



2022 BC Municipal Elections

Candidate Questionnaire



HUB Cycling Delta Municipal Election Candidate Survey - Long Answers

We asked candidates four long-answer questions related to active transportation, as well as providing them space to add additional comments. Answers are presented in the order we received them.

The questions were:

1. What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?
2. HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

Candidate answers (click to jump to their answer)

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Moneca Kolvyn | Independent

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

I championed for all these issues when running for Mayor last election. The Mayor elect did too-but as far as I can see-did nothing but continue to support big developers and dismiss traffic concerns--which of course impacts cyclists

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

The platform is very comprehensive. Rather than just a sweeping "yes"-I support resident consultation. As an example-the bike lanes in downtown Vancouver have been a dismal failure-including a recent death. I am downtown a lot-and rarely see a cyclist-but rather more traffic jams. Seems to me a bike route via Pacific-or the awesome one on Francis I believe -was much better thought out. When residents "hate" an idea-I don't think the goal is met. My main objective if elected-is far more easily accessible councillors (I will pay for a direct line)-and more seriousness taken to the public's input.

Additional comments?

So much more than 300 words!!!!

Pamela Swanigan | Independent

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

"As I have not yet been an elected official, I haven't yet taken any actions of the kind that you may be thinking of. However, my entire platform centres around shifting Delta's three main communities to IGBC-certified Green Townships, aiming for the Platinum (Global Leadership) certification level. This would involve, and in fact require, a major levelling-up of cycling and transit as key modes of transportation.

My platform already calls for reallocation of parking-lot space to small treed green squares in the middle of each major parking lot, along with a phased renovation to green parking lots and a requirement for porous paving in every sphere. My vision of Delta is very different than the way it looks now, and it is one in which a walking and cycling culture, among Deltans young, old, and everywhere in between, would flourish.

Ultimately, I would like to create a dyke and slough buy-back program to create a pedestrian-cyclists' greenway all along the Chilukthan Slough and then up the dykeway from Chisholm Street to Brunswick Point.

The current and potential conflict over whether to pave dyke paths seems to me quite easy to solve. We could pave half the path--with environmentally friendly, porous material, of course! So that it wouldn't create run-off and pollution--and leave the other half dirt/gravel. This would not only provide the best

surface for each party to use, but would encourage cyclists to stay on their side and thereby reduce collisions between them and pedestrians. A narrow raised separation strip or (less expensive) rumble strip could reinforce the lane distinction."

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Actually, I agree with all of them. I'm all for "bold moves". The planet is on fire. This is no time for half measures.

Additional comments?

"Just to note: In South Delta, at least, adult weekend cyclists have earned a bad reputation for acting pushy and entitled, violating traffic rules, etc. I see this as being largely the same as the reputation of dog owners: the result of a minority of irresponsible people who make the whole group look bad.

This will be, in my view, a very real obstacle to getting full buy-in from Delta residents at large. There is genuine resentment and dislike of the Spandexed crowd out here (as in other places, for that matter).

One solution could be to form Responsible Cyclists groups, so that cyclists can monitor and educate their own, and so that the rest of us know that cyclists acknowledge the problem. An escalation of driver/pedestrian vs. cyclist conflict isn't going to get us anywhere. The issue needs to be addressed. Maybe you know of some diplomatic cycling leaders who could take the helm and act as mediators and educators.

Thank you for taking the effort to put this survey together, and for listening."

Dylan Kruger | Achieving For Delta

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

I'm proud of steps we took this term to advance safe cycling across Delta. Working together with staff, we completed Delta's first ever Cycling Master Plan. Now that the plan is complete, we need a bold council that is prepared to fund it. We need to move quickly to build desperately needed cycling infrastructure across our community. Safe, physically separated bike lanes will encourage cycling from users of all ages and abilities. We also need to pair investment in physical infrastructure with education in Delta's schools. I was proud to move a motion at Delta Council to provide additional funding to HUB to expand their education program at schools across Delta.

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

I am in full agreement with HUB's Cycling Platform. I am most passionate about building 15 minute communities where residents can walk or bike to their destination without the need to get into their cars. In this next term, council will need to continue to update our land use plans in our town centres to move

towards this goal. I would also love to see a bike share program in Delta one day. This would be a dream of mine, and I am committed to meeting with operators to explore possibilities in our next term.

Additional comments?

Delta has potential to be the cycling capital of Metro Vancouver. Our dikes and trails are the envy of the region. However, we have work to do to connect our cycling network through the adoption of Delta's Cycling Master Plan. As a councillor, I believe I have demonstrated my strong support for cycling in our community. Should I be re-elected, I will continue to be a champion for investment in active transportation infrastructure across Delta.

Duncan Callander | Independent

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

safe driving i was a driver instructor for large trucks on the hwy and city

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people on a bike not paying attention to the traffic

George Harvie (Mayor) | Achieving For Delta

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

Since first being elected Mayor of Delta in 2018, it has been a priority of mine and my Achieving for Delta colleagues to ensure Delta's transportation networks are strengthened and more accessible for cyclists across the city. I am incredibly proud of Delta's Cycling Master Plan that was initiated under my leadership - the first of its kind across the Lower Mainland. It is a comprehensive document, but still a work in progress. Should I be re-elected Mayor, I will continue to engage in dialogue with cyclists in our community. It is critically important that during Council's deliberations we are considering what vision we want for our city over the next several decades. An Achieving for Delta majority on Council will work towards establishing a transportation network that will focus on creating and improving safe, active cycling routes, connecting our industrial, rural, and urban centres so people consider greener modes of transportation around the city, promoting safer roads with lower speeds where deemed appropriate, and acknowledging the importance of having cycling perspectives not only present but heard when considering new and updated land use policies.

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As the incumbent Mayor of Delta, I am proud to endorse the 4 areas of focus for HUB Cycling's Platform. Whether it be land use, infrastructure, sustainable transportation, or social equity, an Achieving for Delta

majority on Delta City Council will be champions for cyclists in our community, and ensure these important perspectives are given full consideration at the Council table. For too long, local governments have prioritized the needs of vehicles over cyclists and pedestrians. To advance a greener future for the next generation of Deltans, we must commit to doing better. Delta's Master Cycling Plan is an important step towards realizing this goal and I hope to engage in further dialogue over the next term.

Alicia Guichon | Achieving For Delta

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

Since first being elected to Delta City Council in 2018, I have worked closely alongside Mayor George Harvie and my Achieving for Delta colleagues to ensure Delta's transportation networks are strengthened and more accessible for cyclists across the city. The biggest step we have taken to advance these priorities is to initiate Delta's Cycling Master Plan. Highlights of this comprehensive plan include furthering bicycle education in our schools, promoting safer roads at reduced speeds where deemed appropriate, connecting our industrial, rural, and urban centres so people consider greener modes of transportation around the city, and acknowledging the importance of having cycling perspectives not only present but heard when considering new and updated land use policies. What is important to note is Delta's Cycling Master Plan remains a working document. If re-elected to Council, I am committed to continuing the dialogue with our cycling community to improve the plan moving forward.

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

As an incumbent Delta City Councillor, I am proud to endorse the 4 areas of focus for HUB Cycling's Platform alongside Mayor George Harvie. Attention to all 4 areas will be key moving forward, as we work to improve transportation networks across Delta with a specific focus on the needs of cyclists. I am incredibly proud to support Delta's Cycling Master Plan, while recognizing the need to build on it and see it through to implementation in the years to come. I want to see seniors and young families continue to thrive in Delta. In order to do that, we need to make our city more liveable. That means making greener forms of transportation more accessible, responsibly densifying our urban centres to ensure people can live, work, and play close to home, and ensuring our transportation corridors are more friendly to cyclists by placing a higher priority on accessibility and safety.

Rod Binder, Jessie Dosanjh, Daniel Boisvert, and Jennifer Johal Achieving for Delta

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

Seeking election to Delta City Council for the first time, I am eager to continue building on the important work Mayor George Harvie and my Achieving for Delta colleagues have done to establish active transportation networks across our city. Should I be elected to Delta City Council this term, I am committed to engaging in further dialogue with the cycling community and improving Delta's Cycling

Master Plan. It is a fantastic working document that will only improve through further collaboration. I have and will continue to support the key pillars of this plan including furthering bicycle education in our schools, promoting safer roads at reduced speeds where deemed appropriate, connecting our industrial, rural, and urban centres so people consider greener modes of transportation around the city, and acknowledging the importance of having cycling perspectives not only present but heard when considering new and updated land use policies.

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Seeking election to Delta City Council for the first time, I am proud to join Mayor George Harvie and my Achieving for Delta colleagues in endorsing the 4 focus areas outlined in the HUB Cycling municipal platform. Many of the items included in the HUB Cycling municipal platform are highly compatible with the aims of Delta's Cycling Master Plan. With there being room for further collaboration on Delta's Cycling Master Plan, I am committed to giving the cycling community a voice that is heard at the Council table. We have long seen the needs of vehicle users prioritized across the lower mainland, but we must shift this outlook when looking to the future. As an elected Councillor, I want to see all members of our community continuing to thrive where they can live, work, and play close to home and have comfort knowing our transportation corridors are more friendly to cyclists by placing a higher priority on accessibility and safety.

Dr. Maha Balakumar

What action(s) have you done that shows your support for safe active transportation?

Did my own informal survey with voters, read the Delta Cycling Master plan and HUB cycling platform.

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Cycling and other micro-mobility means of transport will become more and more prevalent organically considering climate change concerns , cost of living concerns and complete communities being formed through the regional land use platform for the region with the Metro 2050 plan. I endorse all the points to be implemented at the speed at which it is happening which seems very fast but not to over do it and cause unintended collateral damage which any plan should include to monitor for that. That's it. See previous