

Question: What are your thoughts on the Chilkoot Way Greenway project?	
Candidates - Councilor	Response
Michelle Stimson	<p>I'll google it - or send me some information please.</p> <p>Then I'll let you know!!</p> <p>I'm not afraid to admit there is much to learn about this busy city. And I have much to learn-</p>
Norma Felker	I like it
Ken Schick	I usually travel the Chilkoot Way four times a day during the week. I have become accustomed to this route and do see this has benefit as well as having some shortfalls. There are often cyclists visible on this route which is great. I do believe that something needs to be corrected in regard to the transit bus situation.
Anne Middler	<p>Well, i will admit that I'm not crazy about it. It makes me nervous as a driver and as a cyclist. I do recognize the problem it is solving - providing a link, a safe connection between two mile hill and the river trail. All road users will have to get used to it. Cyclists will need to recognize that drivers turning into Chilkoot mall have a lot to be aware of - oncoming traffic and cyclists, as well as cyclists coming up fast behind them that they may inadvertently be turning into. Cyclists - especially those going fast on ebikes - do have to be cautious about cars traveling in the same direction and turning left, who may have shoulder checked but not seen them as they look forward and into their turn. All road users need to share that road, be aware there is lots going on, and watch out for and respect each other's right to get to where they're going safely.</p> <p>I am hoping if elected I can be a peacemaker, or a bridge, to try to repair the strained relationship between anti-cyclists and cyclists that unfortunately this project has become a lightning rod or a trigger for. I don't like being coal rolled and i don't like being threatened. I would like to try to appeal to and find common ground with people who for some reason have aggressive feelings towards people on bikes. I will be speaking about promoting safe active transportation investments as a way to reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and to ensure everyone and all our kids are safe and have choices to exercise their autonomy and freedom of movement without having to own a vehicle. I learned to ride a bike when I was 5 and it is by far still my most favourite way to exercise my freedom, and to feel the pure joy associated with that (also why i love kicksledding and swimming). I also highly value physical activity because of the mental health benefits, and I</p>

	<p>want to be as strong as I can be as I approach 50. I also realize that with people's busy schedules, incorporating movement and physical activity into their daily commute to work or school can be the most efficient way to meet a bunch of goals: getting where we need to go, saving money, feeling physically and mentally good from moving our bodies, taking climate action, etc. Let's make sure we can all do this safely.</p> <p>I am hoping if elected I can be a peacemaker, or a bridge, to try to repair the strained relationship between anti-cyclists and cyclists. I don't like being coal rolled and i don't like being threatened. I'm sure we can find common ground with people who for some reason have aggressive feelings towards people on bikes. I will be speaking about promoting safe active transportation investments as a way to reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and to ensure everyone and all our kids are safe, and have choices to exercise their autonomy and freedom of movement without having to own a vehicle. I learned to ride a bike when I was 5 and it is by far my most favourite way to exercise my freedom, and to feel the joy associated with that. I also highly value physical activity because of the mental health benefits, and I want to be as strong as I can be, as I approach 50. I also realize that with people's busy schedules, incorporating movement and physical activity into their daily commute can be the most efficient way to meet a bunch of goals: getting where we need to go, saving money, feeling physically and mentally good from moving our bodies, taking climate action, etc.</p> <p>Thank you for reading. Feel free to get in touch with me if you need clarification or if you have concerns or suggestions. Thank you! Anne Middler (867) 332-4979</p>
Sarah Newton	I think bike lanes are important but it seems like this one wasn't well implemented. We should get more feedback in planning and fix it if that's what's needed.
Lenore Morris	The original Chilkoot Way was built 2 decades ago without any consideration of cyclists, and as with many such roads, re-designing it for cyclists after the fact, is a lot harder than if they'd designed it for cyclists in the first place. In its present state, as a cyclist, I feel nervous if I am riding in the greenway in the Two Mile Hill to Quartz Road direction. I am very conscious that drivers are not used to looking for traffic in their lane coming from the right. I recommend that the City give it at least a year trial, monitoring for accidents or near-misses, then consult the cycling community as to their views - and make decisions based on what they learn.
Tony Lundgaard	Needs adjustment
Jenny Hamilton	I will say that the cyclist lane on Chilkoot Way is not working. Maybe it did on paper, but it does not work for cyclists or motorists. The multitude of incidents there since they installed these lanes is costly and dangerous to all involved.

	I would want to have feedback from local experts about the plans before spending limited city resources, because we do need to make our city safe and accessible but we should do it right the first time.
Jean-Sebastien Blais	It was courageous to implement such a project. Many commuters told me that it's an improvement despite the fact it's not perfect. The Chilkoot Way Greenway project increased the safety of bikers and makes a distinction as what portion of the street is for cyclists and what is for vehicles.
Paolo Gallina	I am supportive of the Chilkoot Way Greenway project - it represents an important step in improving active transportation options and enhancing the connectivity between downtown and surrounding neighbourhoods. However, I fully understand the concerns that some motorists have raised regarding congestion and the potential for increased accidents due to higher activity along Chilkoot Way. Safety is paramount, and I'll work to ensure the project is implemented thoughtfully, with the right measures in place to protect all road users—cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists alike.
Daniel Schneider	I think it was a good idea that was not necessarily implemented well.
Eileen Melynchuk	I support the intent of the Greenway project to promote safe, sustainable travel options, reduce congestion and align with climate goals. Working with users would ensure its safety.
Candidates - Mayor	Response
Stephen Kwok	This corridor is needed for our community. we will work with the community to understand the issues to address them.
Dino Rudniski	The Chilkoot Way Greenway project promotes active transportation and community connectivity. However, it may not be the best location for the route; a designated sidewalk along 2nd Avenue could provide a better connection to the river trail. If elected, I would advocate for a more inclusive approach, engaging the community for feedback and considering trial pilot projects to ensure the pathway is a safe, well-maintained, year-round route that reflects Whitehorse's commitment to sustainable urban mobility.
Dan Bushnell	I would prefer for this to be at the back of Canadian Tire. We ask the city for eight feet of their lot that runs straight across without the need for folks to cross three intersections while transiting from Two Mile hill to the riverfront. There are already established trees that we can light with Christmas lights. We can provide benches for folks to pause and I am interested in creating over passes wherever possible to keep cyclists moving and safe.

Kirk Cameron

This is one of the topics most heard when knocking on doors or talking to residents on the phone/email/Facebook. It is safe to say that no one I've talked to, either those who are involved in active commuting or those who drive vehicles, like the outcome. It is dangerous on a number of levels, even with the speed reduction to 30 km/hr.

If I'm elected, I will press the new Council to add this as one of its priorities during the next term. An immediate option we can consider is to drop one of the vehicle lanes, with the long term solution, moving the cycling lanes to the North side of Canadian Tire and Walmart. This could then link up nicely with the highly visible people-activated lighted crosswalk on Quartz Road to connect over with the Millennium Trail.