

## Lidgate in running for Victoria's City Council

### Local "doer" seeks City Council seat

[Paul Lidgate](#) is someone many people in Victoria are still discovering. Lidgate has announced he is running for a **Victoria Civic Electors** nomination for November's municipal election.

Although unknown to many in the community, local supporters of community centres know him and the work he has done to save them from the city's plan to shut most of the community centres down. Lidgate was instrumental in bringing together those opposed to the City's plan. Paul is also gaining a reputation for getting results while working as a member of the [Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group](#).

During the 1990s, Lidgate worked for a number of News Group and Black Press publications, including the Peninsula News Review, Goldstream News Gazette and Williams Lake Tribune.

Paul has been involved in the community like many people over the years, quietly going about his work, most often without fanfare...

***"A doer, rather than a talker, and someone who thinks for himself? Lidgate sounds like just the person to fill one of the two vacant (or soon to be) VCE council slots," ~ Russ Frances, political columnist, Monday Magazine.***

Lidgate has a pretty impressive list of work in the community. Currently he is volunteering with the following;

Board member, [Blanshard community association](#) (Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee)

Member, [Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Group](#)

Member, City of Victoria [Parks, Recreation and Community Services Advisory](#)

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### Committee

Volunteer, Quadra Village Day

Volunteer, [Victoria Tall Ships Festival](#)

Member, Sail & Life Training Society

*"I'm passionate about the issues that make me a New Democrat, but at the civic level, it's really not about partisan politics -- or it shouldn't be,"* Lidgate told Monday Mag. Among his supporters is Victoria Labour Council secretary-treasurer Colin Graham, who calls Lidgate a

*"very smart guy"*

and

*"one of those people who doesn't say much, but gets a lot done."*

Lidgate is currently actively seeking support from BC NDP members in his effort to gain one of the Victoria Civic Electors (VCE) nominations. VCE is a municipal wing in Victoria of the provincial NDP.

You can find Lidgate's website here: [www.lidgate.ca](http://www.lidgate.ca)