

**Candidate Name: ARMSTRONG, Michael
Independent**

1. Please tell us about yourself and why you're running for City Council: Retired Business Leader & CPA, CMA with time to apply leadership and technical skills to improve White Rock, and to help make decisions more transparent & fiscally responsible. I am running to bring back Integrity - because the Coalition members, and their past leader Mr. Baldwin, did not do what they said they would 4 nor 7 years ago prior to being elected. Also because I have many unanswered questions, such as;

Why are we spending \$12.5 Million on a Parkade with 180 new spots, when the existing parking is only occupied 21% on average?

Why didn't we instead work with Semiahmoo to coordinate promoting their 400 spots as overflow for the few weekends in Summer when the promenade parking is full?

Why are we extending the promenade west instead of working with Semiahmoo to extend east to their parking?

Why are we ok spending \$5 Million on Memorial Park, which is on BNSF rail land, and spending upwards of \$700,000 per year on leasing and maintaining BNSF land, but not spending anything to maintain the washrooms or previous playground on Semiahmoo Park (do we like Warren Buffet's BNSF more than our Semiahmoo neighbours?)?

Why did we spend \$67,000 on random bicycle logos painted on our roads?

Why did we spend \$5,700 on new park signs that don't even have built-in water fountains, doggie bag dispensers, usb chargers, or even wifi?

Why has the budget surplus grown 33% in the past 5 years to \$150 Million?

Why is it that the staff CAO decide what agenda items are added to Committees?

Why did we pay consultants to develop the Parks Master Plan 2007, with the primary goal of buying more park land, yet not buy any for new parks since it was created 10 years ago?

Too many questions without information to get answers on the website (and no question period at council meetings)

2. Several candidates are independent, and while others are part of a slate, it is entirely possible that only one from a slate may be elected. Regardless of whether you are part of a slate or an independent, how will you work with what may be a mayor & council with diverse viewpoints to bring forward your ideas and address issues? I have much experience working with colleagues from many different backgrounds, experiences, and nationalities. Will try to collaborate through logic and facts to get a consensus.

3. Affordability is a major challenge for residents and businesses in White Rock. Sky high property values lead to rising housing costs and expensive leases, making it hard for people to live here and businesses to stay here. How will you address this existential threat to our community? Create Public Private Partnerships to enable developers to get a reasonable return on investment for both affordable residential and commercial properties, requiring a % of all new builds to have a % of affordable units. See my example with numbers at

www.Vote-Armstrong.com

4. How will you improve our transportation system- including roads, sidewalks, transit, and bike routes- to ensure that our community is accessible for residents and visitors? Work with Mayors Council & other levels of Gov to get the Skytrain/LRT to South Surrey exchange (why does Burnaby have 3 skytrain lines prior to it coming to SSurrey/WR?) Add one side of sidewalks and underground wires, before adding sidewalks on both sides of secondary roads. (Why does Columbia have sidewalks on both sides, when most intersecting roads have none?)

5. Communication between the City of White Rock and the residents and businesses have been challenging- there have been concerns that people haven't been informed of projects and decisions. How will you revitalize communications and relationships between residents/businesses and the City? Post all project business plans & capital expenditure rationale on the website. If still questions, allow senior department head staff get residents questions answered and have those placed as FAQs as needed. Allow delegations to Council to get answers to questions.