

Burnaby Civic Election 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Jason Chan

Running for: Councillor

Biography:

I have been a Burnaby resident for the last 25 years. I have seen it grow into one of the most desired living areas in the lower mainland. Recent developments in all of our major town centres have brought an increase into the local population and has changed a lot of Burnaby and its communities. As a graduate of Alpha Secondary in 2002, I went on to get my BA in Criminology in 2007 from SFU. Today I am the owner/operator of an auto body shop in Vancouver. My background studying social issues as well as my current experience in running a small business have brought me to the political stand I have today. There are a lot of amazing things about the city of Burnaby which have to be recognized firstly. We are very diverse ethnically and have many small communities living amongst one another. As we continue to expand, we need to ensure all groups are represented equally and respectfully. As the youngest candidate running in the city of Burnaby this year, I hope to encourage youth participation and engagement into community to make a stand for the issues that concern them directly. I would love nothing more than to raise my future family here in the city of Burnaby and believe that strong community consultation into the future plans for the city both in its financials as well as land development are needed to objectively satisfy all citizens of Burnaby.

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

I have skills as a business owner, manager, strata council member, athlete, and property owner.

I have been involved with budgets and work efficiency as well as youth involvement at summer camps, and have acted as a coach for both swimming and volleyball. As a young adult living in the city of Burnaby, I think my vision for a long term future plan can be appreciated by many because it involves balance and consultation. Learning from and accepting the ideas of others have allowed me to be successful in my life today and the same principles can be applied to a council position.

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

a core review of the current financials budgeting system to find ways to reduce wasteful spending.

a detailed look into city by-law rules and regulations.

giving burnaby an opportunity to hire more RCMP officers to align ourselves with population growth and current understaffing

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

keep business taxes under control. Freeze taxes on property owners to minimize having to increase the cost of rent.

Potential grants and benefits to attract entrepreneurs into the city and have information sessions that teach people how to success as a business owner.

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

Community consultation to ensure what is best for the city and the people. Create reasonable development strategies and ensure infrastructure is in line with all new development.

freezing taxes to have rental rates affordable and promote local economic support from its residents

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

community consultation, infrastructure planning to support density, more police officers to handle high traffic areas

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?

community consultation is key on all transportation issues. Hearing from people who use public transit, drive, bike, car pool, all of these community members should be consulted. Street widening has to be planned and be proactive not reactive.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question