



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Name Alexis Chicoine

QUESTION		
1.	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	<p>I am a disability and inclusion consultant, speaker and writer. With over 20 years of experience, I believe in open authentic conversations and have been on a mission to help organizations become disability-confident; to be more inclusive in their hiring and retention practices. At the same time, I have held a number of creative roles over the years, promotions at CTV (TV station), application support analyst (IT) at Arc'teryx and coordinating projects for large organizations, which translates to me working today with Stroke Services BC.</p> <p>Diploma in Rehabilitation and Disability Management, Simon Fraser University, 2017</p> <p>B.Sc. Nutritional Sciences, University of British Columbia, 1996</p> <p>Leading with Emotional Intelligence, Justice Institute of BC</p> <p>Successful Supervision, Canadian Professional Management Services Inc.</p>
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Having lived, worked and played on the North Shore for over 20 years, I truly appreciate owning my home in beautiful West Vancouver (2 years).
3.	List of municipal or civic group experience.	<p>Vice Chairman, West Vancouver & North Vancouver Municipal Government Advisory</p> <p>Committee on Disability Issues, 2015-Present</p> <p>Director, District of North Vancouver - Advisory Design Panel, 2021-Present</p>
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	After 7 years of advising council I am ready and eager to take the next step in working for my West Vancouver to address our traffic congestion, the lack of diversity and supply in our housing stock and the protection our natural environment. I want to meet the needs of our community by supporting art and culture, businesses, our youth...and more.
5.	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	Listings only 3 priorities is tough, as they are all interrelated. Addressing our transportation needs relates with the lack of diversity and supply in our housing stock. Protecting our natural environment

		<p>and advancing plans for climate adaptation drives decisions in housing materials, design, transportation options and more. Meeting the needs of our community by supporting art and culture, businesses and our youth goes back to transportation, housing, design and location of developments. Council needs to keep the bigger picture in mind, weigh the feedback/reports from all sources and make the best choice for our community now and into the future.</p>
6.	<p>What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)</p>	<p>Address housing crisis: We must diversify and expand the supply of housing (smaller homes, townhomes, low-rise mixed use, laneway homes, and rental units); including housing that is more affordable. We must develop supportive housing for seniors and people with disabilities who need extra care, so they can remain close to home as they age.</p> <p>Transportation needs: Create walkable communities by developing housing close to transit and existing services. Complete the pedestrian and cycling network. Work with TransLink to improve transit infrastructure, service area and frequency. Maintain the road network. Support bike-sharing, car and ride sharing and electric and low-emission vehicles.</p> <p>Protect Natural Environment & Climate Action: Implement community energy and emissions initiatives to lower GHGs. Employ land use regulations, non-structural enhancements and structural flood protection measures to reduce potential impacts on public safety and property from sea level rise and storm surge. Explore opportunities to enhance creek corridors to accommodate for and reduce potential impacts from flood and slope hazards and extreme weather events. Expand the use of green infrastructure through public and private development.</p>
7.	<p>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)</p>	<p>To move forward with an Arts Centre, I feel that funding will need to have a bigger percentage coming from private vs public sources. The District provides approx. 22,500 hours of arts and culture programming and activities to the residents of West Vancouver each year from 8 different facilities (3 which are at the end of life). Community arts and culture groups identified that access to affordable rehearsal, performance and support spaces is a challenge. In 20 years it is expected that arts and culture programming will grow by 65%. I see opportunities with a library renovation, which could include the arts facility.</p>

8.	What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?	I see complete villages that are walkable with stores and amenities to suit everyone in a similar model as Edgemont Village in North Vancouver. Each building development would be taken on its own merits, ensuring it complies with the OCP and local area plans. No more rezoning for high-rises. Low-rise mixed use, along Marine Dr, which respects the local character.
9.	Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)	75% of our workforce commutes here. We can make relatively walkable communities by developing housing close to transit and existing services. Complete the pedestrian and cycling network with integration to transit, Village Centres, community facilities, parks and trails system. Work with TransLink to improve transit infrastructure, service area and frequency. Maintain the road network for the safety and reliability of all road users, and seek to expand proposed road connections as opportunities arise. Support bike-sharing, car and ride sharing and electric and low-emission vehicles.
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