

Change needed Rankin says

Lee Rankin's favorite politician is his uncle Harry, an alderman in Vancouver.

"He's been in the political arena for years yet he still takes the time to make sure he's hearing the concerns of the people," the 28-year-old journalist said. "Unlike some people around here, he's never forgotten the basic reason for being in office — the voters."

Rankin is running for mayor under the auspices of the BCA. While he's never fought an election before, he said he always expected to go into politics at some point.

"It must be in my blood," Rankin said with his shy smile.

He's firmly committed to the BCA policies of low-cost, low-rise housing, a moratorium on road construction until rapid transit gets going and lower taxes for homeowners through a different system of taxation.

The \$138 million five-year road plan is being built to accommodate four hours of

traffic flow, Rankin pointed out. Not only is this bad money management, he said, it's time Burnaby quit paying for things that benefit only the people passing through.

"We should be saying to heck with it, we have to live here. But that takes some guts, another thing lacking at the council level."

Rankin's biggest complaints about the present BVA-dominated council are their lack of leadership and their disregard for the wishes of the people.

"The whole point of the political dimension is to reflect community goals into administrative procedures."

Rankin said he would set aside one day a week for the public to come in and discuss their problems and concerns with him.

"The BCA believes very strongly in public accountability. We certainly wouldn't turn a deaf ear to the people time and time again."

When asked about his



BCA mayoral candidate Lee Rankin.

chances at winning, Rankin said: "It's time for a shrug of his shoulders and change."

BCA promises a better deal

Revitalisation. New blood. New ideas. Strong policies. These are some of the words used regularly by candidates running under the auspices of the BCA's main slogan.

Of the eight candidates running for alderman three are lawyers, three are teachers, one is a housing worker and one is a systems manager for trade unions.

Paul Bjarrason, 37, is a programmer with the Trade Union Research Bureau who has served on citizen committees concerned with Metro-town development and transportation.

Bjarrason is concerned about "the outrageous things that have been going on with the shift in taxes onto the back of homeowners" and says he'll work to correct this.

He would also listen to the people, he says, something the present council is not doing. "The BCA has always been the speaker for the little guy."

Derek Corrigan, 29, is a lawyer and president of the BCA. He is strongly opposed to the present "unplanned development of roads and highways."

"I support the liveable region concept. I also believe in a fairer tax structure, more citizen participation in council decisions and a housing plan that will allow young people to live in Burnaby."

and I think it's about time something was done about."

Doug Drummond, 38, is a teacher who's been an alderman since 1975. He is a member of council's housing and transportation committees

and sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission. He has consistently voted against high-rises, is concerned about environmental issues such as air and water pollution, and advocates a "more cohesive system of long-range planning."

Drummond thinks council should have purchased the Royal Oak Chapel and preserved it as a heritage site.

"That's what people wanted, so that's what council should have done. It's our job to listen to the people."

Gayle Gavin, 36, is a lawyer and a member of the North Burnaby Ratepayers Association. She believes council is not taking an aggressive enough stance on the issues of rapid transit, affordable housing — "not more high-rise" and a shift in the tax load away from homeowners.

"I'm really concerned about the rate at which Burnaby is developing, which is in my



Doug Drummond.

perspective, in the wrong direction."

Tom Lonelone, 28, is a housing and traffic planner of the Greater Vancouver Renters Association. He is worried about council's "lack of concern for tenants and housing needs."

"My main concerns are housing and traffic. Burnaby has always been a family community. With the present push for high cost high-rises, which brings in more traffic to already crowded areas, we're in danger of losing that."

John Motiuk, 41, is a lawyer and an executive member of the Burnaby Bar Association. He believes this council "does not represent the interests of the taxpayers, namely the homeowners."

"They're in the hip-pockets of the developers. The small businessman is the backbone of this country and council is not meeting his needs or anyone else's other than big business. It's time for a change."

Robert Smith, 47, is a teacher and past-chairman of the Burnaby Library Board. He supports expanding the Fraser River Park, keeping the present agricultural land in the Big Bend area, and controlling high-rise developments.

Smith is concerned about increasing commuter traffic through residential neighborhoods and opposes the Annacis crossing because "it will make the problem worse."

He's also concerned about council-resident confrontations and wants to see them "replaced by council-resident consultation and co-operation."

"I'm frankly ticked off. What I've seen of the BVA, I don't like. This council has not been very responsive to the wishes of the community."

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Trustee contest quiet

There are 14 candidates, seeking to fill the seven seats on the Burnaby school board this year.

The campaign has been quite low-key, due partially to the fact most candidates seem to agree on the basic issues.

Party lines between the seven BVA and the seven BCA candidates are not as clearly drawn as those in the aldermanic contest.

The major concerns expressed by candidates are

how to cope with declining enrolment, how to shift the tax burden off the shoulders of homeowners and how to improve communications between parents, teachers and the board.

Most candidates also expressed concern over the safety of children walking to and from school.

Board chairman Gary Bejn, a businessman, has been a BVA trustee for eight years. He is also president of

the B.C. School Trustees Association.

"I'd like to continue to see quality education for the children of Burnaby," he said.

BCA incumbent Barry Jones, a teacher, has served as a trustee for five years. He wants to continue to work towards "strengthening parent involvement in the schools and improving the safety of our students on Burnaby streets."

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