



## Meet Our 2022 Candidates

### Mayoral Candidates



**Leonard Casley**

Mayoral Incumbant

Leonard is a long standing member of the New Denver and area community. He is extremely passionate about all areas of local healthcare including pre-hospital emergency care.

For the past 34 years he has played a key role in Fire Service and Search and Rescue teams. Leonard is proud of the 23 years he served as the Chief of the New Denver and area Fire Department which he resigned from in 2018 in order to stand successfully for election as New Denver Mayor.

In 2003 as a member of New Denver Council Leonard played a leading role in the team that worked successfully to save the Slocan Lake Community Health Centre when IHA moved to close the facility.

Since 2018 Leonard has enjoyed his term as New Denver Mayor and would like to compliment Council and Village staff for their hard work and job well done in accomplishing much.



**Heather Fox**

Mayoral Candidate

My name is Heather Fox. I am running for the position of New Denver Mayor. I was a member of council from 2011 to 2018. Those years taught me the importance of good governance. If elected, I will bring back openness, collaboration, and respect to the council chamber.

I am also a hobby gardener to remind myself that without a strong regional food system our area's food security is at risk.

I am a small business owner who recognizes the potential to build a thriving community by connecting New Denver to the CBBC fibre optic backbone.

I have aging parents and fully support initiatives to strengthen our rural health system by working together with the BC Rural Health Network.

I see the issues facing people who can't find housing and will consider any initiatives that focus on increasing available housing.

October 15th, is voting day. See you at the polls.

### Council Candidates



**Colin Moss**

Council Incumbant

My wife Janice and I moved to New Denver from the Okanagan 15 years ago. Janice found work at the local health centre and we also started a property management and yard care business which is ongoing.

Over the years I have served on numerous local boards and committees including the historical society, chamber of commerce, hospice society and have served as a hospice volunteer. I shared the New Denver Good Citizen of the Year award in 2012. I am presently New Denver's representative on the board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay and am also the Vice President of the BC Rural Health Network ([www.bcruralhealth.org](http://www.bcruralhealth.org)).

For the past four years it has been a pleasure being part of a true working council. We have accomplished much and I would like to be part of the next council where we can continue on the path established by present council.



**Danika Hammond**

Council Candidate

This municipal election I am running for Village Councillor to bring a new voice to local politics. Representing the next generation, I will work to build partnerships for our community, I will advocate for our assets and services, and I will stand up for equity and transparency. Born and raised in New Denver, I have made meaningful contributions to the local Housing Society, Cowork Society, Youth Centre, Rec Commission 6 and Valhalla Fine Arts. I have a B.A. in Political Science and Indigenous Studies and I am currently doing my Masters in Rural Development and Community Planning. Over the past few years, I have worked for several provincial Cabinet Ministers and as a regional political organizer within BC. If elected, I will bring my fierce loyalty and commitment to strengthening and revitalizing our community with a vision to build an inclusive future together.



**Casey Law**

Council Candidate

I am putting my name forward for candidacy as councilor in this coming October 15th municipal election. I offer myself in service to the community, by thinking about our past, present, and future, while coalescing these times into intentional planning and actioning of sound resolute policies. My 15 years experience in emergency services has allowed me to understand and provide care to those in need. I intend to work deliberately and tirelessly to retain and improve the health and safety of our community. Having experienced being part of running a family business for 30 years, I look to progressive ideas to continue to build upon the vibrancy of a local economy. The beauty and continuity of the environment around us is its own medicine, to which I hope to sustain and preserve for future generations. Clear, open communication will be of great importance if elected to serve as councilor.



**Vern Gustafson**

Council Incumbant

My wife Janice and I are both children of New Denver, born to pioneer families of the Slocan Valley. I am a graduate of the Forest Resources Technology program at Selkirk College. A three-month job in Golden at graduation turned into 30+ years. Our two children were raised and educated there. A number of years ago we had the desire to return home to be closer to our parents and siblings. We built and operated New Market Foods for ten years and have since sold the business and retired.

The past four years serving with a progressive council and dedicated, talented staff has been a pleasure. We as a group recognized early in our term the limitations of how a small village functioned, so we choose a path to give our residents more than basic taxation can provide. I am running again to help see those projects completed and help plan for the village's future needs.



**John Fyke**

Council Incumbant

In 2011 I moved to New Denver with my partner Colleen. I have served on the Board of the Kohan Garden and Healthy Community Societies and was honoured with Citizen of the Year in 2015. After being elected to council in 2018, I served on the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission, RDCK Board, and Poverty Reduction Plan.

My 2018 goals were to collaborate with BC Housing to initiate Affordable Housing, develop Fibre Optic connectivity, to enhance the Village Website and to advance an Official Community Plan that reflects current and future needs. The first 3 are progressing well because of productive collaboration with the Village and partners like CBT, BC Gov't, ND Housing Society, and an outstanding commitment by Village Staff. Council accomplishments are outlined in the recent Community Update and I'm running again to develop an OCP and innovative housing development necessary for a vibrant and sustainable community.

### How to Vote

Advanced voting **October 5 8am-8pm Council Chambers**  
 Election day **October 15 8am-8pm Knox Hall**