

2026 Candidate Questionnaire Results



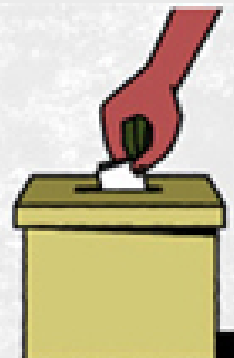
City of North Vancouver

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2026 General Local Elections



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Background:

With upcoming renovations to Karen Magnussen Arena that may disrupt league operations, and given the current waitlist of youth and adults looking to join the League, the board of the NSIHL has been working to advocate for preserving and expanding inline capacity on the North Shore. This includes a petition that has been circulated to members, as well as information gathering and relationship building with municipal candidates in the 2026 Local General Election. This package contains the results from a questionnaire sent out to all candidates on September 29. Some responses have been edited for space. A link to the full set of responses will also be given.

This package will start by showing summary charts. Candidates who did not respond to the questionnaire will not be included. Longer answers, including the “other” selections, will be at the end of this package.

Would you support prioritizing dry floor recreation facilities that could be used for inline hockey in future recreation facility developments?

	I would prioritize year-round dry floor facilities, given the current shortfalls	I would consider dry floor equally with other demands on recreation	I do not support expanding recreation capacity at this time
FOR MAYOR			
Linda Buchanan	X		
Mike McGraw		X	
David Kurvers	X		
FOR COUNCIL			
Max Lai		X	
Ken Izatt		X	
Andrew Robertson		X	
Krishna Raisinghani	X		
Guy Heywood	X		
Anna Boltenko	X		
Jessica McIlroy		X	
Angela Girard		X	
Tony Valente	X		
Holly Back		X	
Julian Kolstee	X		
Tammy Bentz		X	
Shervin Shahriari	X		
Sean Alexander	X		
Don Bell		X	

Candidates were given three options for responding. No candidate said they would not support dry floor facilities.

How would you support paying for expansions or developments of dry-floor space on the North Shore?

	Raising taxes to build more recreation facilities	Reallocating existing resources	Seeking senior government funding	Seeking Private Partnerships	Fundraising campaigns	Increasing user fees at recreation facilities	From developers, when approving new developments	Other
FOR MAYOR								
Linda Buchanan								X
Mike McGraw		X	X	X	X		X	
David Kurvers		X	X		X		X	
FOR COUNCIL								
Max Lai	X		X	X			X	
Ken Izatt		X	X	X	X			
Andrew Robertson			X	X				X
Krishna Raisinghani		X	X	X	X		X	X
Guy Heywood		X		X	X	X	X	X
Anna Boltenko		X	X	X	X		X	X
Jessica McIlroy		X	X		X			X
Angela Girard			X	X	X			
Tony Valente		X		X			X	
Holly Back			X				X	
Julian Kolstee		X	X	X	X		X	X
Tammy Bentz		X	X				X	
Shervin Shahriari		X	X	X	X			
Sean Alexander			X		X			X
Don Bell			X	X	X		X	X

What actions would you take to support dry floor expansion on the North Shore?

	Giving unused, or underused municipal land for facility	Giving financial resources to building and expanding	A public/private partnership to build subsidized facilities	Seeking senior government funding for dry floor creation	Build more ice facilities that could be dry floor off-season	Adding more dry floor space into future rec centres	Other
FOR MAYOR							
Linda Buchanan				X	X	X	X
Mike McGraw		X	X	X		X	
David Kurvers		X	X	X		X	X
FOR COUNCIL							
Max Lai	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ken Izatt	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Andrew Robertson		X		X		X	
Krishna Raisinghani	X	X	X	X		X	X
Guy Heywood	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Anna Boltenko	X	X	X	X		X	X
Jessica McIlroy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Angela Girard			X	X		X	X
Tony Valente	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Holly Back	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Julian Kolstee		X	X	X	X	X	X
Tammy Bentz		X		X			
Shervin Shahriari	X	X		X	X	X	
Sean Alexander	X	X		X	X	X	
Don Bell			X	X		X	

Do you have ideas or suggestions of where a new dry floor facility could be built in your community? (Page 1/2)

FOR MAYOR

Linda Buchanan	I do not at this time. I would encourage the League to speak with other groups who are looking at dry floor needs and see what kind of partnership's can be formed.
Mike McGraw	The quickest option is making better use of what we already have. The new Harry Jerome arena should have inline flooring and fair dry-floor time for the league. Longer term, the Capilano Mall redevelopment proposal includes a new community centre, and if that project goes ahead, dry-floor space should be part of it and paid for by the development. I'd also look at shared use of School District 44 facilities, which already exist and cost far less than building new.
David Kurvers	The former Harry Jerome lands are an obvious location worth considering. And, only half-jokingly, perhaps the roof of the new wastewater treatment plant, on the North Shore, we may need to get creative about using every square metre of land we have.

FOR COUNCIL

Max Lai	The south part of the Old Harry Jerome is something that is looking to be sold out to developers as it is within the current Council purview to sell those lands on 99 year leases in order to make up their financial burden due to the fallout between them and Darwin (the loan taken to complete HJ) I believe that city-owned land is a coveted asset and selling off the land simply to make back "fiscal responsibility" is a short-term solution for current council's holding to a reputation that the City is financially responsible, but I do believe that it is also a fantastic opportunity to expand more recreation to another area, of which a multi-sport facility could be built that could include recreational services such as dry floor to another ice rink. I would also motion to see if any recreational services could be developed on the Lucas Centre, as that is an area that while within the school board's pocket, could be a collaborative idea to expand recreational services across the North Shore while still utilizing underused lands.
Ken Izatt	
Andrew Robertson	
Krishna Raisinghani	I'd start with the space we already have. Harry Jerome can host inline hockey and other dry-floor sports, and NSIHL is already using it. I'd ask NVRC how much more spring and summer floor time could realistically be made available, particularly while Karen Magnussen is being renovated. For new space, I'd ask the City and NVRC to identify underused City land and future redevelopment sites where a flexible, multi-sport facility could fit. Land is tight in North Van, so I'd want to understand the land, cost and neighbourhood impacts. I'd also favour spaces that can serve several sports and partnerships that help share the cost.
Guy Heywood	Explore a partnership with the Squamish Nation for a combined dry floor/lacrosse facility (I tried in the early 2010s with then Dist Mayor Walton. I was on City Council and Ventana Construction which was a banking client at the time. The Squamish did not have the capacity they have now to engage. .
Anna Boltenko	The first practical step is to assess whether the new Harry Jerome arena can accommodate part of NSIHL's season without displacing existing programs. For longer-term expansion, I would ask NVRC and both municipalities to evaluate adaptive reuse of suitable large-span buildings, underused public land, and opportunities to include a dedicated, flexible dry floor in future facility redevelopments. Any site should be transit-accessible and assessed for cost, noise, parking, neighbourhood impacts and long-term operating viability. I would rather commit to a transparent feasibility process than name land before those facts are known.
Jessica McIlroy	I'm not aware of any public lands within the city that would be a suitable location for a new facility, but I would need to better understand what the footprint would be of the facility and proposed parking requirements. There may be private lands that would be suitable, however there are very few City owned land areas.

Do you have ideas or suggestions of where a new dry floor facility could be built in your community? (Page 2/2)

FOR COUNCIL CONTINUED

Angela Girard	The City has a limited land base. There are potential places to start. First, ensuring the dry floor season at our existing arenas is fully used and protected in scheduling. Second, school gyms and sites through joint-use agreements with SD44. Third, a North Shore partnership model, similar to the one NVRC already uses with Canlan, where a private operator provides the space and the public side secures affordable access. A full-size, year-round dry floor probably belongs where the land exists, and that's likely a North Shore-wide conversation rather than a City-only one.
Tony Valente	No, but happy to work with you on this!
Holly Back	The city does not have much land to build on, but maybe consider a facility like this when they are looking at the presentation house space and what they will build there
Julian Kolstee	The CNV's Parks & Public Spaces Plan will be on the next council's agenda, and that presents an opportunity for a dry floor facility to be considered. Existing public facilities could be upgraded with the necessary surfaces, and there are private facilities that the city could engage in partnership with.
Tammy Bentz	
Shervin Shahriari	The significant demand demonstrated by the NSIHL waitlists suggests we should look at this as a North Shore-wide recreation capacity issue rather than relying on a single facility. I would like to see the City and the Districts of North Vancouver and West Vancouver, work together and identify future recreation centre capacity opportunities.
Sean Alexander	-Harry Jerome Neighborhood Lands: Capitalizing on surplus or redeveloped municipal lands within the current Harry Jerome Precinct framework to construct a dedicated multi-sport dry floor facility. -Underutilized Industrial Spaces: Exploring partnerships or flexible zoning for large-span commercial or industrial spaces that can house a regulation-size inline floor. -School District Properties: Teaming up with local school boards to co-fund or upgrade large school gymnasiums or covered outdoor multi-use concrete pads. (If these options prove insufficient, I will immediately establish a citizen's task force drawn directly from the inline hockey community to find and vet a suitable space.)
Don Bell	North Van City has very little unused land. Squamish Nation built a lacrosse facility. Have you approached either the Squamish Nation or T'Sleil Waututh Nation ?

Please describe any connections you may have to the North Shore Inline Hockey League, or Inline hockey in general (Page 1/2)

FOR MAYOR

Linda Buchanan	My three sons have all played in the league over the past two decades. More so when they were younger but the latest was a year or two ago. As the current Mayor, I generally have a connection with the league. I sit on the recreation commission.
Mike McGraw	No direct connection, but I raised three kids here and spent years as a School Board Trustee and District PAC Chair, so I know how much programs like this matter to North Shore families.
David Kurvers	

FOR COUNCIL

Max Lai	I do not have any connections but I have been in recreational services for ~11 years, 5 years working at NVRC and 6 years working for the City of Surrey so my understanding for ALL recreational services from hockey, swimmining, to skating is extensive and I fully understand the need for more recreational services for our community.
Ken Izatt	
Andrew Robertson	
Krishna Raisinghani	I grew up on the North Shore, and I know how much close-to-home, affordable recreation can mean for kids, families and adults. I haven't played inline hockey or been involved with NSIHL, so I'm coming to this ready to listen. What stands out to me is how much the league's volunteers and coaches have built, and how clearly the waitlists show the demand. That's exactly the kind of information that should be part of how we plan recreation space for the future.
Guy Heywood	I don't have direct connections. I have played ice hockey for 40 yrs, and floor hocky at the former Seylynn Hall for 30 years.

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Anna Boltenko	I do not have a direct personal connection to inline hockey or NSIHL. My connection is through community-building: as founder of Wonder Wanderers Foundation and co-founder of the North Shore Kids Festival, I work with children, families, volunteers and local organizations. I understand how much volunteer-led programs contribute to belonging, physical health, confidence and affordable recreation. I have signed the NSIHL petition and appreciate the opportunity to learn about the league's impact and facility challenges.
Jessica McIlroy	
Angela Girard	
Tony Valente	I do not have a direct connection to the North Shore Inline Hockey League or inline hockey specifically. However, I have a great deal of respect for community sport and the role it plays in bringing people together, creating connections, keeping people active, and giving young people and families a strong sense of belonging in our community.
Holly Back	
Julian Kolstee	Unfortunately I don't skate (deprived childhood) but I did grow up with many friends who played NSIHL so I'm familiar with the game on the North Shore through them. I am a major Canucks fan though, and the Voodoos need to make a comeback.
Tammy Bentz	I'm a supporter of all sport and recreation, including alternatives like inline skating that don't always have the supports of the mainstream sporting activities like ice hockey or soccer.
Shervin Shahriari	I'm a longtime hockey fan and have played ball hockey myself. I know how much sports like this can mean to kids and families, and I appreciate what the NSIHL brings to our community.
Sean Alexander	Yes, I have personal connections to the league through friends who play and participate and have been to games. This subject means a great deal to me because inline hockey is true Canadiana that fits squarely within the grassroots community concept. As a local business owner and candidate, I believe community sports are essential for youth development, family connection, and keeping our neighborhoods active and strong.
Don Bell	Previously only my young son's ice hockey

Do you have anything else you would like to share with League members? (Page 1/2)

FOR MAYOR

Linda Buchanan	I appreciate how important this is to you and the value of this league in our communities. I understand the league has been working with the recreation staff to find a short term solution for the 2027 season. I encourage you to continue to do this work so a temporary location can be secured for the upcoming season. My experience with staff is they will do all they can to help make it work. The longer term question regarding a new facility is an important one to have and it will be a priority.
Mike McGraw	A league with 870 kids, a waitlist that's doubled since 2024 and the only adult women's division in Canada is exactly the kind of community asset the City should be protecting. As mayor, my first priority would be making sure there's a 2027 season, by pushing North Vancouver Recreation and Culture for a workable schedule and a proper interim home at Harry Jerome. After that, the goal is year-round space so families aren't facing this uncertainty every spring.
David Kurvers	

FOR COUNCIL

Max Lai	Even though recreational services is a large part and responsibility for municipal governments, my knowledge in recreational services as a lifeguard and instructor of aquatic services gives me a deeper understanding of how recreational facilities should work. With this knowledge, I am also one of very few candidates that is running on a recreational platform and will proudly serve to ensure my platform is pushed.
Ken Izatt	
Andrew Robertson	I know very well how good sport is at creating community. This only happens with predictable play times and seasons. Otherwise, people find other activities and the community fades. This is especially true of a growing sport. I would expect NVRC to do more to ensure the NSIHL is able to continue in 2027. This should be easy. Decisions about funding dry floor expansion are more challenging to answer without considering broader recreation and funding needs within the community.
Krishna Raisinghani	Thank you for everything NSIHL does to make hockey more accessible, especially for young players, goalies, girls and women. The size of your waitlists deserves a serious response. If elected, I'd work with NVRC, the DNV and West Vancouver to protect inline hockey through the Karen Magnussen work and look at how we add more multi-use dry-floor space over time. I'd want options compared openly on cost, land, accessibility, impacts on other users and how much new capacity they create. And I'd want the league involved in that conversation from the start.

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Jessica McIlroy	As a member of council in the City, I would be open to any discussions on what can be done to support the league and access to facilities. The City's capital plan doesn't currently provide an opportunity for any few facility construction, but I do believe there are opportunities in the District. The capital cost of anything built through North Van Rec would be the responsibility of the DNV but the City shares the operational costs and collaboration is required.
Angela Girard	
Tony Valente	Thank you for enabling this sport in our community
Holly Back	I believe recreation is one of the most important things that we can offer our community, particularly to our young people.
Julian Kolstee	Thank you for keeping inline alive and well on the North Shore, I know the value it offers.
Tammy Bentz	
Shervin Shahriari	The NSIHL provides an important recreational opportunity for North Shore families, and its growing waitlists indicate there is demand for more capacity. I support finding a practical solution to minimize the impact of the Karen Magnussen renovations, while recognizing that necessary infrastructure work must eventually proceed. All municipalities should work together to explore additional spaces and available funding.
Sean Alexander	I am not running for myself or for political expedience; I am here to represent you, the people of the City of North Vancouver. Accessible grassroots sports are vital during an affordability crisis, bringing vital energy and excitement to our community. This is our city and your voice. No more surprises at City Hall.
Don Bell	I support consideration of future facilities for dry floor sports such as in-line hockey, floor hockey, pickleball, basketball, lacrosse

Responses to “Other” options

How would you propose paying for expansion or development of dry-floor space on the North Shore?

Linda Buchanan: Every capital project's financial plan should have a variety of funding sources. Part of the feasibility studies and planning stages should be estimating costs and looking at, and identifying, the best financial plan for that particular project. Throughout the process the community should be engaged. Senior level government should always be sought after for any recreational project regardless of other sources.

Andrew Robertson: I don't have enough info yet to speak to resource allocation due to demand

Krishna Raisinghani: I'd consider City capital funding where the demand is clear and there's a responsible plan for both the upfront cost and the ongoing operating costs.

Guy Heywood: Use the savings from reducing the duplication inherent in maintaining two local governments in North Vancouver

Anna Boltenko: Regional cost-sharing between the CNV and DNV, phased capital planning, and sponsorship or naming-rights revenue—without compromising affordable public access.

Jessica McIlroy: City capital projects have historically been funded through reserves, funds collected over time from development fees and incremental tax levies, based on long-term facilities plans. In some cases, organizations have contributed funds to the investments in equipment and other aspects of kitting out the facility.

Jullian Kolstee: There are multiple grants that support these kinds of facilities and partnering with your organization I'm sure we can target some and secure the funding we need.

Sean Alexander: Doing the work to find interested philanthropist

Don Bell: The City and District are each responsible for their capital projects

Responses to “Other” options

How would you support paying for expansions or developments of dry-floor space on the North Shore?

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David Kurvers: Use public land strategically for public recreation while retaining municipal ownership, and prioritize flexible multi-use facilities that serve the broadest range of community needs.

Krishna Raisinghani: I'd also look at getting more dry-floor hours from the facilities we already have, starting with Harry Jerome. Longer term, I'd work with the District, West Vancouver, NVRC, the school district and sports organizations on where more capacity could make sense across the North Shore. That should include looking at underused public land and future redevelopment sites, including places where recreation space could potentially be built alongside other community needs.

Guy Heywood: We could integrate the facilities management and booking functions of the School District with the Recreation Commission.

Anna Boltenko: Commission an NVRC-led, North Vancouver-wide capacity and utilization review; optimize dry-floor scheduling in existing facilities; and assess the adaptive reuse or lease of suitable large-span buildings.

Jessica McIlroy: I would support any of these options once we understand the options better. The City will not have the staff capacity or financial resources to take on a new large capital project, such as a new arena, in the new future.

Angela Girard: Joint, North Shore facility planning between NVRCC & District of West Vancouver

Jullian Kolstee: I'm cautious about the option to allocate municipal land only because of the housing crisis which makes that land critical for affordable housing. However, I think there will be opportunities to support dry floor expansion, and I see hockey generally not only as a recreational and wellbeing activity, but as part of our cultural heritage in North Vancouver.

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