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Canadian Taxpayers Federation Candidates Survey

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To: Colin Craig <ccraig@taxpayer.com>

Hello,

Here are my responses to your questionnaire.

Winnipeg Election Candidates Survey 2014

Below are six survey questions the Canadian Taxpayers Federation is issuing to all candidates participating in the 2014 municipal election in Winnipeg. Please provide your responses by **September 26**. Results will be posted at Taxpayer.com and distributed to our supporters.

CANDIDATE NAME: Geoff Borden – St. Charles Ward

1. Council members are currently required to disclose their ownership in businesses and property within Winnipeg. Would you support expanding disclosure for council members to include ownership of all businesses or property worldwide?

(Circle one answer, space is available if you have any additional comments)

YES

Comment: *I don't see why not. Seems like a simple and easy request.*

2. Would you support the creation of an informal freedom of information council committee to hear appeals from the public when the

administration has refused to release city records?

YES

Comment: *I would have to question why the city would refuse to release city records.*

3. Property taxes have been increasing faster than inflation and wage growth. Would you table or support a bylaw capping property tax increases at inflation?

NO

Comment: *I would rather lower property tax and complement it with a corporate income tax, taxing any business that has an annual profit over a certain amount. (e.g.: 500 000.00/ year)*

4. Roads have been neglected as millions have been spent on nice to have projects (e.g.. stadium, new museum, etc.) Would you support a four--year freeze on new spending for non--essential projects (e.g.. Art gallery expansion) so that road repair becomes A priority?

NO

Comment: *I think common sense would dictate city spending. Winnipeg roads are bad. We need to examine why and then build better roads. Though before we do that, we need to address the cities combined sewer system as it is outdated and polluting our rivers and lakes with sewage waste.*

5. The city has been raising taxes while putting more money into its pension plans; which allow for city staff to retire in their early 50s. Meanwhile most taxpayers don't have a workplace pension. To be fair to taxpayers, would you start putting new employees in a less costly plan?

YES/NO

Comment: I do not know enough about this issue to properly address it. If we were to change any plans would there be any fees or penalties that would result in taking this action? I am open to discussing the issue further.

6. Do you support using managed competition (having both public and private sector Employees bid for existing services) and gain sharing (sharing savings with employees that Bring forward cost saving ideas) to reduce costs? Managed competition

NO

Comment: If you have the right people in place, those cost saving ideas will be brought forward and implemented.

Gain sharing

NO

Comment: Why pay someone extra just for doing their job?

Thank you for completing the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's 2014 candidate survey.

Please email responses to ccraig@taxpayer.com by **September 26, 2014**.

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