

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: Evan Constock SIGNATURE: Evan Constock

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/☐ NO Comment: We are an international city.

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/☐ NO Comment: I would only support formal committees.

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?

☒ YES/☐ NO Comment: Property tax should be based on the costs of operations.

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

☒ YES/☐ NO Comment: I would like to see a freeze for two years first.

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: If workers retire, we hire younger less expensive, more productive workers.

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

Managed competition
Gainsharing

☒ YES/☐ NO

Comment:

☒ YES/☐ NO

I would like to study gainsharing before moving forward.

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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