

## **Burnaby Civic Election 2014 Candidate Questionnaire**

**Name:** Nick Kvenich

**Running for:** Councillor

**Biography:**

Nickolas Kvenich Resident of Burnaby since 1980, Married to Yuriko, one son Nickolas Education: Diploma in Finance, Industrial Engineering education Employment: Retired, from Canada Post Corporation as Senior Technologist (systems analyst). My specialty is Lean Thinking Technology, improving processes and reducing cost.

Community Work: Former vice Chair Community Policing Advisory Council District 2 . Founding member Burnaby Optimist Club, Former Regional Director of Scouts Canada Burnaby Region. Eagle Creek Streamkeepers. Presently President of the Society. Soccer Coach (9 years) Burnaby's Cliff Ave Football Club. Director with Seton Villa a retirement community in Burnaby

Recognition: Silver Postmark Award nomination (Canada Post). Recognition from the Burnaby RCMP for my work with Community Policing. Burnaby Optimist lifetime award. 1999 Local Hero Award from the City of Burnaby. 2002 Macdonald Cartier award for promoting Democracy in Canada. 2012 City of Burnaby Community Stewardship award for Environmental conservation 2012. Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for my lifetime volunteering in Burnaby.

Community Philosophy: We must always give more into our community than we receive. Favorite Saying: DO IT NOW THEN ITS DONE

What I will do as a councillor: Listen to what people have to say. Be open and honest. Reduce the internal waste at City hall, by, managing the physical assets. Vision a better way to utilize city buildings. Deliver better Policing Services. Improve the Quality of Burnaby Lake. Improve our roads, and means of transportation. Develop Burnaby General Hospital into a world class health care facility. Freeze taxes at 0% for 3 years.

**What skills would you bring to the office if you are elected and how would those be of use in your role?**

As a former Industrial Engineering officer, I can implement Lean Thinking alternatives to the wasteful spending.

As a former Vice-Chair for Community Policing advisory committee, I can work to help deliver better Policing services.

As President of the Eagle Creek Streamkeepers, I have learned to care for, and want to protect our environment.

As a director for Seton Villa Retirement Center at boundary and McGill, I understand the concerns seniors have with care, as we age.

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

I will pledge to give the taxpayers good value for their hard earned taxes dollars, working towards a 0% tax increase for the next three years.

As your councillor, I will be open, listen to, and be respectful to all residents.

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

Economic growth for business depends on:

Tax Costs reduction

Hire a business development officer to focus on promoting Burnaby as a friendly City fostering free enterprise concepts such reducing start up costs the city may charge..

**If elected, what will you do to ensure the City of Burnaby is seen as being "open for business?"**

Offer a 0% tax increase with a view to reduce the Business Tax rate to fall more in line with other Cities/Municipalities in the near future.

**How would you propose the City of Burnaby manage its continued densification and the development of its 4 town centres?**

Walk the talk when it comes to Zoning classification. Be open and transparent. The city presently is failing as the stakeholders are not part of the process. We have to do a better job in determining population densities and articular movement of goods. Infrastructure is paramount in the redevelopment and presently it is lacking with the city's verbal diarrhea. A new hospital is needed for the 50,000 going into the Brentwood area and nothing is being done. This shows the city is not capable of dealing with other levels of government to develop a partnership. Banging heads is not the way. The City of Burnaby could learn a lot from the business community. But then again they are socialist bent on control and lacking the understanding of a free market concepts.

**The efficient movement of goods and services is important to local businesses. What do you see as the major transportation issues facing Burnaby and what do you think are some solutions?**

North South connections have to be review to improve access and speed of movement. Methodology to be visioned to the future such as movement by surface light rail to SFU goods/products.

**The Inter-Municipal Business License (IMBL) Pilot Project is currently underway with an end date of December 2015. Do you support making Inter-Municipal Business Licenses permanently available for the construction industry? Do you support expanding the Inter-Municipal Business License program to include other sectors?**

The fact of having one license throughout the lower mainland makes sense. Stop the verbiage and do it now then it's done. The only qualifier is a screen to provide bona fide licensees

**What do you see as the role of the City of Burnaby in supporting the development of Burnaby's key sectors and industries?**

Providing an environment for business to succeed, which is addressed in some the points I made earlier.