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Introduction

Please provide any general background information relevant to your submission (e.g. the work of your organization or relevant personal experience).

I am submitting this as a Burnaby resident and community advocate concerned about healthcare capacity, public safety, and accountability in provincial spending. Burnaby is one of British Columbia's largest and fastest-growing cities, yet many residents feel essential services have not kept pace with population growth. Budget 2027 should focus on practical investments that protect core services, complete promised infrastructure, and restore public confidence that taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly.

Recommendation 1

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Fully fund and restore a clear construction timeline for Burnaby Hospital Phase 2 and the BC Cancer – Burnaby McCarthy Centre.

Recommendation 1 Explanation

Use this space to provide background information relating to recommendation 1 and to explain why it should be considered in the next provincial budget.

Burnaby Hospital is a critical healthcare facility serving Burnaby, East Vancouver, New Westminster, and surrounding communities. The redevelopment was presented as a multi-phase project to modernize the hospital, expand acute care, improve emergency services, and add cancer care capacity.

Phase 2 is especially important because it includes the new acute care tower, expanded inpatient capacity, and the BC Cancer – Burnaby McCarthy Centre. The community has already stepped up in good faith. Burnaby Hospital Foundation and the community have raised a combined $55 million to support this project. That level of fundraising reflects deep public trust, community commitment, and a clear expectation that the province will finish what was promised.

Budget 2027 should provide a firm provincial funding commitment for Phase 2 and require the government to publicly release a confirmed start date, construction timeline, and expected completion date. Residents, patients, healthcare workers, donors, and local organizations deserve clarity on when this project will move forward.

Burnaby should not be left with an unfinished hospital project after years of public expectation, planning,

fundraising, and community support. As Burnaby continues to grow, the province must ensure hospital capacity grows with it. Restarting and completing Phase 2 would show that the provincial government is serious about patient care, regional fairness, transparency, and keeping promises to communities.

Recommendation 2

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Require stronger safety, security, and community-impact planning for provincially funded supportive housing and shelter projects.

Recommendation 2 Explanation

Use this space to provide background information relating to recommendation 2 and to explain why it should be considered in the next provincial budget.

The province should not fund supportive housing, shelters, or similar facilities without a clear safety and community-impact plan. Housing vulnerable people is important, but it must be done responsibly. Building or approving projects without properly considering neighbourhood impacts, public safety, surrounding businesses, families, seniors, schools, parks, and nearby residents is not acceptable.

Projects such as supportive housing and shelter facilities can place real pressure on surrounding communities if they are not properly planned, staffed, secured, and monitored. The concerns raised around projects like the 3020 Gilmore shelter show why the province needs stronger standards before public money is committed.

Budget 2027 should require every provincially funded supportive housing or shelter project to include a public safety plan, 24/7 on-site staffing where appropriate, security funding, clear operator accountability, regular public reporting, and a formal process for community feedback before and after opening.

The goal should not be to abandon vulnerable people or push problems elsewhere. The goal should be to make sure these projects are safe, well-managed, and respectful of the surrounding community. Residents should not be told to simply accept the impacts after decisions have already been made.

Compassion and accountability must go together. The province should fund supportive housing and shelters in a way that protects vulnerable residents while also protecting the safety, stability, and quality of life of the broader neighbourhood. Budget 2027 should set a higher standard for planning, safety, and transparency before these projects move forward.

Recommendation 3

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Properly fund Burnaby schools, ensure teachers and staff are paid on time, and address unsafe or deteriorating school conditions.

Recommendation 3 Explanation

Use this space to provide background information relating to recommendation 3 and to explain why it should be considered in the next provincial budget.

Budget 2027 should ensure that school districts have the funding and administrative support needed to properly pay teachers, support staff, and education workers on time and in full. Burnaby teachers should never have had to fight for compensation that was already owed to them. When educators are forced to spend time and energy recovering unpaid wages, it damages morale, disrupts trust, and takes attention away from
students.

At the same time, many schools are facing serious pressures from aging buildings, deteriorating facilities, insufficient custodial staffing, and a lack of basic operational funding. Students and staff deserve clean, safe, properly maintained schools. Families should not have to accept classrooms, washrooms, playgrounds, and common areas that are under-maintained because the system is short of janitors, maintenance staff, or repair
budgets.

Education funding should not only cover new announcements. It must also cover the basics: paying people correctly, keeping buildings safe, maintaining cleanliness, and ensuring schools have enough staff and resources to function
properly.

Budget 2027 should provide targeted funding to address Burnaby school maintenance backlogs, custodial shortages, payroll problems, and classroom support needs. It should also require public reporting on school facility conditions and outstanding repairs, so parents and residents can understand where funding is needed
most.

Teachers, education workers, students, and families should not have to fight for the basics. A strong education system starts with respect for staff, safe school buildings, and stable funding that reaches the classroom.

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