

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: MICHAEL PILLAY

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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
 YES/NO

Comment: _____

Thank you for completing the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's 2014 candidate survey. Please email responses to info@taxpayer.com by **September 26, 2014**.

1. YES. Certainly, in the event of an investigation regarding embezzlement.
2. YES As long as it does interfere with privacy laws
3. NO We are way behind in the property tax rates compared to the other cities in Canada as mention in my You Tube film titled "money" which will be aired at the end of the month.
4. YES. DEFINITELY. Road repair/construction is the top priority in my campaign
5. YES. I am in my mid 50's and by no means am I ready for retirement. I always say to others, with the life expenctancy today, what are you going to do with the 2nd half of your life? Pension plans should reflect this. I will set an example that early to mid 50's is much too early to retire and hopefully set up pension plans accordingly. We, as middle age people still have a lot to give to a society, and it is our duty to give as a society. And yes, I would put the new employees in a less costly plan to reduce costs.
6. Yes. In any business, competition always reduces costs as long as the competition is true and honest. If the public sector cannot compete, well so be it.
Yes. I would look at this more in term of individual bonuses. The majority of the savings should be carried out towards the tax payer, because it is still the responsibility of public employees to work towards serving the public, and savings is included.