

Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

- 1. An economically growing, competitive and environmentally sustainable downtown is one that is a hub for green transportation, with strategies that integrate automobile, transit (LRT, BRT, streetcars and other), cycle and pedestrian travel.**
 - a. Do you agree with this statement and if so:
 - i. Would you lead the creation of a long-term financial plan and capital program to get us there, making this a priority in discussions with all levels of government, and how?

- 2. A healthy and appealing downtown is one that includes regular and festive events, which in turn create community pride, another reason for people to come downtown, and potential economic development opportunities. This will require city street closures. The City is a partner in building our community both socially and economically, and subsequently needs to continue in partnering with downtown event organizers.**
 - a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:
 - i. Will your City Hall demonstrate downtown is an event-friendly neighbourhood by allocating resources to Public Works to regularly close streets for events?

- 3. A fully revitalized and vibrant downtown is one which is planned, district by district, each unique from one another. Proper development tools need to be in place to assist the private sector in dealing with economic challenges of developing and redeveloping properties downtown.**
 - a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:
 - i. Will you provide the Planning Department / CentreVenture the resources required to create proper private sector-driven development plans, for each downtown district?
 - ii. Will you support the City providing tax increment financing or other fiscal tools to address the economic gap challenge, and how?

- 4. The image of our city is judged by the physical appearance of our downtown. Its appearance sends either positive or negative**

economic signals to the tourists and investors from around the world, who visit our downtown.

a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:

i. Will you address the infrastructure deficit in the downtown much more quickly than any other neighbourhood, e.g. sidewalks, roads, curbs, garbage cans, etc., and how?

5. The prevalent social issues of panhandling, homelessness and general poverty make it difficult for many Winnipeggers to embrace their downtown. As a result there is a strong perception that downtown is unsafe, creating a negative image for our city.

a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:

i. What will you support / do to make it more comfortable for Winnipeggers to come downtown, from a safety perspective? And if that does not work, what else will you do?

6. It's time to end the social despair of those less fortunate who on a daily basis panhandle downtown. Some then purchase and over consume alcohol; others inhale intoxicants, then "scare" the public and get arrested by the police or BIZ Outreach Patrols. These people are then released, only to do it all over again. What is your plan to address these issues over the next decade?

7. World class public institutions make our city a desirable place to live and enhance our competitiveness.

a. Do you agree with this statement and if so:

i. If elected (re-elected) Mayor, will you be an advocate for, and apply fair fiscal priority, to:

- An expanded Convention Centre
- An expanded Art Gallery
- An expanded Concert Hall and Manitoba Museum
- Expanded education and learning facilities
- Other

8. Downtown retail recruitment is increasingly becoming a tool downtown agencies use to develop a stronger retail fabric for

their downtown—just as shopping mall managers do. This often includes government addressing market challenges by providing the proper financial tools to the private sector.

a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:

i. Downtown stakeholders have developed a Downtown Retail Recruitment Strategy. Will you support this strategy?

9. A mature city follows the best practices associated with creating a current and dynamic parking system for its downtown. In recent years the city has evolved downtown parking to levels where best practices are slowly being achieved, particularly its inclusive direction and new approaches.

a. Do you agree with this statement, and if so:

i. What will you do to ensure that the parking authority remains vital, active and publicly accountable through citizens and stakeholders overseeing and approving all aspects of its planning, actions operations facilities and budgets, with final authority only residing with Mayor and Council.

10. How will Winnipeg's two newest proposed developments impact the downtown? The Seasons of Tuxedo, which will be anchored by a 350,000-square-foot IKEA store at the southwest corner of Sterling Lyon Parkway and Kenaston Boulevard, and The Elms, a 650,000-square-foot Polo Park?