



## **Burnaby Council Candidate: Martin Kendall - independent**

I have lived in Burnaby for the past 22 years, the last 15 of those in the Gilmore area. I have been married to the most wonderful and patient woman on Earth for the past 15 years and we have 5-year-old boy/girl twins.

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

I have been the President of my building's Strata Council for 13 years. During that time, I have excelled in creating a yearly budget, managing building priorities, crisis management and larger scale project management. I have also worked for the City of Vancouver for 12 years and have seen the shocking amounts of inefficiency that occurs in a municipal work environment. I would work to create efficient work procedures that would effectively use each taxpayer dollar to avoid having to unnecessarily increase tax rates.

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

The best way to foster the growth and success in Burnaby's business community is to implement an extensive community cleanliness program. I have witnessed first hand how a business can increase its overall sales by creating an esthetically pleasing atmosphere that starts at the curb in front of a business's premises. As well, a cleaner community will discourage some of society's ills such as graffiti, illegal dumping and littering.

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

Densification and development of the four town centres should continue, but at a slightly slower pace. Property development companies need to build positive relationships with the people living in the neighbourhoods where they choose to do business. This includes being respectful of all noise bylaws and making sure the project's property and perimeter is free to extraneous litter. The City of Burnaby needs to ensure that seniors, young families and low-income individuals who are evicted from relatively affordable older properties are suitably taken care of under the Tenant Assistance Program, which should be administered by an independent office.

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

My top goals include focusing on building affordable and sustainable housing, making Burnaby the "Cleanest City in the Lower Mainland" and building a robust network of mobility (bike) lanes that would encourage residents and commuters to leave their vehicles at home. As well, I would like to see the City of Burnaby invest in accessible and safe parks, and provide better delivery of City services.