



Your Cycling Connection

2014 Municipal Elections

Will your local candidates work to make biking better?

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Candidate Survey Results In October 2014, HUB Cycling invited 398 candidates for elected office in Metro Vancouver to participate in a survey on cycling prior to the November 15 municipal elections.

209 candidates responded from electoral races in 17 municipalities and electoral districts, each of which are represented by one of nine volunteer HUB committees.

Candidates were asked two questions – one specific to cycling and transportation priorities in their municipality, and one about cycling in the region overall. (With the exception of candidates for Vancouver Park Board commissioner, who were asked one question about parks specifically.)

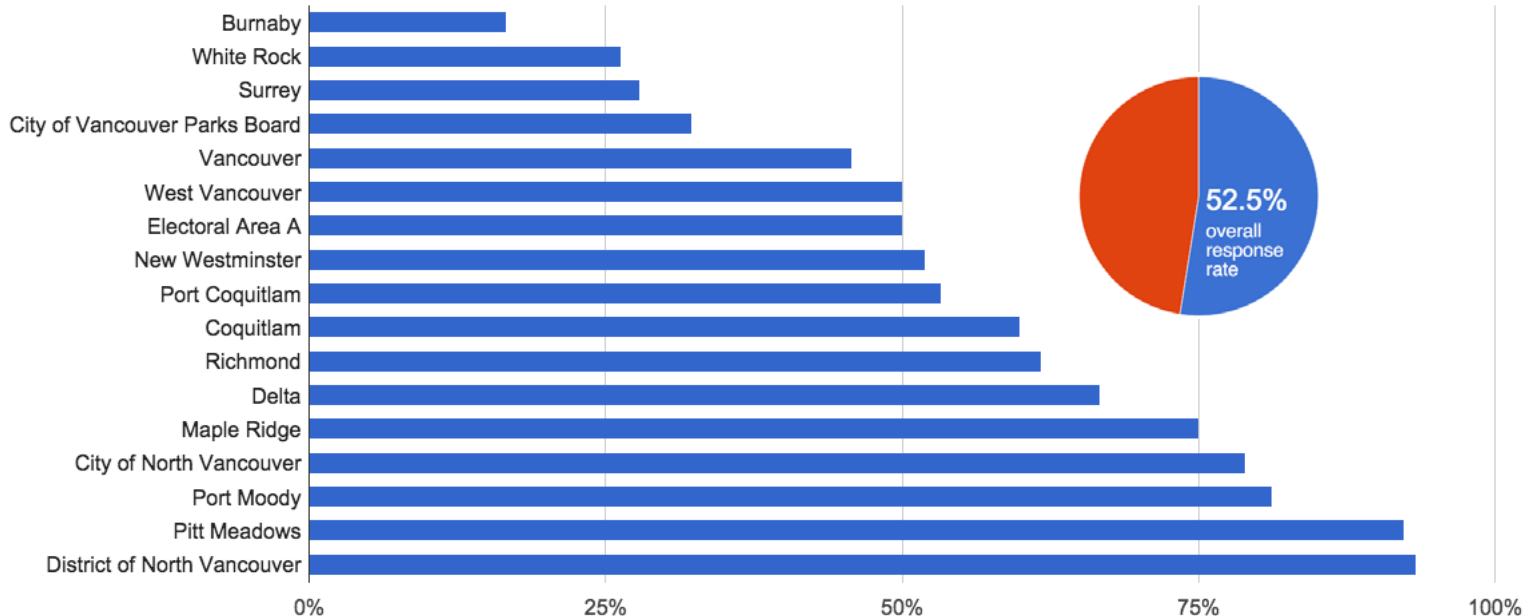
In each instance, respondents were given the opportunity to answer "yes", "no" or "I choose not to answer", with space for up to 500 words of open comment.

The web-based survey ran from October 14 -24, 2014, with responses accepted via email upon request, up to Nov. 12.

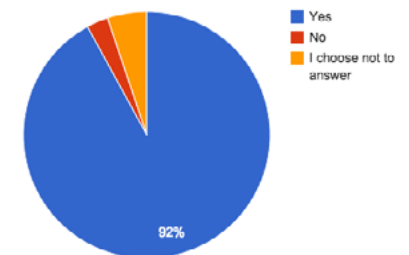
We attempted to contact all registered candidates in these 17 electoral jurisdictions, using public information issued by each respective election office. We regret any errors or omissions.

Questions about the survey? Contact action@bikehub.ca.

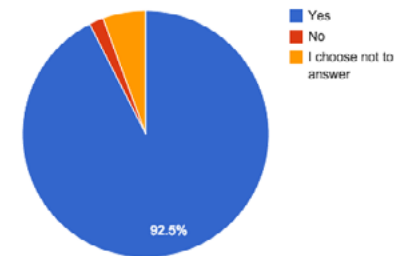
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Question 1 answer distribution



Question 2 answer distribution



Results updated November 12, 2014

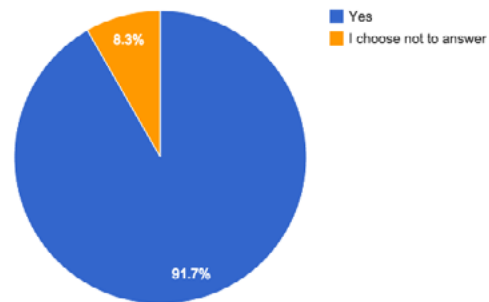


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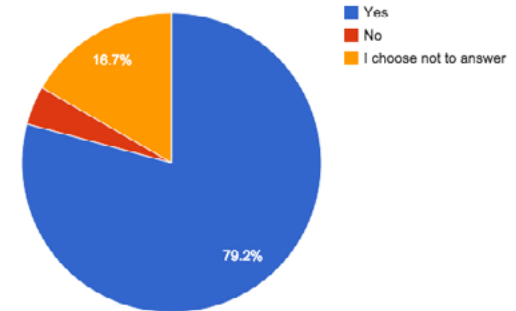
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SURVEY SUMMARY, BY THE NUMBERS

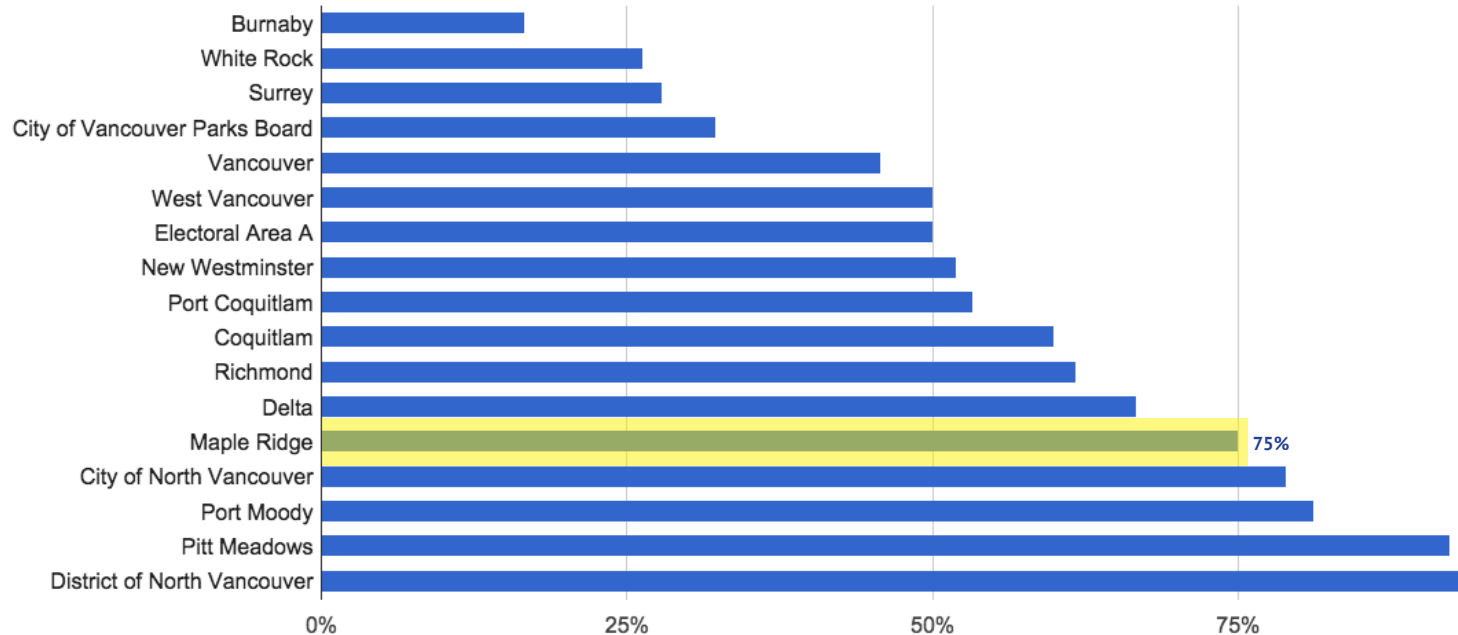
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QUESTION 1 *Do you agree that it's absolutely critical that we start to apply the principles of Smart Growth not only in the Town Core, but within the urban boundary, so that we can build a healthier, more sustainable community where people are much less car-dependent?*

Graham Mowatt MAYOR	Yes	Maple Ridge is the star child of anything to do wrong with respect to Smart Growth. Council allows developers to buy density credits, the OCP means little, it is just so wrong. We must start to abide by smart growth principles everywhere in the District.
Nicole Read MAYOR	Yes	Yes, absolutely, however I also feel strongly that we need to create more jobs in our community so that residents have a shorter distance to travel to work – a distance that might be safely commuted to by bike.
Dean Barbour COUNCIL	Yes	I also believe that attracting more local business and good paying jobs for residents will also reduce the dependency for cars, reduce congestion and the carbon foot print.
Sara Beckett COUNCIL	Yes	
Corisa Bell COUNCIL	Yes	This is only possible when you have a Council and Mayor that's on the same page
Kristina Brown COUNCIL	Yes	This is my main driver for running in this election and I wholeheartedly agree. We need to focus on Smart growth, which to me means infill developments in areas that can support additional growth, have infrastructure in place and have access to amenities and services, including transit.
Kiersten Duncan COUNCIL	Yes	In order to build complete communities that have the proper infrastructure and services they need I will work to ensure each community within Maple Ridge has an area plan to guide development and a designated community hall where citizens can meet with staff to engage on local issues. I study urban development & environmental science and am very supportive of the principles of Smart Growth. They build sustainable neighbourhoods where residents can work, live, and play in their communities.
Ken Holland COUNCIL	Yes	
Faye Isaac COUNCIL	Yes	I believe that the city of Maple Ridge is on its way to applying the principles of Smart Growth within the urban boundary and we can do more.
Morgan Jensen COUNCIL	Yes	The issue of bike lanes and bike friendly routes is part of an overall approach to, not only fitness related activities, but also the need to reduce our dependency on fuel driven vehicles, specifically gas and diesel. As a community we must reduce waste at home, reduce the use of carbon based fuels everywhere else, and increase the use of alternative sources of energy, including human, hence cycling as a win-win alternative.
Robert (Bob) Masse COUNCIL	Yes	It should be recognized that there are now 2 Urban Boundaries, that defined in the OCP and that as defined by Metro. The Metro boundary is where the sewer lines are.
Bruce McWilliam COUNCIL	Yes	
Chelsa Meadus COUNCIL	Yes	I have a background in Neighbourhood Development and believe that neighbourhoods should be designed for people not cars. That smart growth includes community engagement because each neighbourhood is diverse and has specific assets that need to be identified. Strong communities have various transportation options that are safe and accessible. We need to look at existing neighbourhoods and new ones to apply these principles. To me community engagement is critical.



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Mike Norden COUNCIL	Yes	
Todd Oliver COUNCIL	Yes	
Alex Pope COUNCIL	Yes	
James 'Buddy' Rogers COUNCIL	I choose not to answer	
Craig Rudd COUNCIL	I choose not to answer	Your multiple choice answer does not accurately reflect my view as the wording "absolutely critical that we start" implies that nothing has been done when in fact, although slowly and not enough yet, there has been some progress made.
Grant Sanderson COUNCIL	Yes	If we can start emphasizing local employment, eating and shopping locally, as well as moving towards a growth plan that involves infill and encourages higher density living towards the town core we will be better equipped to avoid higher costs incurred by urban sprawl. The closer we can be to our work, food sources, etc, the more time we will have with our families, becoming less dependent on a car, this will cause less pollution and save money which are two very real benefits.
Brian Savage COUNCIL	Yes	Smart growth will play a big part in maple Ridges future
Tyler Shymkiw COUNCIL	Yes	We have to be very careful not to disadvantage any area or municipality.
Craig Speirs COUNCIL	Yes	Maple Ridge was the first municipal member of Smart Growth BC partly because of personal lobbying by myself. We were also the first city to have the Smart Growth on the Ground process for our downtown and the plan we produced has been steadily bearing fruit. One of my first liaison assignments was to our Bicycle Advisory Committee which was disbanded recently. If elected I will push to establish for a new committee with a broader mandate of active transportation but with a focus on bike related infrastructure. Our new transportation plan came up short when it came to infrastructure for active transportation and I will push for a review early in the new council's mandate. Maple Ridge has great bits and pieces of bike routes that need to be connected and I will push to create more rational connection.
Grover Telford COUNCIL	Yes	Yes Smart Growth should apply to all areas of the community.

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QUESTION 2 *Would you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that close the gaps in the municipal and regional cycling network so it is well connected and allows people to travel safely by bicycle?*

Graham Mowatt MAYOR	Yes	It must be all connected. The haphazard way it has been to date and the monies wasted by doing so is unacceptable. For example the multipurpose path along 128th (Abernathy) will all be torn up as it exists in the right of way for the second two lanes of Abernathy. Building it to tear it down is a waste of time and resources.
Nicole Read MAYOR	Yes	Yes. I am disappointed in the way bike routes are an afterthought in our community. Cities the world over are prioritizing pedestrian and bike routes. We have been too slow to respond.
Dean Barbour COUNCIL	No	Bicycle networks should be budgeted in as a part of all new transportation initiatives and roadway development. Spending taxpayers money on new bike way infrastructure should only happen once a review of the budget is thoroughly reviewed and monies available identified. The most important thing to me is understanding where we are financially before I make any promises with how I vote on these types of non core issues.
Sara Beckett COUNCIL	Yes	
Corisa Bell COUNCIL	Yes	This of course depends on the cycling budget decided on by the entire Council and Mayor.
Kristina Brown COUNCIL	Yes	My only concern would be that I would like us to focus on not increasing taxes, so I would not be actively suggesting placing new bike lanes. If they can be created in conjunction with other projects, then it would make sense to me (I am thinking of the bike lane that runs down part of 232nd.)
Kiersten Duncan COUNCIL	Yes	We have many residents including myself who would like to be able to cycle to work but are unable to, largely because our infrastructure often does not consider cycling in the planning stages. As a fellow cyclist, and as your councillor, I will work to ensure we plan better bike lanes that focus on cyclist safety and designs that take into account travel to and from work rather than just for recreational purposes.
Ken Holland COUNCIL	Yes	
Faye Isaac COUNCIL	I choose not to answer	With road improvements, I believe that bike lanes can be incorporated, however it has to be in line with our financial constraints and negotiated with senior governments for roads out of jurisdiction.
Morgan Jensen COUNCIL	Yes	So many neighbourhoods and business districts in our community are disconnected in many ways, not only for cycling, but also for walking and for physically challenged residents and seniors. For that matter, even some streets used for vehicle traffic flow poorly from one area to another. I believe we need to re-visit the entire network, and with community input, improve in many areas, including cycling and walking routes.
Robert (Bob) Masse COUNCIL	Yes	Yes, assuming it is done intelligently.
Bruce McWilliam COUNCIL	Yes	
Chelsa Meadus COUNCIL	Yes	I support cycling, running, walking, skateboarding, in-line skating & other recreational forms of active transportation and the infrastructure needed to support maintaining an active lifestyle. I will also be responsible to the taxpayer. What I am committed too is discovering what the people of Maple Ridge want. Finding new ways to involve, ask and engage others, I would not feel comfortable making this investment unless the citizens of Maple Ridge supported the concept.





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Mike Norden COUNCIL	Yes	
Todd Oliver COUNCIL	Yes	
Alex Pope COUNCIL	Yes	
James 'Buddy' Rogers COUNCIL	Yes	
Craig Rudd COUNCIL	I choose not to answer	I would never vote for or against any proposal for any investments until I have been presented with all the facts and related costs. To do otherwise would be irresponsible and go against my Logical and Common Sense approach
Grant Sanderson COUNCIL	Yes	There is no point in doing half measures in my eyes, a disjointed network doesn't make sense. Keeping cyclists safe in lanes or paths dedicated for bicycles should be encouraged. A separation of motor vehicles and bicycles will ease tensions between the two groups as well as having a completed network will greatly encourage the use of bicycles, inevitably growing ridership, allowing the benefits of cycling to take place.
Brian Savage COUNCIL	I choose not to answer	these need to be looked at, mostly where to place them. these can be add when roads are being built or re and re. but again cost plays
Tyler Shymkiw COUNCIL	Yes	
Craig Speirs COUNCIL	Yes	Yes I would and we need to start with the 210/Old Dewdney corridor off of Golden Ears Way to connect with the bike lanes in Pitt Meadows on Old Dewdney. We have to connect corridors for all modes of transportation. Separated bike lanes must become the norm to promote safety.
Grover Telford COUNCIL	Yes	Yes Smart Growth should apply to all areas of the community.

Candidate responses listed in alphabetical order within each election race, beginning with Mayor.