

# MOLANA

Museum & Archives  
of North Vancouver

Commision Recruitment Package 2025



## OVERVIEW

MONOVA's vision is to inspire belonging and community connection across the diverse communities and rich histories of North Vancouver. MONOVA operates both the Museum of North Vancouver (115 West Esplanade) in The Shipyards and the Archives of North Vancouver (3203 Institute Road) in Lynn Valley and supports several other online/offsite experiences for the public to engage with and learn about the past, present and future stories of North Vancouver. MONOVA honours its relationships with the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətał (Tseil'-Waututh) Nations, working collaboratively to focus on the meaningful cultural exchange of knowledge, examine new ways to facilitate ongoing interest from the Nations, and ensure our commitments are reflective of community needs and desires over time. Are you interested in playing a part in the future success of both the Museum and the Archives? If so, we invite you to consider applying to become a member of the Commission.

*We respectfully acknowledge that MONOVA: Museum & Archives of North Vancouver is located on the traditional lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətał (Tseil'-Waututh) Nations, whose ancestors have lived here for countless generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work and learn with them on unceded Coast Salish Territory.*

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## COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE MODEL

MONOVA (previously NVMA) was founded in 1972 and has been governed since 1995 by the North Vancouver Museum & Archives Commission, operated under the auspices of both the City and the District of North Vancouver. The Commission plays a governance and fiduciary role, providing strategic direction to the organization.

## PURPOSE

MONOVA is a community-focused organization. It exists to engage, strengthen and inspire our community and its visitors. We preserve historically valuable community records, making them meaningful and accessible to the public. MONOVA also offers a strong online presence for North Vancouver residents, students, and educators to learn about its rich history and culture.



## ONE ORGANIZATION - FIVE PLATFORMS THROUGH WHICH MONOVA SERVES ITS COMMUNITY

**The Archives:** a comprehensive collection of documents, photos, and records. The award-winning Archives will continue in its current Lynn Valley location after the new museum opens.

**Mobile Exhibit Network:** a collection of small, engaging exhibits featured in public facilities.

**Online Experiences:** select stories of North Vancouver can be found on MONOVA's website and specially designed interactive websites. We also offer online access to the digital archives collection.

**Educational Programs:** these quality programs are delivered by MONOVA to students and community groups. Our popular theatrical history presentations in Lynn Canyon Park and at the Shipyards bring North Vancouver's history to life each summer.

**Museum of North Vancouver:** MONOVA's new museum opened in 2021. This new community amenity features engaging exhibits and a wide range of programs. It has been developed with input from the community, including local First Nations.

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*MONOVA receives core operating support from the City, the District, and the Government of BC through the BC Arts Council. Special project funding is received from sources such as the federal Department of Canadian Heritage, Young Canada Works, and Service Canada. A major \$1.5M fundraising campaign for the new museum achieved its target in 2021, and annual fundraising campaigns are ongoing.*

*A robust 4-year Business Plan and 2024-2027 Strategic Plan have been developed to take MONOVA through an exciting new phase as a major cultural attraction.*



## YOUR COMMITMENT AS A MONOVA COMMISSIONER

The North Vancouver Museum & Archives Commission (NVMAC) is the legal governing authority for MONOVA. Members of the Commission act in a position of trust for the community and are responsible for the effective governance and strategic direction of the organization. MONOVA is a bi-municipal agency and the City and District of North Vancouver each appoints four municipal residents and one municipal councillor to serve as Commissioners. The Friends Society, a registered charity which promotes and raises funds for MONOVA, may appoint one member, for a total of 11. In 2021, the Commission established the role of Chair Emeritus, which will provide for continued support and recognize significant contributions.

### YOUR SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

We are seeking applicants with experience and leadership in one or more of the following areas: Equity diversity and inclusion, board governance, community development, education, finance, fundraising, Indigenous relations, government relations, media and communications, museums & heritage, strategic planning. Additional considerations include professional memberships, and community leadership experience.

**Applicants must reside in the District of North Vancouver to apply for DNV vacancies, and the City of North Vancouver for CNV vacancies.**

### YOUR TIME

Commissioners are appointed for a term of up to 3 years, and can be reappointed once, to serve no more than 6 consecutive years. During this time, they commit to spending an average of 4-8 hours per month on board-related activities, or more if in a leadership role or serving on a Committee. This includes: preparing for and attending monthly meetings, special events, and lending expertise in specific areas.



## COMMISSIONERS (FEBRUARY, 2025)

### City of North Vancouver appointed:

Dee Dhaliwal  
David Youngson – Chair  
Sheryl Rivers  
Adrian Dyck  
Councillor Don Bell

### District of North Vancouver appointed:

Sandra White  
Brian Burtch – Vice Chair  
Jason Milne  
Alicia Peters  
Councillor Jordan Back

### MONOVA:

Zoe Mackoff de Miranda – Director

### Friends appointee:

Jennifer Pantel

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

**For more information on how to submit your application, please contact:**

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**Pease note:** Candidates must apply through the online portal of either the DNV or CNV, according to the municipality in which they reside:

**[City of North Vancouver Application Portal](#)**  
**[District of North Vancouver Application Portal](#)**