

2026 Platform Synopsis

“We’re about to become British Columbia’s largest city, and the first to reach one million residents. That kind of growth needs to be managed by a city council that makes Surrey safe, treats taxpayers with respect, builds a stronger local economy, and ensures infrastructure keeps pace right across our city. Our team is ready to go to work for you and your family, and with your support we’ll always put Surrey First.”

Linda Annis

Surrey First Candidate for Mayor

Six Commitments to Our Community

- Safer Neighbourhoods
- Jobs and Business Opportunities Close to Home
- Infrastructure that Keeps Pace
- A City Hall that Works
- Responsible Spending and Accountability
- A More Livable Surrey

Safer Neighbourhoods

- Complete the police transition which is now in year 8
- 300 new police officers over four years
- Open a police training centre to recruit and train faster
- 24/7 real time access to 600 city traffic cameras
- 600 new police security cameras
- 40 new fire fighters every year
- 25 new bylaw officers every year
- Build an emergency services training centre for our firefighters

Jobs and Business Opportunities Close to Home

- Grow our local economy
- Create Surrey jobs that reduce commuting to other cities
- Build our business tax base to ease residential tax burden
- Be the most business friendly and competitive city in the region
- Reduce city hall red tape and wait times
- No commercial or business tax increases in 2027
- 5-day approvals for routine licenses
- Never sell city, use long-term leases to benefit Surrey’s growth

Focus economy on six priority sectors

- Manufacturing
- Tech and Future Industries
- Agribusiness and Food Processing
- Business and Professional Services
- Transportation and Logistics
- Building components and construction support

City Centre

- Use P3 (Public Private Partnerships)
- Lease city lands as Surrey's contribution
- 1000-Delegate Surrey Conference Centre
- 2000-Seat Surrey Performing Arts Centre
- Better economic payback than 10,000-seat arena for jr hockey team with 4000 fans
- Concerts and hockey games last 3 hours, conferences last 3 days
- Every delegate worth more than \$1000 to city economy

Cloverdale Fair Grounds and Downtown Cloverdale

- Waiting for a plan since 1938
- Most unique 100-acre opportunity in BC
- 150,000 sq ft Cloverdale Trade and Exhibition Centre
- Multi-Sport Event Centre with 50 m Competition Pool
- Move Cloverdale Curling Rink to New Home, Cloverdale Ice Complex
- Move Vintage Truck Museum to New Home, Surrey Museum
- Provide compatible commercial and hospitality space on 176 St border
- Encourage Elements Casino to add hotel, banquet and meeting space
- Theme Downtown Cloverdale (Fort Langley, District 1881 Chilliwack)
- Cloverdale and Fairgrounds, a truly regional destination

Infrastructure that Keeps Pace

- Match infrastructure to growth, at the start of every development plan or proposal
- Identify top 50 city intersections that need immediate improvement
- Double pace of sidewalk construction
- Buses that are not needed when Broadway Line and Surrey-Langley open come to Surrey
- Real truck parking solutions, we're short more than 2000 spaces, need access to provincial, city and Hydro right of way lands
- Agriculture infrastructure, drainage and ditches, to help triple agricultural sector

A City Hall that Works

- Measurable customer service standards
- Amazon-style tracking for permits, applications, inspections, and other city transactions
- Pilot longer service counter opening hours, 7 am to 7 pm, three days a week
- Public question period at every city council meeting
- Mandate letters (like provincial and federal ministers) assigning responsibility to councillors for specific city services
- Surrey Info Line, 311, like City Vancouver (500,000 calls annually)

Responsible Spending and Accountability

- Stop treating taxpayers like ATMs
- Modernization review, looking for savings and efficiencies in \$2 billion budget
- No residential or business property tax increase in 2027
- No more disguising tax increases as fees and levies
- Hire independent Auditor General (McCallum and Locke opposed), hold council and staff accountable, ensure transparency and value for money
- Create annual capital project and plan report card, status of what's planned and being built
- Reform city hall procurement, value for money but source in Surrey before sourcing in the States

A More Livable City

- Our strength is our neighbourhoods
- Free access to city rinks, pools, gyms and community centres for 160,000 Surrey kids and 120,000 Surrey seniors
- 20-year recreation capital plan with one new project every 16 months, starting with Newton Indoor Sports Centre, Newton Athletic Park
- More local parks, pools, rinks and playing fields, not a 10,000-seat arena billed to taxpayers
- Teach every child in Surrey to swim by age 10 -- 60,000 kids over four years
- 200 new park benches and covered picnic tables for seniors and elders in 20 months, lighting and washroom upgrades over two years
- Negotiate more access to school fields and gyms with Surrey School Board
- Launch Surrey Festival of the Arts in 2027