

Inspiring Leadership: Equity and Integrity
 Election Issues Questions
 Candidate Responses from September 23 Forum

Issue	Bowman	Fillion	Havixbeck	Ouellette	Sanders	Steeves	Wasylycia-Leis
Master Green Plan							
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Winnipeg Food Policy Council							
NO RESPONSE		YES		MAYBE		NO	

Questions and Detailed Responses (if provided at forum or in writing)

- Master Green Plan:** Would you support the completion of a Master Green Space Plan for Winnipeg?



- Procurement Strategy:** Will you work to implement a procurement strategy that takes into account the added economic, social and environmental value of purchasing from social enterprises and other businesses that generate community benefit?



Judy Wasylycia-Leis: Social enterprises provide good value while also offering other important benefits. We believe we need to create a strategy that allows social enterprise to bid on city services and contracts and the benefit they provide should be taken into account

3. **Community Engagement Strategy:** Will you commit to developing a community engagement strategy for The City of Winnipeg?



Brian Bowman: Committed to dedicated office and staff, utilizing all forms of technology and social media to ensure citizens are engaged.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: Community engagement is critical and I have already made firm commitments to engagement throughout this campaign in a variety of areas including a youth advisory council, a small business roundtable, an Aboriginal accord and the OurWinnipeg Task Force.

4. **Refuse Development Extensions:** Will you commit yourself to ensuring that the city adopts a policy of refusing further extensions until the existing network of infrastructure and services is fully utilized?



Brian Bowman: Need to be pragmatic and look at existing commitments and infrastructure to ensure consistency, these have to be examined on a case by case basis.

David Sanders: Agree but there are so many already that have been committed to. We need to slow down what has been approved and take a good look at them first.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: Uncertain what lies ahead, what has already been committed to. Important to look to neighbouring municipalities for cooperation and cost sharing. I believe we should refuse development outside this infrastructure network, except under the most extreme circumstances.

5. **Cycling Priorities:** As Mayor, will you work to make two of Bike Winnipeg's priority projects a priority with Council, and endorse them as City of Winnipeg priorities for intergovernmental funding through the Building Canada Fund:

- **Rehabilitation of the Osborne Street Underpass;**
 - Add funding for conceptual design in 2015
 - Complete rehabilitation by 2021 as per the City of Winnipeg's approved Transportation Master Plan
- **Implementation of the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies**

- Investing \$150 million over the 6 year span of the 2015-2020 capital plan to kick start implementation of the pedestrian and cycling strategies.



Michel Fillion: Proposes paid licensing for bicycles and cyclists and use this revenue to fund new cycling infrastructure.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: The Osborne Street Underpass is a significant public safety issue, and is a priority though completion deadlines require support from other levels of government. I will ensure that active transportation is a key component of road development of the 4-year-, \$400 million plan to rebuild our roads. I have committed to \$20 million over the 4-year period for active transportation within that \$400 million commitment.

6. **Affordable Housing Priorities:** Will you commit to working with The Province to provide City support to the units the Province has committed to, 350 units of affordable rental housing and 350 units of social housing over three years?



7. **Additional Community Centres to Support:** Would you support expanding the definition of community centres to include centres that provide education, health & wellness, leadership and inclusivity programming and services to the public?



Robert-Falcon Ouellette: Currently resources are simply not there. Other organizations have a responsibility, for example, Education needs to be responsible for literacy. He asks the question “Can the City do everything?...I don’t think so.”

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: Budgets are already stretched, expanding the definition of community centre would not help. Rather, the City should look to broaden services in community centres to include literacy, safety, reach out to province to support women and youth.

A number of community centres, based on the unique needs of their neighbourhoods, are already offering some of these programs including food cooking classes and leadership training so this would be recognizing this change. I do believe we need to be careful that we don’t go too far in areas of provincial jurisdiction. Community centres are having difficulty meeting needs at the moment, and if we go too far in broadening the scope of their functions, we risk robbing from core recreational services. That said, we have to be very aggressive in ensuring that senior levels of government step up to the

plate and ensure groups such as Women’s Resource Centres, have appropriate funding and services in place.

8. **Low Income Transit:** Would you commit to developing options for, and supporting, a bus pass that makes transit more affordable for low income people and families within the first year of being elected Mayor?



Judy Wasylcia-Leis: Maybe. I believe we need to explore options to make transit more affordable for low-income families. However, I cannot commit to doing this in my first year until I have looked at our budget and what other pressures exist.

9. **Poverty Committee:** Would you support the establishment of a Poverty Reduction Committee of City Council, to develop a poverty reduction strategy and be active leaders and contributors to reducing poverty in Winnipeg?



David Sanders: Feels the city currently passes this and housing off to the Province and that the City and Council should be more committed and responsible.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: There are already a number of poverty reduction organizations in the city. What is needed is a mechanism by which the three levels of government (city, provincial and federal) work on these issues together. This is especially important since senior levels of government have the legal and financial resources to address these issues. I would propose an Intergovernmental Poverty Reduction Governmental Task Force including the mayor, the premier and Manitoba’s regional federal minister to work on these issues together

10. **Improve Address Visibility:** Would you be willing to revise Winnipeg Neighbourhood Liveability By-Law – Addresses and Buildings, to ensure these numbers are clearly visible from the public road way?



David Sanders: Clause 83 of the By-law already requires that numbers be clearly visible from the street on which a building is located. Perhaps we need to define "clearly visible" so as to provide for situations in which the 8 cm minimum height is insufficient, or where the building itself is not clearly visible from the street. And we need to enforce the by-law, reasonably but firmly

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: I am supportive of the idea but would want to move forward through a public education plan so that any change does not put a burden on homeowners and is not perceived as revenue grab.

11. **Protecting Public Golf Courses:** If you are elected mayor will you take steps to ensure the city-owned golf courses remain zoned as park and remain public?



David Sanders: I will personally vote against the rezoning or sale of city-owned golf courses, including John Blumberg, and I will advocate strongly for the other five votes required to defeat any move to dispose of such city-owned lands. As soon as I have at least eight other votes on Council, I will move to rescind the declaration that the Blumberg lands are surplus to the City's needs, and terminate the offer for sale. The City needs to preserve and enjoy its precious green spaces in the public interest.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis: Yes. I am opposed to selling any city assets, including golf courses.

12. **Support and Uphold Secondary Plans:** Would you, as Mayor, establish a policy of supporting community planning studies for new and established neighbourhoods, with a process that includes sound community engagement, that cannot be shelved, cancelled or suspended without further community engagement and a 2/3 approval of Council?



David Sanders: I believe we need to rebuild a strong planning department able to assist local communities in preparing action plans to guide both public and private activities in a constructive and progressive manner. I would like to consider the proposed requirement for a 2/3 majority approval for future changes, but certainly the administration should not shelve, cancel or suspend any community planning studies without the approval of at least a regular majority of Council

13. **Food Policy Council:** If you are elected as mayor would you support the establishment of a Winnipeg Food Policy Council?

