

## Scott Hennig

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**From:** F. Gordon Lowe <gordlowe@gordlowe.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 8:37 PM  
**To:** Scott Hennig  
**Subject:** Re: Candidate Survey

Good Evening Scott:

In response to your questionnaire:

Question 1: What inflation rate!! Scott you know better than I there are a myriad of "inflation rates" out there. If you are talking about the Municipal Rate of Inflation - ie the change in the cost of the basket of goods and services municipalities have to purchase - then we can agree on a base. Add to that the annual growth and I think we are getting somewhere. Recognize that new development does not pay for itself until the last nail is driven and the occupants have been in place for 12 calendar months and you have a target which maintains sustains city services.

Question 2. The City of Calgary Business tax rate has remained unchanged now for what - 14 years! I know that is not a phase out, but it is a step in the right direction. If you recall in 2009 I ran a Notice of Motion, with the support of the Chamber of Commerce, Assessment, City Finance folks and others to at least start a conversation about blending the business and non-residential tax with a view to ending the disparity in the rate of increase between the residential and non residential property tax bills. (The sweetener was an immediate savings of \$1M on the business tax as the City would delay the development of new software required to administer the business tax). Your organization, PGIB and others led by Alderman McIver refused to even allow the conversation to start! I invested a huge amount of political capital in that effort, which had it been allowed to proceed I beleive would resulted in a plan - not likely to be acheived in a single year - but acheiveable over a period of time.

Question 3: No!

Questin 4: The City has a bylaw which, within the confines of the MGA enables an independent Auditor. The issue with the Auditor was one of performace - not a desire by any member of Council not to have an independent Auditor. If there is a function in any corporation not well understood it is Audit. And for the record, Council did not fire the Auditor. Council declined to renew the Auditor's contract on the basis of poor performace by the Auditor and the Office lead by the City Auditor as disclosed by an independent Auditor performing an audit of that office against the profession standards required of an Audit office. (Failed to meet 10 our of 12 benchmarks!)

Question 4: You should do your research! Go to WWW. gordlowe.org and you will find mine listed - as they have been for several weeks. Also, you will find a list of my campaign expense. Both are updated on a regular basis.

Gord Lowe

On Sun, 26 Sep 2010 20:18:47 -0600, Scott Hennig wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached a short candidate survey from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. It is only 5 questions and your responses will be communicated via e-mail directly to supporters of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation as well as to the voting public through both a news release and on our website: [www.taxpayer.com](http://www.taxpayer.com).

If you could please send back the completed survey by fax or e-mail by October 5<sup>th</sup>, it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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