

Government & Elected Representatives

Connecting local realities with municipal and provincial decision-making.



Government representatives connect local experience with the municipal and provincial systems responsible for housing, health, income supports, land-use planning, infrastructure, and community funding.

Stephanie Higginson

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Ladysmith–Oceanside

Stephanie brings provincial representation and a direct connection to the policies, programs, and funding decisions affecting Oceanside. Her participation helps ensure that local concerns involving homelessness, housing, health care, affordability, transportation, and community services are communicated at the provincial level.

Through ongoing collaboration with residents, service providers, local governments, and community organizations, Stephanie helps connect frontline realities with the provincial systems responsible for creating long-term change. Her involvement strengthens local advocacy, supports communication between sectors, and helps advance practical, community-informed responses that reflect the needs of individuals and families throughout Ladysmith–Oceanside.

Stephanie's involvement also helps strengthen local advocacy by ensuring the experiences of individuals, families, and frontline organizations are represented in broader provincial conversations. By listening to community partners and remaining engaged with emerging priorities, she supports a coordinated approach to addressing service gaps and improving access to housing, health care, and essential supports throughout the region.

Learn more: www.leg.bc.ca/members/43rd-Parliament/Higginson-Stephanie

Sean Wood

Parksville City Councillor · Municipal Liaison to the Oceanside Homeless Task Force

Sean connects the Task Force with municipal government, bringing local-government knowledge to discussions involving shelter planning, housing, land use, zoning, budgets, public engagement, community safety, and the responsibilities shared across different levels of government. He has supported delegations, planning conversations, advocacy, and communication with Parksville Council, helping move local shelter and housing discussions forward.

Sean's involvement helps Task Force members better understand municipal processes while providing Council with clearer information about homelessness, housing instability, service gaps, and proposed community responses. He also co-hosts Nonpartisan Hacks, a podcast offering an accessible and often humorous look at municipal government, budgets, bylaws, civic engagement, advocacy, and public decision-making.

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Learn more: www.parksville.ca · www.nonpartisanhacks.com