

Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses

Ward 7- Five Candidates – 2 responded

Sharon Bryce - No Response

John Gross – No Response

Mike Parisone - No Response

Shobna Radons:

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 property is the Canada Life Assurance Building at 2201 - 11th Avenue. I like the details in the masonry on the facade, and the old wood imported from Europe creates a romantic aura, and gives it a uniqueness that we don’t have today.

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

Cities that recognize their past, and preserve their history, are cities that people are proud to call home. It is important for people to know the heritage and history of the places they walk through every day.

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?

One of the most up-and-coming areas of the city is the historic warehouse district. The look and feel of the old buildings being renovated into residential living spaces gives those spaces a vibrant feel and provides walkable access to such businesses as Bushwakker, Dutch Cycle, and Rebellion Brewing. Such retrofit housing is a way to connect new residents to the history of our

city and experience it in a new and very real way

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 this particular document and have been unable to locate it, but I look forward to learning more in continuing conversation with Heritage Regina.

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?

Ultimately I do not support the proposal as it is presented. If we are to classify a heritage site, then we should preserve every historical aspect we can rather than simply preserving a facade while gutting the insides of what makes this site significant.

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 designate a portion of the property taxes collected on heritage properties for upkeep and maintenance to be kept in a common fund specifically for the maintenance and preservation of heritage properties. Neglectful ownership should carry heavy fines for the same fund. There is very little the city can do to force owners to do the right thing with their property, but the city can make sure it is not a financially sound decision to neglect a heritage property. If a person purchases a heritage property, they should understand the stewardship

they have taken on over our city's history.

Terina Shaw:

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CONNAUGHT SCHOOL. Is my favorite Regina Heritage space. My understanding, a redesign & rebuild of a Heritage School. My friend & Regina artist Wilf Perreault was involved in the new design. Wilf engaged the Students & Staff to message or paint individual tiles, then incorporated the tiles into a wall tree. Amaz

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It is very important for our City to identify & designate heritage spaces. I believe heritage, culture & arts are one of the keys to a vibrant city & community. Heritage is important for our community, including youth, and visitors to understand our history, tradition & pride. Identified & display marked Heritage spaces create an inviting City & community.

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My answer to Q1 shows I was answering ahead a bit. I will support

1. City financial support.
2. community engagement & education.
3. inventory & invite local business & individuals to contribute to local heritage promotional programs. Invite to Give back.
4. educate land & building developers regarding heritage sites. A professional package.
5. school programs. Recommend inclusion in our education curriculum.
6. I understand not a new idea, however, supporting the visible id & marking of heritage sites.

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From my understanding of the policy,

1. increase review to monthly, not annual.
2. a City admin committee with all internal key stakeholders & departments involved & committed.

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I disagree with the redevelopment proposal. I believe the wrong area of our City for this heritage change & density.

I believe the market needs & demand should drive City development, however, with clear heritage redevelopment policies, developer education & a timely City permitting process, designated heritage properties will be preserved.

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Our Cities role in deteriorating Heritage properties should include

1. proactive role in identifying the physical status of properties regularly. Part of the role & responsibility of the 2

City admin committee with all internal key stakeholders & departments involved & committed.

2. Engage in discussions with ownership.

3. Check if present City policy allows instruction to ownership to maintain, with or without penal