

Vancouver Park Board - 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE SURVEY RESULTS

QUESTION 1 *Park Board staff proposed potential solutions to the dangerous part of the Seaside Greenway at Kits Beach on March 12, 2018 with a recommended process for getting it improved. Park Board commissioners voted to return it to the drawing board yet again. Will you vote for a separated bike path to improve cycling and walking safety at Kits Beach? If so, what would be your timeline of action to make it happen?*

Gewn Giesbrecht	Yes	COPE Park Board Commissioners would work to get this done by working with staff to organize a process to facilitate the planning and implementation over the first year of our mandate. This would include: no loss of greenspace, and participation from all interested parties.
Jamie Lee Hamilton	Yes	Everyone whether walking or cycling needs to feel safe. I am open to hearing what stakeholders believe is the best solution and I would encourage public engagement on this issue.
John Irwin	Yes	COPE Park Board Commissioners would work to get this done by working with staff to organize a process to facilitate the planning and implementation over the first year of our mandate. This would include: no loss of greenspace, and participation from all interested parties.
Mathew Kagis	Yes	As soon as is feasible. I understand that sometimes these processes move at "the speed of government" and can seem frustratingly slow. I'm in favor of a process that is as fast as possible, while keeping in mind that we want to do RIGHT once. And not rush the job in a way that gives us an inadequate result.
Shamim Shivji	Yes	Vision Vancouver supports the separated path. The timeline for action should be as soon as possible. It is worth noting that not all Park Board Commissioners voted to return the report to staff and in particular Vision Commissioner Catherine Evans did not vote to return this already much discussed proposal to staff.
Cameron Zubko	Yes	Vision Vancouver supports the separated path. The timeline for action should be as soon as possible. It is worth noting that not all Park Board Commissioners voted to return the report to staff and in particular Vision Commissioner Catherine Evans did not vote to return this already much discussed proposal to staff.





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QUESTION 2 *Park Board produced the 2012 Stanley Park Cycling Plan complete with an implementation plan and budget. This plan remains largely unimplemented. How do you propose to make Park Board accountable for implementing this plan? What would be your timeline of action to make it happen?*

Gewn Giesbrecht	COPE Park Board Commissioners would review this plan and budget, advocate for funds to be released from general revenues (council decision) and plan and implement it over a three year timeline. If we cannot convince our Park Board colleagues to implement this plan, we will work to ensure that it is in the next capital plan.
Jamie Lee Hamilton	If Park Board voted to implement this plan and did not, it needs to come before the Board again. If elected I would certainly want to know why this has been stalled.
John Irwin	COPE Park Board Commissioners would review this plan and budget, advocate for funds to be released from general revenues (council decision) and plan and implement it over a three year timeline. If we cannot convince our Park Board colleagues to implement this plan, we will work to ensure that it is in the next capital plan.
Mathew Kagis	First, I will take the time to read through the report BEFORE the election. Then I will be in a position to ask staff where are we at? What's the Holdup? And to make it an action item on the Park Board agenda. I would begin agitating for this from the first meeting of the newly elected board.
Shamim Shivji	There are 11 locations identified for improvement in Stanley Park, 6 of them along the Causeway. The improvement plan is currently being reviewed by the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group. The Working Group is made up of representatives of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, the Park Board, and the governments of BC and Canada. When the Working Group completes its review and provided the improvements are approved, the work will be immediately tendered.
Cameron Zubko	There are 11 locations identified for improvement in Stanley Park, 6 of them along the Causeway. The improvement plan is currently being reviewed by the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group. The Working Group is made up of representatives of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, the Park Board, and the governments of BC and Canada. When the Working Group completes its review and provided the improvements are approved, the work will be immediately tendered.

QUESTION 3 *The Park Board has discussed the idea of "to, not through" parks for people on bikes. This is a frightening idea for people who love to enjoy parks on bicycles, especially with their children and elders, and would preclude biking on most parts of the Seaside Greenway. What do you think of this concept?*

Gewn Giesbrecht	This should apply only to parks where access is very limited. The current, well designed Seaside Greenway system should be maintained and have spot improvements.
Jamie Lee Hamilton	I believe there is a solution as parks should be accessible for all.
John Irwin	This should apply only to parks where access is very limited. The current, well designed Seaside Greenway system should be maintained and have spot improvements.
Mathew Kagis	I think it sucks! I am not an active cyclist any more, but I was a cycling fiend in my 20's & 30's. I had an "Off Road Toad"... Your older mountain bikers will get that reference. Cycling IN parks was all I wanted to do, getting to the park was the boring part.
Shamim Shivji	Bikes are an important way to get to parks, through parks, and enjoying our parks. Parks are the safest place to learn how to ride.
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