

Burnaby Civic Election 2014 Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Ray Power

Running for: City Council

Biography:

Retired from 25 years in Law Enforcement and Municipal government. President Burnaby Optimist Club, Poppy Volunteer, Seniors Home fundraiser and other community service.

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

Familiar with Municipal Operations in Emergency Preparedness, Budgeting, Contract negotiations. These skills will help public safety, cost cutting and staff negotiations. In addition I recognize the need for compromise and flexibility when dealing with agencies and other levels of government.

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

Reduced taxes, public safety and open government.

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

A cooperative approach and a more balanced view of business. Stop fighting business development which produces sustainable jobs.

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

Balanced taxes. Business friendly with long term plan to encourage head office location of long term jobs. Recycling instead of incinerators comes to mind. Open forums to receive business and community input.

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

I would encourage reopening the public discussion. The current plan appears to be driven by developers with minimal citizen input.

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?

Congestion and the cost of fuel.

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?

Yes

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

To provide the essential services and infrastructure support through proper planning and consultation.