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BISHOP
and **TEAM DELTA**

Sylvia Bishop and Team Delta thank local residents for participating in on-line survey

Team Delta releases selected results from Facebook poll

August 29, 2018 – Delta, B.C. – The City of Delta’s 2018 local-government elections could see a higher-than-usual voter turnout, according to an analysis of results from an on-line survey conducted by Team Delta.

“I truly am very pleased to see such a high level of interest in this year’s municipal elections,” said Team Delta’s Sylvia Bishop, a two-term councillor now seeking election as the City of Delta’s mayoral candidate.

“The initial results from our on-line questionnaire show that a stunning 67.4 per cent of respondents declared they were ‘certain to vote’ in this fall’s municipal election, with another 21.7 per cent saying they ‘intend to vote’.

“By comparison, only 6.0 per cent said they would ‘try to vote’, another 3.3 per cent ‘may or may not vote’, and a paltry 1.6 per cent of respondents flatly stated they ‘definitely’ would not be voting.”

Bishop pointed out that voter turn-out in Delta’s 2008 municipal elections was 31.0 per cent, in 2011 was 33.5 per cent, and in 2014, 31.8 per cent.

Kim Kendall, a newcomer to local-government politics who currently is seeking election to Council under the Team Delta banner, said she was hopeful of a sizeable voter turnout in October.

“Over the summer months my Team Delta colleagues and I have been doing a lot of door-to-door canvassing,” said Kendall, “and my sense is that voters are enthusiastic and motivated to participate in the election.”

The Team Delta on-line survey was active on Facebook from the evening of August 14 through the afternoon of August 27, and solicited the views of 192 respondents.

The respondents self-selected their participation in the survey, meaning that the poll was not truly random. A random survey of 192 Delta voters would have a margin of error of plus-or-minus seven (7.0) per cent, nineteen times out of 20.

Bishop added that Team Delta last week mailed out another questionnaire to selected Delta voters, and already had received dozens of responses – both from people returning their completed surveys in person or sending them back by Canada Post.

“An election campaign truly is a great time to find out what Delta residents think about the many issues affecting our community,” she said.

“My Team Delta colleagues and I are very thankful and appreciative that so many people have taken a portion of their day to tell us their thoughts and concerns.”

The other members of Team Delta are veteran councillor Robert Campbell, along with newcomers Dr. Joan Hansen, Kim Kendall and Simran Walia.

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BACKGROUND

Top 10 Highlights from Team Delta's On-line Survey

1.) Top five issues according to local residents – Transportation, Housing, Farmland Protection, Public Transit, and the Environment.

2.) Regarding cannabis, a majority of respondents – 58.7 per cent – either 'strongly' or 'moderately' supported the federal government's legalization policy, while 33.2 per cent were 'strongly' or 'moderately' opposed. Just 8.2 per cent had no opinion on the subject.

3.) A slim majority of respondents – 51.6 per cent – thought that the City of Delta should allow the retail sale of cannabis, while 38.6 per cent were opposed to it and 9.8 per cent had no opinion.

4.) Respondents were evenly divided as to whether cannabis ought to be grown commercially in Delta – 44.0 per cent were in favour, 45.1 per cent were opposed, and 10.9 per cent had no opinion.

5.) How do Delta residents feel about transportation across the Fraser River? A majority – 52.2 per cent – favoured a new bridge, while 34.2 per cent thought a new or expanded tunnel was the best option. The remaining 13.6 per cent of respondents offered a variety of alternatives, or were uncertain as to which alternative was the best, or claimed the current situation was not a problem.

6.) Opinion was closely divided on the new hotel and casino complex to be built in Ladner, with 42.2 per cent 'strongly' or 'moderately' in support and 46.2 per cent 'strongly' or 'moderately' opposed. Another 11.4 per cent had no opinion.

7.) Interestingly, the results grew closer when respondents were informed that the hotel and casino project was expected to create up to 700 new jobs and annually deliver as much as \$3.0 million into the City of Delta's coffers. About three-quarters of respondents – 77.2 per cent – said the information had not changed their opinion, but it was a decisive factor for 9.8 per cent who declared they now supported the project.

8.) A slight majority of respondents – 53.8 per cent – described the health-care services available in Delta as 'good,' and 26.6 per cent said they were 'average.' A surprising number of respondents – 12.0 per cent – described the local Health services as 'poor' and 6.0 per cent claimed they were 'awful.' Ouch!

9.) As is the case nearly everywhere today in the modern world, the ways in which Delta residents consume the news are changing. Nearly half of respondents – 44.0 per cent – read an on-line newspaper on a daily basis, while another 29.4 per cent do so occasionally.

10.) When it comes to watching television-news programs, more than half of respondents – 52.2 per cent – said Global TV was their favourite. CTV News and CBC TV News trailed with 14.1 per cent and 13.6 per cent respectively.

Team Delta extends a sincere 'Thank You' to all of those who took the time to participate in the survey.