

***Voice New Westminster***

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**Voice New Westminster city council candidates release campaign donation amounts**

**New Westminster, BC** -- Voice New Westminster city council candidates have released information about the campaign contributions they have received during the current municipal election.

As with the Voice school trustee candidates, the campaigns of the Voice New Westminster city council candidates have primarily been funded by the Voice city council candidates themselves with their own money.

Voice city council candidate John Ashdown reports \$700 in miscellaneous donations to his election campaign, with two donations of \$200 coming from businesses and two donations of \$50 coming from individuals. The balance was donated by Ashdown himself or from his company. Ashdown also held a fundraising event which raised \$925 and received \$50 in in-kind donations.

Voice city council candidate Susan Wandell received \$130 in small donations from three individuals (two donations of \$50 and one donation of \$30) along with a \$60 and a \$100 donation from two other individuals for a total of \$290. Wandell also raised \$1,137.50 from a fundraising event and received a \$25 in-kind donation for photos.

Voice city council candidate David Noshad received six \$30 donations and eight \$5 donations from people who attended his "Burma Shave" event at 6th and 6th plus a \$100 donation from another individual for a total of \$345. Noshad also received a \$25 in-kind donation for a campaign photo,

Voice city council candidate Gavin Palmer received contributions from family and friends totalling \$900 (\$700 from family and \$200 from friends), with an additional \$435 raised through a fundraising event and silent auction. Palmer also received approximately \$400 in in-kind contributions and an additional \$1,500 in donations from businesses.

The balance of each Voice candidates individual election expenses will be paid by the candidates themselves with their own funds.

Voice New Westminster and its candidates value transparency and openness in public affairs and this disclosure is in accordance with those values.

To the best of our knowledge, Voice candidates are the only candidates in a New Westminster civic election to have taken the step of releasing information about their campaign contributions prior to election day.

Please note that Voice New Westminster as an organization has not sought or received campaign contributions during this election campaign and the balance of individual campaign costs will be borne by individual candidates themselves.

Voice New Westminster is a broadly-based, non-partisan civic electors organization comprised of city residents who share common concerns about the future of our community, its neighbourhoods, its sustainability, and the integrity and transparency of public processes carried out by local government bodies.

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