

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

Shervin Shahriari

1. We need to make inroads on transportation in North Vancouver. Businesses need employees, and many commute to and from the North Shore, often spending a long time in traffic. Congestion also affects the movement of goods and services.

I support more frequent bus and SeaBus service, and I will push for full provincial funding for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which is currently being planned to run between Burnaby, North Vancouver, and West Vancouver. It is planned to be relatively fast, with traffic signal priority. We also need to improve traffic flow and safety, while ensuring new development provides adequate off-street parking. Pay parking has also frustrated some businesses, and we need to listen to their concerns and adjust as necessary.

I support safe active transportation. One idea worth exploring is one-way streets in some areas, which could support active transportation and retain parking spaces. I would like to discuss ideas like this with the business community and residents, and get their feedback before moving forward.

We should reduce bridge traffic by creating more housing for people who work here, so fewer workers need to commute across the bridges every day. This can also help with employee recruitment and retention.

2. My focus would be on making it easier to do business with the City. City business services, including licensing and permitting, should be more streamlined. I support better lighting and regular maintenance to make our commercial streets more welcoming and attractive. Pedestrian safety is another priority for me, and I recently brought forward a successful motion to develop a phased pedestrian safety and e-mobility signage program, alongside education and enforcement efforts.

I will emphasize financial stewardship and look for ways to minimize business property tax increases. I would also like to assess measures to provide tax relief to small businesses whose properties are assessed partly on their future development potential, rather than their current use.

We should assess the impact of pay parking on small businesses and consider changes to its hours and its implementation to make it more convenient for evening customers, increase visits to many small retail and restaurant businesses, and make it easier for seniors to use, where technology is a barrier.

Affordable housing for employees is also a priority for me. It can help with recruitment and retention. Shipyards programming brings businesses to Lower Lonsdale, and we need improved programming elsewhere, including in Central Lonsdale.