

## **Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses**

### **Ward 10 - Eight Candidates – 3 responded**

**Adam Anderson** - No Response

**Carmen Hiebert** - No Response

**Charles Olsen:**

**Question 1.** Regina's heritage includes buildings, landscapes and locations of significant events. Do you have a favourite heritage space in Regina? If yes, what is it and why is it your favourite?

My favourite heritage sites in Regina are the original hotels and business buildings around Victoria Park. They show off architecture design and workmanship that are not included in today's construction. I am a surveyor so The Land Titles office in any jurisdiction is always a favourite of mine.

**Question 2.** How important is it that the City of Regina continues to identify and designate heritage spaces within our city? Why?

Very important to identify and designate the heritage spaces to protect the past to show new generations the past.

**Question 3.** The Economic Growth Plan was recently released with a goal of Regina becoming Canada's most vibrant city by 2030. How would you include heritage in the City's plans to become a vibrant community?

The heritage buildings would have to be included in any plan moving the city forward. The past reveals who we were as a community and it shows the workmanship of past generations that built this great city.

**Question 4.** The Heritage Inventory Policy identifies heritage properties that support the themes outlined in the “Thematic Framework and Historic Context” document. What improvements would you suggest for this policy?

I am unfamiliar with the policy and would like to read and study the policy before I make any comments on improvements for the policy.

**Question 5.** There is a redevelopment proposal coming to City Council in early 2021 that will substantially increase density on a single-family residential site by demolishing a major portion of a designated heritage building. The proposal will also alter the character of the heritage neighbourhood and the streetscapes of Albert Street and Hill Avenue. (See <https://www.regina.ca/export/sites/Regina.ca/business-development/land-property-development/.galleries/pdfs/Proposed-Development/Public-Notice-3160-Albert-St.pdf>)

What is your position on this issue? How can the City balance development with the need to preserve designated heritage properties?

My position on the issue is that any new proposal should not alter the character of the neighbourhood. That not only stands for heritage areas of the city, it would also apply for residential or industrial areas of our city as well. Altering the neighbourhood could be as simple as creating different traffic flows or parking issues and that is something that would need to be considered in any proposal.

**Question 6.** Demolition by neglect, allowing designated heritage properties to deteriorate to the point where they must be torn down, is an issue in our city. What role do you think the City should play in preventing demolition by neglect?

This is a very grey area. I think there needs to be a policy in place that determines at what point does the property meet a criteria to be saved. There needs to be a plan in place to designate what buildings will fall within this heritage designation and work with the owners of that property to save and promote the building as a heritage site. I would like to look at other cities and what they do as a template for designating and saving heritage buildings and maybe find out what for might work in Regina.

## Patrick Denis:

**Question 1.** Regina's heritage includes buildings, landscapes and locations of significant events. Do you have a favourite heritage space in Regina? If yes, what is it and why is it your favourite?

There are too many to choose from. I am a big fan of the Pink House based on the unique architecture of the house. I haven't seen all of the heritage sites throughout Regina but I really would love it.

**Question 2.** How important is it that the City of Regina continues to identify and designate heritage spaces within our city? Why?

It is extremely important for us to continue to identify and designate heritage spaces because we have to know our history good or bad.

**Question 3.** The Economic Growth Plan was recently released with a goal of Regina becoming Canada's most vibrant city by 2030. How would you include heritage in the City's plans to become a vibrant community?

I would work with Heritage Regina and other organizations and community groups to ensure that all of our heritage sites are properly maintained as well as bringing more and more attention to our sites through community events.

**Question 4.** The Heritage Inventory Policy identifies heritage properties that support the themes outlined in the "Thematic Framework and Historic Context" document. What improvements would you suggest for this policy?

I would have to do more research in to this in order to give you a proper response.

**Question 5.** There is a redevelopment proposal coming to City Council in early 2021 that will substantially increase density on a single-family residential site by demolishing a major portion of a designated heritage building. The proposal will also alter the character of the heritage neighbourhood and the streetscapes of Albert Street and Hill Avenue. (See

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What is your position on this issue? How can the City balance development with the need to preserve designated heritage properties?

I am against the modifications to the Cook House. I also would not support the zoning of a multi family complex right on Albert street. Regina has so much history and that portion of Albert street is full of history and putting a building like that would not only be an eyesore but also completely ruin the dynamics of that area.

**Question 6.** Demolition by neglect, allowing designated heritage properties to deteriorate to the point where they must be torn down, is an issue in our city. What role do you think the City should play in preventing demolition by neglect?

The city should hold ongoing inspections of heritage sites to ensure that any and all deteriorations are not missed and therefor cut down on demolitions by neglect.

**Landon Mohl** - No Response

**Laura Luby** - No Response

**Mark Shmelinski:**

**Question 1.** Regina's heritage includes buildings, landscapes and locations of significant events. Do you have a favourite heritage space in Regina? If yes, what is it and why is it your favourite.

- I do have a favourite. The Weston Bakery building at 1377 Hamilton St. It's my wife and I have our business.

**Question 2.** How important is it that the City of Regina continues to identify and designate heritage spaces within our city? Why?

- I think it's important for a city to designate and dialogue on Heritage buildings and even educate citizens on the unique history that those buildings hold.

**Question 3.** The Economic Growth Plan was recently released with a goal of Regina becoming Canada's most vibrant city by 2030. How would you include heritage in the City's plans to become a vibrant community?

- I think you could look at Winnipeg as a great example of taking their warehouse district (The Exchange) and both fostering growth and development, while balancing the need to maintain historical buildings and elements.

**Question 4.** The Heritage Inventory Policy identifies heritage properties that support the themes outlined in the "Thematic Framework and Historic Context" document. What improvements would you suggest for this policy?

- Actually I have not read that document in its fullness to date as it is quite in depth. At this time I no comment either way on what i would or would not add.

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What is your position on this issue? How can the City balance development with the need to preserve designated heritage properties?

- I have followed this one and looked at the documentation around this application. This one is more delicate to answer because I don't represent the people of that ward and so I have not heard any feedback from anyone on this particular issue. That being said, personally I feel that this particular development strikes a good balance between growth and heritage, and while it does alter the landscape, it does incorporate heritage aspect of the property.

**Question 6.** Demolition by neglect, allowing designated heritage properties to deteriorate to the point where they must be torn down, is an issue in our city. What role do you think the City should play in preventing demolition by neglect?

I think that this issue boils down to lack of clear guidelines and development around heritage properties. I think the city should be looking at ways to incentivize redevelopment of heritage buildings and removing red tape from the process of redeveloping these sites while maintaining and incorporating heritage elements.

**Shea Paisley** - No Response