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To: GL

Subject: Re: Greenspace Matters

Hello GL

Thank you for your email. Related to your questions and concerns of how my platform would impact Climate Change in Winnipeg...

1. Describe your commitment to ensure the Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors (includes river corridors) Plan By-law and Biodiversity Policy will be completed and implemented in a timely manner?

I have fully vowed to restructure city governance and public administration to better ensure that the city does its due diligence in completing and implementing a Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors (includes river corridors) Plan By-law in a timely manner by the creation of a special operating agency of transit-oriented development agency and a department of local economic development. Within the transit-oriented development agency would see the director of planning, property, and development; transit; public works; water and waste (expanded into ecosystem services) become one department. Within the department of local economic development would see the director of community services (expanded into citizen and advocacy services); customer service and communications; human resource services; innovation and technology become one department. Using the transit-oriented development agency would allow for better coordination between city engineers from both public works; water and waste alongside transit and city planners through designing and developing a comprehensive strategic plan to protect our greenspaces, natural corridors, and waterways within my first term of office. On the governance side of designing a biodiversity policy would be through the restructuring of the standing policy committee of water and waste, riverbank management, and the environment to become the standing policy committee on water and ecosystems services which would outline and be responsible for guiding the transit-oriented development agency.

2. Describe your commitment and time frame to acquire 1000 additional acres of public parkland in the City of Winnipeg while greenspace is still available.

In my platform document that I released on August 2nd, 2022 I made a vow that I will increase green spaces from 6% to 10% by stopping new greenfield projects. The timeframe to acquire 1000 additional acres of public parkland in the city would be to

protect and work with all stakeholders and citizens of Winnipeg in holding talks of the permanent protection, maintenance, and designation of the Assiniboine Forest to be a national urban park and the possibility of connecting it with Fort Whyte Alive landscape within my first term of office.

3. Describe your commitment to implement a Biodiversity Policy?

Early in the election I made a vow that I would expand (rebranding) the Office of Public Engagement into the Office of Civic Engagement and the creation of a 4 year participatory budget process that will allocate \$2 million dollars within each of the 15 city councillor wards. This would allow for citizens within each ward to work with the office of civic engagement and their local city councillor to implement innovative citizen and resident based projects and initiatives in the local ward or neighbourhood. This is based on the concept of tax choice.

The basic idea of that is if you're a resident of ward/councillor the taxes you pay for as a citizen; you deserve the choice to decide how the city spends your taxes in your local neighbourhood or resident. Example of what an innovative project would look like is if your local resident/neighbourhood association decides to create a residential composting program or a citizen garden in your area you would reach out to either your city councillor and/or the office of civic engagement and they would connect you with the key city staff to help implement the project in your ward.

Attached below are my platform documents that I released during the election so far. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or send me constructive feedback on my platform.

Respectfully,

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