

CAA Survey Questions

1. What is the most critical road infrastructure issue that your community is facing and how do you plan to address it?

The most critical issue right now is dealing with the increased traffic imposed on the Charleswood community from the Ridgewood development. The fact Wilkes should have been widened and/or a tie in to the William Clement Parkway should have been established first are serious issues. Increased traffic on Wilkes is causing concern for drivers with increased amounts of incidents occurring. Increased use of the existing residential streets and public safety in those areas is also a concern. I will be pushing for some solid plans and open discussions with all residents affected; there won't be any surprise plans that run a road through someone's backyard. A cost effective plan would be to increase Wilkes to 3 lanes, this would allow traffic to proceed with safety and reduce/eliminate the need for expropriation which is costing the City millions.

2. Please highlight the top three (3) changes to City policy or procedure you'd champion to ensure better maintained road surfaces for all road users.

1. Increase the funding to road repairs as outlined in my platform
2. Developers will be responsible for the roads in the new areas under development for more than the 1 year that currently exists. This will allow the city to repair roads that are significantly older. The developer agreement would also include all necessary repairs from construction damage in the new areas.
3. Implement researched and proven methods which increase the longevity of our road surfaces. Far too much money is spent on consultants without implementing the tested, proven and achievable recommendations.

3. What is the one policy or infrastructure-related thing you would do to improve active transportation safety in our city?

Many areas have wide boulevards and when the City does repairs they make a curb that has about ½ metre wide. Where possible, I would like to see the roadway widened to accommodate about 1 metre of extra width in road surface to accommodate safe bike travel on roadways. This would also give a buffer zone in the winter for snow clearing so the curbs are not continually ripped up.

4. Thinking about your community, please identify two (2) places in your neighbourhood that currently creates mobility challenges for citizens. How would you address this?

All the areas in the ward, Charleswood, Tuxedo and Westwood are older established areas in which planning and the use of current accessibility construction practices were never in place. To pick just two places would significantly reduce the number of accessible areas requiring attention. All construction currently taking place such as replacing curbs, sidewalks etc. are being replaced to the improved accessibility standards set out in City policy already. To address further issues as they arise, I will be talking with the specific stakeholder and find out exactly what the issue is and then taking action to see the issue is remedied.

5. If elected, what tools or tactics will you use to regularly update and keep in touch with constituents?

As is outlined in my platform, I plan to have regular townhall meetings in order to keep the constituents informed and to also allow for feedback from the constituents. This will provide a way they can voice their concerns first hand. I also plan to personally address each issue brought forward from individuals and groups dedicated to the concerns of their area of the ward. I believe people deserve to talk with those that represent them and those representatives should not just hide downtown in their office.