Dear Aldergrove 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.

We need to create a sense of urgency in Aldergrove. If elected, the everyday priority for me will be getting the Aldergrove downtown going, for real. After years of excuses, plywood, and platitudes, we need to get to work and fix the economics of development that are preventing renewal in Aldergrove. Based on my experience in Fort Langley, which is now busier than it has ever been, I have released an extensive platform of real ideas to do just that. I know what we need to do.

We need to create an updated, modern parking bylaw, and create new, shared parking infrastructure for Aldergrove, so smaller lots can redevelop. Smaller lots can't renew currently because they are required to provide Willowbrook-style parking lots. We need to fix that. Since it takes years to get a building finished, we should do this right away, and send a signal that we are finally getting serious about downtown Aldergrove's renewal.

Next, let's establish a new Community Amenity Contribution from the constant development in the other rapidly growing areas of the Township of Langley. These contributions will fund capital improvements in Aldergrove that will make a real difference, such as that shared parking infrastructure, along with sidewalk and other streetscape improvements that make a real difference.

And then, we need to exempt the Aldergrove core area from most additional development fees, offer development charges credits where possible, and complete development prerequisites in advance that also slow things down and make it hard for smaller projects, such as traffic impact studies.

I grew 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, please vote for real ideas and a sense of urgency, not personal attacks, so we can solve these big issues. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Let's getting it going in Aldergrove, which we can do.

Sincerely,

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