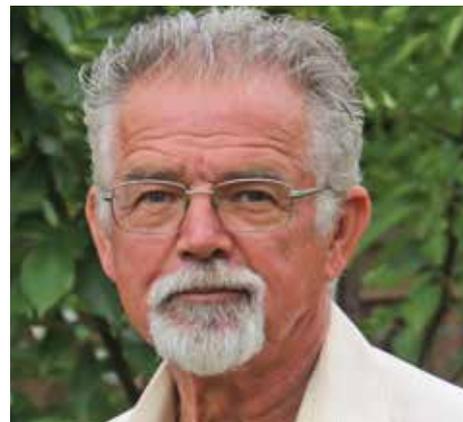
Rob Douglas — NDP



It's been a great campaign. In the last five weeks, our team of 150 volunteers has talked to thousands of people here in Cowichan who are excited to elect a John Horgan government, because they know John will build a pandemic recovery plan that works for everyone.

I am proud to be a part of John's team and I'm ready to work with him to overcome the challenges facing our community now, through the COVID-19 pandemic, and into the future. We need to build more affordable housing, improve access to health care and other services, advance meaningful reconciliation with First Nations, and protect our air, land and water. The Cowichan Valley deserves to have a strong voice on John's team so we can keep moving forward on the issues that matter most to people. I am committed to being that voice. In this election, I am asking for your support on or before Oct. 24.

Duck Paterson — Liberal



My final thought on this election campaign is the sincere hope that British Columbians aren't fooled by the cynical NDP promise of paying \$1,000 per family for COVID relief. At best, it's a bribe. At worst, it's buying your vote with your own money — plus, it's considered income, so you'll have to pay tax on that money next year. I urge Nanaimo-North Cowichan voters to NOT sell themselves so cheaply.

Remember, too, that the Liberal plan to cut the provincial sales tax to zero for one year will put more money into the pockets of local families, as well as local small businesses, for a longer period of time, than the one-time NDP giveaway. Our zero-PST approach means true savings for everyone — money that can be used to help local business keep local folks employed, and you won't pay tax on those dollars.

Tanya Kaul — Liberal



I am proud to be the BC Liberal candidate for Cowichan Valley. My main reason for running is to bring the ongoing issues of mental health and addictions and the overdose crisis into the spotlight in the BC Legislature and to get infrastructure built in the Cowichan Valley once and for all. I believe that our democracy is best served under a strong majority government backed by a free enterprise party who looks out for small businesses and all British Columbians — that Party is the BC Liberal Party.

If elected, it will be my first priority to consult the community about important projects. Rather than warehousing people with addictions, a Liberal will ensure those who need help getting off drugs have a clear pathway to treatment. I will also fight to protect our environment for our future generations by making investments in transit, infrastructure and renewable energy to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Chris Istace — Green



This has been a fantastic campaign. I am grateful for the support I am receiving every time I talk to people in our communities. The BC Greens have a proven track record of keeping the government accountable and we know how to represent the issues that matter to voters. We have a strong plan for a sustainable future. That plan focuses on investing in people, investing in small business, investing in sustainability, and investing for our environment. We will invest in people by creating a Universal Basic Income that will make sure everyone comes out of this pandemic with the ability to live a great life. We promise quick action on climate change and will invest in our future by creating sustainability in our forestry industry, halting old-growth logging, and stopping Site-C. Stopping these damaging programs will kick start our environmental recovery.