

Yukon Liberal Response to Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition

The Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition invites political parties in the territorial election to consider the following questions to help voters understand how your party stands on issues pertaining to cyclists and other active transportation users.

- 1. The demand for health care in Yukon continues to increase. What would your party do to improve illness prevention through active living? How would it mitigate the negative health effects of a car-oriented culture, such as obesity, traffic collisions, and respiratory ailments?**

The Yukon Liberals want to see Yukoners lead healthier, happier lives. As part of our commitment to lifelong health and well-being, we will fund health and wellness peer champions in Yukon communities to encourage healthy lifestyles and participation in existing, yet undersubscribed programs. We will also encourage our education system to promote active living within schools and work with municipalities to address concerns related to traffic collisions.

- 2. With nearly half of Yukon's greenhouse gas emissions coming from on-road transportation sources, how would your party reduce vehicle-related GHG emissions?**

It is challenging to reduce Yukon's footprint related to on-road transportation, given the need to import so much of our goods. The distances between our communities add greater complexity to this challenge too. Regardless, we support and encourage Yukoners to do what they can to reduce our carbon footprint. This means commuting, walking or cycling to work, and carpooling. If elected, we are interested in exploring options for electric vehicles, but recognize that the existing infrastructure currently does not facilitate electronic vehicles.

- 3. What would your party do to address road safety for all users across all modes of transportation, considering various ages and abilities?**

A Liberal Government would collaborate with municipalities and First Nations to promote road safety, reduce impaired driving, and improve our more dangerous intersections and roads. Our Government would also ensure that new drivers are better educated on the importance of situational awareness, legal restrictions, adverse weather, and impaired driving.

- 4. The Alaska and Klondike Highways pass directly through or adjacent to the majority of Yukon communities. How would you improve the relationship between these highways and the adjacent communities?**

It is important to facilitate dialogue between the Yukon Government and the municipalities. A Liberal Government would encourage our senior officials and ministers to collaborate on matters of mutual importance to improve the relationship between the Department of Highways and Public Works and the communities. It is also important to utilize the existing dialogue between the Association of Yukon Communities and the Yukon Government to improve intergovernmental relations. Ultimately, as Sandy Silver has stated, it would be an honour for our members to represent their communities first and the Yukon Liberal Party second.



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5. What would your party do to promote and enhance cycling as an accessible transportation option for all Yukoners?

The Yukon Liberal Party will work with Yukon municipalities to promote cycling as an accessible transportation option and encourage Yukoners to find alternative means of transportation wherever possible. Relieving traffic congestion is important for the environment and the well-being of Yukoners.