



NDP Responds

Canada Bikes

Forging a National Strategy on Cycling. Countries who develop a strong national cycling strategy see escalating ridership and economic, social and environmental benefits. In detail, what will your party do to develop a national cycling strategy?

The NDP's plan will provide municipal partners with significant, stable, predictable federal funding to support their infrastructure. With an additional \$1.5 billion annually by the end of the NDP's first mandate, municipalities and communities will be able to make needed investments in their infrastructure priorities to keep our communities moving. This will help municipalities invest in bicycle infrastructure.

The NDP also believes in the importance of developing interest in being physically active among our youth. This is why we will provide \$28 million over four years to Sport Canada to ensure youth participation in sports with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged youth.

Investing in Safe Infrastructure and programs. Knowing the link between infrastructure and ridership, what will your government do to hasten the construction of national, regional and local networks of protected bicycle infrastructure?

The NDP will increase the funding in infrastructure so municipalities have more resources to invest in their priority infrastructure. We will also make the New Building Canada Plan more flexible so municipalities can invest in community, recreational and sports facilities.

The NDP will make investments in transit a priority. Our Better Transit Plan will reduce gridlock and commute times across Canada by investing in a 20 year plan to support municipal needs. Funding will reach \$1.3 billion annually by the end of the NDP's first mandate.

Bonus question: For the love of riding a bicycle. Where did you last ride a bicycle, and what do you love most about it? Bonus question is for fun. Answers will not be evaluated or judged. Leaders who provide an answer will automatically have a bonus point added to their score.

My best memories are cycling in our neighborhood with my kids when they were young. My wife Catherine and I we enjoy being outdoors, cycling and experiencing nature.