Dear Brookswood Resident,

My name is Eric Woodward, and I am running for Langley Township Council. I am running because we need to finally make real progress on big issues that go on and on. I want to help resolve them.

In Brookswood/Fernridge, specifically, we shouldn't be accelerating the neighbourhood planning process. I will attempt to reverse that. Good neighbourhood planning takes time. Within that, we need to require the preservation of more trees in Fernridge with a new model that prioritizes at least some maturely treed areas as parks, for which *all* developers share the cost, removing the incentive or need to remove them, similar to what we already do for greenways in Willoughby.

I will also propose a common sense tree protection bylaw for Brookswood with a working balance between tree preservation, private property rights and the practical need for construction, and renovations. A tree protection bylaw is long overdue. We are one of the last municipalities in the region to figure this out, and I want to. And we must change the model for major roads, or we will end up with a road crisis in Brookswood/Fernridge too, as we have in Willoughby. I have a plan to prevent that. We can still get it right in Brookswood, and do more to preserve its unique character.

I want to focus on other big issues too. After years of waiting, Aldergrove needs real vision for private investment to revitalize its struggling downtown area. We can improve the economics of development there to get it going. And we need to solve the major roads crisis in Willoughby, which has become ridiculous for all us needing to get to and from the freeway.

Growing up in Langley, with a modest background, I was fortunate to have been part of the emerging internet industry at a young age, with multiple successful companies. I worked hard, and did well. After that, I committed myself to revitalizing Fort Langley because it bothered me how neglected it was. After years of working together there as a small community, Fort Langley is now more vibrant than it has ever been. We really need more relevant business experience such as mine on Council to help solve complex development-related issues that go on and on.

Please check out ericwoodward.com. I wanted my campaign to be about real ideas, released an extensive platform, and recorded live policy speeches for all to consider. On October 20th, or before then on the many advance opportunities, please vote for me so we solve these big issues, which we can do. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Please vote for real ideas, and a new voice.

Sincerely,

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