

A Vision Built on Listening and Action

I'm running as an independent candidate for mayor, guided by values we share: respect, transparency, teamwork, and a deep commitment to our community.

From day one, I'll **build a shared yearly roadmap to tackle priority issues with elected council and citizens from every village** to set clear priorities

Wentworth-Nord can shine even brighter — by embracing its natural beauty, civic spirit, and sustainable, inclusive practices.

This document is an invitation to engage. **Your voice matters — and will matter even more tomorrow.**

With respect and commitment,

Karine Dostie

*Let's take action
together*
for Wentworth-Nord

**You can count on me, as mayor,
to represent you with a
solutions-focused approach.**



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Profile

Principled, visionary, and unifying.

I surround myself with people of diverse talents and backgrounds, and I listen attentively. Together, we build strong, lasting solutions to our issues — because effective governance is rooted in trust, collaboration, and mutual respect.

Experience

- 20 years of experience in management, process optimization, and communication
- Holds a BBA and an MBA in Management (with honors)
- Elected as municipal councillor in Wentworth-Nord in 2021
- Serving as interim mayor since June 2025

A solid track record, recognized leadership, and a deep commitment to serving the community.

Vision

By 2030, Wentworth-Nord shines as a community of choice, where natural beauty, civic culture, and environmental stewardship attract and welcome new residents.

Priorities

1. Taking a sustainable turn for our roads and buildings

- Adopt a **10-year investment plan** for roads and buildings — repair, modernize, anticipate, and move away from short-term, election-driven approaches. Invest annually to avoid roller-coaster budgeting
- Maximize grants by **assigning a dedicated resource**
- **Involve the community** via structured public input
- Shift from a repair mindset to a **culture of maintenance**
- **Keep taking concrete action** to **support residents** living on **private roads**

2. Supporting community projects and development

- **Continue supporting key initiatives** (e.g., COOP Santé, COOP Laurel)
- Encourage **new, innovative projects** (e.g., community garden)
- **Every construction project is unique, and we remain flexible:**
 - Ensure all changes **respect the environment**
 - **Simplify processes and paperwork**
 - **Streamline urban planning regulations** by exploring sector-based rules
 - **Adopt a supportive approach** for citizen-led and developer projects (renovation permits, construction, etc.)
- **Attract new residents while respecting regulations, peace, and the environment** (e.g., tax holidays for families or LEED-certified homes)
- **Consult frequently citizens, entrepreneurs, Comité consultatif en urbanisme (CCU) and Comité consultatif en environnement (CCE)**

3. Building a citizen-mindset

- **Put citizens** at the heart of decision-making
- **Communicate better and more:** diverse tools (Facebook, emails, videos), host coffee chats and use clear, accessible language, annual report available in print
- **Set service standards and meet them:** response times, complaint management, etc.
- Encourage **constructive collaboration between elected officials, citizens, municipal staff, and the MRC**
- Launch a **participatory budget** to spark unifying community initiatives

Tools to Make It Happen

- **Responsible financial management:** deficits eliminated, monthly tracking in place, intermunicipal cooperation initiated — the first step is done, and we've begun building surpluses to reinvest
- **Collaborative leadership:** as a mayor, I will represent our community, shape regional decisions, and protect our interests — turning leadership into lasting impact.