

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

#### *In response to these questions:*

Winnipeg Transit is the primary means of transportation for many in our city and used regularly as a secondary means by others. A reliable, safe transit system is important to every city. During my first term on council I have heard many people express appreciation for Transit, while several others have expressed frustration with various aspects of transit service.

I agree with many ideas that functional transit has posited that call for investment and improvements in the current transit system. To that end, I was glad to support the City of Winnipeg's 2018 budget that called for the Winnipeg Transit Department to develop a long term strategic plan in 2018. This plan includes but not be limited to, reduced fares for low-income riders, appropriate financial projections, service goals, performance metrics, and related benchmarking data, as well as a capital investment plan and financing strategy for this plan, and report back to Council. I am the only candidate for council in St. James that supported the city's budget that calls for this review.

My aim to to be re-elected to continue to call for and assist Winnipeg Transit with improving service to the citizens of Winnipeg,

I will sum up Winnipeg Transit in 3 words: Focused on improvement.