Keating forgoes council pay for election

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CITY of North Vancouver Coun. Craig Keating will be stepping back from some of his council duties - and all of his council paycheques - to focus on his provincial election campaign.

"At the moment the writ drops, I will cease to collect my pay from council because I don't think I can pay full attention to the job," Keating said. "But I will endeavour to attend every council meeting I can because I don't want to see council business stop."

Keating is challenging Liberal MLA Naomi Yamamoto for the North Vancouver-Lonsdale riding in the May 14 provincial election.

Local government members who run for senior offices are not required by law to step down from their elected positions, but many choose to. Under the Local Government Act, elected councillors who are on an official leave of absence can still participate in council discussion and vote at the council table.

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