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

Candidate: Kim Lisgo

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?

My platform is centred on action to fight and adapt to climate change. Transportation is one of the highest producers of greenhouse gases. If elected, I would be strongly advocating for responsible timelines to address improvements to public transit and city infrastructure to support cycling and walking. The Bicycle Network Plan 2018 developed with the assistance of the WUCC will be a valuable tool for guiding and prioritizing action. I recognize that this will require trade offs with other infrastructure projects, but Whitehorse must show vision and leadership in providing alternatives to cars.

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?

As a bike commuter, safe and well-maintained routes for cyclists during the winter is important to me. I am in favour of the City having designated multi-use winter routes for prioritized maintenance that are separate from vehicular traffic thoroughfares.

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

An incredible amount of work was done to create the Bicycle Network Plan. It is a long-term vision that needs to be implemented in stages given the significant resources needed. As such, elements of the plan need to be prioritized and then done as opportunities arise. The city can prepare for those opportunities by creating and building a bicycling capital reserve, add to it each year, and use it to leverage grants and other investments. The prioritization of projects should be based on the criteria provided in the plan: support greatest cycling potential, improve existing cycling infrastructure, and link with other projects.

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?

I am in favour of exploring alternative uses for the Parking Reserve Fund, including redirecting funds to support Active Transportation and the Bicycle Network Plan 2018.

5.	 On the lighter side: have you ever Commuted to work / school / for errands on a bike? 	Yes, Yes, and Yes
	Ridden a fatbike?	Yes
	Ridden with a young child?	No
	Ridden an electric bike? or	No
	Ridden a unicycle?	Yes