

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE Mayoral Candidate

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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?

Public Transit took a terrible hit financially. Even those not riding the buses felt that one.

Public Transit is a number one priority. Winnipeg, in comparison to your chosen comparison cities, funds Public Transit to a bare minimum and the service provided is the result of this shortage of funding.

Transit has a lower Customer Satisfaction Index than the comparison cities as well.

There are a growing number of potential bus riders. Our young adults are less impressed with the automobile than the car-crazy generations before them. The result is the widening gap between expectations and what is provided.

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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Low morale, feeling of a lack of support, and the pressures of the public opinion of the current work.

My vision of Winnipeg Transit includes an integration with other services necessary for a future vision of public transit and city planning.

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?

The rise in events of individuals in psychosis or distress leads to a presence of our Police on Certain Routes as the best direction taken.

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

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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?

Our City and Transit system share a future intertwined with the responsibility to serve the public in difficult conditions. The City has to grow to provide revenue available for growth. Public Transit has to innovate, embrace change, be very proud of the incredible job they do for our city.

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

I use two and they are both good.