



## **Burnaby Council Candidate: Carrie McLaren - Burnaby Green Party**

Carrie McLaren earned a diploma from BCIT and a business degree from Capilano University. Carrie served as Director for a Burnaby non-profit housing organization for six years where she learned a great deal about the difficulties of finding homes for those with complex needs. She works in co-operative housing management.

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

An open mind and willingness to look for ways to make it easier for all in Burnaby to live, work and play in the city. Review cost benefits in terms of more than just dollars, but safety, growth, and livability.

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

Opening up areas in the city for small businesses to operate in, bringing back a 15min walkable city will allow more opportunities for local business development to bring them closer to customers. Reduce the Permitting time and tangle, have a dedicated small business department and team to work with the BBOT and businesses to streamline processes, such as online tracking of permits – what stage are they at?

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

The Densification needs to expand along the transit routes, bringing in more business spaces, housing, childcare, etc.