

-Time for some common sense -
PORT MOODY HEADS TO THE POLLS
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ABOUT:

Shane is president of a private technology company. He and his wife moved to Port Moody in 1997 because they wanted to raise their two children in a small, community oriented city. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from UBC. Shane has a history of community service and is a member or has volunteered with the following groups:

- ◆ Port Moody Soccer Association
- ◆ Port Moody Commemorative Society
- ◆ Tri-City Homeless Committee
- ◆ Knights of Columbus
- ◆ Stewart with Cope 378
- ◆ Port Moody Traffic Committee

Shane Kennedy for Port Moody City Council

Dear Port Moody residents,

Painting trees blue at a cost of \$8,000, placing metal paddles on the loco bridge at a cost of \$12,000, holding a referendum for a new fire hall in April at a cost of \$30,000 when it could have been held at minimal expense six months later during the November civic elections; only to have council dismiss the results. Does this sound like a city council that respects the hard earned money of taxpayers?

Yet these are a few examples of how the current council has been wasting your money in the last twelve months. Now council is proposing another tax increase. Isn't it time for a little common sense on city council?

My name is Shane Kennedy and I believe that if elected to council I can help other well-meaning, although sometimes misguided, members of council exercise some self-restraint when it comes to budgeting and spending taxpayers' money.

How? Well, I won't tell you that the city should be run like a business. Businesses are meant to focus only on the bottom line, and that's not what our city is about.

Rather, I believe the city should be run like you and I run our households. Spend only on items that we can afford and save for items that we can't afford today but, by saving, will be able to purchase tomorrow. I have listed some issues on the reverse of this page that I believe are important for our community. I hope you take the time to read and reflect upon them. They are issues that concern our city, now, and in the future.

Please save one of your six council votes for me.

Thank you,

Shane

ISSUES:

Port Moody's tax rate has been steadily increasing because council has become addicted to developers' fees. Roughly 8% of our budget comes from residential housing development fees & levies and in order to make room for more and more high-rises, council has chased both light industry and retailers out of our community. This is why residents are having to shoulder more and more of the tax burden through increased property taxes and user fees. It's a short-sighted plan. I believe the city should undertake a program of encouraging companies to relocate in Port Moody. By having companies headquarter in our city we can broaden our tax base and take the tax pressure off homeowners.

In order to meet this objective, our city has to create a comprehensive plan that revolves around the revitalization of three key areas in our community: The Old Barnet Landfill, Murray Street, and Inlet Park.

The Old Barnet Landfill. After the Plasco quagmire in 2008, the mayor and council promised to rezone the landfill to prevent it from being expropriated by Metro-Vancouver. They never have. I believe we can clean-up and divide the seventy acres between park space, a business centre similar to Discovery Park, and a branch site for a post-secondary institution which centres on the fine arts similar to Emily Carr.

Murray Street. The proposed Murray-Clark connector project will not be funded. Perhaps the project should never have been considered. I believe Murray Street could be turned into a waterfront parkway (as opposed to turning it into a vehicle freeway for non-community traffic) for mixed use similar to Granville Island.

Inlet Park. The proposed Plan C for re-doing Inlet in conjunction with a revitalized Murray Street could make Inlet Park so much more. The cost to implement this is not insignificant and the first step is for the city to begin saving for this plan by immediately creating a sinking fund. The second step would be to enter into long-term leasing arrangements to use Inlet as a training facility so that the facility becomes a money-maker instead of a financial burden.

Rocky Point Park. The pride of the city and needs to be protected by adopting the following measures:

- ◆ prohibit any further development in the Park and keep our Community Garden
- ◆ no pay parking in Rocky Point Park.

Evergreen Line. The 2 cent gas tax is just plain unfair. Metro Vancouver and Translink need to come up with a workable solution of the Evergreen Line stalemate. The Evergreen Line is a "Cadillac" system that the Tri-Cities just might not be able to afford. We could look at shaving 1% from our operating costs or reconsider a less costly system such as Light Rail.

I am opposed to a casino being built in Port Moody.

I support having a municipal auditor for Port Moody.

Will freeze my salary during my term in office. Why? Because like you, I am tired of politicians whose first act after taking office is to raise their own salaries.

Important fact: I have not taken nor will I take campaign funds from developers or third parties which will place me in conflict with elected office. My campaign funds have come from myself, my family, my friends, and my own company.