

North Vancouver politicians commit to addressing affordable housing

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Affordable Housing Assembly a Success!

Over 300 enthusiastic members of the Metro Vancouver Alliance and community partners, representing a range of faith, labour, educational and community groups in North Vancouver gathered on Family Day to call on local politicians to address the affordable housing crisis on the North Shore.



Local civic politicians and Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP for Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country heard some powerful testimony about the struggle to find affordable housing from delegates representing MVA's member organizations: they were then asked to commit to specific, achievable, proposals around affordable housing and healthy neighborhoods.

Here are the commitments that were made.

Acting Mayor of West Vancouver Craig Cameron indicated he will support work with MVA and city council to amend the official Community Plan to include housing security as a design principal; and use municipally owned land to leverage the development of affordable non-market housing, held for that purpose in perpetuity through a land trust or other mechanism, in West Vancouver.

Darrell Mussatto, Mayor of North Vancouver, indicated he will support and work with MVA and city council to use municipally owned land to leverage the development of affordable non-market housing, held for that purpose in perpetuity through a land trust or other mechanism, in the City of North Vancouver?

North Vancouver Municipal District Mayor Richard Walton indicated he will support and work with MVA and city council to use municipally owned land to leverage the development of affordable non-market housing – held for that purpose in perpetuity through a land trust or other mechanism – in the City of North Vancouver; and prioritize municipally leveraged developments to meet the needs of Capilano University students.

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP for Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country, committed to work with MVA and her government to secure federal funding to subsidize the construction of non-market affordable housing in North Vancouver as soon as property and development plans are committed.

In addition, all four politicians committed to meet with an MVA delegation within 45 days to discuss progress and develop implementation plans.

MVA Organizations and Leaders committed to support the Mayors in securing the commitments of City Councillors and others as needed to deliver on these promises and to build broad-based support for these initiatives within their own organizations and communities, and committed to surfacing the stories and experiences of housing challenges that are needed to inform decisions on how to best address the problem.

These commitments will make the North Shore a better place for all of us: more inclusive, more fair, and better housed.

None of this would have been possible without the MVA and community allies who took part in the Affordable Housing Assembly, MVA's Campaign Action Team members, MVA volunteers and leaders, and the hundreds of people on the North Shore who participated in our listening campaigns.

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