

- **Support the needs of all Mission citizens.** I will ensure Mission has adequate affordable housing and will work to restore complete service to Mission Memorial Hospital. I have the skills to collaborate with other levels of government to achieve these objectives.
- **Include a sustainability analysis in all land use decisions.** I will promote the development of a vibrant local economy, will work to reduce car dependency and improve public transit between Mission and Maple Ridge.
- **Protect Mission's biodiversity.** I will ensure that environmental safeguards are strengthened and respected including Endangered Species protection.

Mission is a Beautiful, Livable, Green, Community

“As Mayor I will take care to ensure that these special attributes are not lost. Our community would benefit from more citizen input and more open and transparent governance. It is time to end the culture of secrecy and back room deals that only serve a small minority but have lasting impacts on our community and the quality of life for all Mission residents. Economic development must enhance and compliment, our town's unique identity.”

About Mike Gildersleeve

I am recently married and am a proud parent of two adult children. I have worked as a social worker for the last 25 years and for the last 9 years in the role as a collaborative practices facilitator with the Ministry for Children and Family Development. I am also a BCGEU Shop Steward in Local 604.

I am community minded and have a track record of being community involved. I am Chair of the Board for the Wilderness Committee. I have acted as a strong advocate for protection of our Agricultural Land Reserve. I have been very active in the Green Party both federally and provincially and I am a member of CAUSS.

I will commit to listen and to ensure that citizens are well informed and involved prior to decisions being made. Please feel free to contact me.

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**Vote Mike Gildersleeve
for Mayor of Mission**

Vote for a man who really cares about you and your community

I have decided to run for Mayor of Mission because many people in our community feel totally disenfranchised and angry that their concerns are not being heard. Council is having too many in-camera meetings and has been divisive and dismissive. I have the skills needed to create a more collaborative and respectful government.

IF ELECTED, I WILL:

- **Welcome, encourage and support citizen engagement.** Such simple things as broadcasting council meetings, holding regular town hall meetings, and revamping question period, could improve communication between Council and Mission residents. I will open the door to improved meaningful public participation..

- **Safeguard our public assets.** Valuable public resources such as drinking water and clean air need to be protected for the benefit of current and future residents of Mission. Mission should not fall into the trap of privatization of our city water and must work to ensure that precious ground water aquifers are protected.
- **Respect the taxpayer.** Citizens cannot afford ongoing escalating tax increases. Mission should be living within its means and working to avoid waste and unnecessary expenditures.
- **Ensure local food security.** I will create a hard boundary around the Agricultural Land Reserve, and will encourage initiatives for Community Supported Agriculture, Farmer's Markets and more Community Gardens

