

**Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition:  
2018 Candidate Questions - Whitehorse Municipal Election**

<b>Candidate: Rick Karp</b>	
1. Given that a substantive portion of Whitehorse's population does not have the privilege to operate a private automobile, what are your suggestions to address the transportation inequity of our community's built environment?	Improve transit, create affordable housing options in the downtown to facilitate ease in getting to work, and work with associations such as the WUCC to look at creative and innovative alternatives.
2. More Whitehorse residents are choosing cycling as a year-round transportation option. What are your thoughts regarding prioritizing winter maintenance for vulnerable road users?	Absolutely. I see an increasing number of people on their fat tire equipped bikes and I am amazed.
3. If elected, what would you do to expedite the implementation of Whitehorse's new Bicycle Network Plan?	That plan calls for an average of \$1.2M for each kilometer of the Bicycle Network and a total of close to 30 kilometers so we are looking at over \$30M dollars. The parking fund is \$2.9M.  There must be some other solutions to this issue, unless I am not understanding the Plan and what it is saying.  So, to answer your question, and after I catch my breath, all I can say is that we would have to sit down and discuss options.
4. What are your thoughts on using the Parking Reserve Fund to improve Active Transportation considering that almost every bike used to commute to work frees up a parking space for someone else?	When I drive my Mountain Bike to work from Copper Ridge I have the paved trails going down Hamilton Blvd. But as soon as I get to 4th avenue it is scary to say the least. Coming home is also a challenge as drivers don't seem to have peripheral vision and I have to be so defensive going home. Do we need to do something? Yes!!  But I have to hear from your association about what you are proposing to be able to determine what that is. As to using the Parking Reserve, well, that is an interesting idea. Parking is a serious issue because of the number of people living in rural residential areas, or those people who are just not ready, or interested, of riding a bike to work. Would I support using some of the fund? Yes, but again I would need to know for what?

5. <i>On the lighter side: have you ever...</i>	
• Commuted to work / school / for errands on a bike?	Yes, I target twice a week during the summer months.
• Ridden a fatbike?	No
• Ridden with a young child?	No
• Ridden an electric bike? or	No
• Ridden a unicycle?	No