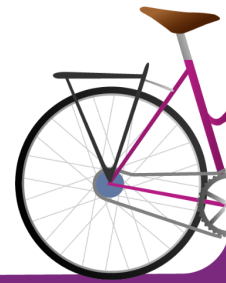




2022 BC Municipal Elections

# Candidate Questionnaire



## HUB Cycling Maple Ridge Municipal Election Candidate Survey - Long Answers

We asked candidates three 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 piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?
2. Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.
3. 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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## Sarah Little | Independent

### **What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

Secure bike storage AND fixing the "gaps" in the cycling network for better flow.

### **Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

Yes. Especially in those congested times of day. If students, had a safe path to and from school AND secure facilities to park, the amount of vehicles on the roadways could be significantly reduced. E-Bikes and micro-mobility options are a great way of reducing our carbon footprint and a much more affordable option than owning a vehicle.

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

I agree 1000% that we absolutely should support sustainable land use plans and zoning. We also need to invest in infrastructure to address the gaps and make cycling easy and safe for everyone.

Not that I disagree, but safe design should come before more restrictive laws. I would need more information and specifics before I would agree to this component under Bold Steps:

- Amend bylaws and push for legislative changes that need to be changed to support people travelling by bike, including but not limited to reductions in speed limits, safe passing distance laws.

## Ahmed Yousef | Independent

### **What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

Connecting our cycling infrastructure and build secure parking in the downtown core.

### **Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

Yes, when our multiuse paths and cycling network is connected our residents will only need their vehicles when leaving the community.

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

I agree with all the points, specially the infrastructure and land use points.

## Craig Speirs | Independent

### **What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

In the core we need to ensure our east west corridors are multi modal Dewdney and Brown are prime for whats called the Brown ave couplet where Brown is two lanes going west and Dewdney is three lanes going east. We already own the right of way. This would open things up in the core allowing for more room for two legs and two wheels. Outside of the core the Lougheed bike way is extendable given the opportunity Dewdney not so much so the north south connections will mean a lot in the long run.

### **Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

Not all electrics will be cars and in the future cars will be much smaller and dedicated to moving people and groceries. The breakdown of retail will mean much more will be delivered . Car ownership may even become a thing of the past Autonomous Vehicles will take you there drop you off then go back to their home and plug themselves in and come back when you need them. Game changer and we should be ready by unbundling parking within the core and within a short distance from transit.

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

I agree with most of your platform and will act to impliment it through our local HUB group.

### **Additional comments?**

We need to move forward with improvements in bike infrastructure as soon as possible given the fractured nature of what we have. Its not safe on our major routes so its going to take a lot of work and investment to connect and extend what we do have. I'm up for it!

## Rebecca Stiles | Independent

### **What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

We are very deficient in sensible & safe bike lanes; this would be what we need most to encourage cyclists.

### **Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

I believe we need to improve the infrastructure which will encourage bikes, ebikes and pedestrian activity. Especially with the increased densification and potentially thousands of new residents in the downtown core, we have the opportunity to create an environment where vehicles are not required for accessing basic amenities. A major concern for this type of transportation is safety; we need to develop these strategies with safety and ease of access (secure places to park bikes) top of mind.

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

I have endorsed the platform. Developing cycling (and pedestrian) infrastructure can benefit our communities in so many ways; reduction of carbon emissions, ease of traffic congestion, improved health & well-being of citizens.

I don't disagree with any of the main contentions, but I think it would be worth considering how we connect transit plans with accessibility to cycling & walking; the Maple Ridge community has many commuters,, so connecting those two pieces could be very valuable for us (and likely many other GV municipalities).

## Sunny Schiller | A Better Maple Ridge

**What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

Separated bike lanes help keep all road users safe. As a large percentage of Maple Ridge residents commute outside of the city for work designing infrastructure and supporting pieces (secure storage, changing rooms) will support more people in using alternative forms of transportation.

**Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

Yes, I do. I am seeing increased use of electric scooters and hover boards as the weeks go by. With an increasing focus on moving away from fossil fuels use and with an increasing and densifying population these devices will play a larger and larger role in moving people around. E-bikes have been proven across the world as a convenient and efficient mode of transportation for many groups of people, from seniors to people commuting to work and to regular people making daily trips. Particularly for a suburban community like Maple Ridge, many people feel they have no feasible alternative except to drive. E-bikes and more safe, separated bike infrastructure would allow residents to bike to other communities such as Langley and Coquitlam and significantly reduce traffic issues on key arteries such as Lougheed Highway.

## Corisa Bell | Independent

**What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

Near miss technology in high collision areas.

**Do you agree that e-bikes and other micro-mobility have great potential and can be a game changer for a suburban community like Maple Ridge? Explain.**

Yes, absolutely. All levels of government are telling us we need to get off the freeway and out of our cars. Gas prices are rising. This is a very important conversation, and it needs to be a practical one as well which means other options for mobility are critical. The first question should be, how do we incorporate them?

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

All four points of the cycling platform have a lot of merit and I know these conversations are very important to have. I'm committed to discussing them at the Transportation Committee of Council.

**Additional comments?**

I'm a part of a group that's already advocating for WCE Expansion and real rapid transit solutions for the Lower Mainland. Please check out the work we've been doing. Thank you.

## Jenny Tan | A Better Maple Ridge

**What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?**

Research shows that separated bike lanes help keep all road users safe. In addition, a large percentage of Maple Ridge residents in the workforce commute outside of the city for work. A key piece of bike infrastructure that would help keep people who cycle safe is a cycle highway between downtown Maple Ridge and Coquitlam Town Centre. This would provide residents a safe and efficient way of commuting to the SkyTrain and provide an incentive for residents to choose bikes and transit over cars.

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

I support the platform. I particularly support sustainable land-use policy.

## Korleen Carreras & Dan Ruimy | A Better Maple Ridge

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