



Town of Sidney 2026 General Local Election

CANDIDATE PROFILE GUIDE



INTRODUCTION

The candidate profile guide was produced to assist voters in finding information about the candidates running in the Town of Sidney's 2026 General Local Election.

As the Mayor and School District Trustee have been elected by acclamation, this guide only covers candidates for the office of Councillor.

All candidates were given the opportunity to submit a brief profile of 200 words or less to introduce themselves to voters.

The profiles have not been edited and are arranged in alphabetical order by last name.

The views and opinions expressed in the profiles are those of the candidates and do not reflect the position of the Town of Sidney.



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Eric Diller



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Eric Diller

I have lived on the peninsula since 2009 and in Sidney since 2014. I am married with children and am an electrician owning my own small business.

I have long had an interest in making my community better and have spent time volunteering for groups like North Saanich's Agricultural Advisory Commission 2012-2014, Sidney Community Association 2016-2021, Better Transit Alliance of Victoria 2017-2022 and the Sidney North Saanich yacht Club (2022-ongoing). I have also been a member of Sidney's Advisory Planning Committee since 2023 and have been on the CRD Water and Wastewater Commission since 2025.

I believe that local and regional government is the most important level of government in relation to the people and businesses in our region, so will work hard to ensure that our town takes a leading role in determining how core services are delivered.

As a follower of the Strong Towns movement, I believe in transparent accounting and the fiscal health of our town. I will work hard to ensure that taxpayers are getting good value for their dollars.

I also am an advocate for creating and supporting local businesses, enhancing our parks, and advocating for better public transport in Sidney and our region.

Steve Duck



Steve Duck has called Sidney home for 15 years and has served on Sidney Council since 2022. He brings to Council 45 years of business management experience as Principal of TIDES Group, along with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) and a Business Management Certificate.

Steve has a long history of community involvement. He has served as President of the Sidney Community Association, founded Cycling Without Age Society, co-founded the Sidney Summit on Habitat and Environment, served as Vice-President of the Mary Winspear Centre Foundation Board, and worked with the Sidney Business Improvement Area and Destination Sidney. He has also helped develop and deliver community events including Shakespeare in the Park, Pumpkins on the Pier and Radio Sidney.

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Steve believes public service should be grounded in integrity, respect and responsibility. He values listening, learning and working collaboratively with others, even when they disagree.

Seeking re-election to Sidney Council, Steve remains committed to thoughtful decision-making, fiscal responsibility and maintaining the qualities that make Sidney such a special place to live.

Erin Fedotov



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I am a mom of two neurodiverse children, a wife, and an employee of BC's Ministry of Attorney General. Family and work have taught me to manage competing priorities, build support systems and find practical solutions when no answer is perfect.

Through my career and personal life, I have developed skills in research, analysis, and collaborative problem solving. I regularly work through complex information, identify what matters most and consider multiple perspectives. I have seen what people can accomplish when they are supported, included and heard.

I am running because Sidney would benefit from having a different perspective at the Council table. As a parent, I know accessing services for kids can be challenging and that decisions about community spaces shape daily life. Affordability is a concern for many, including families and those on fixed incomes. Municipalities cannot solve every affordability challenge but Council should consider how its decisions affect household costs. This includes responsibly using property tax dollars.

I will bring to Council a resident focused approach: listen first, ask how a change would affect different people, and choose thoughtful, affordable options to make Sidney an even better place to call home.

Scott Garnett



My name is Scott Garnett and it has been an honour and privilege to serve the Town of Sidney as a Councillor for the past eight years (2018-2026). I am sixty-one years old and have been married for thirty-eight years. I have two adult sons that were raised, educated and had their first employment here. I lived in Sidney for twenty-two and a half years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Sociology, both from the University of Victoria, where after graduation I taught as a sessional instructor. Upon completion of that contract, I began a thirty-two year career as a letter carrier with Canada Post, with eighteen of those serving Sidney. Prior to running for Council in 2018, I attended Council meetings and public hearings for three and half years and spoke regularly. Attending these meetings allowed me to get a real sense of issues that were of concern to the residents of Sidney, as well as the ability to learn more about the processes involved in municipal government. I have, and will continue to be both pragmatic and principled in my approach, grounded in a spirit of collaboration and respect.

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Harinder (Hari) Jacquot



My name is Harninder Jacquot, although many people know me simply as Hari.

Born and raised in Richmond, BC, I moved to Sidney 17 years ago when a professional opportunity brought me to this community. What started as a move for work became something much more meaningful: Sidney became home.

I grew up with a love of sports and a family who supported my passion for them. As a two-time CCAA All-Canadian in volleyball, I learned early that success comes from hard work, perseverance and being part of a team. Sports taught me how to push myself, how to lead and, just as importantly, how to collaborate.

Today, as a mother of two, I understand hard work in an entirely new way.

Motherhood has also given me deeper connection to community. I've been fortunate to volunteer my time through my children's sports and schools. Those experiences have strengthened my belief that communities are their best when people get involved and give back.

Sidney is special because of its people, small businesses and natural beauty. I want to help ensure continued enjoyment and value for what makes Sidney such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

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Rory Lambert



I am a working professional, and a parent of two elementary school kids. I have lived in Sidney for over 12 years, and I know it is one of the best places to live in Canada.

I support increasing engagement with Sidney's voters, and ensuring Sidney is a fantastic place to live for working families and future generations.

If elected to council I will work to have Sidney take a wider view on capital projects and budget allocation. We need to decide on what we want Sidney to be, before we spend the money.

I look forward to earning your vote on Oct. 17th.

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Richard Novek



I moved to Sidney in 2017 where I live with my wife Maggie. My degree is from McGill University and I've had a 17-year executive career in the private education sector, both domestically and internationally. Prior to that I spent 20 years as a restaurant owner and executive in the hospitality industry. I spent 15 years with RCMSAR as a Marine Search and Rescue Coxswain helping to keep boaters safe on BC's coast. I was also a licensed paramedic and worked in a volunteer role for numerous mass gathering events over 10 years. I volunteered with the Sidney Museum and served as Board Chair for 5 years and spent 2 years serving on the Sidney APC. I'm presently Secretary of the Board of Friends of Dominion Brook Park and on the Board of the Seaside Music Festival.

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I became a Councillor because I believe in giving back to the community and helping it thrive. I am a councillor that listens to constituents and will make decisions based on what's best for my community. Current council roles include the Board of Trustees of Vancouver Island Regional Libraries and Chair of the Peninsula Water and Wastewater Commissions.

Terri O’Keeffe



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Terri O’Keeffe - Sidney
Councillor

28 year resident of Sidney who raised 2 kids here. Involved as a volunteer/Board member for several local organizations. Received Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for community service. 34 year career in the federal public service at the CRA and National Defence.

As a Council member for 8 years supported: waterfront washrooms, Beacon West roundabout, new grant program to support local artists, Tree preservation bylaw. completion of Kelset (Reay) Creek cleanup. Championed creation of tri-municipal accessibility committee, accessibility features at Brethour Park and creation of emergency cold weather shelter. Supported businesses by eliminating annual renewal fees and reducing commercial tax burden. Attracted dozens of new businesses, including Amazon and Marriott Hotel which contribute to Sidney’s tax base. Supported upgrades to Rathdown Park. Supported +320 units of rental housing (with below market component).

For next term: Keep tax increases low with strong fiscal management focusing on what’s critical vs “nice to have”. Look critically at need for a new Town Hall and plans for Beacon Wharf. Determine future of Anacortes Ferry lands. Advocate for more affordable housing. Implement Tenant Protection Bylaw.

Ensure that the community is consulted and engaged on projects that will impact them.

Steve Price



Steve Price is a retired small business owner who has lived in Sidney with his wife, Fiona, for 36 years. Steve and Fiona raised their 3 sons in Sidney, and still believe it is a wonderful, welcoming place to raise a family.

During those years, Steve became active in the community in various roles, serving as President of the Peninsula Soccer Association and the Sidney Angler's Association.

Steve gained experience in local governance after serving 3 terms on Sidney Council, including 4 years as Mayor, from 2008 to 2018. He was on the CRD board and Hospital Board, and was CRD Board Chair in 2018.

Actions Steve is most proud of leading on include: building the new Firehall and the Sidney Lion's Food Bank, keeping the BC Ambulance Station in Sidney, voting to allow the creation of an exciting new entertainment district featuring the new theatre and brewpubs, and providing early funding to allow Shoreline Medical Centre to remain and continue to grow right here in Sidney.

Steve is choosing to run in 2026 because he believes residents need to be heard on key issues, and that there are smarter ways of delivering and improving amenities while keeping taxes down.

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Jamie Wellbourn



After living in Sidney for nearly 30 years I thought it was time to have a direct part in the future of our town. I grew up here, work here, and think this is an amazing place to live. My resume includes working at the Greater Victoria Public Library for 13 years, the Victoria Flying Club, delivering food on my eBike, and now working as an Administrative Assistant at a small business in West Sidney. I'm also a member of Sidney's Advisory Planning Commission. While attending many Council meetings over the past couple of years I have spoken up when there is something important on the agenda. Whether it's supporting active transportation infrastructure, preventing public transit in Sidney from being redirected to the airport, supporting local businesses and events, or advocating for an Extreme Weather Response Shelter for our most vulnerable residents, I care about our community. If elected, I will lead with compassion and empathy to create an accessible, livable, vibrant community.

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General Voting Day

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Mary Winspear Centre

2243 Beacon Avenue

Advanced Voting Days

Wednesday, October 7 &

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sidney Town Hall

2440 Sidney Avenue