

2018 MPP Candidate Opinion Survey



Cycle Hamilton, with support from Share the Road Cycling Coalition is conducting a survey to learn the opinions and priorities of candidates in the 2018 Ontario election. All responses we receive will be posted on our website at: <http://www.cyclehamont.ca/2018-mpp-candidates-positions-on-cycling/>

Last Updated: May 30, 2018

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Mary Ellen Campbell Communist Party, Hamilton Center	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<i>"Thank you for your interesting questions. My Party (the Communist Party Ontario) works to improve the well being of everyone in our community--not just people who can afford to purchase bikes, for example. That's why we would work to make bikes publicly available without the profit initiative introduced by user fees. In our platform, we state that we will "Increase funding for infrastructure upgrades</i>

								<p><i>that facilitate bicycle transportation." This means that not only will we improve the physical infrastructure it requires to get from point 'A' to point 'B' safely on a bicycle, we will also make bicycles available to the general public free of charge (because it shouldn't just be the wealthy who can enjoy this sport and this progressive mode of transportation). Cycling fits in well with our "green" initiatives to keep land for public use and protect the environment against emissions and harmful fuel extraction strategies such as fracking. It also fits with our commitment to accessible, public healthcare and recreation, (which seeks to make more forms of fitness and recreation available without charge to the public). It also fits with our use of land and infrastructure for public interest (not for personal profit) insofar as it require safe, public roads that are designed to move people safely from area to area (instead of making use of toll-routes and destroying farm and parkland for development, for example). To see our "People's Alternative" platform, please visit http://communistpartyontario.ca/our-program-a-peoples-alternative/ Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond!"</i></p>
<p>Dierdre Pike Liberal, Hamilton Center</p>	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	No response	Strongly Agree	<p><i>"Improvements in cycling education programs and cycling infrastructure."</i></p>
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Peter Ormond Green Party, Hamilton West	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<i>"Supporting the further development of the SoBi Initiative"</i>
RIDING: Hamilton East / Stoney Creek								
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Jennifer Stebbing Liberal, Hamilton East/ Stoney Creek	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<i>No response</i>	<i>No response</i>	<i>No response</i>

RIDING: Hamilton Mountain

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Dave Urquhart Green Party, Hamilton Mountain	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<i>“Our bold transit plan is one that will reduce congestion, make other forms of transport (cycling, walking) easier and safer. We will create a new transportation system featuring less cars, more public transit and safer more convenient cycling and walking. Our spending will get people home faster and safer. A full 5% of that spending will be dedicated to biking and walking paths (convenience & safety). It should be convenient and safe to cycle.”</i>
Esther Pauls PC, Hamilton Mountain	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<i>“I am a runner & triathlete, I will meet with your group and others to determine the specific improvements needed and how to best implement them. The joys of riding and to do so safely is a big part of who I am. Together we can make a difference!”</i>

RIDING: Flamborough/Glanbrook

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Judi Patridge Liberal, Flamborough/ Glanbrook	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	<i>"All new road infrastructure must included bi-directional bike lanes with barriers between vehicles and cyclists."</i>
Glenn Langton, Libertarian, Flamborough/ Glanbrook	Strongly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	<i>"Lowering the provincial tax burden as well as reigning in the size, scope, salaries and spending of the provincial government would get the economy moving creating more disposable income so municipalities with a high demand for cycling infrastructure could work with the special interest groups involved to generate municipal and donation fund's for these types of investments. I don't believe that people in Tamiskaming or Goderich or Lindsey or people in Hamilton who don't care about cycling or transit and won't use either should be forced to provide funds for special interest groups in Hamilton, nor should Hamilton residents be forced to provide funds for special interest groups in the afore mentioned region's as each will have their own specific interests, It also seems silly requiring all that revenue be passed through the hands of the province then to the municipalities, money that could go directly from the hands of contributors directly the projects. By the way, Queens Park is broke and</i>

								going further into debt by 12 billion a year as it is, so I don't believe any new funds are available from the province nor do I believe it is an issue of provincial domain, unless of course your coalition and it's members wish to be provincially licensed and registered and have a small tax levy placed on them to support your cause?"
Melissa McGlashan, NDP, Flamborough/ Glanbrook	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<p>"Cycling benefits everyone. It takes cars off the road, thinning traffic and letting commerce move. It creates a greener Ontario and gets people where they want to go in an affordable manner – with less stress for everyone. As Transportation Minister, Kathleen Wynne was responsible for tearing up Toronto's ambitious Transit City plan. Doug Ford's Conservatives will be even worse – his \$6 billion in cuts across the board will leave cyclists scrambling and infrastructure crumbling. Andrea Horwath and the NDP will update Ontario's Cycling Strategy, setting specific goals for the number of trips taken by bicycle. The strategy will set out investment targets to improve cycling infrastructure across Ontario with a particular focus on commuting routes. We will pass a Vulnerable Road Users' Law based on an NDP Private Member's Bill, specifically designed to protect people such as cyclists and pedestrians. We will require cities and municipalities to develop active transportation plans – strategies for promoting walking, cycling, and other human-propelled transportation – by 2021 that meet the needs and realities of their communities. Andrea Horwath and the NDP will work closely with municipalities to forge a new partnership. We will restore funding to the</p>

								<p><i>Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, allowing local governments to make long-term plans. Further, we will work with municipalities to ensure they can get funding for important local priorities – including cycling infrastructure.</i></p> <p><i>Andrea Horwath and the NDP will deliver change for the better – building a province that is prosperous, environmentally sustainable, and works for all Ontarians. We look forward to getting to work. Thank you.”</i></p>
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