



CANDIDATE PROFILE

Name Linda Watt

QUESTION		
1.	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	<p>Global Film and Television: Unit Production Manager, Story Editor, Coordinator - Currently:</p> <p>North American Account Exec with Rekord Marine Enterprises/Gul Watersports Apparel. I handle purchasing (and current global supply chain drama) client relations and sales with Outfitter and Dealer clients</p> <p>Bachelor of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo. Legal Studies Option</p>
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Moved to West Vancouver in 2006. Homeowner in Horseshoe Bay since 2008.
3.	List of municipal or civic group experience.	Director Western Residents Association (2013-2020), Blockwatch Captain (2010-2020), BC Ferries Liaison Committee (2014), Volunteer Ski Instructor, Cypress Mountain Kids Camp (2007-2009), Moderator Horseshoe Bay Facebook Group (2018-2022)
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	We are at a precipice where major decisions will to be made over course of the next four years. My professional background driven by respectful collaboration and communication with multiple disciplines and the adherence to budgets and strict timelines will allow me to work with council and staff to tackle the very real issues.
5.	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	<p>Greater transparency, clearer communication and engagement with the public on decisions that affect them.</p> <p>Prioritize municipal spending so that basic services are met before we engage in non-essential capital-intensive projects.</p> <p>Streamline decision-making processes so that we do not waste money on projects that will not gain the support of the citizens of DWV.</p>
6.	What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)	<p>Our villages are tired - and dirty! We need to entice new businesses by incentivizing property owners and reducing red tape.</p> <p>We have limited housing for our aging citizens and young families. We need to be creative - explore</p>

		<p>stratification of existing structures, rent-to-own, thoughtful newer builds close to services.</p> <p>Several proposed and existing developments are not in symmetry with nature and our neighbourhood character. I will advocate for projects that meet the needs of our residents and don't cast a stain on our vistas.</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>No. With rising inflation and interest rates, the quoted 38M will be higher. Ambleside Park is iconic and long established. Building such an ambitious project in a prime, oceanside recreational setting, with or without a hotel, doesn't sit well with me. I support a more modest arts facility in a location where it would add value to nearby businesses and adequate community engagement has been conducted and survey results are from West Vancouver residents ONLY.</p>
8.	<p>What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?</p>	<p>I would support a maximum height of three stories and only support projects that add visual and architectural value to Ambleside. There would need to be appropriate setbacks and variations that create a non-uniform streetscape.</p>
9.	<p>Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)</p>	<p>Synchronize stoplights, especially along Marine Drive. I advocate for the introduction of micro-transit, connecting to our Blue Bus lines and commercial villages. I have used Lime Electric Scooters in other cities and would like to explore the viability, here.</p>
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