

**Remarks by DONNA SHUGAR to All Candidates Meeting (Roberts Creek Director)  
Seaside Centre, Sechelt  
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Good evening and thank you for coming

First, I would like to recognize the Sechelt Nation whose territory we are meeting on and also the Coast Reporter for making this event possible and Coast Cable for enabling everyone on the Sunshine coast to share in it.

As I have talked to people in Roberts Creek through this election campaign I have heard a number of comments that mean a great deal to me:

Comments like:

We have had our differences over the years, but you consider all sides before you make a decision.

You do your homework, you research the facts and you understand the issues

You really know what the Regional District is responsible for and what is not in your jurisdiction.

You are interested in and knowledgeable about a big range of issues, not just a few.

That is the kind of Director I strive to be.

In the last 6 years I have learned that it takes a good listener to work effectively around the negotiating table.

I have learned that our environment, our economy, our social and our cultural needs are intertwined and they must be in balance to support each other and remain healthy.

I have learned that our common ground is that we all want a world that is as good for our children's children as it has been for us, but that infinite growth on a finite planet is not an option.

Through thoughtful planning, building an atmosphere of collaborative problem solving, and developing meaningful public engagement processes, I will continue to work on a number of things:

Protection of drinking water, biodiversity and agricultural land

Ensuring there is housing that working people and young families can afford.

Enhancing a vibrant local economy based on small scale, low footprint enterprises.

Programs that support youth.

Outdoor recreation

Better transit and safer bike lanes.

Improved recycling services

I am excited about the work ahead. I believe that I have the knowledge, the experience and the skills to move forward with our shared agenda to make this community livable and sustainable not only for us but for future generations.