Dear Willoughby 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.

For years, we have pursued development at a pace that cannot be sustained, and it has caught up to us. The never-ending major roads crisis in Willoughby just has to end. We can obviously do so much better than we are, with 208th Street the prime example of doing it wrong. But we have same growing problem on 80th Avenue, 202nd Street, 72nd Avenue, and even 200th Street. People can't get around. Kids can't even walk or bike to school safely. Residents of Walnut Grove can't get through Willoughby, and instead are shopping in Maple Ridge and Surrey. We have to fix it.

I have a real plan to finally deal with the major roads crisis by shifting the burden for major roads to all developers, not just the unlucky few. Not one penny will be paid by the taxpayer. For everyone's day-to-day quality of life, we need to change the model that isn't working, and get basic infrastructure built as it is needed, not years after the fact. Doing nothing, waiting for it solve itself a decade or two from now, as our current Council has been doing, just isn't an option any longer.

In addition, 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. Brookswood/Fernridge is on a path to becoming another version of Willoughby, with half-built roads and missing infrastructure. We need to do more to preserve its unique character, and we still can.

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, to solve real problems.

Sincerely,

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