

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

Ken Izatt

As a retired business owner, I understand what it takes to run a viable business.

Our transportation network needs immediate attention, starting with a collaborative review of our City's 2022 Mobility Strategy to ensure our infrastructure keeps people and goods moving efficiently.

At the same time, supporting small business must be a top municipal priority as it is the backbone of our local economy. Fostering job growth in North Vancouver requires targeted policies that reduce friction and lower overhead for local operators:

- **Streamline Permitting & Licensing:** Fast-track commercial permits and implement a single-window digital portal to cut wait times for business openings and renovations.
- **Protect Commercial Space:** Safeguard ground-floor retail and light industrial zones along key corridors like Lonsdale and Marine Drive against conversion into purely residential developments.
- **Cut Red Tape:** Permanently simplify processes for patio, outdoor retail, and flexible space operations.
- **Support Local Innovation:** Partner with local business associations and institutions to drive shop-local initiatives and worker retention.

Building a resilient, local economy requires smart transportation and real support for business owners.