

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

Sean Alexander

1. I respect Council's democratically fostered mandate and aim to constructively build on our strengths.

Good governance requires consulting experts, knowing we cannot solve this alone. Urban planners confirm we cannot simply build our way out of gridlock; that is like trying to lose weight by buying bigger pants. Crucially, driving remains non-negotiable for trades, delivery trucks, and service workers who power our local economy.

Unaddressed gridlock acts as an invisible tax on small businesses, wasting billable hours and fuel. True fiscal responsibility means investing strategically to eliminate this economic drain. My vision deploys an agile transportation model: micro-shuttle networks and high-frequency feeder routes to solve the "last-mile" commute across key business corridors.

Moving beyond temporary measures, I advocate for broad, continuous financial incentives for public transit. Shifted driving habits require cultural change, but making transit the most affordable, low-friction option across our four-year mandate will incentivize choice riders to leave their cars at home.

Our goal is a tangible 10% to 15% traffic reduction this term. Achieving this shift lifts that invisible tax: clearing vital road space for commercial freight and services, recovering lost economic time, and improving quality of life across North Vancouver.

2. Small businesses are the financial backbone and social engine of North Vancouver, yet recent municipal policies have left too many of them behind. In pursuit of ideal walkability targets, decisions made around streetscapes and parking, such as along East Esplanade and the St. Andrews corridor, have ignored practical business realities, with some local owners warning these changes are creating ghost towns.

Governance cannot be driven by legacy projects or vanity goals that sacrifice local commerce. True representation means ensuring every business owner has a voice before decisions are finalized, and ensuring no corridor is left behind in the name of top-down planning.

My platform restores active service and personal accountability to City Hall. I promise to listen, actively represent your concerns to Council, and stand available to answer for decisions when policies impact your livelihood. Through a guaranteed 48-hour response time and year-round corridor check-ins, I will work to influence Council with real economic feedback, ensuring City Hall serves local business, rather than pushing it aside.