

## What do you think of the draft Values-based Guiding Principles?

### 1) Thriving Environment

**a) Education: Through related programs, we strive to inform, inspire and involve residents to increase their understanding, respect, and connection to the nature**

*What programs?*

*Schools need to be involved*

*Public doesn't even know about these Parks*

*Should articulate non-human species who share these landscapes*

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**b) Integrity: the City will protect and improve ecological health and resilience**

*Whitehorse is a City. Why do we want bears walking through our neighbourhoods?*

*Way too much parkland! Who pays to maintain them?*

*There needs to be baseline ecological and hydrological datasets; how can Parks contribute to monitoring and promote data collection and ecological indicators?*

*Speak to larger GSNP in this section?*

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**c) Stewardship: The City will work with all sectors to responsibly care for and manage Whitehorse's Regional Parks system**

*The word "manage" makes me nervous*

*Some sectors aren't interested or involved in Parks. You can't please everyone. Open citizen involvement is key but this doesn't mean you want to work with all sectors*

*Under Stewardship take out "work with all sectors" and replace with "work with all citizens."*

### Additional

*Frankly, I think all these statements, are so inclusive that anyone can use them to defend their position for or against almost any*

*They are fine*

*Look appropriate.*

*The are well stated and inclusive of a variety of interests.*

*The values-based guiding principles are quite broad-based. I believe there needs to be a bit more substance, which in turns will give more direction to attaining stated goals.*

*Fantastic, captures why I love Whitehorse.*

*Very thorough and thoughtful. Also very inclusive.*

*An important principle that is often overlooked in park planning processes is to recognize that humans are a critical part of the natural system, whether we like it or not. I would like this thought to be captured under the title "Thriving Environment". The current statement "the City will protect and improve ecological health and resilience" contains several concepts that need clarification as they could be interpreted to imply no, or limited, human use of the parks. It should be recognized that these are parks within city limits where most Yukoners live and enjoy their recreation. If your principle "Thriving Environment" implies limited human activity, you are setting yourself up for failure, and you are in contradiction with the principle of inclusive involvement of all users. If the principle was meant to include human use, it should be stated. There are some agreements to encourage human activity within parks. One example would be to support the removal of deadwood as part of a fire suppression strategy. These parks may be the last defense against the inevitable forest fire that will occur within the Whitehorse valley. It took many decades for large parks like Jasper and Banff to realize that if you over protect the forest you are setting yourself up for a devastating forest fire in the future.*

*The terms ecological health and resilience need to be defined. These are very loaded terms that can mean different things to different people. Both species and scale need to be considered. For example, I think it's reasonable to protect, even improve, salmon habitat along Wolf Creek. It's not reasonable to manage Wolf Creek Park to protect or improve caribou or moose habitat. These species have much larger geographical requirements which are not achievable within a relatively small park boundary.*

*The principle of "thriving Environments" should reflect a balance between human use (interests) and those of other species and should use more specific terminology. My suggestion for a principle would be – The city will strive to balance the needs of fish, One of the values mentioned numerous times at the public meeting was that these parks must be protected by the City "to ensure ecological integrity." So why not simply state that one of the Guiding Principles is that the City will take appropriate steps to ensure the ecological integrity of regional parks?*

*In addition, another often repeated value that came up of the public meeting was that these parks "enable us to gain or regain a sense of value, respect and appreciation for the environment and of our place as part of that fragile environment." A Guiding Principle that would reflect this would read as follows: The City will provide educational programs that will enhance citizens*

## **2) Vibrant Citizen and Community Development**

### **a) Citizen engagement: Whitehorse residents have opportunities for meaningful input into decisions about parks; the decision-making process is inclusive and transparent**

*Maybe one Committee for all Parks*

*5 Citizen oversight committee; one for each major Regional Park*

*Dislike the word 'inclusive': it ultimately is exclusive; it can't be all things to all people, there has to be some give and take by trying to being too democratic it excludes people*

*Those citizens who show up and interested and should be listened to*

*Audit each year of Park Management Plans*

*I love the idea of 'vibrant citizenry', but how do you put it in practice?*

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**b) Collaboration: Through greater collaboration and partnerships with local neighbourhoods, communities of interest, the private sector and other governments, we increase value for residents and achieve common goals**

*Know how much Park is set aside, anti-development folks won't be happy*

*Citizens should be first because not every citizen belongs to an organization, nor should they have to have a voice*

*Often groups get better access than citizens; those groups who are interested will still come*

*Do not spell out particular groups*

*Spell out the different governments*

*Take out the section on Collaboration. Under Citizen engagement it is stated that all "residents will have input" with regard to parks and that the process will be "transparent." However, under Collaboration there is a list of a number of special interest groups or stakeholders with whom the City will collaborate. The fear is that these groups will be given a greater opportunity for input than citizens at large. That fear is magnified when they are set apart from citizens and put in a section entitled Collaboration, a term that has a rather negative connotation especially in this city. What we do not need at any point in this process is yet another task force consisting of special interest groups which may or may not actually represent their own memberships or citizens at large.*

**c) Health and Wellness: Regional Parks provide the spaces and places for emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual health and wellness**

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**d) Sustainable Prosperity: Regional Park decisions reflect a commitment to economic, environmental, and social sustainability**

*Why is 'economic' first in Sustainable Prosperity? It should be environmental first, then social, then economic (does it even need to be there?): we should show that these elements have different weights*

*Concerns over continuous reference to 'economic' sustainability; we shouldn't be promoting this; "it's for us, not for what we're trying*

*Under Sustainable Prosperity it is stated that "Regional Park decisions reflect a commitment to economic, environmental, and social sustainability." We are somewhat worried about the term economic and its actual meaning in this sentence. We should not look at parks as economic windfalls. In other words, we should be establishing parks because of the values that have been listed on the previous page, not simply as a potential source of monetary gain. Park creation will without question provide economic benefits.*

*However, monetary gain should not be realized at the expense of the values mentioned on the first page. These parks are going to be supported by our tax dollars. If we are not willing to accept that reality then perhaps we should re-think the whole process. We support the Canada Games Centre through our taxes. Many of us would rather have our taxes increase than to see that wonderful addition to our community closed. One would hope that a similar attitude would extend to our regional parks.*

### 3) Excellence in Planning and Management

#### a) Accountability: Milestones and deliverables are established and Whitehorse residents receive timely information about progress in achieving desired outcomes

*Absolutely agree but it needs to be articulated how and by what process*

*Park management plan review produced annually with a Citizens Advisory Group*

*Annual meeting with the public to report the results; this is where we're succeeding, this is where we need to work*

*Accountability will ultimately help connect citizens with their parks*

*Citizen oversight committee should be established; should include citizens who are passionate, not just special interest groups; this group should lead annual audit*

*Under Accountability it is suggested that "timelines and deliverables are established . . . and that residents receive timely information about progress in achieving desired outcomes." Unfortunately, this has not been the case with other City plans. The 2007 Trail Plan comes to mind in that some important timelines and deliverables included in that plan were not met, nor have progress reports been made available to the general public. Therefore, there needs to be a group formed from interested citizens (not special interest groups) that would ensure that accountability is achieved. (A yearly report would be produced and a public hearing held to discuss*

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#### b) Continuous improvement and innovation: We seek to improve our Regional Parks system by proactively monitoring, evaluating and implementing innovative parks management strategies

*<no comments>*

#### c) Integrated management: Park management decisions consider the combined impacts of environmental, economic and social factors

*Flat land is a premium here. How much of the Parks are flat?*

*As a Riverdale resident the City improves my roads with all the traffic to use our Parks*

*Management means change to how we think the forests should look*

*There needs to be some explanation as to what is meant by Integrated Management. The term economic comes up under this title as well, but there is no explanation as to what this statement actually means.*

#### d) Knowledge-based decision-making: Decision-making is informed by natural and social science, evidence and experience, which include traditional knowledge of First Nation peoples

*Poorly written: science, social science, local knowledge, First Nations knowledge*

#### e) Leadership: Regional Park management and operations demonstrate environmental leadership and showcase best practices in energy and water efficiency, environmental design, construction practices and products

*How do you design the environment?*

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**f) Respectful and responsive: We respect and respond to the diverse needs of parks users, stakeholders and communities throughout the municipality**

*Under Respectful and Responsive take out the term stakeholders. After all, you mention users and some of those users would be members of so-called stakeholder groups, so the term stakeholder is redundant. As well, when it comes to parks it is quite probable that the vast majority of users will be walkers/hikers, and they have no stakeholder group that specifically targets their interests.*

**Other Comments**

*We are unsure as to how some of these Guiding Principles relate to the major themes that came out of the public meeting (see above) with regard to values or as to why these parks are important.*

*Another of the values that was repeated many times was that these parks allow active forms of recreation that help to maintain and improve our physical health. So another Guiding Principle would be that the City encourages active forms of recreation in its regional parks as long as those activities do not threaten ecological integrity and/or the peace and quiet of park users.*

*Another recurring theme under values was the need for these parks to provide as much peace and quiet as possible as a relief from the constant noise and activity of the urban setting. So an additional Guiding Principle would be for the City to establish these regional parks as a place of relative peace and quiet where one can enjoy to the greatest extent possible the sounds of nature in These values do not reflect recreation. I am concerned that they are steering these parks into a limited access type of scenario. For me the top priority should be to encourage people to use and experience these protected areas.*

## What do you think of the draft Vision Statement options?

### Option #1: Healthy Parks = Healthy People

*Provides no real guidance, very ambiguous*

*Too vague*

*Doesn't hit the mark; no guidance and if all else fails you need to refer back to the Vision statement for guidance in planning processes*

*I like the simple one but feel it should be Healthy Parks = Healthy Animals (Recognizing that humans are animals)*

*Option #1 is meaningless and will not resonate with anyone.*

*Option 1 is preferable but only to the extent that the other two options are wordy and do not seem inclusive of all interests. (like)*

### Option #2: Residents and visitors discover, values, protect and enjoy Whitehorse's wild backyard

*This is not a vision statement. It is a fragment of a thought; and provides no guidance.*

*Option #2 is more of a goal statement*

*I like option #2 the best - I think it encompasses the important aspects of creating parks and sharing them with multiple user groups.*

### Option #3: Whitehorse's Regional Parks inspire people to discover, value, protect, and enjoy the natural world and the benefits it provides for current and future generations

*Add "The Vision for" at the beginning*

*Add "to protect our natural environment" prior to the word 'inspire'*

*Add "healthy natural areas, protected to maintain vibrant ecosystems & habitats that..." prior to the word 'inspire'*

*Vision statement should state what they are, not only what they inspire*

*Put Parks first, human usage 2nd - e.g. "Protect the park, to inspire..."*

*Protect what's there - you don't have to change it*

*add the word "use" in list of 4 actions*

*vision statement doesn't guide by #3 is OK, but needs wordsmithing*

*(like) x2*

*Add to start: "The vision for Whitehorse's Regional Parks is to protect our environment and the integrity of its ecosystems and biodiversity; and to inspire..."*

*Put protect first, and people second*

*The issue with #3 is that the only articulated role of parks is to "inspire people to". This is one of many roles, that said the terms included are all good ones, it should be more action oriented instead of descriptive, e.g. "Protect and Inspire"*

*Protect "ecological integrity"*

*Option #3 is more inspiring and consistent with guiding principles*

*Option 3 is the best choice. This option should should read as: "Whitehorse Regional Parks inspire AND MOTIVATE people to ..."*

*I like number 3, you need to learn to love nature to protect it.*

*Option #3 is the one that most accurately reflects what people said at the March 11th meeting.*

**Option #4: add your own!**

*Whitehorse parks are planned, developed, maintained and promoted for the use and enjoyment of all Whitehorse citizens and visitors alike*

*The vision for Whitehorse's Regional Parks is to protect our environment and the integrity of its ecosystems and biodiversity; and to inspire people to discover, value, protect and enjoy the natural world and the benefits it provides for current and future generations*

*(Is there anything from First Nation traditional knowledge that can be used?)*

*None of those really resonate with me or make me feel like I am part of these parks.*

## What do you think of the Goals and Associated Strategies?

### 1 Promote Environmental Health

#### 1a Foster evidence-based decision-making

*Doesn't this belong to all the strategies?*

:) x2

#### 1b Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas

*Maybe combine with 1c*

#### 1c Manage Regional Parks to protect and improve ecological health and resilience

*Maybe combine with 1b*

*Is managing a degree/level of protecting?*

:) x3

#### 1d Improve trail and facility location, design, development, and maintenance to minimize environmental degradation

*Instead of minimize maybe use prevent*

:) x4

#### Additional comments

*???I don't see words 'wildlife' and 'animal' anywhere? 'Habitat'?*

*Goal #1 okay but first checkmark is really applicable to all and is more of a principle.*

*The concept of ecological health is well stated as a goal, but there are few questions to identify appropriate strategies to achieve this; i.e. natural disturbance, forest fire and pest management, risk analysis and reduction, landscape level fuel management, etc. If Parks are important for the stated values; then their systems should be protected from risks and available management tools should be stated in the plan.*

### 2 Promote outdoor recreation for human health and wellness

*As in physical activity? Or educational experience?*

*How will this be managed?*

#### 2a Implement an inclusion strategy to enhance user experiences

:) x2

#### 2b Identify and develop opportunities for recreation

:) x3

#### 2c Provide safe and well maintained outdoor recreation facilities to users

:) x2

#### 2d Promote the physical and mental health benefits of Regional Parks and outdoor recreation

:) x3

## **Additional comments**

#2 okay.

*I think in goal #2, a point that specifically outlines opportunities for recreation for all/as many user groups as possible should be made. Use of the parks should not be limited to one type of activity (eg. non-motorized).*

*Under Promote outdoor recreation for human health and wellness it is suggested that the City “implement an inclusion strategy to enhance user experiences.” It is necessary to explain what is meant by an inclusion strategy. People should realize that parks cannot be all things to all people. If we are permitted to do everything within a park that we can do outside a park then what is the point of creating a park at all? All of us should realize that there may well be activities that are presently carried out in these proposed park areas that should not be permitted once they are officially made parks. Park activities should reflect the values and visions that were repeated many times at the last public meeting in March.*

*Protect and / or establish wildlife corridors (e.g.: Canmore)*

## **3 Support community stewardship, education, and partnerships**

### **3a Increase opportunities for residents, group and stakeholder involvement**

*What kind of opportunity?*

:) x2

### **3b Provide education programs in Regional Parks to foster stewardship, health and wellness, personal safety and social responsibility**

*Interpretive centre*

*I think education is a valuable tool re: management and use of parks. Think of the education process behind educating the population to recycle*

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### **3c Seek partnerships to deliver new and existing programs and provide special facilities where others have expertise**

:) x3

#3 are okay.

## **Additional comments**

*Under Support community stewardship, education, and partnerships it is stated that the City should “increase opportunities for residents, group and stakeholder involvement.” This should be changed to simply say the City should “increase opportunities for citizen/resident involvement. Unfortunately, this City gives too much weight to so-called stakeholder groups. They represent but a tiny portion of our citizens and this fact should be recognized by the City. Certainly they should have input, but not at the expense of the vast majority of our citizens who are not members of these groups, or who have no special interest group that represents their specific interests.*

#### **4 Communicate, connect and involve individual users**

##### **4a Improve communication and outreach**

*Communication is essential. Communication ownership ---> responsibility*

*:) x2*

##### **4b Encourage interest and opportunities in Regional Parks**

*:) x2*

##### **4c Ensure accountability through milestones and deliverables**

*Duh? What does this mean?*

*(response to above) It means you have to say what you're going to do and account for its success*

*:) x1*

##### **4d Develop tools to guide and enhance the use of parkland**

*:) x1*

*Problem with #4 is reference to "individual users" rather "than user groups".*

##### **Additional comments**

*Goals #3 and #4 could be combined. It is neither sensible, practical or achievable to accommodate every individual.*

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#### **5 Facilitate economic development and philanthropy**

*Strategies are in reverse order of the title*

##### **5a Encourage philanthropy**

*(crossed out), i.e. delete this item*

##### **5b Partner with businesses and organizations to provide enhanced services**

*Enhanced services: trail signs are awesome, outhouses, garbage cans/recycling are nice*

*What kind of economic development?*

*Encourage denser housing that is walking distance to park amenities*

*How can people improve on what nature has provided?*

*:) x2*

##### **Additional comments**

*#5 is too open ended and economic development can easily be misinterpreted unless you link the economic development activity to park context and purpose.*

#### **6 Improve park planning and management**

*change to "park planning, protection and management"*

*Manage, improve say tame, domesticate and make the parks into something for people, not wildlife?*

**6a Embrace the concept of Adaptive Management**

*Change to "Practice the concept..." (plus :) for this idea)*

:) x1

**6b Improve the overall management of Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

*change to "protection of Environmentally..." (plus :) for this idea)*

:) x2

**6c Develop a plan to guide facility provision in specific Regional Parks**

:) x1

**6d Advance the quality and consistency of park lands and trails as identified in the Trails Plan**

:) x1

**6e Develop a process for nominating new Regional Parks**

*You have no real access to parks if you live north of the KK. Plan for similar access for Porter Creek, Crestview & Whistle Bend*

:) x1

**6f Create a new Regional Parks Advisory Council**

*Delete word "new"*

:) x1

**6g Engage First Nations communities and explore options for joint management**

*Replace "joint management" with "Regional Parks Advisory Council"*

:) x1

*Under Improve park planning and management it is suggested that the City "advance the quality and consistency of park lands and trails as identified in the Trails Plan." This needs an explanation as to its meaning. In addition, the title of this section should be changed. How can we "improve park planning and management" when we do not have any approved regional parks at present? In our view city administration often refuses to recognize certain aspects of the OCP and the 2007 Trail Plan as well as neighbourhood plans when dealing with matters affecting trails and green spaces within our city. We need to improve the current management of our trail and green spaces before we set up a process for planning and managing new regional parks. It should also be noted that the 2007 Trail Plan is somewhat dated, and not particularly well written. It is time for it to be reviewed.*

**7 Offer modern facilities, services, programs, and policies**

*"Modern" - a strange word that provides no real guidance. How about "appropriate".*

*Need baseline info*

**7a Develop a classification system for all City parks and different areas within parks**

:) x2

**7b Upgrade, restore and expand park facilities**

:) x3

**7c Develop a central information system**

:) x1

**7d Review the existing Parks and Protected Areas Bylaw**

*And look at how the bylaws etc will be managed.*

*Effective protection strategies*

:) x1

**Additional comments**

*Under modern facilities, services, programs, and policies it is stated that we need to “review the existing Parks and Protected Areas Bylaw.” If we are going to honour the values that the public expressed at the first public meeting in March with regard to our regional parks, we will have to look at amending the current Snowmobile Bylaw and perhaps the ATV Bylaw as well.*

**Other comments**

*Again, very broad, there needs to be a better understanding of wildlife use of these areas before we make changes to them or cut them off from other green-spaces.*

*You could justify a scenic drive through McIntyre creek under #4 and #5. #6 and #7 are not really goals but management objectives*

*Look reasonable. The trick of course, will be the resources that can be allocated.*

*I believe the goals as all encompassing. Now it is important to prioritize these goals in order for the strategies to be manageable and achievable.*

*I like them.*

*The goals make sense but there seems to be a lot of overlap. I think this plan would make more sense if it was focused around 3-4 clear goals.*

## **What does "success" look like? Help us determine outcomes.**

Country foods should be protected and healthy: ensure that they are not contaminated (e.g.: berries, mushrooms, fish, trapping etc.)

Camping should be available

Try to involve all citizens in active recreation in the Parks (is this a nice by-product or goal?)

Connected to the urban active commuting networks and to the bus routes

Safe walking and biking routes to circulate between all the parks (this will help City with Active Transportation goals)

Protection for non-motorized trails (by law)

Change the Snowmobile bylaw to keep non-motorized trails free of snowmobiles (in the same way as in the ATV bylaws)

Visitation statistics (trail counters for example)

Quality well maintained trails: consolidate existing trails, consider carefully why we are expanding trails (in terms of ecological integrity), raised or hardened trails

Wildlife populations are increasing (we need baseline data to accomplish this)

Park boundaries haven't shrunk, they may stay the same or expand (to include wildlife corridors within for example)

Maintain the ecological integrity of sensitive ecosystems

Park boundaries have enlarged

Interconnections between all park areas

No nasty court cases

Certainty on developable / non-developable areas

People are happy

Cooperation between land managers and levels of government (City, First Nation, YG, Feds)

Parks have high level of usership: to achieve this we need management plans and good facilities

Easy access to Parks for everyone / neighbourhoods: use walking distance as measure

Accessibility needs to be considered on a park system level

Parks are manageable within our resources

Engaged stewardship groups

Sailing on larger lakes

Compliance on trails: motorized / non-motorized

Education: users knowing how to behave, putting garbage in its space, people not needing signage to do the right thing

In 20 years, the boundaries will not have been encroached upon

Some sites have been re-habilitated

Wildlife populations increase

Population in general valuing these areas enough that they are involved in decisions

No new (rogue) trails as trail system is satisfactory

Some trails revegetated

Understanding the wildlife using these areas

No net-loss of wildlife, vegetation: establishing benchmarks, satellite imagery, wildlife surveys etc.

Integrated Parks in community: outdoor classrooms partnerships with schools, college

Interpretive centre used by many citizens, groups, tourists and schools

Having 5 individual Park Management Plans completed

Work with nearby neighbourhoods.

It is adequately spelled out on p16 under

Because resources will be limited and will come in pieces, I think awareness is the one thing that can be worked on early on. And that may even be signage around key entry points for each of the Park. It will help users realize they are in a City Park. Then as things develop over the years through resources and partnerships and stewardships, it isn't an unknown or unexpected.

Creative partnerships can be used to implement ecosystem management practices and natural resources education infrastructure; i.e. City of Whitehorse with Yukon Government (Education, Community Services, EMR, Tourism, etc.), First Nations Governments and others to work on a landscape level fuel management program for healthy forests, an interpretive ecosystem kiosk and trail system for education purposes, and a series of geocache locations and mapping tools for engaging citizens and tourists to venture beyond the highway corridor. Education is key. Investing in education programs and interpretative programs, even interpretative sites (though expensive at first) is an investment in park management and ultimately the value of these sites as parks.

It is imperative that once they are "parks" that they are fully protected, both by the city and by the territorial government. Without support, full support, it's not enough.

There are a lot of volunteer-based organizations that would love to provide input and put on events for their members in these parks. These organizations can be used to disseminate information to their members, promote trail stewardship, and foster enthusiasm for park activities.

## **The City needs help to maximize the potential of our regional parks. Help us identify creative resource use and possible partnerships**

Use water / Yukon River as physical and jurisdictional connection between all levels of government for funding

Leverage Federal money / CDF (YG)

Provide opportunity for work-based rehabilitation (e.g.: build trails)

Summer Camps

Y2C2 (Yukon Youth Conservation Corps)

Coordinate umbrella user groups, i.e.: new network of stewardship groups

Academic, research: Yukon College, Wolf Creek Research Basin

Lease tenure for user groups: e.g.: Canoe Club on Lake in return for steward in said area

Design it so it requires less resources

Corporate sponsorship

Foundations: ...of trees, ...of Parks etc.

Harness community groups

School groups

First Nations

MEC

RCMP: enforcement of illegal activity

Adopt a....(meadow), etc.

Sesquicentennial Funding

Service Clubs: e.g.: sign

Use Citizen Survey: usership trends and monitoring program

Using existing facilities to promote the different aspects of Parks: trails, environmental interests, wildlife

Existing NGO's that have good stewardship and management plans: YCS, Friends of McIntyre Creek

Involve community groups in developing stewardship in residents developing a sense of ownership

User pay: users most appreciate that to maintain, improve and build all costs money

Education system: grade schools, high schools, College

First Nations: sharing their knowledge

Park Board made of different user group reps

Businesses offering funds to build some amenities (some for / some against)

Alpine club, climbing groups

Y2C2, CAT, and Katimavik

Elders Association

ES programs at the highschoools, geography and earth science programs at the College and highschoools, ask them to do the research

Mining community has most of McIntyre Creek staked; City should reach out to them

Equinox, Dirt Girls, Toxic Tours, Boreal, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Contagious, YCS gives tours, bring people into parks

Coast Mtn., Icycle, Cadence, Canoe People, Up North

WTAY and RPAY

Community Associations

DFO, Fisheries and Game Association, Yukon Env. Fish

Heritage Associations, interpretations, signage

MV Schwatka

Patagonia

Establish "Friends Society"

Fire smarting groups

Air North

Yukon Brewing

Air Cadets and Army Cadets

The Yukon Hospital Corporation has a great model for fundraising. This model could be used for a sustainable way to support Whitehorse Parks, e.g.: "Friends of Whitehorse Parks". "Festival of Trees" raises thousands of dollars for the hospital. (Private Citizens + corporations = \$\$\$). Why not a similar scheme? The Yukon government provides infrastructure as the hospital, just like the City provides the parks. What is needed is ongoing citizen and corporate partnerships. e.g.: Whitehorse Parks Foundation

One "resource" to consider is simplicity. Many improvements, management issues, and other "costs" benefit from focussing on the minimum actions necessary to accomplish the outcomes, rather than the more elaborate 'sexy' options presented