

# 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

#### **Tammy Bentz**

1. North Vancouver doesn't need another transportation plan that looks beautiful in a binder while everyone is stuck in traffic. We need a transportation system that actually works.

My vision is simple: make it easier to get where you're going—whether you're walking, rolling, biking, taking the bus, or driving. That means safer, connected walking and cycling routes, better transit frequency and reliability, and serious advocacy for rapid transit across the North Shore.

But being pro-transit doesn't mean being anti-car. People still need vehicles—especially tradespeople, caregivers, families, people with disabilities and businesses moving goods. We should stop pretending that every transportation problem can be solved by adding another bike lane, or another lane for cars.

I'd push for practical, data-driven decisions about how we use our limited street space, with priority for safety, transit, emergency response and essential deliveries. And I'd measure whether projects actually improve travel times and safety—not just whether we successfully spent the money.

The goal? A North Vancouver where getting around is less of a daily endurance sport.

2. Small businesses don't need City Hall to “support” them by giving them another 47-page form to fill out. They need us to make it easier to open, operate and grow a business.

I'd focus on three things: less bureaucracy, more affordability and better streets. The City's own Economic Strategy calls for simpler licensing, coordinated services and better understanding of the cost pressures facing small businesses. I'd make those commitments real, measurable and accountable.

That means a genuine one-stop business service at City Hall, faster and more predictable approvals, regular conversations with business owners, and a serious review of municipal fees, regulations and processes that add costs without adding value.

We also need to make our commercial neighbourhoods places people want to visit—not merely places they drive through. Good public spaces, sensible parking and curb management, attractive main streets and support for local entrepreneurs can help create the foot traffic that small businesses depend on.

And I want North Vancouver attracting good jobs and innovative businesses—not just more condos with a coffee shop at ground level.

Economic development should mean more opportunity, not more paperwork.