

Question #1: I believe a review is needed of current non-profit tax and fee policy, to better support the work of non-profits in Whitehorse.

Question #2: I would want to look into this a bit more, and consider the pros and cons of supporting social enterprises in the context of overall support for non-profit organizations, and with regard to the private sector.

Question #3: a. This seems a bit beyond the scope of local government but I would be willing to explore the idea further to learn of the benefits, including ideas on implementation.

b. I think allowing permit developer subsidies to also be available to non-profits sounds like an excellent way to encourage non-profit housing development.

Question #4: Municipal governments can look for ways to support non-profits helping to reduce waste. For example, fees could be waived at the landfill for the new community thrift store. These should also be considered in light of the tax policy, and other resources city council could use to help.

Question #5: I fully support the idea of committees to gain direct information. I would also support events like town halls so that city councillors can hear directly from residents on critical issues.

Question #6: Affordable housing, transportation, and access to city programs and services seem to be critical issues where the city can lead or play a critical support role. I wonder if a committee of city council, or town halls, could help lead to a better understanding of the needs and priorities of marginalised populations within Whitehorse.

Question #7: A healthy, diverse, accessible community, with lots of access to green spaces and social engagement, will help support mental wellness of Whitehorse residents. I would be pleased to help ensure that the city considers this as part of all its planning. In addition, a ward system will help make the city more accessible and should increase municipal engagement, as residents will have a greater chance to meet and know individual councillors and candidates than they do now.

Question #8: It sounds good in principle. I would want to learn more about this concept and what the city could actually do to encourage corporations to have these kinds of plans, before deciding to support it.