

## **COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONS – Ken St. George**

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

At present, overall congestion is an issue, especially Kenaston, the eastern most boundary of our constituency, and the most utilized. There are other infrastructure issues, congestion of Roblin, Grant/Corydon, Wilkes/Sterling Lyon (bottlenecks at Shaftsbury), and the controversial William Clement Parkway extensions phase 1 and 2. However, Kenaston is the most urgent of all aforementioned. As urban sprawl continues, as well as in our neighboring bedroom communities, this route becomes more imperative. At present, controversial discussion and planning continue to drag on, regarding the widening of Kenaston, as well as a restructure of the on/off ramps to Portage. Expropriation will be a necessity to proceed. I believe, that three lanes both ways will be sufficient for now, however in the future, it may become insufficient, and we are back to square one. I have received positive feedback from urban planners in regard to double decking Kenaston, from Ness to Taylor. That is, creating a twinning upper level of Kenaston as an expressway for those travelling south to Kenaston Common, Waverley West etc. The existing twin lanes can remain for those staying north of Taylor. This will require more funding, however I am the only candidate valiant enough to explore alternate sources of revenue within my platform. (see portals of entry on my site)

- 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.**

- A) Improved procurement process, straying away from the default status of lowest bid wins on infrastructure projects. Often, as we have seen, it is bad business and ends up costing taxpayers much more in the end.
- B) Further public engagement, as well as increased traffic studies to ensure dollars are being spent wisely
- C) Further research, regarding road surface material that can handle our extreme climate conditions

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

I adore what the city is trying to do in regard to active transportation. Dedicated/separated bike lanes with traffic signals is wonderful. I want to see more of this throughout the city. I am also a very active promoter of a more efficient and thorough Transit system, as well as a Green transformation of the same.

**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?**

In Charleswood Tuxedo, there is a lack of sidewalks, as well as many side routes which are poorly maintained. Accessibility for pedestrians is difficult due to a lack of crosswalks throughout. For our citizens with mobility issues, even more challenging. On the flip side, routes such as Roblin, or Grant, have 12 to 14 feet of sidewalk, yet minimal foot traffic. Along these routes are dangerous shared cyclist lanes with motor vehicle travel. Transit to the area is limited and scheduled poorly. Feasibility studies must be done in all these areas. Revenue flow as mentioned in my portals of entry plan, and accountability of our provincial counterparts investment through carbon tax is part of my platform to absorb infrastructure costs.

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

My own site, with a section dedicated to road/infrastructure issues. Collaboration with organizations such as CAA, would also be beneficial ongoing.