

Kim Richter's Community Service

Kim has been an active volunteer in Langley since 1986.
Her volunteer service to the community includes:

- **Trustee** - Langley Memorial Hospital
- **Trustee** - LMH Representative - Langley Hospice Society
- **Vice-President** - Langley Committee for Quality Health Care
- **Langley Representative** - South Fraser Valley Health Council
- **Chair** - Langley's Governance [Health Care] Steering Committee
- **Langley's Representative** - Boundary Regional [Health Care] Steering Committee
- **Chair** - Langley's Community Health Council
- **Chair** - South Fraser Valley Regional Health Board
- **Director** - South Fraser Valley Regional Health Board
- **Guest Columnist** - Langley Advance News
- **President & Founding Director** - North Otter Association for the Performing Arts
- **Guest Host (People & Policies)** - Rogers Community Cable TV
- **Producer & Host (Food for Thought)** - Rogers Community Cable
- **Vice-President** - Langley Flippers Swim Club
- **Director** - Langley Family Services
- **Governor (Faculty Representative)** - Kwantlen University College
- **Langley Representative** - GVRD Waste Management Committee
- **Langley Representative** - CP Rail Advisory Panel
- **Member** - Township Tax Review Board
- **Team Manager** - U17 & U18 Langley Girl's Soccer

Kim Richter's Biography

Kim Richter is a Professor of Business Management at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and has served the community as a Langley Township Councillor for the past 9 years. She has a B.A., a B.Sc. and a Masters in Health Administration degree from the University of Ottawa. She was previously a health care management consultant and small business owner. Kim and her husband Bob celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children: Stafford (UVic), Sterling (Emily Carr) and Graecen (Kwantlen).

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RE-ELECT

Kim Richter

**Financial
Control**

**Sustainable
Development**

**Community
Safety**



**“On Your Side...
Making Every Dollar
Count”**

For Township of Langley Independent Councillor

Kim Richter's Issues

For the past several years, I have been, and I continue to be, very worried about the tax, spend and borrowing excesses of the existing Council slate.

As a Professor of Business Management, I know, as you do, that we are now facing a very uncertain economic future.

Now is not the time for continued “money-is-no-object” government spending practices.

Weekly ribbon-cuttings mean escalating Township operating costs which in turn mean escalating Township property taxes: a trend that has been far too evident during the current Council's tenure.

Township residents have faced a 25% increase in property taxes over the past 6 years with another 28% increase projected over the next 5 years.

From 2002 to 2008, Township operating revenues went from \$76 Million to \$133 Million – a 75% increase. At the same time, Township debt increased almost 300% from \$6.3 Million to \$24.7 Million.

Given what's happening with the economy, now is the time for a tight rein on spending. We need to live within our means. We need people on Council who don't waste tax dollars or take them for granted.

We must focus municipal spending on Langley's “bread-and-butter” priorities like better roads and safer communities, not on buying restaurants and golf courses. We have to make much better use of the tax dollars we have because every dollar counts.

I am on your side first and foremost. If you need someone to speak out on your behalf, I will do it. I will listen to you and help you.

I will continue to work hard to protect your interests and our community, and to make sure that Langley has affordable, sensible and well-thought out fiscal management, public safety, transportation, and development plans.

Thank you for the honor and the privilege of serving you as a Langley Township Councillor for the last 9 years. I respectfully ask for your vote and continued trust for the next 3 years.

Vote for Kim Richter on November 15, 2008

Kim Richter's Action Items

1. Financial Control

- Get Township spending under control
- Implement zero-based budgeting
- Limit tax increases to the Cost of Living index
- Review unnecessary capital expenses in the 10 year plan – free up monies and redirect them for investment in real community priorities such as roads, fire and police protection, water and sewer
- Ensure that Taxpayer's money is spent on infrastructure and programs that provide measurable results

2. Improved Community Safety

- Continue phased-in full time fire halls
- Attack grow-ops where it really hurts – in the pocket book
- Implement a public advisory Police Services Board with the mandate to review and report on improving community safety with a focus on results, not talk
- Improve the road network and develop youth and child friendly transportation options

3. Sustainable Development

- Make sure that all new development fully pays for itself
- Protect the Willoughby escarpment
- Plan for smart growth that is pedestrian, child, and age friendly
- Ensure there is more green space and wildlife corridors in new development areas
- Reduce clear-cutting by implementing a Tree Bylaw with teeth and changing the bonus density system
- Protect our ground water, streams and aquifers



Kim with her husband Bob and children Sterling, Graecen & Stafford