



Results of the Bike to the Future City of Winnipeg Councillor and Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire

Background

This past summer has seen intense interest in cycling issues leading to several widely attended group rides promoting safe cycling in Winnipeg and provoking a great deal of civic debate and media attention regarding our city's conspicuous lack of cycling facilities. **Bike to the Future** was formed by a group of concerned cyclists to galvanize this groundswell of support into a comprehensive cycling strategy for the City of Winnipeg. To this end, a policy forum was held at the University of Winnipeg on September 20th 2006 to gather cyclists together to discuss their vision of cycling in Winnipeg, and to share their ideas about what is needed to make cycling better and safer in Winnipeg. A report of the proceedings and recommendations of that forum were then delivered to political representatives of City Hall and the Provincial Legislature on September 26th, 2006.

Creating a more bicycle friendly city will require a commitment by key city agencies to implement bicycle friendly strategies. As part of our continuing advocacy of cycling issues in Winnipeg, **Bike to the Future** developed a set of questions for councillor and mayoral candidates seeking office in the October 25th, 2006 civic election. Copies of the questionnaire are available by visiting our website at www.biketothefuture.org or by e-mailing biketothefuture@gmail.com.

A letter grade has been assigned based on the degree to which the candidates' responses:

- * are supportive to the development of cycling in Winnipeg,
- * are realistic in identifying resources to implement policies, and
- * provide leadership in the area of cycling in Winnipeg.

A+: Excellent vision and commitment towards Active Transportation in Winnipeg

A: Strong support of Active Transportation initiatives with specific details or commitments.

B: General support of Active Transportation initiatives with specific details or commitments.

B+: General support of Active Transportation initiatives with no specific details or commitments.

C: Reserved support of Active Transportation initiatives with no specific details or commitments.

D: Vague and limited support of Active Transportation initiatives with no specific details or commitments.

The individual candidates' responses are posted on www.biketothefuture.org.

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Candidates	Overall Grade	Quote
Mayoral Candidates		
Marianne Cerilli	A	"Our support for active commuting is so far behind {other cities} that a larger one-time start up grant that would be matched by other levels of government is warranted."
Kaj Hasselriis	A	"I spoke out at an executive policy committee meeting in favour of creating a reserve fund for new bus and bike corridors, but the mayor's cabinet voted it down. That won't happen if I'm mayor in 2007."
Sam Katz	C	"I am fully committed to the objective of making Winnipeg more bicycle friendly to encourage safe and greater use of cycle commuting. I am not entirely convinced we need to hire more civic staff or create a committee to address the issue. I will remain open minded to both of those options."
Ron Pollok		Did not reply
Charleswood - Tuxedo Ward		
Livio Ciaralli	D	"As a cyclist, being able to commute most anywhere in the core would be attractive."
Bill Clement	B	"I am also prepared to support painting a white line, three feet from the curb on regional streets to identify a bike lane."
St. Charles Ward		
Kelly de Groot		Did not reply
Shawn Dobson		Did not reply
Rene Lewis		Did not reply
Grant Nordman		Did not reply
St. James – Brooklands Ward		
Jae Eadie	D	"I cannot give any firm commitment at this date to providing "significant and sustained funding".
Scott Fielding	C	"The needs of cyclists need to be integrated in the planning of all future road construction projects on a project by project basis."
Constance Menzies	A	"Make support for cycling a City policy which must be followed by the Transportation and Planning Departments."
Fred Morris	C+	"We should ensure that all new studies and street construction consider cycling."
Daniel McIntyre Ward		
Don Salter	C	"If we wish to promote cycling as a desirable alternative to the car, we should take a serious approach to ensuring cyclists have a say."
Harvey Smith	A	"Yes, I would support dedicating at least 2.8% of the cities budget for streets and bridges to the creation maintenance of on-the-road commuter cycling routes and other cycling facilities."
Trudy Turner	C	"I would be prepared to review the budget with an eye to providing an increase ... in the addition of bike paths, routes, transit bike racks and cycle parking facilities"
Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward		
Jenny Gerbasi	A	"My position has been consistent in that I believe that there should be a higher ration of our capital budget spent on transit and active transportation."
Wilf Makus		Did not reply
River Heights – Fort Garry		
Donald Benham		Did not reply
Brenda Leipsic		Did not reply
Jennifer Zyla	C	"Public education of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians is my highest and most immediate priority. Funding would be included in the 2007 budget for it."
Elmwood – East Kildonan Ward		
David J. Danyluk	A+	"The city should support cycling with a clear mandate from council and the mayor."

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Isaiah Oyeleru		Did not reply
Wally Roth		Did not reply
Lillian Thomas	B+	"Unless we back the Active Transportation goals with money, they are merely pipedreams. It can be done within the 2007 budget".
North Kildonan Ward		
Jeff Browaty		Did not reply
Mark Lubosch	B	"If it {cycling} is a priority, then community/stakeholder consultation and an appropriate budget to do the work is required for bike paths and alternative/active commuting and recreational routes to succeed."
James Viehweg	C	"Construction of new non-residential streets should be created with bikes in mind."
Transcona Ward		
Gerald Basarab		Did not reply
Stephen Smith	A	"Make support for cycling a City policy which must be followed by the Transportation and Planning Departments."
Russ Wyatt		Did not reply
Mynarski Ward		
Paul Emmer	A	"I would push for a combination of training, marketing and incentives {for cycling} in the upcoming budget"
Robert Galston	A	"Make support for cycling a City policy which must be followed by the Transportation and Planning Departments."
Arlene Jones		Did not reply
Harry Lazarenko		Did not reply
Greg Littlejohn		Did not reply
Old Kildonan Ward		
Ross Eadie	C	"The city could and should promote these healthier modes of travel."
Casey Jones	C	"I am willing to promote 2.8% of money to cycling programs that get more bang for the buck."
Carl Osato		Did not reply
Mike O'Shaughnessy		Did not reply
Point Douglas Ward		
Tim Bednarski		Did not reply
Dean Koshelanyk		Did not reply
Mike Pagtakhan		Did not reply
St. Boniface Ward		
Murray Cliff		Did not reply
Franco Magnifico		Did not reply
Daniel Vandal		Did not reply
St. Norbert Ward		
Justin Swandel	D	"I am supportive of improved cycling/active transportation amenities."
Glenda Whiteman	A	"Make support for cycling a City policy which must be followed by the Transportation and Planning Departments."
St. Vital Ward		
Markus Buchart	A	"Make support for cycling a City policy which must be followed by the Transportation and Planning Departments."
Leslie Fingler	C	"Yes, I support the 2.8%. The cost would easily be justified by improved health to ourselves and our city."
Gord Steeves		Did not reply