



**CANDIDATE PROFILE**

**Name: Mary-Ann Booth**

QUESTION		
1.	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	Mayor; retired lawyer B.Com (UBC 1985); LL.B (UBC 1986)
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Yes, 32 years
3.	List of municipal or civic group experience.	2005-2011 School Trustee & Board Chair; 2011-2018 Municipal Councillor; 2018-2022 Mayor.
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	We have made good progress over the past four years, but there is much more to do. I believe leadership is about finding solutions to the complex issues we face, while preserving what we have. I'm running again to ensure that we keep moving forward towards a bright and sustainable future.
5.	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand the diversity and supply of housing for our downsizers, young families, and seniors;</li> <li>2. Protect our natural environment, reduce our impact on it, and adapt to climate change; and</li> <li>3. As Chair of N.S. Connects, ensure the implementation of 13 recommendations to improve mobility and reduce congestion.</li> </ol>
6.	What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Housing: approve a Local Area Plan for Ambleside, an Area Development Plan for Cypress Village, and a replacement facility for Inglewood Care Home.</li> <li>2. Environment: invest in climate change mitigation; address the threats of wildfires and floods; preserve 262 acres of forest as park in the Upper Lands.</li> <li>3. Traffic: continue to work with NS municipalities, First Nations, regional, provincial and federal agencies to bring Rapid Transit to the NS ASAP, and improve pedestrian and cycling networks.</li> </ol>
7.	Do you support a 38M publicly funded Arts Centre? In Ambleside Park? With a hotel? If not, what sort of arts facilities would you support? (75 words or less)	While we have a vibrant arts community, we have three unsuitable and failing arts facilities – the Art Museum, Silk Purse, and Music Box. We must plan for their replacement. That's why we are engaging with the community on its vision and concept for a new space. Staff will be reporting to Council with the results of this consultation, along with a capital

		funding strategy that doesn't rely on taxpayers, and an appropriate governance model.
8.	What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?	I believe we have work to do to restore the charm and vibrancy of our commercial villages. In consultation with the community, we are developing a Local Area Plan for Ambleside to incentivize redevelopment, manage the business mix, and improve our streetscapes. I'm hoping this process will result in an interesting and varied mix of low-rise development with ground floor retail.
9.	Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)	One of the major contributors to our traffic congestion is that 75% of our workforce commutes to West Vancouver from elsewhere. It has been said that "a good transportation plan is a good land use plan". This means we need to expand and diversify the supply of housing near amenities and transit.
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