



Your Cycling Connection

CITY OF WHITE ROCK - 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?

Mike Pearce MAYOR	Yes	My Council and myself will be making budgetary decisions relating to this matter.
Jeffery Simpson COUNCIL	Yes	Yes. White Rock has quite a ways to go in this area compared with other cities in the region but I believe that we can make gains in improving safety and options for bicycles in our city.
Ken Wuschke COUNCIL	Yes	<p>White Rock's main shopping street Johnston road is currently under redevelopment and the city staff did not take into account cycling infrastructure of either bike lanes or segregated bicycle facilities. At the very least there should be a climbing bike lane on Johnston from Five Corners to Thrift to allow motorists to safely pass cyclists.</p> <p>Further both elementary schools in White Rock are along one street - Roper Avenue. If elected I would work towards making Roper a bicycle and pedestrian friendly route from Martin to Stayte streets. This would help increase our children's safety while encouraging more active transportation going to school.</p> <p>In addition, I would also like the City of White Rock to work closely with the City of Surrey and TransLink to develop safe walking and cycling routes to Ray Shepard, Bayridge, Thrift, Semiahmoo, and Earl Marriott schools to encourage kids of all ages to walk and bike to the schools that serve our community.</p>

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

Mike Pearce MAYOR	Yes	
Jeffery Simpson COUNCIL	Yes	
Ken Wuschke COUNCIL	Yes	<p>In White Rock and South Surrey we have many linkages in the bicycle network that need to be filled.</p> <p>As a former volunteer with HUB Cycling I worked hard on the Surrey-White Rock Local Area Committee along with the 0-5-0 White Rock Bicycle Club and the Cross Canada Cycle Touring Society to get the City of Surrey to look at making routes safer for cyclists.</p> <p>Presently the staff at the City of Surrey are considering many of the ideas presented and even have worked to update a work schedule to create some changes sooner than later.</p> <p>However, invitations to the City of White Rock staff to work with our working group often went unanswered by staff.</p> <p>If elected I would help facilitate a better dialogue between the City of White Rock and the City of Surrey to make sure that people who ride bikes in White Rock are able to reach shopping, employment, education, and recreational places in South Surrey in a seamless bicycle network.</p>

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





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

Mike Pearce MAYOR	Stay the same	The real answer to this question depends on budgetary decisions of the seven elected council members, not just me.
Jeffery Simpson COUNCIL	Increase	In White Rock we should look at making our city more navigatable by bicycle, and increase the amount we spend on this.
Ken Wuschke COUNCIL	Increase	<p>In 2016 and 2017 the City of White Rock received a matching grant from the Province of BC and proceeded to do \$67,000 of work for cyclists in the community.</p> <p>Most of this was just installing sharrows on road and bike route signs. These routes do not serve our two elementary schools. And there was no commitment in the plan to have Johnston Road served.</p> <p>As many households in White Rock are only having one car or no car, transportation via bicycle is starting on upswing. Over the recent years, I have seen more electric bikes being used in White Rock to give people more transportation choices.</p> <p>Yet our city hall seems to believe few people use bikes in White Rock. Meanwhile they are designing a city with increasing density. Density and cycling go hand-in-hand in urban developments.</p> <p>The population of White Rock is about 29.4% made up of people over the age of 65. Yet the people here are active. Take the 0-5-0 White Rock Cycling Club. This group only allows people over 50 to join them and many of their members are very active cyclists. This is the new look of White Rock's older community -- very active seniors. Let's create a bike network with this in mind.</p>

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?*

Mike Pearce MAYOR	Yes	
Jeffery Simpson COUNCIL	Yes	My son is in kindergarten and I would love for him to recieve cycling instruction as part of his physical education courses. It's certainly better than being pelted by dodgeballs, which was what my PE courses were mainly.
Ken Wuschke COUNCIL	Yes	<p>In full disclosure I work for HUB Cycling as a Cycling Education Instructor teaching at elementary schools throughout Metro Vancouver.</p> <p>I will have to recuse myself of any further discussion on this topic with regards to the City of White Rock. Further, if elected I will refuse to work at any work site where HUB Cycling received funding from the City of White Rock or at any work site within White Rock.</p>

