

2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry

Candidates: Peter Koroma, Stephanie Meilleur, Jeff Palmer, Sherri Rollins, Bryanna Spina, Michael Thompson, Harry Wolbert

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

Peter Koroma: (Response not received)

Stephanie Meilleur: (Response not received)

Jeff Palmer: Yes, I wholeheartedly support public services. City workers are unsung heroes providing needed and essential services to Winnipeg citizens 24 hours a day – 7 days a week – 365 days a year. We are obligated to provide the best service we can for our citizens, and a **plan** to provide better services starts with dialogue between the City and its workforce (including CUPE). City workers are in the best position to provide a perspective on better services.

Sherri Rollins: Winnipeg residents rely on public services every day and it's important for elected officials to recognize and support their work. As a school trustee, I have been a vocal advocate for strong investments in public education and standing up to cuts from the provincial government. I want to continue to push for investments in public services as a city councillor. This means investing in services like public transit, road renewal, better snow removal and garbage collection, and supports for front line workers like 311 operators.

Bryanna Spina: Yes, I support public services. My current plan is to listen and to work with the City administration to see services continue and in some cases improve.

Michael Thompson: Yes, I support public services. To listen to front line staff, the public and other stakeholders to incorporate their feedback in to policy and changes. Services need to continue to evolve with the changing needs of our communities and growth of our city.

Harry Wolbert: (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?

Peter Koroma: (Response not received)

Stephanie Meilleur: (Response not received)

Jeff Palmer: Of course. We all deserve the opportunity to earn a living wage. According to Make Poverty History, a living wage is 50% over the existing minimum wage. There is work to do, and this will not happen overnight.

Sherri Rollins: Yes. Everyone doing work for the city should have the resources they need to work effectively, and receive a salary that lets them support their families. I know that some workers doing important jobs like garbage collection are barely paid minimum wage. These workers are delivering a service that we all rely on and it's not right to try a cut costs at the expense of their ability to support a family.

Bryanna Spina: I support a Living Wage Campaign for all Manitobans.

Michael Thompson: Yes. It is important that everyone is entitled to a living wage regardless of occupation and I would advocate with other members of council to ensure the province enacts such a program

Harry Wolbert: (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?

Peter Koroma: (Response not received)

Stephanie Meilleur: (Response not received)

Jeff Palmer: Yes. I am a progressive candidate and my platform is based on the concept of **community sustainability** and supported by **four pillars**:

1. a **diverse** and **resilient local economy**
2. a **clean** and **healthy environment**
3. **understanding** and **responding to social issues**, and
4. providing a **vibrant cultural experience**.

Every action we take must be supported by these four pillars. The goal is to build a community that provides opportunities for everyone in all aspects of life.

Sherri Rollins: Yes.

Bryanna Spina: I support a Living Wage Campaign for all Manitobans.

Michael Thompson: Yes

Harry Wolbert: (Response not received)