

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

Jullian Kolstee

1. Transportation should be safe, reliable, and accessible for residents and businesses, whatever the mode. Our major infrastructure and public transit are inadequate, but the city can only advocate along with the districts of North and West Vancouver to the province and Translink respectively. Bus Rapid Transit is what is available to us for now, and that requires transit priority in order to bypass congestion. Improving our active transportation network and streetscapes are tools that the city has to incentivize alternative modes of transportation, along with denser mixed-use communities that commuters can afford to live in.

I'm most concerned with the resilience of our transportation infrastructure. We're well aware of how disruptive a simple accident on one crossing can be, and that would be multiplied were a crossing to be compromised, or in the event of a major emergency on the North Shore. Escalating the need for resilient and redundant critical infrastructure from a transportation issue to an emergency management issue shifts the priority ahead, and I believe that is appropriate in our case.

2. Our city should partner with small businesses as stakeholders in our community and local economy. These local businesses offer employment to residents, provide us with services, and are essential contributors to the city's revenues. This means offering businesses clear processes to start and operate in the city, ensuring that streets and public spaces are attractive to customers, and that the city's services meet their needs. Working with the city should be predictable for small businesses, easy to understand and navigate.

The city's economic development is tied to transportation infrastructure for goods, services, and labour, as well as affordability for workers to be able to live where they work, and for local patrons of small businesses. One metric I would use to judge our success is the longevity of businesses in the city. As a councillor I am looking for long-term partners in the business community who want to contribute to the future of our city.