

# Carolanne Reynolds *for WV Council*



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Whether on or off Council, Carolanne has dedicated the last 20 years to serving West Vancouver. She is dependable, dedicated, and knowledgeable -- not only about the issues, but also about how municipal government works and how to get things done.

In the forefront has been her concern for the community, working for **openness, inclusiveness, and public involvement** and for **planned sensible growth with environmental sensitivity while keeping neighbourhood character**. She was proud to be on the Council that addressed the complaints about monster houses, and **reduced allowable house size to preserve our neighbourhoods**. She was the first councillor for **heritage** and has ensured its celebration every year since 1989, winning a municipal award in 2001.

Carolanne has attended all but about nine **council meetings since 1988** and reports on Council meetings and critical issues in her newsletter *West Van Matters* and on [www.westvan.org](http://www.westvan.org). Her work as a **tireless advocate for residents and as a Council watcher** has been featured in articles in both the *North Shore News* and the *Outlook*.

On November 15th put experience and dedication to work for you -- please vote Carolanne Reynolds for WV Council.

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Experience \* Dedication \* Proven Record \* Integrity

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## Achievements

Carolanne **fought for openness** allowing citizens to be notified of meetings, to attend and speak, and it has improved. Although some groups held closed meetings, it has now been established that Working Groups cannot meet in camera.

Carolanne has tirelessly **advocated community benefits** when land is upzoned as done in Vancouver and elsewhere. After more than ten years, not only has Council finally accepted the principle, it has also even started to negotiate amenities.

**Public Correspondence was removed** from council meeting agendas not just once but after Carolanne's efforts were successful in getting it reinstated, it was removed a second time -- so she had to persevere and redouble her efforts to get it **reinstated a second time. To be successful, it requires time and perseverance!**

## Plans

- ◆ **Resident Information/Assistance.** There's one-stop shopping for business in WV, for several years Carolanne has asked for the same for residents.
- ◆ **Community Benefits/Amenities.** To date, staff or Council have chosen them so Carolanne is hoping that in future it will be done after public input. You want to say what you want, not just be told. Residents want in! Carolanne has suggested that there be a formula (say 10% for each) to set up amenity funds: Environment, Heritage, and Arts and Culture.
- ◆ **Budget Information (More and Earlier).** Again for several years, Carolanne has asked that the budget information be made available to the public for input early in the fall. She has urged Council to return to providing more information with enough time before the end of the year. At a recent Finance Committee meeting it was said not till December. That means neither the citizens nor the candidates have the documentation needed for informed discussion about how to streamline staff and services in Budget 2009 making sure it is efficient and does not mean higher taxes in these uncertain days. We must have the timeline advanced and adhered to.
- ◆ **Parks and Planning.** Re-establish citizen groups to give recommendations to Council with respect to our parks and development/growth.
- ◆ **Neighbourhood Character.** One size does not fit all and we haven't a homogenized municipality. People choose to live in residential areas that suit their tastes and needs -- and then want it enhanced, not eroded. Residents have to be given the opportunity and means/methods to draw up guidelines and features they want for their special neighbourhood. The variety is part of West Vancouver's charm.

- ◆ **Recognition.** There are awards for heritage and the environment, let's add others such as for community volunteers and DWV staff innovation.

**Carolanne's efforts for more openness, for citizen input and involvement, have resulted in improved procedures but more can be done -- she will be a strong voice on Council for you and our quality of life.**

## Background

- ◆ Degree in languages from UBC with studies also at Carleton in Ottawa and U of Moncton; exchange to Keio University in Tokyo
- ◆ Travels, living and working abroad over 20 years, visiting over 100 countries; teaching overseas and here, five-year-olds to 65-year-olds
- ◆ Business experience running a consulting company, now part owner of a computer software company and a telephony company
- ◆ Poet
- ◆ Copy editor for the email newsletter *A Word A Day* that goes out to 600,000 subscribers, and for several books on words, language
- ◆ President of the Ambleside and Dundarave Ratepayers' Assn for several years, still on board of directors; also on board of WV Streamkeepers, Chair of North Shore Heritage Forum, West Van Heritage
- ◆ Member of many WV committees and groups including Civic Site Advisory Group; at present member of the Heritage Working Group and the Community Engagement Committee (that sets up and facilitates the Working Groups); regular attendance at meetings of the Finance Committee, as well as the Rodgers Creek, Environmental, and Community Dialogue Working Groups



It is important to be informed so that decisions are comprehensive, practical, and positive. My father was born in Vancouver and so was I. This is one of the most blessed places on earth. We are lucky to live here. It is too precious to lose and we will if we don't fight to keep it the special community it is.

**Please join me in contributing to the preservation and enhancement of our home, West Vancouver.**

**WYSIWYG -- VOTE CAROLANNE !**