



## **Burnaby Council Candidate: Scott Van Denham - independent**

Burnaby needs: An Official Community Plan providing a wide array of truly affordable housing options for service workers, students, seniors and young families; Safer intersections for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike; Accessible public spaces for all, regardless of ability. To achieve these, Burnaby needs a Councillor with a different perspective. A renter. A service worker. An independent voice with no allegiances to past large election donors. I'm Scott Van Denham, a 44-year Burnaby resident. I've helped give direction to the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing, as a renter, working for renters. Vote Van Denham, vote independent on October 15th.

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

My college/university education relates to local governance and land use policy. Also, I bring the skills of a service worker surviving on near-minimum wages. How do those apply to the business community? I haven't a clue, but you see, my primary concerns lie with my fellow service workers, seniors, students and young families, who are struggling like me to survive in a world of unconscionable corporate greed. Any benefit to the business community would be purely accidental.

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

The City should, where possible, prioritize procurement with local businesses, provided said businesses a) pay fair wages, b) make genuine efforts to reduce/eliminate unnecessary waste and pollution, and c) keep profits in the community.

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

The main focus should be on the 'missing middle' – low- to mid-rise purpose-built rental apartment buildings and co-operatives that are genuinely affordable for service workers, seniors, students and young families. These should be allowed to be built across the City, with an emphasis on mid-rises near transit routes.

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

Working on achieving genuinely affordable housing; decarbonise Burnaby through incentivising building or retrofitting homes and businesses to reduce/eliminate greenhouse gas emissions; working to make our streets and (particularly) intersections safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.