

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

### Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward

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1. Public transit was identified as the most important issue facing Winnipeggers in the 2019 budget consult, followed by active transportation and roadway construction and maintenance. In your opinion, why is public transit deemed the number one priority?

It is my opinion that transit was ranked so highly because more people want to use Winnipeg Transit and/or in conjunction with Winnipeg's expanding Active Transportation Network to move around the City efficiently, affordably and with little stress. I think many Winnipeg residents need transit as an affordable transportation option to get to and from work, school and events. For many it is their only option. I also think many Winnipeg residents want to use transit more often instead of taking a car and parking; some residents want to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and their personal contribution to congestion. As the City's population grows Transit, as a way to get around, will become more and more important.

2. If you could give Winnipeg's transit system an overall letter grade, what would it be? What do you feel is holding the current transit system back from getting a better grade? If you could sum up your vision for the future of Winnipeg's transit system what would it be?

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I would like to see more frequent buses on major routes to allow for better connections and more flexibility for riders. I would like to see more buses on Sundays and Holidays; I would like to see better routing within the suburbs to feed to major routes; more commuter challenges through the year. I support Rapid Transit and would like to see more in Winnipeg.

To promote transit more as part of an active lifestyle in Winnipeg. To look at what other cities are doing and see if we can find room for improvement - maybe a Fare Zone system or credit/debit tap for fares.

3. Safety is an increasing concern for transit riders and drivers, alike. What do you feel contributes to the lack of safety in the current system? How would you improve safety?

I don't know the definitive answer to this, at this time. I would like to see how the Transit Inspector program works over time and I would like to learn more about the options available to improve safety, implementation timelines and costs. I think Transit and City Council can work together to improve the situation.

4. If you could sum up Winnipeg's current transit system in 3 words, what would it be?

Functional. Navigable. Improvable.

5. Cities like Ottawa and Edmonton contribute over \$220 million to their transit networks, while the City of Winnipeg contributes just \$65 million. To match these other cities in per capita terms, Winnipeg should be contributing \$170 million. How will you fight for more funding towards transit?

I would review the budgets being spent and look for available funds, and I would work with other Councillors to see if we could improve funding to Transit together. Transit is a city-wide issue.

Bonus question: What is your favourite Transit App and why?

I am a little "old school" - I use the Winnipeg Transit website (desktop & mobile) to plan my trips. I have found it reliable and easy-to-use.