



Communities in Motion

ECOLOGY NORTH



What is Communities in Motion?

Volunteer-run Ecology North committee

- Previously called TIC (Transportation Issues Committee)
- Committee involved in research and advocacy in the city of Yellowknife for the past 20 years.
- Collaborated with City on several reports and projects concerned with transportation.



Photo Source: City of Oulu, Finland



Photo Source: Kristen Vivian



Goals of Communities in Motion

To promote the changes necessary to make **active** and **low-carbon transportation safe, enjoyable** and **efficient**, which makes the city a **great place to live**.

Benefits of a city that offers safe active mobility options:

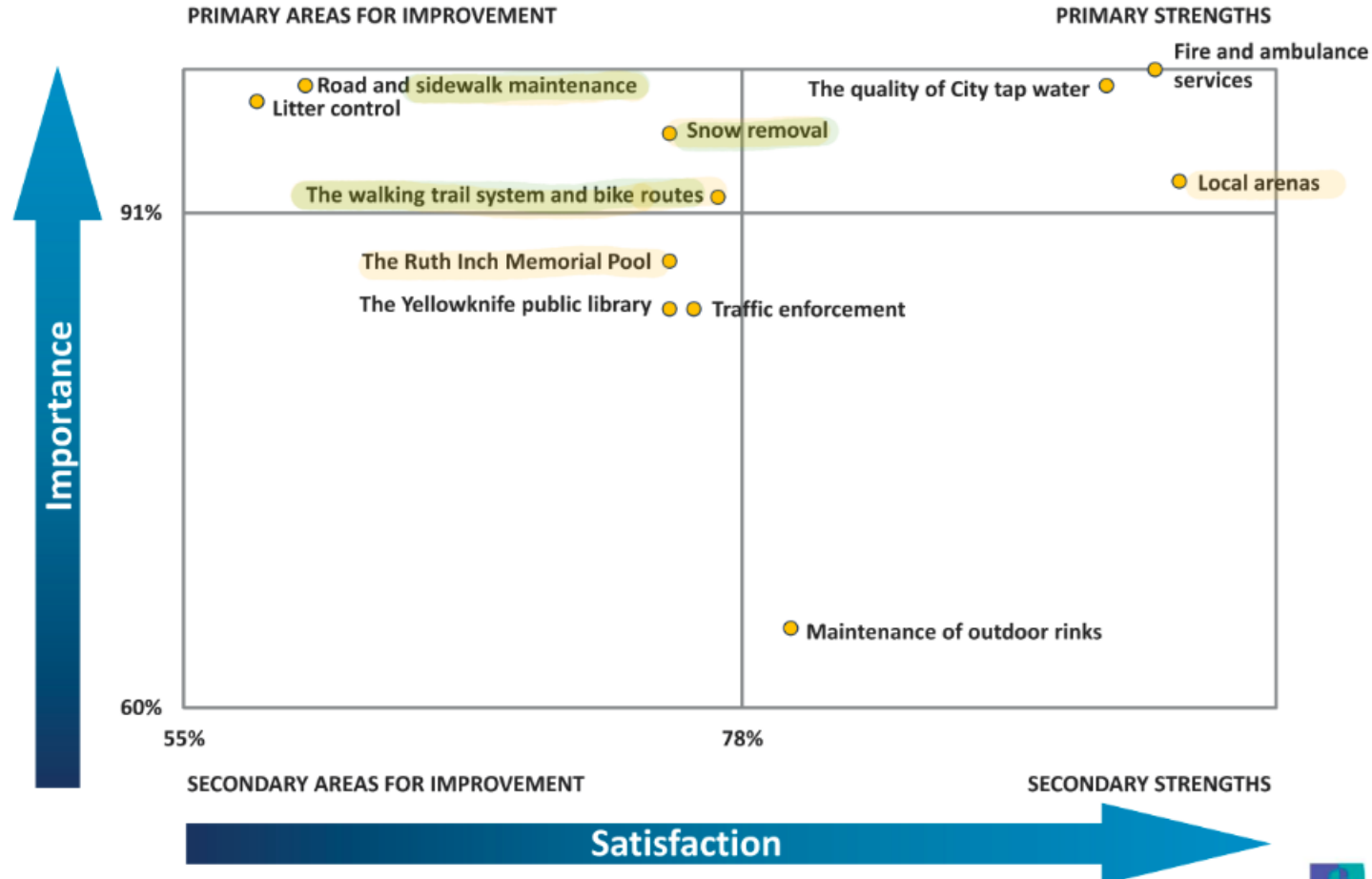
- Health
- Spontaneous support of local businesses
- Less Wear and Tear on infrastructure
- Social interactions
- Sense of belonging
- Retention of residents
- Tourism

Yellowknife's small footprint makes it **ideal**.



Importance vs Satisfaction Action Grid

Ipsos Public Affairs



How our objectives support the City's Goals

Advance key initiatives under the City's [Strategic Directions 2023-2026](#):

- Supporting **design standards that are multi-modal** including recognizing Yellowknife's advantages as a **winter city**
- Providing **public transit** that meets user needs
- Providing affordable and diverse **recreation** opportunities for residents
- Partnership efforts with community groups and stakeholders

Support progress towards targets from the [Corporate & Community Energy Action Plan 2015-2025](#):

- Reduce corporate GHG emissions by 50% by 2025, below 2009 levels
- Reduce community GHG emissions by 30% by 2025, below 2009 levels
- Keep annual energy costs below the average of the preceding 5 years
- Reduce residential vehicle km travelled by 20%



City of Yellowknife Transit



Photo Source: Kyle Thomas



Possible Initiatives

A: Support better bike and pedestrian networks in Yellowknife

- Implement cycle route map from 2017 Active Mobility Study (University of Calgary) - ensuring safe bike access to all schools for kids
- Amend design standards for all new and renewed roadwork
- Improve trail and neighbourhood connectivity
- Improve maintenance; adjust speed limits
- GNWT collaboration on multimodal travel on highways within YK
- Frame Lake Trail expansion (Dillon, 2018)



Photo Source: Sarah Pruys

B: Update Bus Transit System

- Implement changes based on 2020 Transit Report and subsequent public consultation in 2022
- Discounts through employers
- Easier payment and more pass options

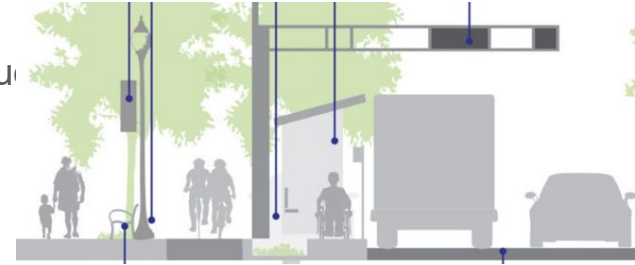


Photo Source: City of Edmonton

C: Alternative Transportation Initiatives

- Continue to support YK car-share coop
- Electric vehicles infrastructure
- Promote use of bikes/cargo bikes in City



How we Can Help

As a resource for future infrastructure improvements

1. Engage us in the design and development process
 - a. Including the 2024 Design & Development Standards review
2. Review infrastructure updates, including bus routes, roadworks, bike lanes, trail creation & maintenance
3. Research infrastructure design options
4. Relevant by-law and procedural updates (snow clearing; cycling)
5. Application for grants
6. Review past recommendations
7. Develop route plans
8. Connect with experts, organizations, gov and public
9. Work with Municipal Enforcement Division on safety



Photo Source: Dutch Cycling Embassy



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Goals of the City: Council's [Strategic Directions 2023-2026](#)

PEOPLE FIRST

Facilitating a safe, accessible and inclusive community that supports the well-being of all.

The governing role of Council is to ensure and maintain a resilient and liveable community

- Partnership efforts with community groups and stakeholders

- Supporting design standards that are multi-modal including recognizing Yellowknife's advantages as a winter city

- Providing affordable and diverse recreation and arts opportunities for residents

- Providing public transit that meets user needs

municipal infrastructure, programs and services that are environmentally, socially, and fiscally responsible.



Engagement

The City is committed to meaningful participation and collaboration.



Multi-Generational

The City will consider the multi-generational impact and legacy of its decisions and actions for generations to come.

focus on **people first**,
sustainable future.