

Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses

Ward 8- Five Candidates – 1 responded

Reid Hill - No Response

Alex Tkach - No Response

Alex Humphreys - No Response

Shanon Zackidniak:

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?

Knox Metropolitan Church is a favourite because it is not only a beautiful old building but it is also well-utilized as a welcoming space for all residents and a venue for community members to host meetings and community events.

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

It is very important. Heritage spaces are not only vital markers of our local history, it also makes sense (financially, environmentally and otherwise) to maintain heritage spaces rather than tearing down historical buildings and replacing them with completely new builds.

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?

Heritage is an important part of a vibrant city. I would want to ensure the city is creating and meeting targets for the designation and maintenance of heritage spaces in the city and providing funding to encourage investments in heritage spaces.

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 don't know enough to suggest improvements at this time. I'm interested in learning more.

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 would like to learn more about this proposal and I hope to have the opportunity to see this presented as a councillor to consider all aspects and make a decision. It is important to have a plan to preserve heritage properties while we pursue further densification in our city. We need to maintain heritage spaces as we work to build a city that is sustainable, inclusive, safe, vibrant and affordable.

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?

There need to be very clear rules, guidelines and programs for heritage properties that include educating property owners on the benefits and funding opportunities that exist for heritage properties. And if we need additional financial incentives to maintain heritage properties, I would be supportive of creating them.

Wesley Stryletski - No Response