

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

Tony Valente

1. My vision for improved transportation is focused on one question: how do we move more people, more efficiently, through the limited road space we have?

That starts with delivering the North Shore's first major rapid transit option. If re-elected, I will continue to champion Bus Rapid Transit, with dedicated lanes, transit priority, frequent service and well-designed stations. BRT can provide a fast, reliable alternative to driving while making better use of the corridors we already have.

We should also use new technology and smarter transportation systems to improve traffic flow, manage congestion and make transit more reliable. Longer term, I will continue advocating with regional and provincial partners for a new Second Narrows crossing.

My approach is also about choice. Whether you walk, roll, cycle, drive or take transit, you should be able to move safely and efficiently. Before being elected, I chaired the HUB North Shore Committee, and on Council I have supported the City's Mobility Strategy, protected mobility routes, RapidBus and expanded shared micromobility.

Active transportation remains important, especially for shorter trips and connecting people to transit. The larger goal is a system that moves more people, not simply more vehicles.

2. Small businesses are the backbone of North Vancouver's economy, and if re-elected, I will continue supporting the conditions they need to succeed.

A strong local economy depends on more than business policy alone. We need housing choices, transportation options, public spaces and amenities that allow people to live, work and spend time in our community. More housing helps employers attract and retain talent, allows more workers to live closer to their jobs, and brings customers within walking distance of local shops and services.

Great public spaces are also economic infrastructure. The Shipyards has shown how thoughtful investment in the public realm can draw people into an area, increase foot traffic and create opportunities for restaurants, retailers and other businesses. As a founding member and director of the North Van Urban Forum, I helped bring residents together around the future of the waterfront and Shipyards district.

I will also continue advocating for fairer property taxation, including for businesses affected by “highest and best use” assessments, support strong BIAs, and encourage commercial spaces in new developments that work for local businesses.