



Candidate Questions, Sunshine Coast 2022 Local Election

Please type you name and electoral jurisdiction here: Alton Toth District of Sechelt

1. According to the SCRDR, in 2019 on-road transportation made up an average of 32% of greenhouse gas emissions on the Sunshine Coast. What types of landuse planning or other approaches will you support in addressing local GHG emissions?

Our communities need better neighbourhood connectivity. Progress is being made, but it's usually reliant on individual development projects or Provincial/Federal funding, which could dry up. As we move to a post-carbon future we have to improve the other ways we can move around. Smaller, denser housing forms can work to keep people within a neighbourhood, instead of sprawling out.

2. The BC Transit has recently updated its Sunshine Coast Transit Future Plan. What are your views on Public Transit on the Coast?

Public transit is going to be a critical part of cutting down our GHG's, whether it's organized or not, publicly funded or not. Ride sharing, extending our bus service to places it doesn't currently go (Earl's Cove) will be important to getting more people out of cars long term.

3. Much of the Sunshine Coast's active transportation infrastructure falls under provincial jurisdiction. How do you see local elected officials advancing the growth and upkeep of this infrastructure?

Advocacy work with the Province is going to be huge for the more rural areas and along our highways. Partnerships with MOTI could result in Community Works Funds (gas tax) being spent on more active transportation projects and paths.

4. TraC is advocating for improved Active Transportation infrastructure - a combination of widened highway shoulders and sections of multi-use path - beside or parallel to the highway between Gibsons and Sechelt and beyond. Will you support TraC's efforts to move this initiative forward?

Yes. It's an easy win, in space that is already dedicated to travel.

5. Please answer **one** of the following:

For SCRDR Candidates:

Widened shoulders (passing as bike paths), and multi-use paths are important for All Ages and Abilities Transportation in SCRDR Rural Area roadways. To what degree are you committed to maintaining and building on this approach?

For Gibsons Candidates:

In recent years, Gibsons has built transportation infrastructure as an add-on while completing other projects. This has resulted in a fragment of bike lanes, walking paths and multi-use paths rather than a continuous network. How do you see council addressing this?

For Sechelt Candidates:

Of late, Sechelt has made some significant improvements in multi-modal transportation infrastructure and is in the final stages of developing a Transportation Master Plan. How important is Active Transportation infrastructure to Sechelt's future?

It all starts at home. Not everyone is able to walk or bicycle the long distances needed to get into Sechelt from our more distant neighbourhoods. But if we can encourage our youth to walk and bike more even between schools and the beach, or downtown, or more easily get around our downtown, those habits will shift over time.

For All Candidates:

6. Please feel free **to use the space below to add your thoughts** on other Transportation related issues (Highway Bypass? Ferries? Speed Limits? etc...) as they relate to TraC's Mission of a safe and efficient network of sustainable active transportation options.

The highway bypass / alternate route study could allow for the 'old' highway to be made slower and more appropriate for multi-modal transportation. Unfortunately with proposed routing down Havies and through Selma Park, the highway will never be able to be made safe under the proposed visioning.

Thanks again for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire.