

Candidate Responses 2026 Municipal Election

Questions

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District of North Vancouver

Mayor

Max Zahedi

1. If elected, what is your vision for improved transportation in North Vancouver?
I know traffic is one of the biggest concerns for businesses and all of North Shore. People are tired of long commutes, buses stuck in the same traffic as cars, and neighbourhood streets filling up whenever the highway backs up. In my first 100 days, I would identify our ten worst bottlenecks, publish the list and get to work on practical fixes. That means better signal timing and coordinating road construction so one project does not make another traffic problem worse. I would work with TransLink and the Province on more reliable buses and bus priority where it makes sense. We also need safer crossings and better connections for people who walk or cycle.

Housing and transportation have to be planned together. Building more homes near good transit gives people a real choice to drive less.

During rush hour, I would work with the responsible agencies to position tow trucks near major trouble spots so disabled vehicles can be cleared sooner. I would also explore traffic cameras on the crossing that could help responders assess collisions and reopen roads safely, with clear privacy protections. I want people to spend less time stuck in traffic and more time living their lives.

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?
My wife and I own a small dental clinic in Edgemont Village. She is the dentist, and I manage the clinic, so I know how quickly costs add up—and how frustrating it is when you need an answer from the District and cannot find the right person.

I would give commercial applicants one contact at municipal hall and aim to provide an initial, coordinated response as quickly as possible. I would find out where permits get stuck, cut unnecessary red tape and allow sensible flexibility. When construction affects businesses, owners should know early and have a say on access, parking and deliveries.

I would work with the North Vancouver Chamber to bring small business owners together in focus groups. I want to hear directly from them what is making it harder to operate and what changes would help. The District should communicate clearly and follow through.

I would work to keep property tax increases as low and predictable as possible, seek senior government funding to ease pressure on local taxpayers, and consider targeted relief where affordable. Helping existing businesses expand, welcoming new investment, and building homes local workers can afford will help create jobs.