

2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – St. Vital

Candidates: Brian Mayes, Baljeet Sharma

1. Do you support public services and what is your plan for providing better city services to Winnipeg Residents?

Brian Mayes: I support public services, and as a former public servant myself, understand their importance to the community. In recent years we have improved our services for roads (record budget for repaving), asphaltting of gravel lanes, and renewal in my ward of aging parks, pool and library infrastructure. I was proud to support the pilot project to bring some garbage collection back “in house” to provide an option to simply contracting out that service.

There is one area I will be certainly be fighting to improve - Handi Transit does not service all parts of the city, excluding places like Fort Whyte Alive and outlying parts of St Vital. I want to change this and would like it to be another in-house pilot project, in conjunction with ATU.

Baljeet Sharma: (No response received)

2: Do you think that everyone who is delivering city services and paid through taxpayer dollars, deserve to make a living wage?

Brian Mayes: I support a Living wage policy for the City. In response to work done by Local 500, I was pleased to bring forward a motion in April 2018 requiring the City to study Fair Wage policies in other Canadian cities. I look forward to the results of that study and moving to implement should I be re-elected.

Baljeet Sharma: (No response received)

3. If elected, will you support a living wage policy for the City of Winnipeg that will apply to city workers and private city contractors?

Brian Mayes: As stated in 2, I support a Living / Fair wave policy for City workers (collectively bargained) and for workers of contractors.

Baljeet Sharma: (No response received)