## **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

North Vancouver Chamber - Questions for Candidates - Municipal Election 2022



#### Lisa Muri

Councillor Candidate – District of North Vancouver

I have 26 years of experience, have sat on numerous municipal and regional committees, including Metro Board. Born and raised in Deep Cove, I come from a small business family; District of North Vancouver Council, elected in '96. Committees: Director Metro Vancouver; Chair Metro Vancouver Culture; Metro Planning; Metro Parks; Metro Performance and Audit; North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commissioner Chair; DNV Advisory Oversight Committee Member; North Shore Emergency Management Committee (past Chair)

#### **Investment in Public Transit**

Q1: If elected, what will you do to advance local, provincial and federal government commitments to transit infrastructure investments to, from and across North Vancouver?

Continue to lobby senior levels of government to sell North Shore Connects.

# **Access to Primary Health Care**

Q2: If elected, what will you do, in the short and long term, to support better access to primary physical and mental health care (doctors, dentists, etc.) in North Vancouver?

Assess zoning to support health care businesses, lobby senior levels of government, consider opportunities to expand VCH in increased number of public buildings.

### **Rising Costs / Property Taxes**

Q3 – Many businesses continue to feel the impact of the pandemic and need support to navigate the current environment, in particular seeking help to reduce their costs and to increase the pool of skilled workers from which to hire and train. If elected, what will you do to help reduce the burden of costs on business? What policies or programs will you introduce to reduce cost pressures and make North Vancouver a more tax-competitive jurisdiction for businesses?

Audit permitting process, continue to review and adjust competitive tax base, assess uses within zoning to create diverse business opportunities, maintain street level retail, review zoning.

#### **Availability of Affordable Housing**

Q4— Local governments play a central role in housing. If elected, what will you do to accelerate investments to increase the availability of affordable housing options for people and employees who live and work in North Vancouver?

We need to accommodate affordable social housing on existing serviced and owned DNV lots, especially in town centres, the DNV has kept a significant land base and we can accommodate through lease, increased social housing.

# **Local Government services – Support for Businesses**

Q5 – A municipal government's processes can greatly affect the economics of doing business. If elected, what will you do to support more efficient transactions and timelines in support of businesses in North Vancouver?

Industry round table to assess where we are, so many jobs, so few applicants, auditing permit process, what roles local and senior play in timelines, building code, retaining inspectors, training, highest and best use, tax reform.

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