

## Winnipeg Municipal Election 2018

Mayoral candidate responses to email sent by OURS-Winnipeg on September 26, 2018 and email responses contributed by voters. For customizable template letter see <https://www.ours-winnipeg.com/2018-election.html>

“OURS-Winnipeg needs your active support in the campaign to ensure that the City of Winnipeg prepares a multi-year **Master Greenspace Plan** to manage Winnipeg’s green space, forest, urban wilderness and connecting corridors.”

If you noticed that we missed a comment please contact us and it will be immediately added to this list. The list will be updated as new responses are received. The list is current as of Oct 14, 2018.

CANDIDATE NAME	Reply Date 2018	RESPONSE
Motkaluk, Jennifer Dawn	Sept 26	<i>No reply to-date.</i>
Wilson, Doug		<i>No reply to-date</i>
Woodstock, Don	Sep 27	<p>Thank you for your questions. As an environmentalist and the author of the name change 'Garbage Day' to 'Recycle Day' I believe in sustainability and having a cleaner, healthier, safer Winnipeg for our children and their children. I lobbied the city to implement the larger blue recycle bins, as well as I was the organizer of the first 'Plastic Bag Day' where more than 40,000 plastic bags were collected on the steps of the Legislature and we handed out over 2,400 reusable bags. My next event saw us getting all the major grocery stores &amp; malls in Winnipeg to promote reusable bags for one day. Today, reusable bags are everywhere.</p> <p>So, I support all actions that we can take together to mitigate climate change. I am the only candidate thus far, that has put forward a vision to change to a 'Sports Capital' from a crime capital. By engaging our youth into a sporting discipline this will keep our kids away from drugs and trouble - thus, reducing petty crime and their need to join gangs. This vision was supported by the former Police Chief Devon Clunis.</p> <p>I support having a city-wide Master Plan for Green Space - it's a great idea. I read the OURS Winnipeg and it's a awesome start. As Mayor and an environmentalist, I will be putting forward an aggressive environmental plan that will see good changes come about for your great city.</p> <p>Yes I am fully supporting City-Wide Master Plan For Green Space</p>

		Oct 14 I am in COMPLETE FAVOUR of green space, biking paths, trees, grass and having a livable city. All future development will have increased amounts of green space incorporated into their design. As Mayor, I will ensure the Biking paths construction is continued. Our children need space to run around. It is missing in our city today.
Hayat, Umar	Oct 1	I am supporting City-Wide Master Plan For Green Space. I am currently against land developers as the city should step up and allocate land to Winnipeggers instead of allocating land to land developers. I am fully supporting the Master Plan for Green Space but unfortunately, Winnipeg has approximately 4,047 hectares (10,000 acres) of total parkland compared to Edmonton. Edmonton's North Saskatchewan River Valley parks system is an 18,000-hectare (44,000-acre) "ribbon of green" running through the city. Living in a greener neighborhood could lower the risk of early death which studies show but unfortunately our city does not have enough land.
	Sep 17	I am already supporting the City-Wide Master Plan for Green Space it is one of my polices on my website. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me.
Bowman, Brian	Sept 27	<p>Thank you for your email regarding the importance of green spaces in our city. Mayor Bowman shares your view that Winnipeg's parks, green spaces, and river corridors improve our health and wellbeing, strengthen our communities, and make our city a more attractive place to live and work.</p> <p>The most recent OurWinnipeg Annual Report emphasizes that the natural environment is essential to our city. Our local environment is the foundation for our economic and social health. Our approach to preserving the natural environment is one of shared responsibility as we work with citizens to reduce the environmental impact of our actions.</p> <p>Indeed, a formal park plan is being developed to guide the future growth and development of our parks network. The Winnipeg Recreation and Parks Strategies will provide a 25-year framework to help guide recreation and parks programs, services, policies, standards and procedures, and future investment in existing and new infrastructure. You can find more information about the development of the Strategies, including opportunities for public engagement, on the City's website at: <a href="https://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/projects/rec_parks/rec_parks.stm">https://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/projects/rec_parks/rec_parks.stm</a></p> <p>Finally, the City of Winnipeg has begun a process to review and update OurWinnipeg, the 25-year development plan adopted by City Council in 2011. OurWinnipeg is intended to guide everything the City does, and provides a vision and policies that influence the delivery of City services and decisions about how the city grows. We encourage you to visit <a href="http://www.speakupwinnipeg.com">www.speakupwinnipeg.com</a> to learn more about the review process as well as opportunities to get involved and provide feedback.</p> <p>Winnipeg's parks and open spaces encourage and promote healthy lifestyles, cleaner environments, civic pride and urban beautification. Thank you again for taking the time to share your views on these important issues.</p>
Diack, Tim	Oct 1	My wife is a teacher in WSD and what you have sent is true. I support green space and would sign that plan.
	Sept 26	<p>On board. I agree.</p> <p>Count me as supportive of green space! If there is a specific concern, or position you feel is under exposed, let me know and I'll squeeze it in.</p>

Machiraju, Venkat Rao	Sep 10	<p>Thank you so much for your interest.</p> <p>As a staunch environmentalist, I support the preservation of Parklands and enhancing green space. Spaces like Assiniboine Forest are a great example of Winnipeg's achievements.</p> <p>If I were to become Mayor, I would enact a law that would require 75% approval by referendum to alter green space. I would increase the budgets for the City of Winnipeg horticulture department. Currently only a handful of staff and one manager are in that department. This should allow Winnipeg to produce more trees. I would change the departments priority to increases and promote trees and green space management.</p> <p>The current development criteria requires a 10% dedication of green space in all new developments, that under my administration would change to 25% and permit higher density per square meter. This would provide greater green space and smaller footprints .</p> <p>I am in favour of less fossil fuels and chief platform is to create an inner ring road. This would reduce the amount of time vehicles are out on the road and provide more family time for families. The inner ring road would be surrounded by a park to mitigate sound pollution and promote green space.</p> <p>The current development of the Forks area into low density housing would not be in my mandate. I would rather support turning the surface parking lot into a park and installing a parking facility that would require less of an earth foot print .</p> <p>I would tax single use plastics out of existence and promote other environmental endeavour to protect and preserve the environment.</p> <p>I trust this addresses your concerns and my position in green space and the environment.</p> <p>Sincerely Pundit VENKAT MACHIRAJU Campaign</p>
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