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Alberta Cycling Caucus rolls through major political realignment

CALGARY – All three members of Alberta’s nonpartisan ‘bike caucus’ were re-elected in what has turned out to be a historic election that saw the tiny New Democratic Party take the majority of seats in the May 5th provincial contest – adding 48 new NDP legislators. Dr. David Swann, interim leader of the Liberal Party, and Ric McIver, the Progressive Conservative interim leader, both members of the Tour de Nuit Society were re-elected. Also returning is Rick Fraser the host of the recent SE Enduro Commute that celebrates long distance bike commuting.

The previous Progressive Conservative Government, which was in power for 44 years, had a number of successful cycling policies: completion of the Legacy Trail between Banff and Canmore, seed funding for the third largest professional stage race in North America (the Tour of Alberta), funding of a ring bike path around the City of Calgary and providing land for a mountain bike skills park.

The NDP platform has promised more action on the environment. Combined with a younger caucus, we expect to see more supporters and champions of cycling, an extraordinary growth in the Alberta Legislative Bike Caucus and impressive cycling achievements that transcend those of the previous government.

About the Tour de Nuit Society

The Tour de Nuit Society, named after the famous cycling event un Tour la Nuit in Montreal, is an independent cycling group that encourages ‘more people cycling more often’. It is the organizer of the Tour of Alberta Ride the Road Tour, which was the trigger for an inner city separated bike lane network being opened in Calgary this summer but funded by Council in 1972. Addition information about the Tour de Nuit Society’s initiatives, accomplishments and ongoing projects is available [online](#).

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