

Dear Vikki,

My name is Kim Lisgo, and I am running for a seat on City Council. Please find below my answers to the questions from the Yukon Astronomical Society to Whitehorse City Council Candidates.

*Question 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?*

I am happy to see that Yukon Astronomical Society is championing this important issue. I would support and be an advocate for science-based arguments and recommendations brought forward by the Society to the City to reduce light pollution. To assist with the identification of solutions and implementation, I would help the Society navigate the municipal government and facilitate relationships with city staff responsible for lighting.

*Question 2: 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, I would support and advocate for the responsible use of outdoor lighting.

Sincerely,  
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### **Who am I?**

I am a 6-year resident of Whitehorse. I am a researcher at the University of Alberta, and for the past 15 years, I have coordinated and been a part of collaborative research to develop science-based approaches and tools for pro-active conservation planning and sustainable land use in Canada's boreal forest. As a scientist, I have been trained to solve problems, think critically, observe and listen, be aware of my biases when making decisions, and to be creative and transparent. These are skills that I can bring to any issue before Council to support evidenced-based decision making and good fiscal management.



### **Why am I running?**

I decided to run for council largely because of climate change. Climate change will affect the city's infrastructure, and our environment, economy, energy security, and food sovereignty. It will increase the risk of wildfire, which is a significant threat to our wilderness city. We can choose to ignore climate change, and pay a much larger price in the end, or we can be pro-active and efficient with our resources. What excites me about municipal governance is the potential for action. Globally, municipalities are leading efforts to fight and adapt to climate change. We need to be bold and courageous, and I think the City has a crucial role to play in enabling and supporting action on climate change.