



Burnaby Council Candidate: Daniel Tetrault - Burnaby Citizens Association

Daniel Tetrault has been part of Burnaby's community for over 20 years: he graduated from SFU, teaches in the Burnaby School District, and with his wife, welcomed their first child into the world at Burnaby General Hospital. After eight years teaching at Moscrop Secondary, Daniel was elected to represent his fellow teachers, recently serving as the Burnaby Teachers' Association President. In 2019, on Burnaby's Housing Task Force, Daniel advocated for policies that supported access to quality, affordable housing for all and that address the housing needs of current and future residents. Daniel wants to create neighbourhoods that work for everyone.

What skills would you bring to the Councillor's position and how would those apply to the business community?

The skills I bring to the Councillor position are ones I have been trained in as a teacher: listening, learning, seeking out information, understanding multiple viewpoints, critical examination of facts, and evaluation, among others. The business community is a key employer in our City, and provides goods and services to people here and beyond our municipal borders. City Council can't regulate the economic environment that our businesses operate in, but we can provide supports and conditions that allow businesses to be more competitive. I am committed to building out Burnaby's neighbourhoods so they are more liveable, which means addressing housing, transportation, and recreation needs. Businesses will do better if their employees can afford to live close to work and can enjoy a better quality of life.

What strategies do you think the City of Burnaby should adopt to foster the growth and success of our local businesses?

I want to see Council create more pedestrian-oriented spaces and support the local businesses that give each portion of this city its own character. I would also like to see the City of Burnaby work with Evo car-sharing service to expand their coverage. Having access to their fleet might make it easier for those who were on the fence about going car-free. I also think that the City of Burnaby should work to allow more food trucks on our streets.

How would you propose the City of Burnaby manage its continued densification and the development of its town centers?

It's a balancing act between making sure that there is enough new development to support a growing city, while making sure that affordable housing is not being destroyed to make way for housing that is in no way affordable. It's a complicated issue, and it is my hope that in listening to the various BIAs, the Burnaby Board of Trade, community leaders, and affected residents, we will be able to do our part in helping the local business community. I believe the model presented by Missing Middle style housing provides a significant workaround to the affordability issues in a way that promotes local communities and walkable neighbourhoods.

If elected, what would be your top goals for your coming term in office?

My overarching goal would be for us to work together as a Council and work towards a more economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable Burnaby. Specifically, I want to look back after 4 years and say that we made a difference in addressing the housing needs of our growing city.