

## **2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – Mynarski**

**Candidates:** Dave Capar, Ross Eadie, Greg Littlejohn, Micheal Wiens

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

**Dave Capar:** (Response not received)

**Ross Eadie:** I do support city services, and I have been very concerned about the reductions in city services due to bad platform and policy initiatives over the last eight years. Below is my commitment on financing of city services:

#### **Standing Up for Fair City Financing**

Our inferior existing infrastructure, shrinking city services, environmental responsibility initiatives and growth all need to be improved and paid for fairly. Fairness exists when people and businesses pay according to their ability. In the face of rising taxes, we cannot continue to provide subsidy to the wealthy, and cut business taxes for those who can afford to pay for essential city services.

“I will continue to present fair and transparent ideas for city financing”

*Actually I'll add another commitment that gets at the need for city services:*

#### **Reducing Crime**

Our Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) is essential for dealing with today's crime and social problems on the front line. The WPS has been evolving into a more efficient service with civilianization and divisional changes to reduce overtime and provide more time for officers to be on the street. It is not the WPS that caused the escalating costs for the Headquarters and land cost for a needed new North District police station. The WPS needs the facilities and tools to deliver an adequate and effective service.

The demand for WPS service continues to rise due to crystal meth and other issues. In other words, the WPS can't do it all, and they need strong citizen help to make our city safer.

We need safety strategies in our neighbourhoods, with targeted funding for business improvement zones, not-for-profit agencies and resident associations, to work with the WPS in protecting our families' safety and property.

We need grant increases for the many prevention, leisure, recreation and sport offerings like 24/7 youth drop-in centres. Instead of the steady decline, we need to renew our own sport, recreation and leisure services - for all of us!

**Greg Littlejohn:** (Response not received)

**Michael Wiens:** Yes.

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

**Dave Capar:** (Response not received)

**Ross Eadie:** Please accept the following campaign commitment from my flyer:

**Promoting Living Wages**

Our Winnipeg services provided decent paying jobs for many new and existing North Enders and Winnipeggers. Our parents could afford to raise us so we could realize even better paying jobs.

In the last two decades, Winnipeg has seen lower quality services provided by contractors. Nobody will deliver good service if they are paid less than a “living wage”.

“I will be pushing forward a ‘living wage’ policy for city-delivered and contract-delivered services.”

**Greg Littlejohn:** (Response not received)

**Michael Wiens:** Yes.

***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?***

**Dave Capar:** (Response not received)

**Ross Eadie:** See response under question 2 above.

**Greg Littlejohn:** (Response not received)

**Michael Wiens:** Yes.