

Candidate Responses 2026 Municipal Election

Questions

1. If elected, what is your vision for improved transportation in North Vancouver?
2. Costs are rising and small business is feeling the squeeze. What will you do to support small businesses and foster business and job growth in North Vancouver?

City of North Vancouver

Councillor

Angela Girard

1. If elected, my vision is a City where people have real choices about how they get around: reliable transit, safe walking and cycling routes, and a road network that works for everyone.

North Vancouver is a job-producing region, and it needs efficient, reliable movement of workers and goods. The biggest change available is rapid transit across the Inlet: a fixed, frequent connection on and off the North Shore.

We're seeing what better regional transit can do. TransLink extended the R2 RapidBus to Metrotown, giving Park Royal a direct, all-day SkyTrain connection, delivered over three months early. I'll keep pressing senior governments and TransLink to invest, and keep working through North Shore Connects, uniting our three municipalities and two First Nations to advocate with one voice.

Locally, we need to deliver the City's Mobility Strategy and make short trips easier by foot, bike or bus. I'll support an All Ages and Abilities bike network, including completing the Eastside Connector to Casano Drive, plus safer sidewalks, crossings, lighting and intersections.

We can't build our way out of congestion, but we can offer better alternatives. The goal is simple: spend less of your life in a vehicle and more in our community.

2. Small businesses need a City that recognizes rising costs and removes barriers, making it straightforward to operate and invest here.
I will press to streamline licensing, planning and permitting so businesses get clear requirements and faster decisions.

I will keep business property tax rates competitive with neighbouring municipalities and advocate for provincial property-tax changes that ease the burden on commercial tenants, since rising rents make it harder for independent businesses to open and stay.

Now that paid parking is a reality, I will advocate for street signage explaining the parking app and clearer wayfinding to parkades, making it easier for customers to support local businesses.

I will support the City's two BIAs, the growth of the brewery and health innovation districts, and the cultural precinct, given the economic benefits they bring.

Finally, staff retention is a challenge, driven by limited affordable housing, childcare and transportation. On Council, I pushed to expand childcare on City lands, in new developments and at Cloverley School, where City funding is making it happen. I supported housing with mid-market rentals, including 89 affordable rentals at the North Shore Neighbourhood House. I will keep advocating for these so people can both work and live here.