

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

Mayor

Graham Alexander

1. North Vancouver's traffic gridlock is a daily economic drain that requires bold engineering action rather than status-quo tinkering. My vision is built on three pillars:

First, we must aggressively pursue Skytrain expansion to the North Shore through an innovative private investment model to bypass regional transit bottlenecks and connect our community to the broader metropolitan network.

Second, we will implement immediate, data-driven traffic management solutions on our municipal corridors—modernizing signal synchronization and adding 1,000 new parking spots to support local commerce and alleviate street congestion.

Third, we will slash bureaucratic red tape and streamline infrastructure approvals, ensuring that road and transit upgrades are delivered efficiently without endless delays. By combining high-capacity rapid transit with smart traffic engineering, we will keep North Vancouver moving, reduce commute times, and connect residents to jobs and opportunities.

2. Small businesses are being squeezed by rising operational costs, excessive municipal taxation, and administrative red tape. To foster business and job growth, City Hall must stop wasting taxpayer money and get out of the way of local enterprise.

First, we must demand absolute fiscal accountability by conducting a forensic audit of municipal budget overruns—such as the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant escalation from \$700 million to nearly \$4 billion—to stop passing administrative waste and soaring property taxes onto small businesses.

Second, we will slash red tape by implementing AI-powered instant building permits and streamlining municipal licensing. This eliminates costly construction delays and bureaucratic bottlenecks for local shops, restaurants, and startups.

Finally, we will establish a predictable, pro-business regulatory environment that encourages commercial investment and rewards entrepreneurship. By eliminating wasteful municipal spending, lowering the tax burden, and modernizing licensing through technology, we will create a thriving, fair marketplace where North Vancouver businesses can hire, innovate, and flourish.