

2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – Daniel McIntyre

Candidates: Josh Brandon, Cindy Gilroy, Sarowar Miah

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

Josh Brandon: I support quality public services. Providing quality services requires consistent investment. Unfortunately cuts by all levels of government have resulted in lower quality services. This is evident as an example in Library Services, where staffing levels have dropped by 12.8% since 2006, as reported by the CCPA-Manitoba report Imagine a Winnipeg: Alternative Municipal Budget Winnipeg 2018. Many other departments have seen similar cuts and the result is lower service that people depend on. At the same time, privatization has driven up the costs of delivering services which were once delivered through the public sector. While other communities like Ottawa are making gains by bringing garbage and recycling collection in house, Winnipeg continues to contract out collection at greater expense and reduced service to residents and taxpayers.

I would promote increased public investment and public delivery of services if elected.

Cindy Gilroy: I support the public service and I will work to continuously improve city services. I see everyone who works for the city as a team and I am committed to working with the Mayor and Council, city departments and city workers to find service improvements. While I work closely with city managers, I am specifically committed to work with the 311 staff on service issues. This group is the front line face of the city and it can be a tough job.

Sarowar Miah: (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?

Josh Brandon: Yes

Cindy Gilroy: Yes

Sarowar Miah: (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?

Josh Brandon: Yes. This has been a central plank in my campaign. I support everyone doing city work including direct and contract workers receiving a living wage. Please see my Sept 3 backgrounder oaths issue for more information. <https://joshbrandon.ca/media-release-josh-brandon-announces-living-wage-campaign-platform/>

Cindy Gilroy: I believe in a basic living wage and will advocate for the concept.

Sarowar Miah: (Response not received)