

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?

District of North Vancouver

Councillor

Daniel Anderson

1. Transportation needs to be addressed at multiple levels. Vehicle traffic stems from a few central sources: our migrating workforce, including construction, retail and public sector, our ferry traffic and to a lesser extent our residents. If we intend to keep traffic moving, we must ensure we stagger flow onto our highways so the speed is maintained. That will require cross-municipality coordination. We also need to think practically about where and how to use laneage. For example, Mountain Highway needs another lane south that bypasses the bridge turnoff, while Keith needs to eliminate the parking on its southern edge to allow quicker turns onto Brooksbank. The province and federal government could also improve traffic by opening an earlier exit to Mountain Highway and providing funding for better highway infrastructure, including a new Ironworkers Bridge, which is nearing the end of its lifespan. Lastly, we need to ensure our transit is rapid, reliable and affordable— if it takes significantly longer to get somewhere by bus then people will elect to use their vehicles. This will require fighting for our fair share of transit investment on the North Shore and ensuring buses can bypass bridge traffic.
2. The District must secure diverse, affordable commercial lease space for small businesses through targeted rezoning and by mandating appropriately zoned commercial units in new builds. It should also listen closely to business leaders about barriers to ongoing trade, whether they arise from permitting delays, traffic gridlock, or taxation. Property taxes are only one source of financial pressure on businesses. Employers are also facing eye-watering levies arising from the mismanagement of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant project, which has seen its budget balloon from roughly \$700 million to \$3.86 billion, with costs passed on to households and businesses via utility rates and special levies. Finally, the District should help employers retain reliable staff by supporting regional affordable housing and improving traffic flow so workers can reach sites on time. Effective small-business policy requires pairing smart zoning with responsive regulation and practical transportation and housing solutions.