

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?

District of North Vancouver

Councillor

Stephanie Wilson

1. I believe that we can't just pave our way out of traffic congestion. My priority is public transit: building out a fast and reliable transit network to make it a real alternative to driving. Each person taking transit is one less car on the road contributing to congestion. Active mobility infrastructure is an important tool to keep people safe and provide another alternative to driving. It also helps people get to transit stops. Transit planning starts at the rider's front door, not their bus stop. There are so many stops that don't have sidewalk access, benches, or bus shelters. We need these improvements to make transit more accessible to more people. I do want to see a Skytrain to the North Shore, but realistically this will take many years. In the short- and medium-term, we need Rapidbus and Bus Rapid Transit. RapidBus service to Lynn Valley is in Translink's plan. Two areas that I feel also need investment are east of the Ironworkers and on Capilano Road. I understand that it's hard to buy into a plan when so many neighbourhoods have poor transit access. The R2 shows us what's possible when we make good transit a priority.
2.
 1. Find creative ways to use empty storefronts, such as pop-up activations that showcase businesses and bring energy to streets/shopping areas without the burden of a long-term lease.
 2. Build housing that workers can afford so that good workers stay on long-term rather than leave a job due to a soul-crushing commute. Help businesses retain workers by making North Vancouver a good place for workers to live.
 3. Encourage reasonable home-based businesses and ground-floor commercial in new housing developments to help businesses bring their products and services where people already live.
 4. Advocate for fairer commercial leases.