

2018 Mayoral Questionnaire Responses

Candidates: Ed Ackerman, Brian Bowman, Tim Diack, Umar Hayat, Venkat Machiraju, Jenny Motkaluk, Doug Wilson, Don Woodstock:

1. Do you support public services and what is your plan for providing better city services to Winnipeg Residents?

Ed Ackerman: (Response not received)

Brian Bowman: I would like to acknowledge the important work our City of Winnipeg employees do every day to serve Winnipeggers. We are a growing city and we need a positive vision and balanced plan today for a future we know will impose greater demands on our city infrastructure and services. For many years, City Hall allowed infrastructure and services to languish and deteriorate. Over the last four years, we have been playing catch-up to compensate for those lost years. A stable, balanced approach focused on strategic investments will ensure that our city infrastructure and services are responsive to Winnipeggers' needs and are no longer lagging behind. That is why, for example, we have invested in our city-owned public libraries, spray pads, and Water Pollution Control Centres. I also recently committed to a number of initiatives to help improve our public transit system that better meet the needs of passengers. We need to improve the level and quality of our public transit service today while building and investing in a public transit system that can support a population on a steady and strong growth trajectory well into the future. A growing city will require a strong Public Service that is people focused, accountable, accessible, innovative and collaborative.

Tim Diack: Yes. The answers are with those of us who are actually doing the job. Efficiency is found by the workers. Even Pallister supports this. Bowman would know this, but he's burned too many bridges to hear from us "entitled" union workers.

Umar Hayat: (Response not received)

Venkat Machiraju: (Response not received)

Jenny Motkaluk: (Response not received)

Doug Wilson: (Response not received)

Don Woodstock: (Response not received)

2: Do you think that everyone who is delivering city services and paid through taxpayer dollars, deserve to make a living wage?

Ed Ackerman: (Response not received)

Brian Bowman: During my tenure as Mayor, Council and I worked collaboratively with all our unions and successfully negotiated multi-year collective agreements that respect City of Winnipeg employees and fairly compensate them while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. The majority of City of Winnipeg employees are compensated at or above a living wage, and I believe that we should continue to strive to ensure that they earn a good wage that values their important work. Should I be fortunate enough to serve another term, I will continue to balance the need to provide fair employee compensation with a requirement to achieve value for taxpayer dollars.

Tim Diack: Yes

Umar Hayat: (Response not received)

Venkat Machiraju: (Response not received)

Jenny Motkaluk: (Response not received)

Doug Wilson: (Response not received)

Don Woodstock: (Response not received)

3. If elected, will you support a living wage policy for the City of Winnipeg that will apply to city workers and private city contractors?

Ed Ackerman: (Response not received)

Brian Bowman: Should I be fortunate enough to serve another term, I will continue to respect City of Winnipeg employees and ensure that they are compensated fairly for the important services they provide to Winnipeggers while responsibly managing taxpayer dollars.

Tim Diack: Yes. A level field for all. Prevents contractors from undercutting on the backs of their employees.

Umar Hayat: (Response not received)

Venkat Machiraju: (Response not received)

Jenny Motkaluk: (Response not received)

Doug Wilson: (Response not received)

Don Woodstock: (Response not received)