



## 2022 ELECTION PLATFORM

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**One Burnaby** is our city's newest political movement, built on the experience of our incumbent **Councillor Mike Hillman**, and our slate of five new candidates who are drawn from across our city.

Our team is composed of well educated, business minded professionals, with families and deep roots in our communities who will be ready to deliver for the people of Burnaby on day one.

Burnaby is the crossroads of Metro Vancouver, and ought to be *Leading the Way*, and in our inaugural platform, we plan to do just that.

**One Burnaby** is guiding its commitment to the voters with **three key ideas**:

- **That we should be building a city that's affordable for families**
- **That Burnaby should be safe & welcoming for everyone**
- **And that it's our responsibility to plan for and invest in our shared future**

We've laid out an ambitious policy framework for the next four years, where we hope to build on the legacy of our Independent Mayor, while building a new Council that better reflects the diversity of lived experience and political opinion in the city that we love.

But we know that the people of Burnaby are busy, and that you deserve to know up front what we want to deliver for you, so here are our **Five Key Commitments**:

- 1. Freezing Property Taxes in 2023 to Keep Money In Your Pocket**
- 2. Building Housing for All to Make it More Affordable While Keeping Families Together**
- 3. Making Burnaby Safe Through Expanded Community Policing, More Bylaw Officers & Building Safer Streets**
- 4. Introducing a City Report Card & Ombudsperson's Office to Make City Hall More Accountable**
- 5. Expediting Permitting for Businesses While Reviewing City Policies & Finances**

With these Five Key Commitments, and the many more we've outlined below, we believe that we can set the foundation for Burnaby to start leading the way, in our region, and our province.

And we want to thank you for taking the time to consider our platform and our candidacies as we put our names forward to serve you, and the city that we love.

Sincerely,

**The One Burnaby Team**

# A CITY THAT'S AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES

One Burnaby is committed to building a Burnaby that's affordable for families.

Over the past four years we've seen the cost of rent & housing skyrocket, and the people of Burnaby's wages stagnate.

We plan to make common sense decisions to address the affordability crisis, relieve the housing shortage, and make Burnaby a city that's affordable for families to put down roots and stay for generations.



## A Freeze on Property Tax Increases in 2023

People in Burnaby, across Canada, and around the world are being crushed by a cost of living crisis. One Burnaby understands how hard it is for families to make ends meet, and we're going to do our part at City Hall to make sure you don't see any increase in costs from your local government in 2023, that means:

- A 0% increase to property taxes in 2023
- A commitment to keep the property tax increase at or below 2.95% per year for the remainder of the term

## A 3x3x3 Permitting Mandate

**One of the key drivers behind the cost of living is delay at City Hall for construction of new housing.** We'll eliminate the permitting backlog by introducing a 3x3x3 Mandate for permits:

- **3 Days** for simple retrofits & business permits
- **3 Weeks** for pre-approved builds with plans by accredited professionals
- **3 Months** for consultations and initial approvals on major works

## Building Affordable Neighbourhoods for Families

The single biggest cost for families' bottomlines is the out of control cost of housing. To address that, we're going to:

- **Build housing for all**, by introducing flexible zoning and gentle density to neighbourhoods within a 15 minute walk of rapid transit — below four stories in residential neighbourhoods, and up to six stories on main arterials for purpose built rentals
- **Make rules that make sense**, cutting through red tape, and making it easier for a family to choose what they want to do with their own property
- **Build affordable housing at every opportunity**, including using City capital spending on fire halls, libraries, and community centres to build housing for teachers, social workers, health care professionals and first responders so that they can afford to live in the city they serve
- **Review and reform our consultation process**, so that it better reflects our neighbourhoods
- **Manage fees & cost downloading**, so that we aren't passing on unnecessary additional costs to households looking to invest in their own community

## Building Complete Communities Across Burnaby

The average household in Canada spends \$13,000 a year per vehicle, and while we won't be able to move beyond needing cars in Burnaby anytime soon, we can start planning to make it easier for families to get everything they need within a 15 minute walk of their front door.

That's why **One Burnaby** is committed to building complete communities, which means:

- **Four Floors & Corner Stores in every neighbourhood**, with flexible zoning for ground and second floor commercial use, so that corner stores, coffee shops, childcare spaces, and other community amenities can be introduced within walking distance of your front door on every corner in your neighbourhood
- **Purpose Built Secured Rentals Along Arterials** to ensure that we continue to increase the rental housing supply near transportation corridors
- **Flexible Permitting**, in order to allow for existing bakeries, coffee shops, and green grocers to have additional uses like music venues or restaurants in the evening so that we can build more vibrant and complete communities
- **Introducing Transportation Options**, including more sidewalks and mobility paths so that the people of Burnaby can choose how they get from A to B



## Improving Permitting Times With Professional Oversight

To address backlogs in permitting approvals and building wait times, we will direct staff to develop a policy that accredits existing professionals such as architects and builders with a history of good compliance and high standards of practice, those certified by the city will be submitted to random audits of their work but will be provided the opportunity to:

- Receive expedited permitting approvals
- On development that meets existing code and official community plans, certified architects, engineers, and builders will be provided the opportunity to sign off on their own plans with rapid approval from city planning staff

## Multigenerational Housing

**One Burnaby** is committed to keeping families together in our city, whenever and wherever possible we want to make it easy for families to invest in their own property, provide housing for family members, and make it easy for households to grow from age 8 through 80. That means:

- **Introducing flexible residential zoning**, to allow a household to introduce more housing units on a single lot, without changing the character of the neighbourhood by:
  - Allowing narrower minimum lot frontages of down to 30 ft., so that we can build more housing without more big developments
  - Allowing roof heights in residential neighbourhoods of up to 35 feet by right, so that we can add one extra floor
  - Allowing up to 6 housing units per lot, everywhere within 15 minutes of rapid transit, and up to 4 housing units per lot everywhere else
- **Providing a template for pre-approved and streamlined building plans**, in order to provide a suite of options for families to build the housing they need without exorbitant design and consultation fees, we'll make this program work by:
  - Administering a call for submissions by qualified architects, professional engineers and builders to provide us with standard building plans that will be provided at cost to families when they're looking to build (any successful applicants will be provided with an up front payment for their designs)
  - Builders that use the designs without variation will be immediately permitted to begin construction
- **Reviewing the building code**, to make sure that added density also provides accessibility, so that as family members age, they can age in place, with dignity, and access to their loved ones

## Returning Our Community Amenities to the People of Burnaby

Everyone knows it's hard to get around Burnaby without a car, and as we continue to grow our city, we'll be welcoming more families, and more vehicles.

In order to make sure that we prioritize parking & public spaces for the people of Burnaby, we're going to look at better managing our shared community space by:

- Introducing a **free annual parking decal**, with up to 2 free parking decals per household in Burnaby
- Parking meters for public parks, community centres, and amenities, as well as high traffic streets that will be **free for decal holders**, but charge those from outside of Burnaby who take advantage of our parks and public amenities without paying for them
- **A Community Investment Fund** derived from the revenues generated that will be used to support Business Improvement, Community Arts & Culture in public spaces, and Greening our Streets



# A CITY THAT'S SAFE & WELCOMING FOR EVERYONE

**One Burnaby** is committed to building a safe & welcoming city for everyone.

Over the past four years we've seen increases in street disorder, hate crimes, and vehicle casualties in our city.

We plan to tackle these problems head on by bringing forward community focused & common sense policies to address public safety concerns and build a Burnaby that is safe and welcoming for everyone.

## Car 87 Mental Health Crisis Program

We are seeing an increase in street disorder and mental health crisis calls, in order to make sure that the citizens of Burnaby continue to be served well and kept safe, we're going to develop a 'Car 87' program to partner Burnaby RCMP officers with Fraser Health Authority Mental Health Nurses and Emergency Social Workers in order to respond to non-criminal emergency calls.

The goal of the program will be to **provide on-site assessments and intervention for individuals in mental health and substance use crisis**. The nurse and the RCMP officer work as a team in assessing, managing, and deciding the most appropriate action in the best interest of the patient and the community.

## Community Policing

**One Burnaby** will support a citywide engagement on Community Policing that brings together communities in each of the four quadrants of our city to identify and address the best fit for public safety & what will meet their needs. That means a different plan and program for each corner of our city, and the resources to back them up.

## Improved Capacity for Burnaby Fire

More than half of all emergency calls for Burnaby Fire are now medical emergencies not related to fires of any kind. As we continue to see BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) stretched thin by increasing call volumes, we're going to work with Burnaby Fire, BCEHS, and Fraser Health Authority to investigate whether we can build paramedic capacity as part of Burnaby Fire's ongoing public safety & emergency response capacity. This would include:

- **Building Ambulance Sheds alongside new Fire Stations**
- Either partnering deployment between Burnaby Fire & BCEHS -OR- **creating a Burnaby Fire Paramedic Service**

## Plain Language Policy

Burnaby is a city of immigrants, with more than 50 dialects spoken across our city. In order to provide transparency, accountability, and a service focused City Hall, **One Burnaby** is committing to:

- Introducing a Plain Language Bylaw, that will direct staff to prioritize using plain language with illustrations to communicate instead of complicated technical and bureaucratic terms

## Recognizing Our Distinct Cultural Communities

Burnaby is a city of immigrants, and has a number of distinct communities who have built key social and economic centres across our city.

As part of our plan to better engage and support all of Burnaby's citizens, we'll be providing funding to identify and honour the legacies of our distinct communities who helped build our city by:

- Identifying specific cultural and social centres like Hastings & Edmonds for recognition and funding community art & cultural public works in cooperation with communities in order to recognize and highlight the heritage contribution they've provided to our city



## Safer Parks Pilot

Some of Burnaby's greatest amenities are our parks. In order to better share and steward our public spaces, we'll be taking three key actions to improve the use & safety in our parks.

- **Park Rangers** — We're going to study the implementation of additional Park Rangers / Bylaw Officers who can support our community public safety goals in our parks.
- **Improved Lighting** — We'll identify funding to add lighting to our parks in order to make sure that people feel safe after dark.
- **Responsible Public Drinking Pilot** — As we've seen in other cities throughout the Lower Mainland, it's possible to create safe public spaces for citizens to drink responsibly. We'll identify 6 areas in Parks throughout the city to run a pilot for responsible drinking in Parks from May through October in 2023.



## Vision Zero

Burnaby has one of the highest rates of vehicle casualties of any city in the Lower Mainland.

Most of the people hit by drivers are kids under 15 and seniors. We can do better.

**So One Burnaby is committing to a Vision Zero strategy that will cut our vehicle fatalities in half by 2030 and end vehicle fatalities by 2050. We'll do this by:**

- **Making it easier for drivers to get where they want safely** by improving sightlines, reducing road conflicts, improving signage, and discouraging shortcuts through neighbourhood streets
- **Building sidewalks & raised crosswalks** to connect our neighbourhoods, especially around schools, parks, and community centres.
- **Expanding our mobility infrastructure**, because roads that have clear rules and less conflict are safe for everyone and less frustrating for drivers.

**Identifying the top 25 roads & intersections with the highest rate of collisions** for safety audits.

**And since making our city safer will reduce our ICBC rates over time, so we will ask ICBC to partner in funding these studies.**



## A CITY THAT'S INVESTING IN OUR SHARED FUTURE

**One Burnaby** is committed to investing in our future, and that means not just bringing new voices to the Council Chamber, but reforming how we elect our Council and serve our citizens.

Burnaby is the crossroads of our region. We're at a fork in the road for the future of our city, and we need to make sure that we pick the right path.

**One Burnaby** is committed to making sure that we don't just elect the right people, but establish the right processes in order to make sure that we are *Leading the Way* in our region and our province.

### Advancing Reconciliation

Burnaby is built on the unceded territories of a number of the hənqəminəm speaking peoples, and has well established formal government-to-government relations with the səliilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation. In order to continue the important work of Reconciliation, **One Burnaby** will:

- **Establish a Burnaby Office of Reconciliation & Nation to Nation Partnership**, dedicated to working with First Nations, City Hall Staff, citizens of Burnaby, and the business community in order to coordinate, fund engagement capacity and advance shared projects

### Burnaby Civic Housing Authority

The City of Burnaby holds more than \$10 Billion worth of public assets, but our greatest asset is our people.

However, Burnaby has one of the worst income to cost of housing ratios in Canada, and we need to fix that.

In order to insure that our teachers, healthcare workers, and first responders can live where they work, **One Burnaby** will:

- **Establish a Burnaby Civic Housing Authority**, an arm's-length corporate entity, governed by a competent board, with a mandate to develop, maintain, and provide affordable housing for the people of Burnaby by prioritizing:
  - Securing land, developing and maintaining affordable public housing
  - Using long term lease agreements to keep public lands in the hands of the people of Burnaby
  - Prioritizing the construction of mixed density, innovative, affordable housing options including Co-Ops, purpose built rental, and supported housing
  - Building affordable housing for our public servants in alignment with other government investments like schools, hospitals, fire halls, and community centres

- Making a long term plan that ultimately provides a dividend to the people of Burnaby through managing a robust portfolio of housing types for all income levels that supports affordable housing and the people of Burnaby into the future

## Democratic Reform

Burnaby City Council should reflect the people of Burnaby, and in order to make sure that happens, we need to put in place practices that serve our citizens. To that end, **One Burnaby** will:

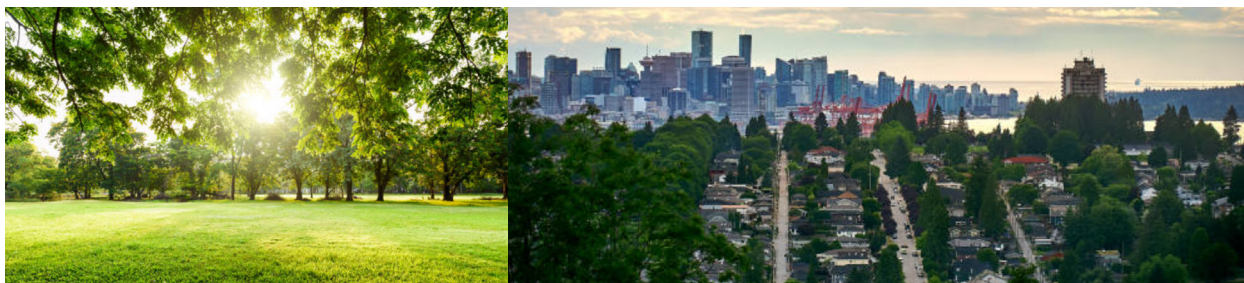
- **Implement a Finance & Governance Review** within our first 100 Days, in order to make sure that the people of Burnaby are getting value for money, and that our Committees and Processes are doing their work
- **Institute an Annual Civic Report Card**, that will be posted on the front page of our website, to track how Burnaby City Hall is doing against key performance indicators, and where we can improve in serving the citizens of Burnaby
- **Establish Councillor key performance indicators** within 6 months, and report on them yearly, to help citizens judge the performance of their representatives
- **Establish a 4 Quadrants Planning Process**, with members of Council designated to represent each of the four distinct regions of our City and act as community liaisons
- **Set Council Term Limits**, because the people of Burnaby are not well served by career politicians, **One Burnaby** is committing to only running candidates for 3 consecutive terms, and we'll bring the same forward for Council consideration.

## Double The Rate of Tree Planting

Burnaby already has 25% of its land mass covered by park and greenspace, but as we continue to experience heat waves driven by climate change, trees are one of the lowest cost and most effective ways to combat urban heat and to clean our air.

So **One Burnaby** is committing to:

- **Doubling the size of the Tree4Free program** in order to increase the number of trees planted on side streets
- Directing City Staff to update the **Burnaby Tree Bylaw** in order to prioritize tree planting on arterials



## E-Bikes For All

In order to provide affordable, efficient, and low cost transportation alternatives to the people of Burnaby, **One Burnaby** is committing to a 2 year pilot program wherein:

- Citizens who give up one of their household parking permits will receive a \$500 voucher to purchase an E-Bike from one of the many E-Bike providers in Burnaby
- Any resident of Burnaby over 18 will be able to enter into a monthly lottery to receive a limited number of \$500 vouchers in order to incentivize E-Bike purchases from Burnaby based bike shops OR a \$500 voucher for Burnaby based Ride Sharing Companies.



## Four Great Streets

Burnaby is a city divided by our highways, and **One Burnaby** wants to transform our most important streets into vibrant centres for our city, for commerce, for community, and for transportation.

To meet that goal, **One Burnaby** is committing to transforming our **Four Great Streets: Hastings, Lougheed, Willingdon & Kingsway** by:

- Funding Business Improvement Associations for all 4 Streets
- Launching Community Consultations to develop distinct plans for each street with the community leading the way, with a prioritization on:
  - Introducing flexible and inclusive zoning
  - Transforming frontages to include patio spaces, parklets, and planting street trees
  - Connecting our city with mobility lanes & priority bus lanes along all four streets



## Serving Our Business Community

Burnaby is a city with vibrant businesses, whether they're small corner stores that are the heart of our communities, or world leading tech and medical firms.

But Burnaby needs to continue to attract great companies in order to provide great jobs for the people of our city, and to that end, One Burnaby will:

- **Establish a Burnaby Business Office**, where any business can come to City Hall and be assigned a dedicated business development officer who will support their investing in Burnaby, and provide a concierge service for City of Burnaby permitting
- **Support Burnaby-based businesses** to grow through networking & connecting to incubators
- **Support businesses in hiring Burnaby youth**, students, and minorities

## Transforming our Transportation Hubs & Public Spaces

Burnaby is a city that you need a car to get around in, but people want the freedom to walk, bike or take transit. In order to let people choose how they will get around **One Burnaby** is committing to working with TransLink to introduce:

- Bike Locker Sheds
- More Clean and Safe Public Washrooms
- Private Lockers in Metro Areas



**The One Burnaby Team**