

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: Steven Hennessey

SIGNATURE: Steven Hennessey

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: Council needs to be accountable to the public

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: We shouldn't need to do that if we are spending responsibly

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: With one exception, rapid transit. Its not a nice to have its a must.

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 it costs the taxpayer less and does not hurt the employee

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

Need buy in from Unions
With assurances that jobs wont be affected

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