

# Candidates for School Board

## City of North Vancouver

### Overview

Since 2007, Flicka Gymnastics Club has been diligently working within the city planning process for the redevelopment of the Harry Jerome Recreation Centre. Various representatives have met with the senior staff throughout that time to secure a home for gymnastics when the existing facility is knocked down.

Despite our best efforts, our club and the sport of gymnastics has been **excluded in plans for the new Harry Jerome Recreation Centre and funding for a facility elsewhere has been declined.**

### Call to Action

With this in mind, Flicka Gymnastics Club is asking parents, friends and alumni to vote for councillors, schools trustees and mayors who will support our inclusion in the new Harry Jerome and safeguard the future of gymnastics here on the north shore.

### Candidate Statements

Flicka Gymnastics Club asked all the candidates in the upcoming election to provide statements regarding their support for Flicka Gymnastics Club's inclusion in the new Harry Jerome Recreation Centre.

The following candidates for **TRUSTEE** for the **North Vancouver School Board (CITY)** have provided statements:

(In Alphabetical Order)

<b>Tasi Baker, Mary</b>	My daughter Sierra was in Flicka when she was 4 to 5 years old at the Harry Jerome Centre. Although she has now graduated with her Masters in Environmental Stewardship, this gave her a great foundation for later dance, movement and drama. She has won many contemporary dance awards, continues to do performance art, and is in demand for special skills on movie sets. I am fully supportive of Flicka having a permanent home in the new Harry Jerome Centre, and if elected would advocate for Flicka's inclusion with our stakeholder groups.
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<b>Higgins, Megan</b>	I am very concerned about the Flicka space issue. My 9-year-old daughter loves gymnastics and has been enrolled at Flicka for several years. I am well aware of the very large and increasing popularity of the Flicka programs. I am concerned about reports that the proposed future Mickey McDougall space is much smaller than the existing location at the current Harry Jerome. I support a reconsideration by the City regarding including space for Flicka in the new Harry Jerome facility.
<b>Kolstee, Julian</b>	Although school board will not be involved in the Harry Jerome development decision directly, I would support Flicka's appeal in my capacity as a school trustee.
<b>Pope, Catherine</b>	I support Flicka Gymnastics' inclusion in the new Harry Jerome Rec Complex. My daughter attended Flicka for years and it was a wonderful experience for her. The previous motion by the NV Rec Commission needs a fresh review and revision. I don't think Flicka should pay for the costs of the new build, however it seems fair that any organization that occupies part of a community centre on a permanent basis should pay for a share of the operating costs. Having said that, I'm well aware that gymnastics programs at Flicka carry a relatively high cost and many parents couldn't afford any increase. The new school board member on the Rec Commission should ensure this issue is reviewed.
<b>Teymourian, Kamy</b>	Physical activity is a vital part of young people. I would support Flicka.
<b>Zavediuk, Greg</b>	As a coach who worked with women's sport, basketball, for over 20 years, the equitable treatment of female athletes has been a huge part of my career. My Master of Education in Counselling was done so I would better be able to support the growth and development of athletes transitioning from secondary school to

university environments. We must ensure our community provides equal opportunities for female athletes to participate in sport and that our community actively promotes the benefits of early sport in girls lives. As a school trustee I will be an advocate for female sport. Having grown up on the North Shore, I want to thank the Flicka Gymnastic club for the incredible opportunities it has provided youth since its inception. Greg Zavediuk M.Ed. CNV School Trustee.