

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

Candidate: Steve Roddick	
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?	<p>Fortunately, there has been a lot of <i>great</i> ideas put forward in the City's transportation Demand Management Plan, Transit Master Plan, and Bicycle Network plan. As almost all the actions proposed in these plans require capital funding, however, we need a council that is willing to prioritize and fund this work.</p> <p>In general, I plan to be a strong advocate for transportation diversification if I am elected. In particular, I think that a low-income bus pass, adding Sunday service, and opening the parking reserve fund for active transportation and transit-related expenditures can help to get us there.</p>
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?	<p>I think that City snow removal and winter maintenance should focus on three areas. First, improving access to-and-from public spaces, institutions and recreational facilities for low-mobility users. Second, clearing sidewalks in and around our downtown core and multi-use pathways like the airport trail, millenium trail, and waterfront trail. And third, clearing transit routes and major traffic arteries, with particular attention paid to clearing excess snow from bike lanes.</p> <p>And I would look to direction from user groups like WUCC as to how snow plowing could better accommodate winter cyclists while still meeting the above priorities.</p>
3. If elected, what would you do to expedite the implementation of Whitehorse's new Bicycle Network Plan?	<p>If elected, I would work with Mayor and Council to try and identify new infrastructure funding opportunities to bankroll the capital expenditures required to implement the Bicycle Network Plan. Furthermore, I would examine all new infrastructure projects to identify and assess how they intersect with the plan, and seek feedback from user groups such as WUCC on future projects to ensure optimal cycle friendly developments.</p>
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?	<p>Yes, I am supportive of opening up the parking reserve for expenditures related to transit and active transportation, as recommended in the 2011 Transportation Demand Management plan. Jan Stick and I have explicitly outlined this idea in the 'Transportation' section of our campaign priorities.</p>

5. <i>On the lighter side:</i> have you ever...	
• Commuted to work / school / for errands on a bike?	Yes, regularly... but not usually in winter
• Ridden a fatbike?	Yes! Once. It felt slow.
• Ridden with a young child?	Nope.
• Ridden an electric bike? or	Yes! It felt like cheating.
• Ridden a unicycle?	Not yet.