

Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses

Ward 3- Four Candidates – 2 responded

Andrew Stevens:

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?

Central Park. It’s a beautiful little park with edible plants, places to sit, kick the ball around, mingle with residents, decorated utility boxes, and a monument to baseball legend Mary “Bonnie” Baker.

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

Incredibly important. There’s a tradition of demolishing anything old in our city – that needs to change. Designation comes with recognition of the value of built heritage, along with financial incentives. This is part of our city’s history and needs to be respected.

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?

Ensuring that the financial incentives are sufficient enough to encourage investment into heritage structures. Further, we need to craft heritage-inspired architectural policies for established neighbourhoods.

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 really don’t have anything to add at this point.

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?

For starters, I reserve my decisions for when all of the information is before Council. Second, we can't expect streetscapes and neighbourhoods to go unchanged forever. There's a way of balancing old and new. However, I have already once rejected an attempt by the developer to have the Cook residence demolished. In this instance we need guidelines for balancing redevelopment with the maintenance of heritage features. I'm not convinced at this juncture the applicant is respecting even the spirit of built heritage. A balance in this case is easy: allow for the subdivision of the existing resident into multiple units in the current structure. It is a mansion, after all. There are also architectural standards that could be incorporate into the design.

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?

Providing meaningful incentives and education about these incentives. I'm not convinced residents are aware of the benefits that come with heritage designation. We also need to provide guidance to homeowners about what is required of them and by encouraging the growth in a heritage restoration industry. Many contractors ignore "hard" projects involving older houses.

Nehida Chowhuary - No Response

Tom Sealy- No Response

Elmer Eashappie:

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?

Yes, my favourite is all of Regina. Prior Regina, the area was called two-hills, or dunn hill, and not Pile of Bones as most people think. As an Indigenous person I had received oral traditional teachings of pre-Regina. In fact, my favourite place is at the corner of Elphinstone and train tracks, north side. That land was a tipi camp site for Treaty Four Territory bands during Buffalo Days in the early 1900s.

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

The importance is high but must include Indigenous nations from Treaty Four territory. Why? We must share information on how Regina was truly developed and not to leave out Indigenous knowledge of Regina. This process would respect the Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Actions.

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To include Treaty Four Territory 33 First Nations. Treaty Four was signed on September 15, 1874. Saskatchewan became a province in 1905.

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To include 33 Treaty Four Territory nations. Regina citizens needs to understand Heritage policies were developed without any Indigenous involvement.

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My position is simple, costs to keep it versus Regina long term planning. I believe all Regina residents should have an input and not just Mayor, or councillors, of what stays, or what goes.

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I believe the City should undertake a pilot project through research of findings for neglects. At the end of the day, no matter what the direction is, it all comes down to costs and sustainability.