



Vernon school trustees, mayor candidates face-off in forums

Vernon teachers and Vernon chamber hosting forums;
Spallumcheen forum tonight

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Residents wanting to see the candidates for Vernon School District trustees, and ask questions of them, will be able to do so next month.

There will be a public forum for school trustee candidates on Thursday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Vernon Secondary School Theatre.

The evening is co-sponsored by the Vernon Teachers' Association, District Parent Advisory Council and CUPE Local 5523. Moderator will be retired teacher Mel Maglio.

There are nine candidates running for four seats in Vernon, and three candidates running for two seats representing Lumby.

Robert Lee is the returning acclaimed candidate for Coldstream.

"There are many new names and faces running for trustee this year and it's important to get to know where each person stands on matters vital to public education in Vernon," said Vernon Teachers' Association president Lisa LaBoucane. "Trustees are responsible for the school district budget and have the final say as to where resources are allocated. It's an incredibly important job."

Each candidate will have time to introduce themselves, followed by a question and answer session.

"This is an important time for parents and the public to ensure that their interests are represented on our local board. This board of education will set the tone for the next four years in our district," said LaBoucane. "I encourage community members to attend this forum, but more importantly, to vote on Oct. 20."