

2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – Charleswood-Tuxedo

Candidates: Kevin Klein, Kevin Nichols, Grant Nordman, Ken St. George

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

Kevin Klein: (Provided the following response)

Thank-you for your email. I'm wanted to take a moment and express my gratitude for the support I've received from your organization and many members with respect to my advocacy for Domestic Violence. I cherish every e-mail and note received and I applaud the work CUPE does to end the silence around Domestic Violence.

I've been clear for years about my disappointment with council hopefuls answering questions with promises to simply gain your members support. In most cases, if not all, these promises are unrealistic and could never be kept.

I appreciate that these questions are important to your members and as such they require proper due diligence and not a "Politically Empty Promise". We need leaders who not only respects the work all civil servants do each day, but that also respect taxpayer dollars. The City needs to get back to the basics, focus Winnipeg's financial resources on ensuring city services are well-delivered, fighting crime, building & repairing roads, sidewalks, and responding to taxpayer needs in a timely fashion.

I support public service and believe in accountability, openness, integrity and leadership.

If elected, I look forward to discussing these important issues with you further.

Kevin Nichols: I support public services and the plan to provide better public service is to ensure adequate training is provided, enable people to do the best job they can and provide a minimum amount of political interference to allow people we pay to do their jobs properly.

Grant Nordman: (Response not received)

Ken St. George: I absolutely support public service aforementioned. My goal is to implement a capital fund to harness and nurture the innovation and wisdom of those whom witness the day to day operations of any civil service provision. As mentioned, and I always believe, that those individuals whom have lived or witness to lived experiences are the true experts. My portfolio to

make this principle a reality is based on the structure of the recently released Provincial Transformation Fund to Improve Public Service. It's principles need to be initiated at the civic level. There are minimal contributions towards this ideology currently at city hall, which needs to change. This plan, will not only improve civil service, but will provide cost effectiveness and sustainability ongoing. I often ask constituents, if you were the founder or owner of a business in the private sector, outside of your customers, who would be most valuable to your company? I have yet to receive an answer other than "my employees". Therefore, I would respond, "If this is the outlook within the private sector, we need to do the same for the public sector".

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

Kevin Nichols: It is my belief that everyone deserves a living wage.

Grant Nordman: (Response not received)

Ken St. George: Absolutely, anyone in the public service provision deserves a living wage and beyond.

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?

Kevin Nichols: If elected I will support a living wage policy

Grant Nordman: (Response not received)

Ken St. George: I will absolutely support the living wage campaign. I was actually surprised to learn that some are below this, unfair and unacceptable. Anyone who works for a living, civic servant or otherwise, deserves to be well clear of the established poverty line.