To: Yukon Astronomical Society

From Laura Cabott, candidate for Whitehorse City Council

Date: October 12, 2018

1. If elected, what would you do to reclaim our night-sky heritage, protecting the environment and human health from the negative effects of light pollution?

Firstly, I would want to learn more and thank you for raising this issue. Whitehorse has beautiful night skies and I agree we must protect them. Northern light and sky viewing is a growing business in our winter tourism market.

I would ensure we work with you to adopt land use policies and regulations in our new Official Community Plan that address light pollution including:

* Identifying areas in our City that should be protected from lights;
* Choose lighting that is ensures security but not overly intense;
* Orientate the light so that they light what it is meant to light (e.g. not up into the sky);
* Timers will help light pollution and energy savings;
* Work with ATCO and Yukon Energy Corporation to install the amber/ yellow-hued 2700k LED’s.

Thirdly, I support working with you and other partners e.g. Yukon Energy to develop an educational campaign that speaks to the environmental and sky pollution and encourages citizens and businesses to turn off unnecessary lights.

1. Would you support and advocate for the responsible use of outdoor lighting: this being limiting use of lighting to areas where needed for safety and convenience and requiring the use of warm-white or amber-coloured night-sky friendly lighting on buildings and roadways?

Yes