



POWELL RIVER

Voices

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Powell River Voices engages local citizens in creative conversations and action on issues affecting our community. We have a long-term vision of Powell River as a resilient community where the values of transparency, sustainability, and broad citizen participation prevail in civic governance.

*The issues making up the voting record and the values used to judge councillors' votes were chosen based on P.R. Voices Community Values Survey. We conducted [550 surveys](#) over four months. The survey itself was based on values identified in the city's Sustainability Charter and sample interviews with citizens.*

**These values direct our work:**

- Genuine public engagement reflected in local government decisions.
- Fair taxes based on the principle of ability to pay.
- Public support of local agriculture aimed at food security.
- Keeping local services firmly in public hands and public control.
- Community commitment to culture and the arts.
- Diversification of the economy to achieve long term resiliency and youth retention.
- Economic development that protects health and the environment.
- A high priority on conservation, waste reduction and addressing climate change.



**WHAT ABOUT THE NEW CANDIDATES?**

Please visit PR Voices website at: [prvoices.org](http://prvoices.org) to view the new candidates' answers to a questionnaire based on the issues featured in the voting record. The questionnaire gave new candidates the opportunity to say how they likely would have voted on some of these critical issues.

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POWELL RIVER CITY COUNCIL

Voting Record

	RUSSEL BREWER RB	DEBBIE DEE DD	MAGGIE HATHAWAY MH	MYRNA LEISHMAN ML	JIM PALM JP	DAVE FORMOSA DF
Build a stand-alone public sewage treatment facility. <sup>1</sup>	+	-	-	-	-	-
Reduce the \$2.5 million tax break to Catalyst by \$750,000. <sup>2</sup>	+	-	+	-	-	-
Open the strategic planning meeting to the public (not in camera). <sup>3</sup>	+		-	-	-	-
Demand environmental and health assessments for Texada coal expansion.	+	+	+	+	-	-
Reject the establishment of a garbage incineration plant in Powell River.	+	+	-	+	+	+
Implement a communication strategy and town hall meeting prior to co-treatment submission to the Ministry of Environment.	+	-	-	-	-	-
Back UBCM resolution supporting home energy labelling. <sup>4</sup>	+	-	+	+	-	-
Oppose the Northern Gateway pipeline project.	+	+	+	+	+	+
Investigate building a run of the river power facility on Freda Creek.	-	+	+	+	+	+
Join the national Blue Communities Project. <sup>5</sup>	+	-	+	+	-	
Remove Section 21 exempting Catalyst from zoning. <sup>6</sup>	+	-	+	-	-	
Provide a \$1000 grant to PRISMA.	+	+		+	-	+

**FOOTNOTES** NOTE: Councillor Chris McNaughton's votes have not been included as he is not running for re-election.

1. Myrna Leishman in 2012 voted in favour of a stand-alone public plant but voted in favour of co-treatment in subsequent votes.
2. The original Catalyst tax cut in 2009 was \$2.5 million. The motion to reduce it by \$750,000 was defeated. A follow-up motion reduced it by \$500,000.
3. Councillor Russell Brewer moved against in camera 8 times. His motions were defeated every time.
4. Home energy labelling would provide residential home owners with energy assessment and EnerGuide labelling to facilitate building energy efficient homes.
5. The Blue Communities project calls on communities to recognize water as a human right, promote public water and wastewater services and ban the sale of bottled water in public places.
6. Section 21 of the Powell River Incorporation Act, provides a zoning exemption for Catalyst lands and states that "No by-law or other law or regulation..." will restrict any industrial activity Catalyst undertakes.

Votes aligned with PRvoices values.

NOT aligned with PRvoices values.

Absent.

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Vote for the motion.

Vote against the motion.