

# JOHN'S BIO

I have 45 years experience in business and community service. I have built my own business – founded in 1986 – and since then have helped many people start and grow their businesses.

I am proud to be a Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant – an honour awarded to me in recognition of professionalism and community service. I graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and am a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

### Since moving to Sechelt in 2003, I have been:

- Mayor (2011 to 2014)
- Chair of the Sechelt & District Chamber of Commerce (2018 to 2022)
- Co-Founder of Sunshine Coast Electric Vehicle Association and member of the Global Electric Vehicle Alliance
- Chair of the Sunshine Coast Community Forest
- Director of BC Ferries
- Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club –Clubhouse Project Lead
- Director of numerous other non-profits
- A tireless advocate for the Sunshine Coast to other governments
- A strong promoter of Sechelt as a great place to live and work

I am known as an innovator and early adopter of practical solutions – best sustainability practices, solar options, habitat conservation, planning for sea level rise and more.

My career has been defined by innovation and leadership. Practical solutions to common problems. Always looking forwards not backwards.

# A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

My wife and I chose to move to Sechelt, full time, in 2003. (She grew up in Powell River and I have visited the Coast since 1970.) We chose to live here because, having seen many communities around the world, Sechelt is, by far, the best!

However, it is clear that Sechelt is currently out of balance. We have one of the oldest populations in BC and we need to attract younger people to live and work here. That's what creates the energy and vibrancy of a truly great community.

My commitment is straight forward, I'll deliver results! I've done it before and, with your support, I'm confident I can do it again.

I had the honour of being your Mayor from 2011 to 2014. While I'm proud of what we achieved, I am aware that I can do things better.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to be of service to Sechelt again.

**On October 15th, Vote JOHN for MAYOR of SECHELT.**

Sincerely,



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**VOTE** • VISION • ACTION • RESULTS

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for **MAYOR** of SECHELT



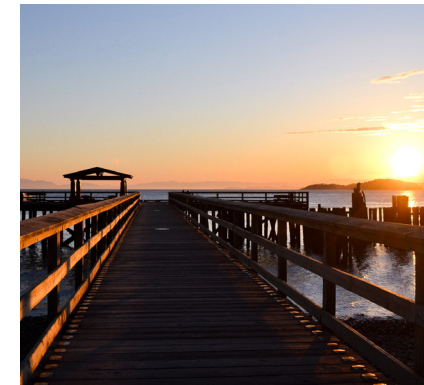
## WHERE IS

- Our water?
- Our housing?
- Our safe community?

For

**• VISION • ACTION • RESULTS**

# Vote JOHN





As Mayor, I led the team that designed and built the Sechelt Water Resource Centre (WRC) completed in two years for a fixed price contract of \$24.9M. On time, on budget and the winner of SEVEN national awards.

The net cost to sewer users was \$7.4M which amount was funded by a low interest loan that will be fully repaid in two years.

The result? Since 2015, we have been able to treat our wastewater to amongst the highest standards in Canada, with no noise and no odour for neighbours. Currently, the facility uses about 60% of its capacity and it can be doubled in size, when needed.

The WRC was subject to intense scrutiny and criticism after it was built. Some of the distortions continue to be perpetrated to this day. Don't believe what you hear – research the facts. And If you need more information, contact John.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- *The treated water from the WRC is clean enough to be reused. (This is a valuable resource that can – and should – be reclaimed for irrigation and other uses, instead of being dumped in the ocean.)*
- *Homes near the WRC have tripled in value since 2013! With no noise or overwhelming odours, the area is now a more desirable community.*

## WHY AM I RUNNING?

### TODAY, WE ARE:

- Running out of drinking water
- In need of affordable housing and more
- Faced with ferries that break down
- Struggling with staff shortages
- Increased concerns for our safety
- Putting up with an overwhelmed highway

It is frustrating that so many important projects and services continue to be “in process” or continue to be “studied.”

Over the last 8 years, I have worked with experts and others in our community to identify practical **SOLUTIONS** to many of our key issues. Inexplicably, none have been pursued by the various governments.

**There are practical, affordable solutions. What has been lacking is the determination and will to get things done.**



**WE NEED ACTION  
AND WE NEED  
RESULTS, NOW.**

**I HAVE A TRACK  
RECORD OF GETTING  
THINGS DONE  
AND I WILL DO  
IT AGAIN.**

## ISSUES

### WATER

- We'll drill wells in early 2023 (I have spoken with professionals and they are ready to go to work)
- Longer term “forever” solutions can be finalized in the next three years

### HOUSING

- If we had water, **HOUSING** would be my top priority
- Focusing first on Workforce Housing - for service workers, first responders, medical staff and more
- This means smaller homes, probably built on land owned by the governments, and increased density in appropriate areas

### SAFETY

- Petty and not-so-petty crime is increasing and our first responders are overwhelmed
- Count on me to refocus the priorities of the police on protecting our residents and to stop the provincial and federal governments downloading their responsibilities on Sechelt taxpayers

### TAXES

- I'd like to freeze your taxes, and mine – but that's unrealistic
- We will focus on delivering value for your tax dollars, and explaining where your money is going

### OUR shíshááh NEIGHBOURS

- I am honoured to count so many shíshááh elders, elected officials and members as my friends
- I agree with hiwus Warren Paull – we need to work together as friends and neighbours

### OTHER KEY ISSUES

- Attract new businesses to expand our tax base so residents aren't paying all the taxes
- Build and enhance our recreation facilities to benefit everyone