

North Vancouver Coun. Little seeks Tory nomination

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District of North Vancouver Coun. Mike Little is seeking the Conservative nomination for Burnaby North-Seymour in the 2015 federal election. Photo supplied, North Shore News

District of North Vancouver Coun. Mike Little is looking to trade his council seat for one in the House of Commons.

Little announced his bid for the Conservative nomination in the newly formed riding of Burnaby North-Seymour for next year's federal election on the weekend.

The three-term councillor joins Burnaby's Daren Hancott, former chairman of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce and executive with University Canada West and University of Phoenix, in seeking the nomination.

"One of the challenges we're going to face is that I'm well enough known on the North Van side, but that's only about 30 per cent of the riding. Most of the riding is on the Burnaby side," Little said. "We have shared coastline that will be impacted by the Kinder Morgan proposal and both sides straddle that area. Everybody says that there is so much difference between the two. I really don't think there's that much. Odds are we're commuters to the same area. Odds are we're relying on the same health services."

The party hasn't set a leadership convention or nomination deadline date so the contest remains open.

"We may have a possible third but that individual hasn't decided yet. The process is open and we will welcome any credible people to run, if they like," said association president Ariane Eckhardt.

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