

Burnaby Civic Election 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Jeff Kuah

Running for: Councillor

Biography:

Jeff KUAH read politics and management at The University of Lethbridge. He moved to Vancouver from Southern Alberta in 1997 and was hired by Kwantlen University College as one of their regular Educational Advisors at the Richmond and Surrey campuses. Before that, Kuah assumed the role of auxiliary advisor, serving the students at the Langley Campus of Kwantlen University College.

KUAH has had a distinguished career in high school counselling and university advising. He is an educator and recruitment officer specializing in British Columbia, Ontario secondary school systems and many more established school systems. He obtained his tertiary education in Business Management, Political Science and Sociology from the University of Lethbridge, Alberta and Simon Fraser University, British Columbia respectively.

KUAH serves as a Board Director of the Burnaby-South Conservative Party Electoral District Association as of 2010 and was the BC Liberal Party's 2013 MLA Candidate for the Burnaby-Edmonds provincial riding. He was an elected Councillor for the University of Lethbridge Students' Union and served on the University General Faculty Council representing university students for two consecutive terms. He also served on the University of Lethbridge Management Liaison Committee. KUAH continued to work on behalf of parents for the students at McCorkindale Elementary School as PAC Vice-Chair and Chinese language translator for two terms when he moved to the Lower Mainland in 1997 and was Clinton Elementary School's Parent Safety Volunteer when his children attended the school.

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

Progressive and will adopt fiscal conservative policies to insure that tax payers are consulted and treated fairly in each and every issue in the city so that business owners can flourish.

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

Making sure that the City does not act as a banker and investor. Restore cash reserve to a normal level that is acceptable to all the stake holders.

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

Rescind all restrictive and draconian city policies that inhibit growth of local businesses and yet not compromising the safety and well-beings of Burnaby citizens

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

Keep my promise and upheld my key campaign slogan, "No Taxation Without Representation." Make sure that local businesses have all the necessary ingredients and support from the City administration to succeed in their operations. Open a channel of communication to handle problems created by restrictive by-laws and remove these inhibitions by seeking the support of fellow progressive council members and mayor.

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

Full and complete consultation must be carried out so that concerns and suggestions from all stake holders are heard.

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?

I will consult with my federal and provincial partners to solve all major transportation issues that were not done by BCA council and mayor.

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?

When an idea works, I will consider the merits and made the necessary improvements in order to implement it for the greater good of the consumers and citizens involved. Burnaby businesses will see a different from my administration style compared to the BCA-led council that inhibits progress and success.

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

City should be supportive and "not standing in the way" by yielding to pressure from unfriendly unions. We must enlarge the pie of economy so that everyone and stake holders can share their successes with the community.