

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

Max Lai

1. If elected, I will ensure policies champion viable transportation options to both current and future needs. Policies include;
 - Advocating for implementation of a 25\$ Low Income Transit Pass Program (Credit given to City of Vancouver Councilor Sean Orr)
 - Advocating for more than one BRT line such as BRT from Ambleside to Deep Cove, Upper Lonsdale to Burnaby via Highway 1 to other alternatives such as advocating to see the viability of implementing a street-car route through the Great Streets Project via Lonsdale Corridor
 - Continuation of NSTS, “North Shore Transportation Survey” to ensure clear and precise reporting on current, deliverable actions and anticipating future travel needs
 - Working with and advocating for Translink and senior levels of government to ensure robust North Shore Infrastructure Investment includes a replacement plan for our aging bridges as well as additional, rapid transit systems such as Skytrain or Light Rail
 - Updating the current Mobility Strategy through usage of NSTS to show clear, precise and accountable details of North Shore’s Transit Plan for the upcoming 4-8-12 years on building for and around our infrastructure issues
2. Municipal government can help small businesses and foster business and job growth by;
 - 1) Making access to and from the North Shore easier to get to and easier to leave when it comes to navigating the traffic gridlock. As seen with the above question, my vision for better transit on the North Shore is long-term and precise on what I want to achieve.
 - 2) Decreasing current bureaucracy within City Hall itself. What this means is ensuring that interacting with City Hall is fast, efficient and reliable. We can do this by increasing speed for permits which will help increase the ease to start a business. We should make bylaws easier to read and understand, easing the obstacle of access to determine if certain requirements have been met to even cleaning up any processes in determining a permit to increase efficiency.

- 3) Advocating for the creation of a workforce housing program, securing 20% of net new units to be dedicated for individuals and families earning \$30-80000 per year as the high cost of living on the North Shore is become more and more of a detriment for our young professionals and young families who wish to live and work here.