



Bowinn Ma, MLA – North Vancouver - Lonsdale

MLA UPDATE

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2018

You're invited!

Join MLA Bowinn Ma for a **Grand Open House** on Saturday, May 5th from 1pm–4pm.

Check out our Community Office, speak with MLA Ma, learn about the work of the provincial government, and enjoy refreshments at this reception-style family friendly event.

Our Community Office is Your Community Office!



Children are welcome to join their parents in our office!



LOCATION

5-221 W Esplanade
North Vancouver BC V7M 3J3

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 10AM–5PM
(After hours meetings with MLA Ma available by appointment.)

CONTACT

Phone: 604-981-0033
Fax: 604-981-0044
Web: www.BowinnMaMLA.ca
E-mail: Bowinn.Ma.MLA@leg.bc.ca

MLA Ma is on social media!
Find her on



How We Help

When you contact our Community Office, my staff and I will do everything we can to help. If we cannot assist you directly, we will do our best to redirect you to the appropriate place. Your confidentiality is respected at all times.

Since we're often out in the community or helping community members, please make an appointment to make sure we have the time we need to assist you. To book an appointment, call 604-981-0033.

Our Services

- ▶ **Space for community workshops and meetings** – We can host your free workshop or meeting after hours at 5-221 W Esplanade.*
- ▶ **Recognition** – Has someone in our community made a unique contribution or achieved something great? We will send a congratulatory message and certificate or card.
- ▶ **Advocacy** – We will work hard to help you solve any problems with provincial government departments, services or ministries.
- ▶ **Information** – Our office can find the right government contact or program. We can help you understand out how program changes will affect you, your family and your community.

- ▶ **Referral** – We know the services available in our community. We also know what grants are available to help fund community building services and projects. Just ask!
- ▶ **Get connected** – Our office offers free fax, phone and internet for government and community-related matters.



* We are restricted by the type of events we can host; please ask us for details..

Action on the Housing Crisis



We're taking action to address the housing crisis by taxing speculation, closing loopholes, improving security for renters and building new affordable housing with a record \$6B investment over 10 years. Check out our comprehensive 30-Point Housing plan at bcbudget.gov.bc.ca

Cracking Down on Money Laundering



The recent transition in government has revealed allegations of serious, large-scale, transnational laundering of the proceeds of crime in BC casinos over the past decade, with strong evidence of such activities influencing the real estate market. Your new government is taking swift and decisive action to crack down on money laundering and tax evasion.

Improvements to Healthcare



Your BC government is serious about improving health care services for people.

- ▶ PharmaCare deductibles reduced or eliminated for families with household net incomes under \$45,000/yr
- ▶ \$548M to improve seniors' care.
- ▶ \$150M to support team-based primary care for people without a family doctor.
- ▶ 34% increase in hip and knee-replacement surgeries and 20% increase in MRIs to reduce wait times for patients.
- ▶ 50% reduction in unfair monthly MSP premiums since Jan 1, 2018 — eliminated entirely by Jan 1, 2020.

Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples



Your BC government is committed to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and moving forward on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

- ▶ \$200M+ for housing, skills and training, mental health and wellness, including steady funding for Aboriginal friendship centres.
- ▶ \$50M for indigenous language revitalization.

Moving Towards Universal Child Care



Parents are struggling to find affordable, quality child care. Your BC government is making the largest investment in child care in B.C.'s history.

- ▶ 22,000 new licensed child care spaces.
- ▶ New licensed child care fee reduction program of up to \$350/mo beginning in April.
- ▶ New affordable child care benefit of up to \$1,250/mo for families earning \$111,000/yr or less to be introduced in September.

Learn more about our Child Care Plan at bcbudget.gov.bc.ca

These are just a few highlights! For more information about the changes your new government is making, please visit bcbudget.gov.bc.ca or contact our Community Office.

IN THE PROVINCE

MLA Ma with talented young Squamish Nation Pow Wow participants.



On the SkyTrain with TransLink Staff. Public transportation is the key to getting the North Shore moving again.



At the 2017 Canada Day Parade, with some of our volunteers who provide support in the community.

Premier John Horgan speaks with community members on the SeaBus during a visit to North Vancouver.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Investing in North Vancouver Students



In addition to providing record levels of operating funding for schools across British Columbia, the province has announced the replacement of Handsworth Secondary School as well as an additional \$5.2 million in funding for school upgrade projects in North Vancouver through the School Enhancement Program.



The Squamish Nation Training and Trades Centre provides valuable opportunities for Squamish Nation community members to learn and grow.

New SeaBus



A third SeaBus is coming to the North Shore! Starting in 2019, sailings will be increased to once every 10 minutes during peak hours.

Sutherland Secondary Students demonstrate civic leadership by engaging with their MLA.



Increased Bus Service (& New B-Line!)

The province is making a record investment in Metro Vancouver public transportation. We're going to get a substantial increase in bus service on the North Shore including a new B-Line along the Marine-Main corridor!

That means shorter travel times, shorter waits and less crowding. Until May 31, visit translink.ca/bline to have your say on the new B-Line and related changes.



Diagram above: TransLink. Please visit <https://tenyearvision.translink.ca/plan/north-shore.aspx>

Interested in providing feedback on public transit improvements? Ensure we have your contact information so we can inform you of opportunities to do so! E-mail us!

Public Consultation for New North Shore B-Line

Thursday, May 24 from 5PM to 8PM
5-221 W. Esplanade Ave

Visit www.BowinnMaMLA.ca/Calendar for additional opportunities to provide feedback.



Reporters speak with MLA Ma on the National Day for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Your BC government hosted the first ever Nowruz Celebration at the Legislature.



Would you like MLA Ma to speak at or attend your event? E-mail us!



Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Hon. Claire Trevena, Mayor of the City of North Vancouver Darrell Mussatto, MLA Ma, and Mayor of the District of North Vancouver Richard Walton meet to discuss North Vancouver issues.

Mobile Community Office

Our Mobile Community Office allows us to engage and support members of our community at a location near you. We expect to be out and about on a regular basis throughout the summer! Find out where our Mobile Community Office will be by visiting our online calendar: www.BowinnMaMLA.ca/Calendar

Would you like us to set up at your event? Contact us!

**North Shore
High School
Students:
Need community
service hours?
Volunteer
for your MLA!**

Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP)

Traffic is terrible. It impacts everything here on the North Shore: our economy, our businesses, our services, and our quality of life. It's frustrating and something has to change.

Unfortunately, there is currently no agreement between the municipalities, TransLink, provincial government, federal government, and First Nations as to a long-term transportation plan for the North Shore.

That's why I've initiated the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project (INSTPP — pronounced "in step") to bring these agencies together to tackle the issue of traffic congestion head-on and work towards both short-term and long-term solutions.

It's a huge step in the right direction to have all levels of government on the North Shore come together on this critical issue and work to identify how we can move forward as a region. This inter-agency process has been underway for several months now and we look forward to producing a consensus report that will help us make real gains towards real solutions and feed into TransLink's Regional Transportation Strategy, which will be updated over the coming year.

Every agency working on INSTPP acknowledges the impact that transportation challenges have on all aspects of life on the North Shore and together we're going to do all we can to get the North Shore moving again.

Thank you to everyone who has written my office in support of this initiative. I'll be working hard to make sure this project achieves its goals.

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Clip & Keep Reference Numbers

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GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BC Housing 604-433-2218

BC Ombudsperson 1-800-567-3247

City of North Vancouver
604-985-7761

District of North Vancouver
604-990-2311

Employment Standards Branch
1-800-663-3316

Enquiry BC 604-660-2421

Medical Services Plan & Pharmacare
604 683-7151

**Representative for Children
and Youth** 1-800-476-3933

Residential Tenancy Office
604-660-1020

School District #44 604-903-3444

Vancouver Coastal Health
604-736-2033

VCH Patient Care Quality Office
1 (877) 993-9199

**Jonathan Wilkinson, MP
North Vancouver**
604-775-6333

COMMUNITY SERVICES

BC Notaries 604-681-4516

Family Services North Shore
604-988-5281

Harvest Project 604-983-9488

Hollyburn Family Services
604-987-8211

LandlordBC 1-888-330-6707

Legal Services Society 604-408-2172

Mental Health Support
310-6789 (no area code required)

**North Shore Community
Resources Society** 604-985-7138

North Shore Crisis Services Society
604-987-0366

**North Shore Disability Resource
Centre** 604-985-5371

North Shore Hospice Society
604-984-5785

**North Shore Legal Information
and Assistance**
604-985-7138 Ext.310

North Shore Multicultural Society
604-988-2931

North Shore Neighbourhood House
604-987-8138

North Shore Women's Centre
604-984-6009

North Vancouver City Library
120 14th Street West
North Vancouver, BC
604-998-3450

**Older Adult Mental Health Team
For Families and Caregivers**
604-982-5600

Seniors One Stop Help Line
604-983-3303

Silver Harbour Seniors Centre
604-980-2474

**The Foundry – North Shore
Youth Support** 604-984-5060

**Tenants Rights Action Coalition
(TRAC)** 604-255-0546

WorkBC North Shore (YMCA)
604-988-3766

WorkSafeBC 1-888-967-5377

Other ways MLA Ma has been serving the people of North Vancouver-Lonsdale in the BC Legislature...

- ▶ as Chair of the *Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations*
- ▶ as a member of the *Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts*
- ▶ on the *Treasury Board Committee* and the *Cabinet Housing Working Group*
- ▶ as *Parliamentary Secretary for Translink*