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Candidate Survey

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Hi Colin.

Please accept this email as my answers for your survey.

1. Yes. More transparency at City Hall is a central focus of my campaign and a must if we want to be successful in connecting City Hall to the residents of Winnipeg and build trust going forward.
2. Yes. There are extremely few situations at the civic level where information needs to be held from the public view. There are no matters of national security at risk typically when discussing municipal matters.
3. No. While the idea makes sense in theory, construction rates are increasing faster than both wage and inflation. This cap would immediately lead to an inability to meet rising infrastructure costs. In addition, the property tax freezes of the last decade prior to the recent increases is what has led to dramatic rises in property tax rates, forcing the city to play catch up.
4. Yes. While the luxury projects are nice to have, we need to address the fundamental infrastructure programs before investing any further in the non-essentials. Arriving at these venues is nice, however the multitude of potholes and road hazards encountered along the way do not make for an overall enjoyable experience.
5. Yes. It makes no sense that the City would take money from taxpayers to allow a very select portion of the residents of Winnipeg the opportunity to retire at an early age while the ones paying are working longer. We all have essential roles in the City and should be rewarded equally. I do support a pension plan for City employees, but scaling pension back for new employees to retire at 60 makes more sense.
6. a) Yes. I believe in a procurement process with more transparent reporting where both public and private can bid on services with greater oversight to ensure the bid is viable for the cost tendered in order to ensure quality services without overruns. I also believe in a scorecard system available to the public where they can see what companies are completing jobs on time and on budget. This score would be taken into consideration when considering future tenders from that company.

b) Yes. Any program where we can share savings and encourage jobs to be completed on time and under budget are essential to minimizing costly overruns and providing services on time and without interruption.

Thank you for sending the survey. Where will I be able to see the posted responses?

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