

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

Anna Boltenko

1. My vision is a North Vancouver where people, workers and goods can move reliably—not a city where everyone loses hours to congestion.

Transportation is an economic issue. I will press for faster, more frequent and dependable transit; practical bus-priority measures; and sustained advocacy to TransLink and the Province for rapid transit connecting the North Shore to the regional network. The City must coordinate closely with the District, Squamish Nation and regional partners because congestion does not stop at municipal boundaries.

Within the City, I will support safer, connected walking and cycling routes, accessible sidewalks, better links to transit and safer school zones. These choices give more people a realistic alternative to driving and free road capacity for trades, deliveries and those who must travel by car.

Businesses also need dependable loading access, sensible curb management and better coordination of construction and roadwork. Finally, housing near jobs, services and transit must be part of the transportation solution. My approach is not cars versus bikes or buses. It is about moving more people efficiently, safely and predictably.

2. As a nonprofit founder and active Chamber member, I understand that “support local” must mean more than a slogan. Small businesses need City Hall to be responsive, predictable and easy to navigate.

I will push for a one-stop business navigator, clear service standards and published timelines for licences, permits and inspections. The City should review fees and processes with small-business owners, eliminate duplication and communicate changes before they create unexpected costs.

We must protect employment lands and encourage flexible, appropriately sized commercial spaces so independent businesses, startups and service providers can remain here. City procurement should give local and Indigenous small businesses a fair opportunity to compete.

Business growth also depends on workforce stability. More attainable housing, childcare and reliable transportation will help employers recruit and retain people. Vibrant streets, festivals, markets, patios and welcoming public spaces bring customers to local businesses.

I will work with the Chamber, BIAs and entrepreneurs to implement the City's Economic Strategy—with measurable targets, regular reporting and a simple test: is it becoming easier to start, operate and grow a business in North Vancouver?