



News Release: Yukoners Need Rural Bus Service

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Rural Yukoners have no option but to rely on private vehicles. If elected, the Green Party would set up public bus service to all Yukon communities (except Old Crow) **"I took the Husky bus from Whitehorse to Carmacks this summer, but then couldn't get back to Faro."** said Frank de Jong, Interim Leader of the Yukon Greens. People who are not wealthy enough, fit enough or old enough to drive are effectively precluded from living in Yukon's rural communities. Seniors and young people are especially disadvantaged, but many people who are able to drive would prefer to take transit if it were available. **"I'd prefer to leave the icy, dark, white-knuckle driving to professionals."** continued de Jong. **"I'd sooner watch a video, read, text or snooze."**

Modest priced public bus service throughout Yukon would:

- Offer young people and seniors a critical transportation option
- Allow people to reduce the number of vehicles they own
- Reduce Yukon's CO2 emissions (half of which are from transportation)
- Save people money, time, worry and stress
- Reduce accident-related healthcare costs
- Reduce the need for mileage subsidies paid by governments
- Reduce wear and tear on Yukon roads
- Reduce collisions with wildlife
- Increase social cohesion among Yukoners.

In terms of transportation options rural Yukon has been neglected for too long. **"I understand you can see the Yukon from Whitehorse."** joked de Jong. **Contact:** Frank de Jong, Interim Leader, Yukon Green Party, fdejong@earthsharing.ca