

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

Trey Bell

1. I support an all-of-the-above approach to transportation: practical road improvements, better public transit, and safer, more connected options for walking and cycling. We cannot solve congestion by focusing on only one way of getting around.

I would support having two southbound lanes on Mountain Highway approaching the highway to alleviate the Arborlynn bottleneck, expand community bus service, and work with TransLink and senior governments to improve transit and advance rapid transit, such as SkyTrain to North Vancouver, starting with connections to Phibbs Exchange and Capilano University. The District's current financial plan already identifies rapid transit and improvements to the Highway 1 corridor and Second Narrows crossing as priorities requiring regional and senior-government partnerships.

I also want to complete missing sidewalk and cycling connections, particularly in growing neighbourhoods where infrastructure has not kept pace with development. Most importantly, I believe future growth must be accompanied by the transportation infrastructure needed to support it. My goal if elected would be to provide residents more transportation choices while reducing congestion, and making it easier and safer to get around North Vancouver.

2. Small businesses are vital to our local economy, and the District should make it easier to operate and grow a business in North Vancouver. Through my time working at Bee Haven Childcare, from a centre manager to a program director, I saw firsthand how a well run small business can grow, meet the needs of the community, employ local people, and create value far beyond its walls.

I would work to streamline municipal permits and approvals, reduce unnecessary red tape, keep municipal taxes and fees reasonable, and engage directly with businesses before making decisions that affect them. I will not support introducing paid street parking in the District of North Vancouver. Access matters for customers, employees and local businesses.

I also want to support vibrant town centres where residents can shop, work and access everyday services close to home. Future planning should ensure growing neighbourhoods have the commercial spaces, shops and services needed to become genuinely walkable communities.

Transportation and housing are also economic issues. We should work with local employers to improve transportation connections and encourage diverse housing options so people who work in North Vancouver have a better opportunity to live here too.