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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: DAVID M. SANDERS 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: _____

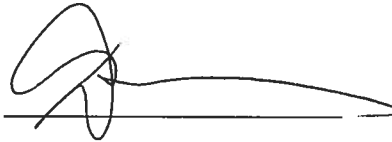
6) Do you support using managed competition (having both public and private sector employees bid for existing services) and gainsharing (sharing savings with employees that bring forward cost saving ideas) to reduce costs?

Managed competition	YES/NO	Comment: _____
Gainsharing	YES/NO	_____

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

David M. Sanders

Signature: _____



- 1) Yes.
- 2) Yes. City Council should be able to establish a much more open government than we have now, without having to depend on the Ombudsman to tell civic employees that information should be public, unless there is good reason for keeping it confidential. Right now, the City seems to be doing the opposite.
- 3) No. We are facing a very difficult financial situation now, and I don't think we should limit our options by establishing such a cap until we know what the consequences might be.
- 4) No. Further to #3 above, I do believe we are going to have to focus on the community's priorities, which certainly include roadways. But I don't think we need to suggest a special freeze on spending for non-essential projects. Given the huge budget shortfall now anticipated for 2015, I don't think we will be spending very much for "non-essential projects."
- 5) No. I support the maintenance of excellent pension plans for civic employees. I also support making substantial improvements in the Canada Pension Plan. I believe that the private sector should do the same.
- 6) I am interested in improving efficiency in the City's services, but before endorsing these two concepts, I would like to learn a lot more about the actual practice of managed competition, the variation of the concept employed in Value for Money assessments for P3 projects, and the calculation of gainsharing as applied in the Veolia contract.

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