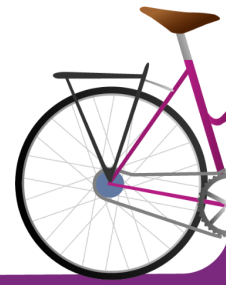




2022 BC Municipal Elections

Candidate Questionnaire



HUB Cycling Pitt Meadows 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 have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?
2. What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?
3. What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)
4. 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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Bryce Casidy

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

I will advocate for more bike-centric civic events to help change the culture of our City.

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

Increased bike parking requirements for new developments including more and better designed/safer bike racks outside of businesses.

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

Bike routes in Pitt Meadows are fairly well distributed throughout the majority of the city. The official Pitt Meadows Cycling Map identifies areas of concern for cycling safety. My personal experiences lie with the train crossing at Harris so I will push to include bike lanes in the hopeful soon-to-be underpass. At other points, I believe new markings and or revised curbing may help keep riders safe.

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

While Land Use has certainly played a role in segregating certain communities, I believe Pitt Meadows, as a small tight-knit community is not affected to the same degree.

The infrastructure is the main concern that I would focus on in our community. More safe bike parking is key to give residents a sense of comfort in relying on cycling for daily errands and activities.

Additional comments

I am happy to raise my daughters in Pitt Meadows, a closely-knit community where they may one day be cycling everywhere. I want to ensure that we make it as safe and accessible for them and everyone else in the community.

Bob Meachen

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

As a member of the Advisory Design Panel and as a council member, I have ensured that cycling lanes have been added to many of the arterial roads in our city and to the design elements of the proposed underpass at Harris Road.

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

There will be a new shared pathway that extends from the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park, along the eastern boundary of GEBP that will connect to the most utilized bike path in the city (The Greenway). This will

ensure traffic free access for cycles north/south in the southern part of the city. This has been built into the design plans of the industrial park and will be a reality in 2023

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

As a councillor, safety remains top of mind for all decisions. We are building new police station in Pitt Meadows and de-integrating from the joint RCMP contract with Maple Ridge to have an independent RCMP contract for our city. This will provide a significant improvement in safety, traffic related enforcement etc. and reduce the incidence of speeding on our roadways. I will personally be advocating for better controls and safety lighting at pedestrian crossings and for new lighting of the major arterial roads in the southern part of the city. Continued investment in upgraded infrastructure will be part of business planning for the next 4 years which includes everything from sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and supporting components such as bicycle parking, traffic calming, and crosswalk improvements.

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

The HUB platform is a well thought out and focussed portal and a valuable tool for councillors to understand the needs for the cycling community and the added benefits to our whole community in terms of safety, recreation and environmental benefit. Our city of Pitt Meadows is quite small in terms of population but enjoys a unique and enviable reputation for it's cycling opportunities. Cycling enthusiasts join our local residents every day to explore the many cycling routes along the many kilometres of dikes and trails within the city. In general terms, I'm in support of the vision and focus of HUB with the proviso that there are many calls on our city budget to support a wide range of recreation activities and to that end we will endeavour to continue the work of improving our cycling opportunities with the transport infrastructure of the city.

More info. can be found

here.....<https://www.pittmeadows.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-and-culture-master-plan>

Additional comments

I was once a very engaged cyclist until back injury made this activity difficult, but I am investing in a new electric cycle to help me get back in the saddle again. My son Ben is a very active cyclist and regularly cycles long distance across the lower mainland including Pitt Meadows, with his wife and daughter now joining him. Safety is a huge concern for me and education of all road users is essential in this regard. HUB does a great job in their advocacy for the cycling community and I fully support your work.

Gwen O'Connell

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

strong supporter of bike lanes

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

to bring better bike lanes on Dewdney Trunk Road

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

To keep saying we should all feel safe on the roads

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

landuse

Additional comments

we need to have better bike laes etc and better trains and bus routes to get more people out of their cars

Mike F Manion

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

I am an avid cyclist staying typically on the dykes as I find road travel unsafe , advocating for more dedicated bike lanes where choosing to ride your bike for local shopping could be done safely.

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

safe storage racks, bike lanes

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

support bike lanes whenever the opportunity arises

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, and frequent trips to Holland have convinced me that cycling can be a solution to traffic issues, obesity and an improved lifestyle if a safe environment is made available to facilitate it.

Brad Perrie

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

We need to provide more sidewalks, shoulder facilities and bicycle lanes to allow for safer separation between cars and pedestrians.

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

Complete connected urban bicycle network, improved signage and curb let-downs

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

Possible solutions would be more bicycle crossings, slow speed zones, provide safe routes to schools.

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

I agree some what with all four of them

Additional comments

The City of Pitt Meadows Transportation Master Plan provides strategic solutions for pedestrian and bicycle safety delivering on these strategies will improve safety in our community.

Alison Evans

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

I volunteer on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for the City Of Pitt Meadows. We advise the City on strategic priorities and policies relating to the active transportation in Pitt Meadows. When elected, I promise to help identify and correct safety concerns, make cycling and walking in the city more convenient and to continue advocating for safer bike routes. I also plan to walk or cycle to Council meetings whenever possible in the four year term.

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

Safer crossing at Harris Road Train Crossing. Connection between south dykes and city centre. Safer crossing at Kennedy Road, if the new CP logistics park goes ahead.

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

I will help identify dangerous sites in Pitt Meadows, and advocate for upgrades to make them safer. I want thoughtful development of Pitt Meadows to make sure areas are not disconnected, and thus must rely on a vehicle to shop, go to school or work.

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

I endorse the platform. As we are a growing and developing city, I specifically endorse the point "Support sustainable land use plans and zoning, including densification and building complete communities where people can access all of their daily needs within a 15-minute walk or bike ride, including jobs, groceries, schools and services". We need thoughtful development to make sure we

aren't creating pockets of development that are going to have to rely on vehicles to shop, go to work or school, Etc. And as our city is building new roads and the Harris Road underpass, we need to focus on the point "Support, in principle, that people of all ages and abilities should be able to bike to and from major destinations safely and comfortably at all times of day and year". Getting around our city needs to be safe for all ages and abilities, which is currently a challenge along Harris Road and Airport Way.

Additional comments

We have a great city that is know for cycling and active transportation, but as we grow we must make sure we are encouraging more thoughtful development, so that active transportation is possible and safe for all ages and abilities.

Tracy Elke

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

We have established an Active Transportation Committee (I participate on this as liaison) and we have a dedicated annual budget for active transportation improvements in our city.

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

Separated bike paths and signage are needed.

What will you do to help achieve BC Road Safety Strategy's Vision Zero? (the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries.)

advocate for safe bike paths throughout our city

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

I endorse all of the focus areas.

Additional comments

I am proud of the work our Active Transportation committee has done to improve cycling/walking infrastructure, as well as education and advocacy in our city. I know we can always do more, but I am grateful for the work of the citizens that participate and give their time to this. Their lens on key developments is valuable.