

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION Candidate Profile Guide



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Introduction

To assist voters in finding information about Victoria's candidates and to make informed choices in the 2014 Municipal Election, the City has for the first time produced an online Candidate Profile Guide.

All candidates for Mayor and Councillor positions were given the opportunity to submit a brief Candidate Profile and photograph to let voters know about themselves and their platforms.

The view and opinions expressed in the profile statements are those of the candidates and do not reflect the position of the City of Victoria.

The profiles have not been edited in any way.

Stephen Andrew

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As a TV and radio journalist I always asked tough questions. I got answers. Answers are hard to come by with the current mayor. I will change that. As Mayor I will lead an open and transparent government.

I will stand up for Victoria. I live here and pay my taxes here. I love this city.

I will ensure we get a new Johnson Street Bridge that is managed properly, respecting the taxpayer. I know it's your money. I won't waste it.

We need to promote a healthy economy to provide decent jobs with a future, so that our kids don't have to move away from Victoria to work.

We need a healthy downtown with a welcoming atmosphere - clean of graffiti.

And we need to bring a new balanced approach to governance, no secret meetings, no pet projects.

Let's put people above politics. Help me take back City Hall.





Changes the Clown

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British Columbia has the highest rate of child poverty among Canadian provinces and astonishingly, this has been the case for 9 of the last 10 years. Changes the Clown believes that, as the capital city of the province with the perennially highest rate of child poverty in the country and in view of the provincial government's complete abdication of its responsibility, the City of Victoria should demonstrate how this unacknowledged social crisis can be addressed at the municipal level, despite the fact that the crisis of child poverty formally falls under provincial and not municipal jurisdiction. Victoria needs (1) an affordable childcare program like the one recently undertaken by the City of Vancouver, and (2) a living wage policy similar to the one that has been in place in the City of New Westminster since 2010. Changes wants to get people talking about ideas like these during the election campaign.

Ida Chong

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Ida Chong was born and raised in Greater Victoria. In 1981 she received the Certified General Accountants (CGA) designation and in 1985, she along with a childhood friend formed the first all female accounting partnership (Kesteloo and Chong, CGAs) in the Victoria area.

In 1993, Ida entered public life for the first time as a municipal councillor for the District of Saanich and in 1996, Ida was elected as MLA for the province of BC and made history by becoming the first Canadian-born person of Chinese heritage ever elected.

Ida Chong served as MLA for seventeen years (1996-2013) and took on many leadership roles serving on and chairing a variety of committees and held ten different ministerial portfolios. In addition to her cabinet roles, Ida also served on the Cabinet Committee for Climate Action, the Legislative Review Committee, and twelve consecutive years (2001-2013), on Treasury Board.





Dean Fortin

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As Mayor, a community advocate, a volunteer, and a father, Dean works tirelessly to bring people together to get things done for Victoria.

Dean was elected the 51st Mayor of Victoria in 2008, and was re-elected in 2011.

As Mayor, Dean has led the development of over 600 units of affordable and supportive housing, grown our downtown population six-fold through smart and sustainable development, and advanced a green transportation strategy that meets the needs of a growing region, while bringing in the lowest overall tax increase in 14 years.

Dean lives in the Oaklands neighbourhood of Victoria with his wife and two daughters. He is a committed commuter cyclist and a volunteer basketball coach.

Today, Victoria is a more dynamic and vibrant city than it was only a few years ago. Dean is committed to moving forward, together, for a prosperous, liveable, progressive and green Victoria.

Riga Godron

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Dear Victorians,

Vote for R. Godron as your 52nd mayor because you know me and what I can do for Victoria.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME ...

In school district 41 the other parents referred to me as Riga Nason at Maywood early literacy centre.

In school district 75 the other parents called me Anastasia Nirvana Ace at Mission Central and Dewdney elementary schools.

In school district 39 the other parents at Moberly elementary pronounced my name as Amber Alexis Anderson.

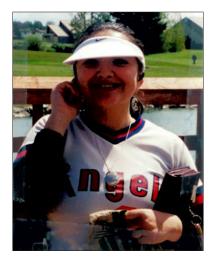
Even though my son did not officially attend John Muir I registered him with school district 62 using my birth name of Rigaberta Jeremiah Fidelia Godron.

I can do great things for Victoria:

As the next mayor of Victoria I will protect her interests as only a mother can.

I love this city.

If you love our Victoria. Vote for R.Godron.





Lisa Helps

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Lisa Helps has the vision, experience and ability to lead Victoria into the 21stcentury. An effective community builder in Victoria for nearly two decades, Lisa has fostered successful local business development, affordable housing, and open democracy initiatives in our community. She is a passionate advocate of sustainable urban development.

As a city councillor, Lisa has worked tirelessly for transparency and accountability. She voted against the Johnson Street Bridge project precisely because it posed great financial risk to tax payers. Lisa understands the problems facing Victoria and knows that City Hall can do better.

With bold leadership and a clear action plan, Lisa is committed to changing the culture at City Hall to ensure smarter management of tax dollars and project management – a City Hall that works for you.

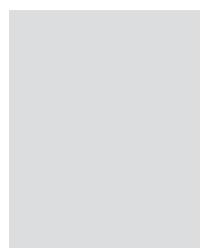
As mayor, Lisa will create leading partnerships with citizens, organizations and neighbouring communities creating sustainable prosperity for our growing and changing city.

Jason Ross

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My name is Jason Ross, and I am an independent candidate running for Mayor of Victoria. My background is in Information Technology and I have many ideas on how to use technology to increase transparency at City Hall and improve public engagement across all areas of city business. I have studied local government over the last few years, which has included video recording and web-publishing council meetings at Victoria City Hall, as well as other municipalities around the region. In that time, I have learned a great deal about how local government works and this has allowed me to assemble a large list of innovative ideas that can transform Victoria into a city built for the future. I also believe in citizen-driven government, and I want to use the 24/7 nature of the Internet to build ongoing conversations that encourage cooperation and build consensus about difficult issues.





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Marianne Alto

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Being a city councillor is about balance and leadership. It's keeping your word, and seizing opportunities.

That's what I've done in my four years in local elected office.

With four more years, I'll work to make Victoria more affordable by limiting property tax increases to the annual inflation rate plus 1%, and investing to create more jobs and housing.

I'll take care of infrastructure by renewing and resourcing Victoria's 20 year Capital Plan.

I'll stimulate business growth and social development by revitalizing Douglas Street, investing in arts and culture, and enhancing health services for vulnerable Victorians.

I'll strengthen neighbourhoods by accelerating local transportation and land use plans.

It's an ambitious agenda.

The first step is yours.

On November 15th, get out and vote.

Vote for proven, balanced leadership.

Re-elect Marianne Alto to Victoria City Council.

Visit mariannealto.ca to find out what I've done, and what more I'll do. Thank you!



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Jonathan Carroll

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Hi, I'm Jonathan Carroll and I want to represent you on city council. I'm a student of commerce and political science, with years of work experience both managing a business in our downtown core, and working in construction all over B.C. My initial goal in running was to prove that big budgets don't make good campaigns, and that passion and drive can let anyone, of any age or background engineer positive change in their community. I want to inspire people young and old to take an active role in shaping their futures. If elected I will take focus on revitalising and expanding the economy of Victoria and promoting the sustainable growth of the city. I am prepared to set aside my studies and every other aspect of my to make this city as great as it can be, and I will devote 100% of my available time to that goal.





Christopher Mark Coleman

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During my forty years as a Victoria resident, I've been fortunate to work with some very strong groups seeking community-based solutions to local concerns. In this work, I've been recognised as a voice of reason and balance. Over the next four years, I commit to bring this perspective to initiatives that:

- create more affordable housing solutions for young families entering the housing market,... for our seniors ...& for our homeless citizens
- provide safer streets, because no citizen should be afraid in their own City
- promote the economic growth of Victoria in "Arts & Culture", "Sports & Recreation", "High-Tech" and "Tourism"
- address all facets of the Infrastructure Deficit
- increase density in Downtown, supporting greater residential capacity and economic vibrancy
- slow the increase of the tax burden, borne by all taxpayers
- stress greater regional co-operation, or amalgamation

For more information please see Chris' website at:

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Thank you.

Steve Filipovic

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Tooting my horn is a bit difficult, I prefer to focus on issues like Accountability and Affordability, issues I have raised consistently in our local arena of politics. Beside being a Small Business Owner, I am a community advocate working with Issue Based Organizations in Victoria. I have sat on many boards, my greatest contribution has been 22 years of working with the Earth Walk Committee. In Partnership with VIDEA Victoria International Development Education Association we organize an annual event, the Earth Walk which involves a participatory parade & an environmental fair that show cases roughly 40 different cause oriented non-profit groups that are championing the various issues we all face both locally and globally. This has given me an understanding of the issues we face and helped me win a past endorsement From Monday Magazine! I'm building a Coalition for Accountability and Affordability! Join in soon! Democracy is Calling!





Hilary Groos

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Victoria City Council needs an infusion of new people who bring different experiences and fresh perspectives required to make the necessary decisions. Decisions that are vital for leading the City of Victoria forward. I will do this. I will listen. I will take those tough decisions, making Victoria once again a city where people can afford to live, where businesses can thrive in our downtown core, where our city is fiscally responsible. I am a fourth-generation Victorian and I give back to my community. My international professional career involving strategy, governance, administration, due diligence -- apply to Victoria City Hall. My record of community volunteering, directorships on non-profit boards throughout Victoria speak to my appreciation of the issues in our community. My experience, knowledge and understanding are what I bring to City Council to help lead us through the 21st Century.

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Ian Hoar

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I've spent most of my life here, about 28 of my 33 years. I'm proud to be a downtown resident now, and I spend most days west of Government St. I'm currently employed as a software developer at a startup on Langley St. I've been doing that for 3 years. Before that I worked at CTV as a camera gatherer. I was able to get a good inside look at the local political scene by filming council meetings and extensively interviewing candidates in municipal, provincial and federal elections. When I left CTV I retrained as a programmer at Camosun College.

I come to politics out of my love for creative problem solving and a love for my neighbours. I have many connections with small business owners in Victoria and I really want to see them succeed. Some of my strongest friendships have been formed in the spaces that they've created.

Ben Isitt

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I was elected to City Council and the CRD in 2011 and have worked hard standing up for people and the planet in my role as an elected official. My track record includes: expanding regional and city parks and trails for walking and cycling; advocating for affordable housing and a fair deal for everyone; encouraging neighbourhoodappropriate development that respects Victoria's heritage; supporting community centres, seniors, libraries and the arts; and pursuing cost-effective public services with open, accountable local government. With your support, I want to continue advancing these policies in local government. I am committed to working with residents, neighbourhood associations, community organizations and colleagues at City Hall, the CRD and other levels of government to build a city and region with a high quality of life, sustainable infrastructure, healthy ecosystems and strong public services that leave no one behind. I welcome your questions and thank you for your support.





Erik Kaye

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I have lived in Victoria for 17 years, and have been active on city task forces and neighbourhood associations. I am running for Victoria City Council and CRD Director because I want to make Victoria an even better place to live for today's residents and future generations.

My three key commitments in this campaign include:

- Seeking public input on a 20-year infrastructure plan to preserve and improve public assets at an affordable cost.
- Create a comprehensive affordability strategy that helps families and businesses reduce costs, keeps taxes affordable and promotes access to public amenities for all.
- Ensure Victoria remains a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting alternative transportation modes and helping families and businesses reduce their energy consumption.

I have the skills and experience to be effective on Victoria City Council and the CRD Board. I ask for your support on November 15.

Jeremy Loveday

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I grew up in Victoria and I want to see the people of this city thrive. For years I have dedicated myself to providing platforms for youth to express themselves; working with others to establish and promote healthy, vibrant communities; and speaking out about important local issues.

The City of Victoria needs a Council that will work together to solve the tough problems we are facing. I have the experience and energy to be effective on Council and I'm excited to bring new ideas and leadership to City Hall.

I bring people together, I listen, I think critically, and I take action. There are some tough decisions that will need to be made in the next few years and I am excited to work hard to help build a more affordable, sustainable, and vibrant Victoria.

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Margaret Lucas

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Margaret has been an executive leader in the Tourism and Retail Industry for over 25 years.

In 2003, she deployed her visionary business plan and worked tirelessly to lead the transformation of the Hotel Douglas, to the Hotel Rialto. The Hotel Rialto now contributes to the appeal and allure of downtown Victoria and will do so for years to come.

Margaret cares deeply about her community, is not afraid to get involved and brings her strong business acumen and understanding of record as the person to whom difficult and unconventional projects and regional perspectives to her role on city council. She has a proven track negotiations are assigned and completed and is valued for her tireless work ethic and sage counsel.

Margaret has a passion for bringing challenging infrastructure projects from conception to completion. Margaret is the person you call when you want a job done — and done well.

John Luton

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John Luton served on Victoria City Council from 2008 to 2001, also sitting on the Victoria Regional Transit Commission and the Victoria Water Commission.

He has worked in the community as an advocate and consultant on transportation issues, has years of experience working for provincial cabinet ministers and MLAs, and spent years in Ottawa working on Parliament Hill. He was founder and partner in one of that city's most successful bicycle retail stores and developed a cycling tourism business, taking clients through the backroads of Jamaica and Latin America.

John attend went to high school and university in Victoria, earned his degree in Political Science. He works as a design consultant helping local engineering firms, local governments and developers plan better facilities for new transportation choices. He also works in sales at a local bike store.

John and his wife Suzan live in Fairfield and have two teenage children.





Gordon MacKinnon

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I have lived in Greater Victoria for over twenty years, and Fernwood since 2001. I have worked in mechanical design, and computer operations. In 1993 I started DataSure Services growing a global client base, and presented a tutorial at the1996 NASA/IEEE conference on Mass Storage Systems and Technology.

I was a volunteer with CJSR-FM at the U of A, on its Board of Directors (FACRA), and "The Friends of CSJR Society" its non profit fundraising entity, participating in content budget. policy and hiring meetings. I now volunteer with VEMA's Cyclist Response Team preparing for a catastrophic seismic event.

I look forward to participation in council and on the CRD board and the related boards, committees and community groups to listen, learn and provide strategic vision in the context of respectful debate. I am not dogmatically driven. We need the best of all for the best outcomes.

Pam Madoff

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As an experienced, energetic and inclusive councillor I've listened to you and acted upon your concerns and ideas. I've worked to develop forward-looking and sensible policies that serve the whole community, while balancing economic and social priorities. For me that is the measure of public service. I have advocated for the arts, good urban design, heritage building rehabilitation and the creation and retention of affordable housing. I worked to ensure the protection of greenspace at St. Ann's Academy and Cridge Park.

Council will face many challenges over the next four years and I would welcome the opportunity to continue bringing thoughtful, well-informed and inclusive decision making to the table. I love this city and, with your support, we can continue working together to ensure that our neighbourhoods remain strong and vital and that the decision- making process welcomes citizen participation.





Ryan Moen

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For the past 15 years I have lived in Victoria. I have become a commuter cyclist to and from my local Massage Therapy practise, and get out and enjoy the beautiful city of Victoria, often with my dog Kiro by my side.

This is my Home. Sadly I have seen many of my close friends and family have to pick up and leave due to the high cost of living. I'm here to help put and end to this!

I bring a modern and common sense approach to keeping our city and economy strong for future generations ahead. I plan to raise the median wage through supporting a growing IT sector, adopt proven civic programs such as Nanaimo's e-town hall to increase engagement in council decisions, and invest in sustainable infrastructure.

Together we can build a family friendly city with long term goals of a safe, affordable and strong community.

Sean Murray

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Goals:

1) Create a strong, healthy, diverse local economy.

2) Enhance peace, order, and good government.

3) Work for a clean, green environment.

About me, I believe that it is the job of a good politician to keep the various factions of society at least somewhat united. I feel that economics and ecology can work together. For example people used to hunt whales for a living, now we watch them for a living. I have two years university covering a wide spectrum of subjects. I am a well rounded man and believe that I can offer Victoria a lot. Vote Murray! No photograph provided



Jeffrey Olafson

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I am a 4th year Anthropology and Geography student, who is often disenfranchised by municipal politics. We need to focus on sustainable development and proper infrastructure maintenance, and increase affordable living. We need to decrease urban sprawl, and instead focus on developing community green spaces, and better bicycle infrastructure. I advocate for the homeless population in Victoria as we need to create more low-income housing, better access to shelters and mental health programs, and safeconsumption sites. Development should not be for development's sake, but rather for facilitating community. We need to foster the arts in Victoria; this city has little in the way of employment, especially to the youth, but our greatest resource is arts and culture. I oppose amalgamation as it would create a mega city, destroying the character of Victoria, and alienating the composite communities, each with their own character. We need great transparency in city hall.

Andrew J. Reeve

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It's time for the next generation to have a seat at our city council. I am running to own the issues facing our future, and begin to respond to the issues my generation was raised being told are our responsibility. We can no longer be the "leaders of tomorrow," we must be the leaders of today, because the issues will not wait. Victoria needs city councillors invested in the future, and I will be living here half a century from now dealing with the long term consequences of every decision city council makes today. We must invest in infrastructure, focus on fiscal responsibility, revitalize the downtown core, and ensure openness & transparency in all local government decisions. Let me represent you on Victoria City Council, and together we can serve the present and build a prosperous future for our beautiful city for generations to come.





Paul Servos

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As a councillor I will contribute to decisions that:

CREATE an environment for established and new local businesses to thrive.

ENCOURAGE council to focus on the core municipal responsibilities of infrastructure renewal and community development.

COLLABORATE with other levels of government to address Victoria's disproportionate burden for the region's social service challenges.

RESPOND to community engagement with a balanced consideration of special-interest-group input.

RESPECT that these are the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

FOCUS on economic development efforts that are based on our natural advantages of the harbour, the Capital City, and the regionally growing technology, marine, and education sectors.

Business and community experience to make a difference at City Hall!

Owner/Manager: The Flag Shop – Victoria (Fort Street)

Past General Manager/CEO: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

Twenty years management experience in the public recreation sector

Founding & active member: Fort Street Business Association

FACEBOOK Paul Servos for Councillor

Justin Stephenson

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With 30 years in business and community service I will bring a unique blend of skills to municipal government. Using our tax dollars wisely is key to building a resilient community and replacing our ageing infrastructure.

Platform:

- Accountability
- Budget sense and fiscal responsibility
- Community Building

My professional background is science and international business in health sciences and related technology, leading teams of highly skilled people with responsibility for multi-million dollar budgets.

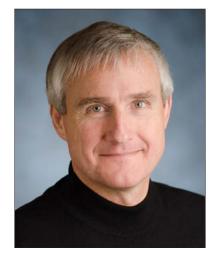
Community Service includes:

- Vancouver Island Community Investment Cooperative, Chair
- Victoria Foundation, Community Advisor
- Canadian Cancer Society, Board Director
- Inspire Health Integrative Cancer Care, Board
 Director
- Galiano Foundation, Founder and Trustee
- Conflict Resolution and Mediation experience

Priorities:

- Finance and Audit Standing Committee of Council, fewer in-camera meetings
- Local and multilevel government cooperation to address the homeless issue, emphasis on the young
- Business-friendly City Hall
- Strategic amalgamation between municipalities with demonstrable efficiencies

Tertiary sewage treatment in several locations





Douglas Stewart

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Sorry to break it to you folks...the biggest issue in this election is neither the bridge nor the sewer it's the immigration system!

Having saturated Toronto and Vancouver with immigrants, and refusing to admit that far too many newcomers are allowed into the country each year, the government is now intent on dumping the surplus in smaller cities such as Victoria. It should be a scandal, except for the fact that this city doesn't have a single journalist with the guts to investigate the matter.

Vancouver Island is a special place. Don't let the powers that be turn it into the Lower Mainland.

Victorians need to lead the fight to preserve and protect this city, this island, this country.

My goal is to cut Canada's immigration rate in half.

It all starts here.

Say "enough is enough" on election day. VOTE STEWART

Charlayne Thornton-Joe

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Charlayne Thornton-Joe is a 3rd generation Victorian. She has a passion for serving people and has held board positions on the Women's Transition House, Inter-Cultural Association, the Lion's Society for Children with Disabilities and the Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club.....to name a few. For her contributions she has been the recipient of the Y Woman of Distinction, the Honourary Citizen of Victoria and the Victoria Leadership Award. Since becoming on Council, she is most known for her work on the issue of homelessness having served on the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and the initiator of what is now known as the Extreme Weather Protocol. She has also been the lead organizer with Canada Day Celebrations and initiated the idea behind the popular Living Flag. Charlayne is also recognized for her work on animal welfare issues. Charlayne believes in making balanced decisions with an independent mind.





Geoff Young

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Geoff Young earned a B.A. at UBC and a Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard. He has lectured in economics at the University of Victoria and the University of Alberta, and has worked for the British Columbia Ministry of Finance, where he provided budget evaluation and advised on proposed expenditure programs and capital projects.

Geoff is a partner in Discovery Economic Consulting. He has appeared many times in B.C. courts as an expert witness in economics.

Geoff now serves on the Capital Region board. He has served on a number of local boards and commissions, including the Water District Board, the Airport board and the Library Board. He has also served on the British Columbia Financial Institutions Commission.

If re-elected, Geoff intends to continue to advocate for moderation in City spending for both capital and operations. He supports growth in our urban centers and preservation of Victoria's stable residential neighbourhoods.



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