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## Planning Commission Application

Please complete the application below and return to Mayor Scott Korthuis at 300 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Lynden, WA 98264 or [KorthuisS@lyndenwa.org](mailto:KorthuisS@lyndenwa.org).

Name: Bryan Korthuis

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Are you available at work? Yes, on a limited basis Phone: 360-354-4763

1. How long have you lived within Lynden city limits? 23 years
2. Please tell us why your background and education would be an asset to the Planning Commission.

My history with Lynden has encompassed most of my life. It includes: a family history in Lynden going back to my great grandparents who moved here; growing up in Lynden where I watched the town develop from the seat of my bicycle in the 90's; attending Lynden Christian School from kindergarten through high school; working in my early years at Korvan, now Oxbow; after attending Dordt College and earning my bachelors degree in business administration I moved back to Lynden with my wife and we have been raising our 3 children here ever since. Lynden is my hometown. All this history, I believe, has given me a good feel for what it means to live, work and play in Lynden.

Further, I have been working at Len Honcoop Gravel Inc. where I have learned construction standards, development standards, environmental standards and much more throughout my time there. This gives me a unique insight into how communities develop as I have been able to observe, and participate in, the growth of each community within Whatcom County. I believe this experience would be valuable to this committee.

3. Do you have experience with any community committees?

If so, what was your role?

I have not had any experience with a public community committee. This would be my first.

4. How do you view the task of balancing the public good and private property rights?

I believe there is a balance to be achieved in each individual situation. I firmly believe every situation should be examined as thoroughly as possible, ideas generated for possible solutions and only then can the best possible actions be taken to ensure a correct balance to each and every situation.

5. How do you view growth within our community?

I see growth in our community is a continual process as in any community. There are many factors, economic, spatial, and environmental, to name a few, which can change how growth in a community will happen. As time changes, so can a community's values in each of the above-mentioned factors. Planning for these changes as best as we possibly can for the future is why we have a planning commission. It is to try and look ahead and cover as much of the foreseeable problems before they occur to develop sustainable growth that continues to match each individual community's values. Without this continual planning, each community is in danger of the opposite, decline. I believe there is no such thing as maintaining; either a community is growing or it is failing.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lynden Community. I will contact you to discuss your application.

Scott Korthuis, Mayor  
City of Lynden