

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

Candidate: Oshea Jephson	
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?	I would prioritize the implementation of the city’s Bicycle Network Plan. The document is very thorough and would allow us to make huge strides in making the city accessible for people of all ages and abilities! Working with council, I would also focus on implementing the city’s Transit Master Plan. This will take more single-occupancy motor vehicles off the road which makes public transportation more timely and inviting.
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?	A lack of cycling infrastructure means cyclists are forced to choose between sharing the road with motorists who might not be paying attention, or using sidewalks that aren’t properly maintained. Working with city crews, cyclist travel routes should be identified by working with the cycling community. In doing so, a plan can be created to prioritize clearing and ensure cyclists can jump on their bikes knowing they have a clear path to their destination instead of using a car.
3. If elected, what would you do to expedite the implementation of Whitehorse’s new Bicycle Network Plan?	I would work to include its implementation in our strategic vision. By doing so, council would be guided by the overarching goal of ensuring our city is made more and more accessible every day. The plan should also be incorporated into the city’s future work plans to ensure that we aren’t duplicating any work.
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?	Parking meters force people out of the downtown core because they are racing to run their errands before time runs out. I believe the city should direct the parking reserve fund towards the implementation of the city’s Bicycle Network Plan. Focusing on increasing parking only drives more motorists into the core, whereas cycling and pedestrian infrastructure has been shown to boost business, safety, and access!

<p>5. <i>On the lighter side:</i> have you ever...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuted to work / school / for errands on a bike? • 	<p>Yes! The first time I did it, I didn't realize how cold it was and vowed to always bring gloves. The one tucked in pant-leg also finally made sense to me!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridden a fatbike? 	<p>Not yet but I would be up for giving it a try!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridden with a young child? 	<p>Just my little brother on the pegs I had when I was a kid.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridden an electric bike? or 	<p>You bet! We ripped around my grandparent;s campground with it.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridden a unicycle? 	<p>I can barely stand on one leg. I'll leave this one to the pros, and the folks who did the Haines to Haines on them!</p>