

Questions received from 15 Whitehorse non-profit organisations: (Updated on October 1, 2018)

1. What are their thoughts about reducing or waiving costs of rental of city facilities to non-profit organizations? At present there is a reduced rate, but for many non-profits the rates are still cost-prohibitive for holding fundraising events.
2. What are their thoughts about waiving or reducing admission fees for youth passes for the CGC? As most youth programs are on a limited budget, purchasing passes for multiple participants adds up and can only be done occasionally.
3. What do they feel are the city priorities when it comes to youth issues within Whitehorse? And how should the city support these priorities?
4. The context for this question is that some NGOs have recurring annual events, of roughly the same scope from year to year. What are your thoughts on multi-year funding structures for this scenario? In other words, instead of the NGO applying for 1, 2, 3 or more sources of funding for the recurring event each year, with all the labour and resources associated with that application, the NGO could make an application for funding that spans more than one year for the same recurring event. The expected result is that the NGO frees up resources between application years to focus more on its core deliverables.
5. How does the city prioritise heritage and culture, what does it mean to each candidate both in a community building sense and economically?
6. When you google Corporate Social Responsibility and City of Whitehorse there are no results. If you are elected, would you support the City of Whitehorse establishing a CSR plan that supports local charities and that also encourages employees to engage in this strategy through their workplace?
7. "What are your thoughts on partnerships between organisations, particularly partnerships between seemingly related organisations, versus partnerships between seemingly unrelated organisations, and the advantages and disadvantages of each type of partnership when it comes to being considered for City of Whitehorse funding."
8. What are their thoughts on establishing committees of council so that mayor and council have direct access to information from the non-profit (often expert) sector?
9. What are their thoughts on establishing a working group to develop a human-bear conflict management plan for Whitehorse?
10. What are their thoughts about the current flow of communication from management, through senior management, to M&C. What is working and why? What is not working and why? And how can non-profit organizations make meaningful contributions to municipal decision making?
11. What are their thoughts about the bureaucracy behind key usage when renting City facilities.
12. The City's GIK support has remained consistent however over the years cash sponsorship has continued to decline. This stunts the ability for organisations (festival and special events) to grow and continue to contribute successfully to the tourism economy. What is the City's opinion on this?
13. How does the city feel about making the use of the CGC and all its spaces more affordable and accessible for non-profits?

14. What is your stance on rebating the development fees that non-profits pay for projects?
i.e. Rebating the cost of electrical permits.
15. What is your stance on raising the municipal service grants from 50% to 100% rebate for non-profits?
16. Currently, for-profit developers are able to receive subsidies that non-profits are not able to receive. How open are you to amending the restrictions that permit developer subsidies to include non-profits?
17. What role do you see the city filling in supporting in the mental wellness of Whitehorse residents?
18. Waste management is a municipal responsibility. Therefore, when the Free Store at the Whitehorse Waste Management Facility closed, it put added pressure on non-profit organizations like Raven Recycling and the Salvation Army with no additional support. Given the non-profit community represented by several diverse nonprofits has stepped forward again, what role do you see the municipality playing to ensure this community venture is a success and keeps material out of the landfill?
19. Many nonprofits are choosing to become nonprofit social enterprises to fund their work as government funding recedes. Raven Recycling and Challenge are two local examples of long-standing social enterprises. If you could use contracting and procurement policies to support social enterprises, would you?
20. Do you believe that when awarding contracts, consideration should be given to any criteria beyond low price? What would you like to see included and why?
21. Social enterprises are a growing sector of the economy in Yukon. Some social enterprises involve non-profit organizations generating revenue to support their social and/or environmental missions through partnered businesses. Another model involves businesses who "in the act of doing the business, meet the social and/or environmental mission of the organization". Some public services are best tackled by public funds through government, however other public services are best provided using market mechanisms. In what ways can social enterprises help to meet the needs of the Yukon through innovative, market-based solutions?
22. Businesses that are strictly for-profit create economic benefits for the Territory, while NGOs and social enterprises have social and/or environmental mission as a focus. How can for-profit businesses in the Yukon be supported to integrate a social and/or environmental mission or focus into the work that they do? Do either of these seem relevant for the discussion you're hoping to have?
23. In the Yukon, most of our greenhouse gas emissions come from home heating and transport. How will the city support energy efficiency and reduced fossil fuel use in Whitehorse, for households and the city as a whole? (Question was sent too late for the debate)