

## Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses

### Ward 5- Four Candidates – 2 responded

#### John Findura:

**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?

1400 of College Ave. The Flood residence. I like its style and design.

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

It is important to maintain our history for the next generations to come.

**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?

It could be a source of tourism.

**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 suggest no improvements however increase the awareness of this document in our community for builders, historians, and the general public.

**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?

I am against the proposal for 3160 Albert Street. In terms of balancing these developments, it is important that the City does more frequent reviews of the heritage property list to ensure that eligible properties get these designations and investments.

**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 update the incentive policy to allow homeowners to keep up maintenance on the property. A review of the property can be done every five years to see if the work has been done.

**Cameron Wilkes** – No Response

**Rodney Francis:**

**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 favorite building is the Brownstone Plaza as I developed condos and lived in the building. I love the architectural style of this building and the ability to integrate modern concepts into the past. The brick and beams are fabulous. The entire warehouse district has always been an enjoyment and inspiration to me as well as other heritage buildings.

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

I believe retaining viable heritage spaces is very important. This gives the community a sense of identity.

**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?

Creating a vibrant city requires many aspects including culture, art, and entertainment. If elected I would want to make sure heritage sites are included as part of Regina Tourism thereby attracting more visitors to the city. Also, I would like to see the use of heritage venues increase as social or entertainment facilities within the city. I believe maintaining heritage sites adds to the unique identity of the city and makes the community more vibrant.

**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?

Unfortunately I cannot comment on the policy as I have not yet had time to review the "Thematic Framework and Historic Context" document. I will take time to review this over the next few weeks.

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I would need more information on the Heritage Regina stance as to what the recommendations are for this redevelopment. I think that balancing redevelopment of heritage properties, if done correctly, can be a path to preserving the sites while still proceeding with residential development. If elected, I would like to see each project undergo strict scrutiny in consultation with the Heritage Regina and other stakeholders to ensure the integrity of historical buildings that can be revitalized or repurposed.

**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?

As with every property in the city heritage properties should be maintained for safety and beautification of the city. I believe there should be some instrument whereby neglected properties are forced to maintain or to forfeit the property to the city before irreversible damage is done to prevent demolition. Unfortunately, I do not think there is a perfect answer or solution as this could become a costly legal battle between owners and the city. However, if elected I would like to see on-going consultation with Heritage Regina and other stakeholder to find solutions to preserving heritage sites wherever possible.

**Reinier Van Everdink** – No contact info on available on Elections Regina website