

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

Transcona 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?

Public Transit was an important issue in the last Civic Election in 2014 and still is today. With the many issues that Transit has been faced with, City Hall has still stalled and not moved forward with any Transit projects they are currently faced with. I believe Transit is a top priority because it is the most used source of transportation in the City and problems that have been identified, still acquire the attention to make positive change.

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?

Speaking to people in my Ward, I would have to give it a C grade. For the Transit fees that people pay, I believe we are way behind other major cities across Canada and in order to be better, there is a huge gap in funding that we would need to make up. A better connected City to ensure that there are shorter wait times with better conditions would make it safer for both passengers and Transit Workers.

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?

In order to keep Transit being a safer service, I believe more training and resources are required for the Operators. By decreasing wait times at Transit stops along with better and faster service and well trained Operators with more resources, we can improve the level of safety for our Transit system.

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

Need more resources!

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 am completely on board with moving Transit forward in all areas. As I said earlier, Transit was an issue back in 2014 and still is today. I believe we need to be better at making decisions at City Hall and prioritizing projects so we are able to have the funding necessary to make improvements with all Transits services.