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Élections Québec makes bikeshare free with BIXI and àVélo on Election Day

As part of an Élections Québec initiative aimed at making it easier to get to polling places, the **BIXI and àVélo bike-sharing services will be available free of charge*** on October 5, Election Day. Élections Québec has chosen to leverage the bike-sharing networks operating in more than **20 cities across Quebec** to offer this additional sustainable transportation option to citizens.

Over the past few years, the two bikeshare services have repeatedly demonstrated their agility and operational capabilities, whether during large-scale events or community gatherings. By agreeing to participate in this Élections Québec campaign, BIXI and àVélo are leveraging their connected, reliable, flexible, and accessible networks to promote democratic participation.

“The BIXI network is now available in 20 cities in the Greater Montreal area and in Sherbrooke. As a public transit system, BIXI’s role is to provide transportation not only for daily commutes, but also during festivals, periods of service disruptions, and more. “Our strength lies in the flexibility and accessibility of our service, as well as its ability to integrate with other modes of transportation. By joining this Élections Québec campaign, we hope to offer residents a simple transportation option for getting to the polls,” says Christian Vermette, General Manager of BIXI Montréal.

“We’re pleased to join this campaign by Élections Québec, which will allow even more residents of Québec City to try àVélo to get to the polls. It’s a great way to combine democratic participation with active mobility, while also giving people the chance to discover our service. And as we all know: once you try it, you’ll love it,” adds Michel de Mauraige, Executive Director of Capitale Mobilité.

A different offer for each network

Whether leaving home or work, either to or from the polling place, this promotion by Élections Québec will allow citizens to use bike-sharing for free on Election Day.

In the 20 cities served by the BIXI network, on the Island of Montreal, in Laval, on the South Shore, the North Shore, and in Sherbrooke, users will be able to enjoy free rides between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., lasting up to 25 minutes on a regular bike or 15 minutes on an electric-assist bike.



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In Quebec City, riders will be able to obtain a free “Journée Élections Québec” pass, valid from 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on October 5, which includes an unlimited number of trips lasting up to 45 minutes.

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Renseignements

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À propos de BIXI

BIXI Montréal is a non-profit organization managing bikes sharing services in Montréal, Laval, Longueuil, Sherbrooke, Westmount, Mont-Royal, Montréal-Est, Dorval, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Montréal West, Boucherville, Sainte-Julie, Saint-Lambert, Chambly, Terrebonne, Saint-Eustache, Deux-Montagnes, Sainte-Thérèse, Boisbriand et Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac. In 2026, the BIXI network includes more than 13,000 bicycles, including 3,500 electric bikes, at 1,180 stations in 20 cities. Montreal has the largest fleet of electric bikes in Canada, and one of the largest in North America.

À propos àVélo / Capitale Mobilité

àVélo is Quebec City's electric-assist bike-sharing service, operated by Capitale Mobilité, a commercial subsidiary of the Réseau de transport de la Capitale (RTC). Since its launch, the service has experienced steady growth, with nearly 1.98 million trips in 2025. It's a complementary service to the public transit network, designed to be accessible to as many users as possible. It's a simple, easy-to-use active mobility service that lets residents and visitors alike rent a bike for short, utilitarian trips.