

## **COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONS – Josh Brandon**

- 1. What is the most critical road infrastructure issue that your community is facing and how do you plan to address it?**

Winnipeg faces an infrastructure deficit of up to \$7 billion. Investment is needed to improve the state of our local and regional roads. In Daniel McIntyre, residents see crumbling streets, potholed back lanes and sidewalks that are too often impassable. We need to direct investment into addressing this shortfall that has built up over decades. While pursuing matching contributions from other levels of government, the City should look to creating new sources of revenue to fund infrastructure including redirecting the use of development charges to fund infrastructure that benefits all residents. Moreover, Winnipeg should set repair and maintenance of existing infrastructure in older neighbourhoods as a priority ahead building new infrastructure that feeds new suburban development.

- 2. Please highlight the top three (3) changes to City policy or procedure you'd champion to ensure better maintained road surfaces for all road users.**

Three of my top priorities for Winnipeg include:

- 1) Well-maintained streets and sidewalks that are accessible for everyone
- 2) Affordable reliable transit that is comfortable and sustainable
- 3) A citywide bike network with protected bike lanes

Details of these policies are included on my website at: [joshbrandon.ca](http://joshbrandon.ca)

- 3. What is the one policy or infrastructure-related thing you would do to improve active transportation safety in our city?**

I would increase investment in cycling infrastructure:

If elected, I will advocate for the completion of the Wolseley to West Alexander Corridor to provide better cycling and walking infrastructure in the Daniel McIntyre ward, including:

- Safe north-south route along Ruby and Banning streets, with controlled crossings at the major intersections
- Extension of St. Matthews route east towards downtown
- Designated east-west route on either Wolseley or Westminster avenue

- 4. Thinking about your community, please identify two (2) places in your neighbourhood that currently creates mobility challenges for citizens. How would you address this?**

Another key challenge is crossing regional roads. Few lights and crosswalks, or crossings that take too long to change, or activation buttons that are difficult to reach leave people this mobility challenges few options for crossing major streets such as Portage, Ellice or St Matthews. Better coordination of activation controlled crossings is needed along with a plan to situate crossings where they are needed to access local businesses.

**5. If elected, what tools or tactics will you use to regularly update and keep in touch with constituents?**

I will hold regular constant meetings and public forums. I will create a quarterly newsletter to share with residents and update social media accounts regularly. I plan to do annual door knocking across the ward to meet as many residents as possible.