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Cycling Association of Yukon
Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition

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Dear Members,

Thank you for your email and questions from your organizations about active transportation in the Yukon. The Yukon Party's responses are as follows:

● ***Please specify the direction you will provide to the Department of Highways and Public Works to build and maintain spaces for people to travel through and access government facilities by foot and bicycle year-round.***

We are willing to review the current snow removal practices for government buildings and provide direction to ensure access is maintained for pedestrian and bike traffic.

● ***Please specify the direction you will provide to the Department of Education to increase children's active travel to and from schools.***

If you would like to provide more information on your approach to active transportation, here are some suggestions for topics you may wish to provide additional perspective on:

● ***What is your view on making new cycling infrastructure a part of every future Yukon government infrastructure project?***

● ***Would you consider developing and implementing safe student cycling plans for each new school to be constructed in Yukon (which is to also include Class 1 and Class 2 bike storage)?***

● ***What is your commitment to providing Class 1 bike storage space as part of any new or renovated Yukon government building?***

A new Yukon Party government will consult the Cycling Association of Yukon and the Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition on future initiatives to promote active transportation to and from school. With respect to cycling infrastructure for new buildings and schools, or with future renovations, we will work with the Department of Education and the Department of Highways and Public Works to ensure that considerations are made for cyclists, including safe cycling plans and considerations for bike storage.





- ***What do you think about the idea of building safe cycling infrastructure for our existing highways, specifically between Whitehorse and Haines Junction and between Whitehorse and Carcross?***

New highway cycling infrastructure between communities is not being considered at this time. We will however work with your community on new initiatives or proposals.

- ***What commitment would you make to funding contributions over the next 4 years to support communities in their efforts to develop cycling infrastructure?***

A new Yukon Party government will increase the funding available to Yukon municipalities and review the Comprehensive Municipal Grant. We will work with First Nations and communities to determine infrastructure priorities for all Yukon communities.

- ***How would you work with communities, such as the City of Whitehorse, to ensure that cycle and walking commuting routes are adequately maintained throughout the winter?***

Accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians can be a challenge in the winter. We will have conversations with the City of Whitehorse and municipalities to identify a plan for adequate snow removal to enhance accessibility.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to consider these questions.

Sincerely,

Currie Dixon
Leader of the Yukon Party

