

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

Mayor

Linda Buchanan

1. Moving safely and efficiently across the NS is a priority. It requires commitment from everyone from individuals, businesses and all levels of government. Together, over the last 4 years we have made progress but there is more work to do.

Locally, my focus is on continuing to deliver [the City's Mobility Strategy \(2022\)](#) - providing more choices for people to get where they are going, making it easier and safer for everyone to move around, and improving the reliable movement of people and goods.

As more people come to the NS for employment and move through us to other destinations we feel the impacts. I will continue to work to segregate regional from local traffic, improve neighbourhood safety and traffic calming, and will deliver more work-force housing like at NSNH.

Regionally, as Mayor, Chair of NS Connects, and a member of Translink Mayor's Council, I will continue to be a strong advocate to senior governments for the replacement of Ironworkers Memorial Bridge and funding for full Bus Rapid Transit to the NS.

There is no single solution - we need a connected transportation network that works for both people and the economy. That is my continued focus and commitment.

2. A strong local economy requires partnership, leadership, and purposeful action. Our City is open for business, and small business is at its heart. I support a Team Canada approach that aligns local, provincial, and national priorities to strengthen our economy and respond to external pressures, as reflected in my 2025 Notice of Motion responding to U.S. Tariffs.

My focus is on delivering the [City's Economic Strategy \(2024\)](#): expanding economic opportunities, making it easier to do business, investing in vibrant public spaces, and building a resilient, future-focused economy.

I will continue working directly with the Chamber, BIAs, and local businesses to understand cost pressures, reduce barriers, and ensure the business community has a strong voice in our annual budgeting process.

Economic development also means investing in what businesses and workers need to succeed—housing, childcare, and better transportation options and I will continue to champion these.

Looking ahead, I will advance the Great Streets Project and Health Innovation District, attract new investment including a new hotel, and leverage the opportunity to strengthen our port, shipbuilding, tech, and film industries. These investments will support local businesses, create jobs, attract investment, and foster a resilient local economy for the future.