

Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition Questions

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner but I have had a lot of requests, 66 as matter a fact to date.

1 in other Cities in Canada and the US I have seen different types of support for people who are disadvantaged and disabilities. I have already called for a healthy families program is developed in the Yukon, which will cover a lot areas of needy people.

Healthy families program would cover people in this situation and we could develop handy busing services, which is done elsewhere.

The Federal and Yukon Governments have the strongest financial capability and the municipality can work with them on solutions for this situation.

#2 this is a very interesting question because first our City is hilly and difficult to separate the bicycle users in some cases. City of Whitehorse staff has indicated there is over 700km's of trails in the City already. We can look at improving trails where they engage with autos. I have talked to a group of mountain bikers and they say Whitehorse already has great trails. I like to have some data on the level of bike trails we have and where they are at, what condition and level capacity of people can use them so I could provide a more concrete answer.

#3 I was given info from the City on over 25 plans and what I am looking at is our financial situation so I know where we are at. I have found out on this new \$54 million building the City plan to use all the build Canada funds available, draw down the reserve low and max out the City debt capacity. That will leave very little money over the next 4 years to do anything much.

4 as mayor the City is always open to ideas from its citizens.

5 if we can make biking, walking hiking whatever yes we would improve safety.

6 I am not sure what you mean by multi-modal approach. If you are talking about having bike trails along and close to the Alaska Highway I could not support that because it would be dangers.

Having trails along the Alaska away from traffic is fine. I have worked on trails development before and bike trails where possible should be away from highways.

If you are talking bike crossing on Alaska yes with lights at key points.

If we could build a truck route around the City there could be a more multi approach available to the situation but we can't.

The Alaska Highway through Whitehorse is not safe or healthy for the residents of Whitehorse, Entrances are dangers, flood of auto's are to mixed, there needs to be safety program into the Alaska Highway development that can meet the present and future needs of all users.

A group of local bikers asked me, if we could build bike and walking, over pasts on the Alaska Highway. I said yes but at what cost?

#7 Education one of the key for all! Respect and understanding is also important. What we really need is a multi-users plan for the City that supports all users.

I have been in Europa a lot and they have years dealing with your questions.

#8 Good questions put up more bike parking racks in public spaces.

Very interesting questions!

If have polled residents in Whitehorse and I will continue to. So here what on residents mines?

Cost of services, what are we going to do about them?

We need to deal with that situation to have more cost effective services.

We need to obtain a municipal finance deal from YTG for the municipality and include cost sharing programs that are interest of all Yukoners.

Residents wants the \$54 million build reviewed to look at other possible options to provide the building, which has not been done. There are four other options need to be looked before building.

The City plan to finance this building is to use all the build Canada funds, draw down the City reserves to a low level and max out the debt of the City. This really puts the City at high level of risk, these other options can deal with the situation in a more effective manner but they were not explored.

Residents don't want the City into housing but they want use to play a role. I have worked in developing and constructing all types of housing in the Yukon and elsewhere. There needs to be a more innovated approach to housing and needy people. I have purposed a new healthy families program by the Federal and Yukon Government with support for services. Read to day Whitehorse Star it is in there.

Residents want a crime stoppers program.

Resident wants their kids trained for better high paying jobs like in the new seniors care center. This is the responsibility of all levels of government How many of the 500 jobs in the City were trained in the Yukon for their jobs.

If the world, Canadian and Yukon economy does not turn around we need to make choices that some might not like.

Fare as I have found out, the City finances over the next three years is already committed. Until I can see the where we are at we can move forward.

I am going to attach my resume so you can see what my experience and education is so you know where my thinking was shaped from which includes senior positions in municipal services.

I have a learning disability and cannot write well or what I speak.

Thanks for the questions and I supply only what I can see.

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