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

Candidate: Roslyn Woodcock

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?

The City subsidizes transit by about 70%. We have made great partnerships with YG and YC to ensure that more students are riding the bus. Our recent transit master plan also sets out concrete and reasonable steps we will begin to implement in 2019 to improve our service. We completed a transportation demand management plan and a bicycle network plan this year that set out steps we will continue to take to improve our urban commuter routes.

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?

We need to consider winter cycling in all future designated cycling commuter trail /road design. Given our limited budgets I'm not even certain that we can prioritize one of the main bicycle network for snow removal. Also, we receive competing demands regarding our multiuse trails, skiers and kicksledders prefer the snow stays.

BUT I would HAPPILY support an increase in taxes to expand snow removal on one main bicycle commuter priority trail / path. If this project was successful and increased winter bike use it could expand.

3. If elected, what would you do to expedite the implementation of Whitehorse's new Bicycle Network Plan?

I can only state that I would support actions that come forward to council for initiation and budget additions.

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?

There are competing demands for the parking reserve and vocal advocates for its use from a number of arenas.

There are a number of planning documents the city has just completed and the OCP process is underway in 2019. I expect that a determination of what to do with our parking reserve may fall out of these processes. If the outcome of those processes was that we improve active transportation I would be in support of that.

5.	 On the lighter side: have you ever Commuted to work / school / for errands on a bike? 	All my commuting is walking or biking so yes
	Ridden a fatbike?	Nope but I have ridden a normal bike in winter
	Ridden with a young child?	nope
	Ridden an electric bike? or	Yes – when I when I was the director of the Federal Council we bought three of them for the use of federal public servants to go to meetings. I rode them often
	Ridden a unicycle?	Nope I am not coordinated enough for that.