



September 20, 2011

Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club  
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**Re: Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club Question for Political Parties**

Dear Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club:

Attached please find the response of the Yukon New Democrats to your 2011 election question. It is the policy of our party to respond on behalf of all New Democrat candidates.

Our platform will be released over the course of the campaign and our web site is updated with all of our latest information. To find out more, we encourage you to consult: [www.YukonNDP.ca](http://www.YukonNDP.ca)

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club in bringing this issue forward and keeping it in the forefront during public discussions and planning processes.

Thank you for your interest in the views of the Yukon New Democrats on the critical issues facing Yukoners.

We appreciate your efforts to help voters make an informed decision on voting day.

Sincerely,

Liz Hanson  
Leader, Yukon New Democrats

## **NDP Response to Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club Question**

**The Whitehorse Cross-Country Ski Club trail system sits on YG lands that are open for mineral staking. Mineral exploration or development on these lands has the potential to seriously and adversely affect long-standing and popular recreational use of this area.**

**The City has asked for this land to be withdrawn from mineral staking. If elected, will your Government remove this area from mineral staking?**

Yes. A Yukon New Democrat government will establish an immediate moratorium on mineral staking within municipal boundaries. We make this commitment in our platform for this election:

- ✓ establish an immediate moratorium on mineral staking within municipal boundaries and other residential areas to reduce the potential for land-use conflicts

We will respect surface use decisions made within existing municipal zoning processes and bylaws.

New Democrats have also made a general commitment to make land use planning a government-wide priority by:

- ✓ expediting the process at the municipal, local and regional levels with full public involvement in decision-making

Land use plans help avoid or resolve land use conflicts, manage uncontrolled development and bring certainty that land is used for the best purpose