

CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER - 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY RESULTS

QUESTION 1 *Will you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that separate bicycles from motor vehicles and pedestrians along key transportation corridors and certain busy commercial streets?*

Linda Buchanan <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes Safety of cyclists is a priority and I am committed to moving forward on the City's AAA Cycling network. I have championed active modes of transportation in the City over my time on council and will continue to do so.
Rod Clark <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes I have done so already.
Guy Heywood <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes I would provided there's money available and any other more critical priorities are met. To say any more than that would not be responsible.
Pooneh Alizadeh <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes
Bill Bell <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes Safety.
Anna Boltenko <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes The main factor that keeps cycling rates low in many cities is that most people are not comfortable sharing space in streets with fast-moving cars and trucks. As a councillor, I will be standing for creating a separate line to make a safe and comfortable environment for all road users.
Angela Girard <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes We must begin to create a biking culture among our younger generations. Older generations may not be acculturated to manage biking on our hills, but with the use of e-bikes and other initiatives we can evolve our community to be more accommodating to cycling.
Mack McCorkindale <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes Yes. We need to improve and maintain dedicated cycling infrastructure and complete our network so that people have more transportation options and feel safe getting around. The City of North Vancouver has some great bike lanes and paths but we can always do better.
Jessica McIlroy <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes I a multi-modal citizen and often ride my bike as a commuter and with my children. I'm strongly supportive of measures that will support and increase the use of bikes, and keenly aware of how the current infrastructure creates an unsafe environment that limits bike use. One of the biggest problems around the City of North Vancouver (where I live) and the North Shore, is the inconsistency of biking infrastructure. Bike lanes and paths, road markings, and the methods for separating bikes from motor vehicles are extremely inconsistent and many are ineffective. A clear and coordinated strategy is required.
Brett Thorburn <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes Yes, because I would like to see continuous improvements for those who cycle and take public transit across the City of North Vancouver.
Tony Valente <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes As a former Chair of HUB Cycling North Shore I know what kinds of infrastructure enable more people to choose to bike for transportation. You can look to me to build separated infrastructure that keeps all users safe.



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QUESTION 2 Will you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that #UnGapTheMap in the municipal and regional cycling network, allowing people of all ages and abilities to travel safely by bicycle?

Learn more about #UnGapTheMap at www.bikehub.ca/ungapthemap

Linda Buchanan MAYOR	Yes	Our regional transportation system only works if we plan it as a system. This includes ensuring that the investments in cycling infrastructure are planned comprehensively as well throughout Metro. As a Mayor I will commit to work collaboratively and in partnership with the other Metro Mayor's to ensuring we are getting the money we need from the senior levels of government to move forward on completing a complete cycling network in Metro. This includes making sure as we make investments locally they are coordinated with the regional system.
Rod Clark MAYOR	Yes	
Guy Heywood MAYOR	Yes	I am in favour of filling the gaps in the map whenever it aligns with overall budgetary priorities.
Pooneh Alizadeh COUNCIL	Yes	
Bill Bell COUNCIL	Yes	
Anna Boltenko COUNCIL	Yes	
Angela Girard COUNCIL	Yes	We can consider a range of options from simple things like improving way-finding signage to more intensive work like repaving/lining roads to include bike routes that ensure safe and simple approaches to improve a cycling culture.
Mack McCorkindale COUNCIL	Yes	Yes.
Jessica Mclroy COUNCIL	Yes	As stated in my previous answer, the inconsistency of biking infrastructure is a significant concern in North Vancouver. While bike and multi-use pathways have been constructed, there are difficult access points that still exist. The paths that do exist don't connect well to commercial centres and public infrastructure like schools and recreation centres. A lot of work can be done to improve the consistency and coverage of the biking network.
Brett Thorburn COUNCIL	Yes	I think it would be great if all ages can safely share the same road network for cyclists for all ages.
Tony Valente COUNCIL	Yes	We can't expect families and people in general to ride their bikes to destinations on incomplete networks. Complete networks get more people cycling safely in our community.





Your Cycling Connection

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QUESTION 3 *Do you think the budget for cycling infrastructure should increase, stay the same, or decrease and why?*



Linda Buchanan MAYOR	Increase	As it currently sits the City has \$43 Million dollars of expenditures planned over a ten year period for AAA Network, planned biking route and greenway networks which includes cycling. Cycling is prioritized second next to walking in our hierarchy of priorities for transportation so this needs to be reflected in the budget. The City is always looking to leverage senior level of governments funding for active transportation and if successful the budget can be adjusted to other projects.
Rod Clark MAYOR	Stay the same	We are only 54k but have committed to 23 mil in bike infrastructure.
Guy Heywood MAYOR	Decrease	<p>In the City of North Vancouver the budget is likely going to decrease because of the controversial and misguided nature of recent expenditures on bike infrastructure. Local representatives of your organization were not consulted or not listened to. Some of the new infrastructure has increased risks to pedestrians, particularly seniors, and will likely have to be modified or removed.</p> <p>The non-biking part of the community is justifiably resentful of a number of projects the City has done in the name of bike infrastructure. It will take some time and thought to restore confidence that money spent on bike infrastructure is creating real community benefit.</p>
Pooneh Alizadeh COUNCIL	Increase	
Bill Bell COUNCIL	Increase	To increase safety and the use of bikes.
Anna Boltenko COUNCIL	Increase	Cities with bike commuters are attractive. Bike commuters are more likely to shop local, contributing to the community's economy. Bike lanes promote active and healthy lifestyles. It's a small investment with a big return.
Angela Girard COUNCIL	Increase	Modest increases to facilitate cycling initiatives should be considered.
Mack McCorkindale COUNCIL	Increase	It should increase because Cities need to be making the necessary improvements to ensure people feel safe when choosing cycling as a mode of transportation. There are so many benefits: a more healthy lifestyle for citizens, less traffic, and more friendly to our environment. It's a win-win.
Jessica McIlroy COUNCIL	Increase	Significant infrastructure upgrades are required and as such will require an increase budget in the near term. A multi-year plan that lays out the construction of this infrastructure is needed, combined with an understanding of the longer-term budget required to maintain this infrastructure.
Brett Thorburn COUNCIL	Stay the same	As of now, it seems like we have a great network for cyclists to work. If elected I would look into this more closely to see if an increase is necessary.
Tony Valente COUNCIL	Increase	The North Shore has just completed the INSTPP integrated transportation report which indicates that we need to make more investments in our cycling infrastructure to complete the network if we expect to alleviate vehicle traffic. I believe we must increase investments in cycling as part of a larger solution to traffic and its negative impacts on our community.

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QUESTION 4 Do you support providing transportation cycling education to all elementary school students so that kids can learn to be safe and responsible road users early on?



Linda Buchanan <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes	Throughout my time on council, I have been a champion of safe routes to school and providing the education and infrastructure necessary in the City to support this. This also included a formal MOU between the City and the School District to work together for children's safe and active travel to school and in the community and a working committee that also included community partners (HASTE, ICBC, RCMP, VCH etc). As a public health nurse in health promotion my motto is 'make the healthy choice, the easy choice' and the earlier we get children making healthy lifestyle choices the more likely they are to sustain that behaviour as an adult not only for recreation and exercise but for transportation. This is true for education as well. The earlier we provide cycling education the more likely their confidence will increase and they will be cycling safely for the rest of their life. Over the 2016/17 school year, staff piloted an expansion of the program to provide cycling education to all Grade 6 students in public and private elementary schools within the City. All Grade 6 students participate in an in-class workshop and building sessions in a simulation course on school grounds and on the road. Safe and Active travel to school planning also expanded to the two public high schools this year as well. The City has a permanent staff member who oversees these programs and works directly with the schools along with HASTE. I will continue to champion these programs as the Mayor.
Rod Clark <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes	
Guy Heywood <small>MAYOR</small>	Yes	Absolutely
Pooneh Alizadeh <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	
Bill Bell <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	
Anna Boltenko <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	
Angela Girard <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	This could include liaison officers, professional development, and school presentations that will improve both pedestrian, cycle and vehicle safety throughout our neighborhoods.
Mack McCorkindale <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	
Jessica McIlroy <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	I volunteer with the Queen Mary Community Elementary School Green Team and each fall and spring we run a bike to school week at the school. As Chair of the PAC, I also support the funding of bike safety training that comes to our school each year. Our work to develop a Walk and Wheel Wednesday program in 2016/17 won a Living City award from the City of North Vancouver.
Brett Thorburn <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	Safety first!
Tony Valente <small>COUNCIL</small>	Yes	We know that kids who have the opportunity to learn about cycling at school are more likely to ride throughout their lives and have more open attitudes to those that ride.