

1. Community Safety

Community safety has become a hot button issue in this civic election. Tell us what you feel is the biggest issue when it comes to community safety for the City and/or our ward, and how you propose to address it. Please be as specific as possible

The biggest issue we are facing in the area when it comes to public safety is crime induced by poverty. With increasing amounts of poverty in the area and in Winnipeg in general, there is a proportional amount of increased crime. The crimes have been seen at a level we are not accustomed living in this Ward. The time for action is now before we reach epic proportions of crime and the types of crime escalates. To help resolve this problem I have proposed a \$15/hour minimum wage for the City of Winnipeg region, in order to soften the burden on the business community, I also proposed a corresponding reduction in the business tax. This will have a significant impact on many different areas.

1. This will provide people with more income in order to reduce poverty, with reduced poverty comes reduced crime, this has been proven in many different cities where income has increased to a basic living wage

2. This will also provide economic stimulation to the City of Winnipeg To make up for the lost revenue due to a reduction in the business tax, the Province will be approached to increase payments to the City of Winnipeg from the increased revenue the Province will receive from the PST

This is the biggest issue when it comes to safety in the community.

2. Representing the Ward/Outlook

Part of being an effective Councillor involves working with other elected councilors and the mayor. Which mayoral candidate do you most align with? What specific campaign promises from existing mayoral candidates would you support and why?

Working with other elected officials will be paramount to achieving the goals of making the City of Winnipeg a great place to live. Which mayoral candidate I align with is irrelevant since I have no control over who gets elected as mayor. My job as an elected official for this area is to represent the people of this area, to help run the City in the most efficient manner possible and to cooperate with other elected City officials to achieve these goals.

I have been part of many different boards and have always worked to achieve the goals set out by the boards, not personal agendas.

I applaud all mayoral candidates for putting their name forward. I have read all their platforms and they all have some good ideas. I am committed to working with all elected officials for the betterment of the people in this ward and City.

3. Development

Over the past several years, development plans have been proposed, implemented or put on the back burner in this community. Where do you stand on current development plans including the twinning of Wilkes, the extension of the William R. Clement Parkway, and the Ridgewood West precinct plan and development?

Many different plans have bounced around and some even displayed. I believe better communication between the City planners and Developers needs to take place before more damage is caused to the area.

Due to the increased traffic and the progression of development in the area, I support twinning Wilkes Ave.

Ridgewood West is underway, I would again like to see better communication between the City planners and the developers in order to not only build a development but to make a community. This area is more than just a ward, it is a community and with growth comes changes in the look of the community. We need to ensure that Ridgewood is not just a development but is part of the community.

I have never been in favour of the William R Clement extension and I still am not in favour. There are several reasons why I am against this extension.

1. The proposed inner ring road will dead end at the airport and will not be a complete ring. The high speed section will end at Moray, not only this but like all our other roadways, it will be riddled with traffic lights thus rendering the high speed negligible.
2. Twinning Wilkes with proper intersections out of Ridgewood would better serve the community
3. Increasing Route 90 to 6 lanes with a designated truck lane will make the inner ring road redundant
4. Canada One Way was built specifically to get heavy traffic out of the City, why would we encourage heavy traffic to pass through the area with the addition of the extension?
5. Cost is also a huge factor, both in construction, expropriation and the risk to life with schools being so close to this high speed roadway
6. A better plan should be conceived to achieve the goal of expansion within the City, without destroying existing neighbourhoods

4. Transportation

Over the past four years, to plan for the future and address our growing population, investments into infrastructure including roads, pedestrian and cycling routes or paths, and rapid transit have been discussed or identified as a priority for the city. Of these, which (if any) do you agree with and feel are important to the ward and our city?

After speaking to thousands of people, the major issue facing our area is the disrepair of our sidewalks. Repairing of the roadways seems to be taking place however, all our major arteries have sidewalks that are crumbling and in need of attention. The condition of the sidewalks poses a significant safety risk for those enjoying a stroll. We cant neglect the older established areas in order to build new areas.

Another top issue is the Transit service or lack there of. In order to alleviate many issues with Transit and make Transit a better experience I would propose a lower fare, to \$2 as a starting point. I would also ask that the frequency of service increase and that the purchase of new buses be all electric. These proposals would address several key issues with regards to Transit.

1. The lower fare would increase ridership, it is well documented that every increase in fares reduces ridership numbers
2. More frequent service would increase ridership
3. Electric buses would reduce the noise and pollution while driving through the neighbourhood

5. 55 Plus Demographic

In the past year the City of Winnipeg cancelled the Charleswood 55 Plus Active Living Centre's agreement to utilize the old Charleswood Library giving notice that the current lease will not be renewed under the same terms. With limited space and the proposed terms of the new lease the organization will no longer be able to offer the affordable range of services to the 55 plus community. What will you do as Councillor to support the 55 plus community in the ward?

I have had no less than 5 such concerns sent to me regarding the closure of various facilities the City is leasing out to various groups around the City. This concerns me greatly as it appears the City is closing its doors on the people who provide services the City is unwilling to take on. It is my understanding the proposed new lease agreement is outrageous and appears to be nothing more than money driven decision due to lack of controlled spending by the City as is outlined in many articles.

The first thing I would do is find out why the leases are being cancelled and see if a resolution can be sought which would benefit both parties.

As a long term solution I would propose community involvement regarding the construction of a facility for multi-purpose uses. This would free up the City to sell the former library land and building.

I do have a proposal that would take multi levels of funding including sponsorships, grants and community involvement and perhaps all three levels of government.

The Charleswood Broncos currently lease the field and clubhouse from the City, my proposal would be to build a facility on the area the clubhouse is located, replacing the current building on the area that would encompass the garage beside the clubhouse, and possibly take up part of the parking lot. The configuration could house the Charleswood Broncos football club, and provide a 55+ seniors centre with a gym facility to be shared for year round programming. The field could then also be used by seniors for outdoor activities. What it would look like and where funding would be acquired would obviously need to be worked out. The two groups would then share costs of the building and grounds and continue to pay the user fees to the City as is currently being done. With increased enrollment and use, the City will receive increased amounts from user fees. This is one proposal only and by all means not the only solution.

Rapid Fire Round – In Favour or Opposed

1. Development fees

Development fees are currently paid to the City, Impact fees are in the courts

2. Continuation of Rapid Transit plan

Now that it is started without what could be considered proper consultations taking place and questionable land acquisitions, it should progress with funding from the Province and Federal governments

3. Renewing Tuxedo Golf Course lease in 2021

Renew the lease

4. Pensionable overtime for WPS members

They work they get paid, paid time is pensionable time

5. Opening of Portage and Main

Keep it closed for now