

CITY OF COQUITLAM - 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?



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| Richard Stewart MAYOR | Yes | I'm an avid cyclist, and ride to work at City Hall regularly. And while I have no hesitation using most of our road network, I know many who won't cycle on conventional streets, and are left with no options without separated bike lanes, which I fully support. |
| Craig Hodge COUNCIL | Yes | Yes. In Coquitlam we are currently working to expand our roadways and create bike routes. |
| Geoff Hunt COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Steve Kim COUNCIL | Yes | I believe it's important to have a diversified strategy for all transportation. Strategic investments into bicycle infrastructure to help people get to transit hubs in our city is desired. But infrastructure for recreational use should be considered as well. |
| Dennis Marsden COUNCIL | Yes | We have an active group that is working on multi use pathways and other initiatives to build a complete system of bicycle access across our city. |
| Devan Robertson COUNCIL | Yes | Proper Infrastructure will incentivize residents to reduce their carbon footprint by pursuing other transportation options where practicable. These investments will also help alleviate the traffic problems plaguing our cities. |
| Ian Soutar COUNCIL | Yes | From a young age I learned that it is entirely too unsafe to be a full-time pedestrian or cyclist in this region. Residents should be encouraged and empowered to make the sustainable choice in their transportation, and the current system is a weak framework of cyclist lanes and sidewalks that doesn't have a very strong plan. Having recently visited Amsterdam, I have seen how an effective cycling network can reduce stress on roads and bring down an entire jurisdiction's carbon emissions by making roads safer for non-motorised transportation. |
| Teri Towner COUNCIL | Yes | I've been advocating for a proper and complete bike path/lane that joins cyclists coming over the Port Mann bridge to the Central Valley Greenway. I support more cycling infrastructure with respect to lanes, paths, lockers at transit stations and more bike racks at public gathering spaces. I support initiatives that will allow anyone who wants to use their bike for transportation, to be able to. I ride my bike along Guildford Way, lock it and do the Coquitlam Crunch. Using the bike lane on Guildford is fantastic. I'd love to see more of those in the appropriate areas of our city. |
| Chris Wilson COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Bonita Zarrillo COUNCIL | Yes | |

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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

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| Richard Stewart MAYOR | Yes | We have some serious gaps in Coquitlam, and I discover similar gaps across Metro Vancouver. We need the support on Council to get this to be a priority. |
| Craig Hodge COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Geoff Hunt COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Steve Kim COUNCIL | Yes | I would need more research and information on the impact to the areas in our city and neighbours, but as a concept or plan, this is great. |
| Dennis Marsden COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Devan Robertson COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Ian Soutar COUNCIL | Yes | I fully support this project and will do whatever I can in my position as city councillor to see the robust development of non-motorised transportation. |
| Teri Towner COUNCIL | Yes | If people aren't using their bikes because of safety issues, those safety issues should be addressed. I believe we need to address what we can. I can't advocate to have hills in my community removed, but I can advocate for safer routes. |
| Chris Wilson COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Bonita Zarrillo COUNCIL | Yes | |





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?*



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| Richard Stewart MAYOR | Increase | |
| Craig Hodge COUNCIL | Increase | We need to encourage more people to cycle instead of using cars. |
| Geoff Hunt COUNCIL | Increase | |
| Steve Kim COUNCIL | Stay the same | Honestly, I need more information in order to make this decision. I'd rather choose 'Need more info' to ensure I have all the facts. So for now, it's 'stay the same,' until I have more data and research. Open minded on this and believe infrastructure is important. |
| Dennis Marsden COUNCIL | Stay the same | We are currently including bicycle routes in our transportation plans, should staff feel additional funding is required, we will address it, however at this point, no access is included in the infrastructure funding requests. |
| Devan Robertson COUNCIL | Stay the same | Implementation is the current problem, not the funding amount. |
| Ian Soutar COUNCIL | Increase | The current infrastructure is majorly lacking and creates incredibly unsafe environments for cyclists in many areas. Parents should be able to comfortably send their kids off to school from anywhere in the city on their bicycles, and as the planet struggles with the increasing effects of climate change, transportation should be a major focus for municipalities to reduce their emissions. |
| Teri Towner COUNCIL | Stay the same | We've done quite well in my city making improvements with the current budget and I know we'll keep at it. If, at any point in time a significant improvement is to be made, then yes, the budget should be increased. |
| Chris Wilson COUNCIL | Increase | |
| Bonita Zarrillo COUNCIL | Increase | |

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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?



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| Richard Stewart MAYOR | Yes | We have done some extensive work on School Walkability and Cycling Routes, but we don't have influence on cycling education. |
| Craig Hodge COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Geoff Hunt COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Steve Kim COUNCIL | Yes | Wish I had this when I was a kid back in the 70s/80s. |
| Dennis Marsden COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Devan Robertson COUNCIL | Yes | This is an absolutely essential tool for children to have. |
| Ian Soutar COUNCIL | Yes | I remember learning bike safety from an external organization when I was in elementary school. If kids can be encouraged and empowered to be active cyclists, we can help change the trajectory of our transportation for future generations. Education, of course, is a key factor for this. |
| Teri Towner COUNCIL | Yes | <p>And if not elementary students, then middle school students. I supported my city's middle school bike education program and would again.</p> <p>Because active travel to school and traffic safety around schools is a passion of mine - and has been for many years - I have done lots of work with and outreach to school kids around cycling. I have spoken at assemblies, with the leadership "Cool Routes to School" kids, sponsored middle school "Bike to School Weeks" and been active with HASTE BC (Hub for Active School Travel) pertaining to active travel to school. My own son was a participant in the Bike Education program last year at his school and he gained a lot from it. I am very enthusiastic about doing what we can to increase activity amongst youth.</p> <p>I support any and all outreach that encourages more cycling – for example, Bike to Work Week.</p> <p>I co-founded the TriCities Friends of Refugees Task Group and am also Chair. One initiative I am very proud of is our "Bicycle Drive". Over 12-18 months, more than 120 bikes were donated to my group, tuned up/repared, and passed on to refugee newcomers looking to have a bike. The youth and young adults started using their bikes as transportation immediately. I engaged local businesses to donate locks and helmets and our initiative was a resounding success. Having bicycles has dramatically improved the lives of many newcomers.</p> |
| Chris Wilson COUNCIL | Yes | |
| Bonita Zarrillo COUNCIL | Yes | |