

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER - 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?*

Harm Jacob Woldring MAYOR	Yes	Actually in addition, I would support using swarm intersections at many key locations to further reduce the opportunity for vehicle/pedestrian collisions. These intersections could potentially, as demand required, include a bicycle only cycle to improve flow and reduce bicycle/pedestrian/vehicle encounters.
Troy Hunter COUNCIL	Yes	We need safe bike lanes in places away from traffic and gentle inclines.
Mike Ireland COUNCIL	Yes	I too am a cyclist and have 30 years of regular riding. Better networks are a must but, the casual cyclist must learn respect for vehicles and pedestrians. There exists a dichotomy where the bike share and cruiser rider stacks into the same column as the team riders and inflate stats of riders and cars interacting poorly.
Patrick Johnstone COUNCIL	Yes	Yes, as I always have. The City's new Master Transportation plan puts active transportation users on top of the hierarchy for new transportation investment. My priority in the next term will be working to make the Crosstown and Agnes Street Greenways true All Ages and Abilities separated bicycle facilities.
Nadine Nakagawa COUNCIL	Yes	
Benny Ogden COUNCIL	Yes	

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*

Harm Jacob Woldring MAYOR	Yes	There are far too many gaps in the network and we should do whatever we can to bridge them and encourage bicycling. We also need to acknowledge the challenging terrain we live in and develop vertical 'bridges' (to assist people in climbing or conquering our hilly/mountainous terrain).
Troy Hunter COUNCIL	Yes	I used to ride my bike to university. It was a fantastic way to travel.
Mike Ireland COUNCIL	Yes	Yes of course.
Patrick Johnstone COUNCIL	Yes	New Westminster has too many gaps for our network to be truly functional. Some are small and can be fixed quickly, some are substantial and will require regional support- but I am committed to doing this work.
Nadine Nakagawa COUNCIL	Yes	
Benny Ogden COUNCIL	Yes	





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

Harm Jacob Woldring MAYOR	Stay the same	I chose this answer because I do not know what the current level of investment is and what additional resources are required. I also don't know which communities are investing and which ones aren't.
Troy Hunter COUNCIL	Increase	If we vote in favour of improving bike lanes, then obviously we need to increase the budget in that area.
Mike Ireland COUNCIL	Stay the same	Your question doesn't offer a reasonable 4th response which allows the respondent to say it should be balanced based on the needs of the infrastructure plan.
Patrick Johnstone COUNCIL	Increase	We have to fight for a few hundred thousand dollars to upgrade a stretch of bike lanes, but every year spend millions just on asphalt to keep our arterial roads smooth for through-drivers. We need to spend like the priorities laid out in the Master Transportation Plan are actually priorities. Around the world, cities are proving that safe cycling infrastructure leads to people using cycles, making for a more livable and healthy city. We can do that here.
Nadine Nakagawa COUNCIL	Increase	New Westminster is at the intersection of the Lower Mainland. We acutely feel the region's transportation issues. Investing in active transportation will get people out of cars and allow us to build a better community.
Benny Ogden COUNCIL	Increase	Because safety is important and you can't put a price on lives.

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?*

Harm Jacob Woldring MAYOR	Yes	I rode my bike to school, weather allowing - I grew up in Quebec - and everywhere in our home town during the summer. If memory serves, our school had a regular road safety program presented by local Police that covered issues like being a safe pedestrian and cyclist.
Troy Hunter COUNCIL	Yes	Absolutely.
Mike Ireland COUNCIL	Yes	Very important.
Patrick Johnstone COUNCIL	Yes	This is vital to develop a new generation of cyclists, and I appreciate the work HUB Cycling does in New Westminster to teach youth to ride safely!
Nadine Nakagawa COUNCIL	Yes	
Benny Ogden COUNCIL	Yes	Is this not actually taught?

