

DISTRICT 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?

Ash Amlani MAYOR	Yes	
Erez Barzilay MAYOR	Yes	Of course I will ! Already riding both 100% electric bicycle + car! And, this is only the beginning of our planned rapid increase of infrastructure strongly supporting electric everything. Charging stations, special routes, and much more !
Mike Little MAYOR	Yes	Yes, sometimes that infrastructure may have to take place on an alternate route, but I am committed to making cycling safer in our community.
Jordan Back COUNCIL	Yes	There is no question that safer bike routes result in less accidents involving cyclists and vehicles and result in an increased number of people getting out of their vehicles. While cycling is only one piece of an effective multi-modal transportation network, it is an important piece. As someone who's passion is triathlon, cycling is very important to me and access to safe cycling routes will be a priority.
Mathew Bond COUNCIL	Yes	<p>During my first term on Council, I introduced a motion to prioritize the planning and construction of a connected network of protected bicycle facilities between the town centres in the District of North Van, the Lions Gate Bridge, the Ironworkers Bridge and the City of North Vancouver.</p> <p>Academic research, best practice and practical experience from communities across North America has shown that in order for more people to choose biking as a way to get around more often, biking needs to feel safe, easy and convenient. A patchwork of different bike facilities does not encourage more trips by bike, as only those comfortable or fearless enough to ride with fast moving cars and trucks can complete even the most basic of trips. When biking is a consistent, safe, joyful and delightful experience, more people will be encouraged to bike more often.</p>
Megan Curren COUNCIL	Yes	We have to coordinate with the City of North Van to ensure complete cycling networks.
Phil Dupasquier COUNCIL	Yes	Separating bikes, pedestrians and cars have been proven to be effective to increase safety and ridership.
Mark Elliott COUNCIL	Yes	A complex question that requires a bit of clarification. I believe that separating bicycles from vehicle traffic is important for safety, and speed of travel for all. This needs to be done within the bounds of municipal financing over a period of time.
Jim Hanson COUNCIL	Yes	This is a generational investment that will improve the quality of the life for many residents in the long term. While fiscally challenging, I believe the long-term benefit to the liveability of our community justified the expense.
Sameer Parekh COUNCIL	Yes	
Greg Robins COUNCIL	Yes	This is important and part of a progressive move to make biking safer.





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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



Ash Amlani MAYOR	Yes	
Erez Barzilay MAYOR	Yes	
Mike Little MAYOR	Yes	We have several significant bike lanes that currently do not connect, I am committed to finding safe, off road connections to tie the system together.
Jordan Back COUNCIL	Yes	Short answer - yes, as someone who does lots of long rides around Metro Vancouver, I'm very familiar with many of the bike routes which often end abruptly and leave me looking for a safe route to get home.
Mathew Bond COUNCIL	Yes	See my answer to the first question. For people to feel safe on a bike out on the roads, the routes need to be protected. For biking to be easy and convenient, the routes need to be connected.
Megan Curren COUNCIL	Yes	
Phil Dupasquier COUNCIL	Yes	
Mark Elliott COUNCIL	Yes	Subject to the same qualification as the previous question.
Jim Hanson COUNCIL	Yes	As above.
Sameer Parekh COUNCIL	Yes	
Greg Robins COUNCIL	Yes	A ride is only as safe as the weakest link.



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

Ash Amlani MAYOR	Increase	In North Vancouver there is a patchwork of cycling infrastructure between the City and District of North Vancouver, which is both unsafe and inconvenient for cyclists. Furthermore, improving cycling infrastructure to schools and amenities would greatly encourage the use of these pathways and reduce the number of cars on the road in peak hours.
Erez Barzilay MAYOR	Increase	
Mike Little MAYOR	Increase	We have benefitted from a time of rapid growth in the District and now we need to slow down the development side and focus on the transportation connection side to make sure we can get around our community.
Jordan Back COUNCIL	Increase	As I am not currently on Council in North Vancouver District, I don't have the intimate knowledge around the current investments in cycling infrastructure, as an incumbent would, but I suspect it isn't anywhere near where it should be to make a real difference in the community.
Mathew Bond COUNCIL	Increase	As North Vancouver grows and changes, our plans explicitly state that in order of priority, walking, biking, transit, goods movement, shared automobile use and finally single occupancy automobile use will best meet our future transportation needs. Despite the commitments in our plans, the existing approach of leveraging major infrastructure projects, redevelopment opportunities and individual grants from senior levels of government to deliver bike infrastructure has produced a patchwork of bike facilities of varied type, length and connectivity. Prioritizing biking means increase the budget for bike infrastructure and provide a complete, barrier free user experience without any holes or gaps.
Megan Curren COUNCIL	Increase	This is a hard question to answer as I'm not sure what the current budgets are. Based on our outdated and incomplete cycling network I would imagine it comes down to funding (and political will of course). I can't answer specifics about this, but I can say that I am supportive of alternate modes of transit and without improvements we cannot increase our 2% share of overall commute to achieve our GHG reduction targets.
Phil Dupasquier COUNCIL	Stay the same	Progress has been made in most municipalities. The continued investment will continue the progress.
Mark Elliott COUNCIL	Increase	Cycling is an important part of our ability to solve congestion issues in Metro Vancouver.
Jim Hanson COUNCIL	Increase	As above. This is a long-term investment in the liveability of our communities that will provide benefits for many generations in the future.
Sameer Parekh COUNCIL	Increase	I am committed to improved safety for cyclists, especially when close to schools and amenities
Greg Robins COUNCIL	Increase	Without an increase, there will be no improvements. We all want to solve the traffic problems, however we need to put resources toward solutions.

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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?*

Ash Amlani MAYOR	Yes	
Erez Barzilay MAYOR	Yes	Of course! Education and promotion is key!
Mike Little MAYOR	Yes	Seems reasonable. Perhaps we could support a summer session in conjunction with the schools because the infrastructure is not being utilized in the summer months, but is full during the school year.
Jordan Back COUNCIL	Yes	I think the more we can expose people to cycling and other alternative forms of transportation at a young age, the more we can make the cultural shift from reliance on the automobile, which needs to happen. It will take many years and we should be starting with children.
Mathew Bond COUNCIL	Yes	I have supported committing resources towards a full time, transportation demand management coordinator to work with local school administrators, PACs, the North Shore Safe Routes Advocates, and HasteBC to implement a Safe Routes to School program in elementary schools across the District of North Vancouver. Normalizing the act of riding a bicycle for transportation and utility and instilling confidence at a young age makes a huge difference at how likely individuals will be to choose a bike as a form of transportation as they get older.
Megan Curren COUNCIL	Yes	Kids still don't wear helmets in our community and it makes me crazy. I have become the woman that yells at everyone. I was nearly killed in a car v. bike accident and without a helmet, I would not be answering this question. Also in terms of overall safety, etc. and perhaps most importantly, turning our youth into advocates for more safe routes to ride.
Phil Dupasquier COUNCIL	Yes	We need to continue to educate all citizens that motor vehicles are not the only mode of transportation.
Mark Elliott COUNCIL	Yes	I believe that it is important for kids to learn about cycling, but I don't believe the classroom is the best place to achieve this. Resources and time in schools is already scarce, and I believe parents should be taking the lead in educating their kids about cycling, and road safety. The one place that could be reasonable for cycling education could be gym class, where some time could be devoted to the subject.
Jim Hanson COUNCIL	Yes	As above. We must think long term. Teaching children safe and responsible cycling is another long-term investment in our transportation future.
Sameer Parekh COUNCIL	Yes	I would advocate for it with the school district and province.
Greg Robins COUNCIL	Yes	My son took a Pedal Heads course, and he rides with confidence and defensively. He went on to be the Provincial #1 BMX rider for his age group.

