

*Sylvia*  
**BISHOP**  
and **TEAM DELTA**

**Sylvia Bishop announces 'Action Plan for Ethical Local Government'**

*"It's a matter of trust," Bishop says of new guidelines for both elected and unelected officials*

September 25, 2018 - Delta, B.C. – Two-term Delta Councillor Sylvia Bishop announced today that should she win election as Delta's next Mayor in October she will immediately appoint a special *ad hoc* Mayor's Standing Committee on Ethical Local Government.

The new committee will be charged with researching and drafting appropriate and effective guidelines to ensure the highest-possible ethical conduct by both elected and senior un-elected officials at Delta's City Hall.

"I announced on July 5 that my election-campaign team would abide by our own Code of Ethical Conduct," said Bishop.

"I was pleasantly surprised that our leadership on the issue generated a very positive public response – and in light of recent events I believe the time is right to make an additional commitment to ensure that ethical standards will be upheld by those who both serve and work at the highest levels at Delta's City Hall."

Those recent events are centred on a controversial composting facility in Ladner, and the actions of a former City of Delta senior official who acted without authority to prevent public consultation on an air quality permit.

"It's simply a matter of trust," Bishop said. She added that the special *ad hoc* committee would be appointed shortly after the inaugural meeting – on November 5, 2018 – of the new Council to be elected on October 20.

The special committee's term would be for four months, until early March 2019, at which time its final report would be drafted into new by-laws to be considered and enacted by Delta's City Council.

"Such bylaws are fairly common in municipalities across Canada," said Bishop, "and in recent years the Union of B.C. Municipalities has produced a number of policy papers on the topic.

"My sense is that the time for leadership on this issue has arrived in Delta, and to that end I pledge that Council and senior staff soon will have an 'Ethical Local Government Bylaw' which will govern and guide the conduct of everyone in whom Delta residents have placed their trust."

Running with Bishop on the Team Delta slate are veteran Delta councillor Robert Campbell, and political newcomers Dr. Joan Hansen, Kim Kendall and Simran Walia.

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