

Meet the Candidates

North Vancouver Chamber Questions for Candidates
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1. GOVERNMENT COSTS

High taxes and the threat and uncertainty of US Tariffs are the number one issue for the business community in North Vancouver.

Q: How would you reduce government costs to businesses?

A: I recommend an immediate reduction of government personnel to one-third of the current workforce, retaining only those employees essential for core functions. This streamlining will allow for a more focused approach to governance, enabling the administration to concentrate on critical issues and eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic barriers.

2. GOVERNMENT REGULATORY BARRIER

Q: How would you cut government imposed regulatory and trade barriers, such as reducing interprovincial trade barriers and regulatory reform (reducing red tape), while also protecting Canadian sovereignty?

A: Focus on Essential Issues: Following the downsizing, the government will be better positioned to address only the most pressing matters. This shift in focus is expected to facilitate the removal of numerous regulatory obstacles that currently hinder progress.

3. FUNDAMENTAL REGIONAL ISSUES IMPACTING ECONOMY

Many regional issues are severely impacting our local North Vancouver economy.

Q: What would be your specific local response to tackle the following interrelated challenges for employers in North Vancouver:

- Affordable housing – the housing shortage
- Skilled staff - difficulty attracting and retaining
- Public Transit - the need for significant capital and operating
- Innovation - Investment in Research & Development.

A: Immigration Policy Reevaluation: I suggest a temporary halt on general immigration. Additionally, we should consider repurposing government buildings and retail spaces that may become vacant due to the rise of e-commerce into housing units. There exists a significant pool of skilled labor; however, the current market lacks adequate regulation, leading to potential exploitation. When skilled professionals feel undervalued or mistreated, they are likely to seek opportunities elsewhere.

Public Transit Assessment: Given the advancements in internet

technology and the changing landscape of work, there may be a reduced need for extensive public transit systems, which should be reassessed in light of current demands.

Investment in Research and Development: I advocate for the immediate allocation of tax revenues towards research and development initiatives. It is crucial that these investments are distributed equitably among the Canadian public, rather than being concentrated among select individuals with government connections.

I believe that these proposals will not only enhance government efficiency but also stimulate economic growth and improve the overall well-being of our citizens.