

## Civic Election 2020 – Candidate Responses

### Ward 9- Six Candidates – 2 responded

**Katherine Gagne** - No Response

#### **Rob Humphries:**

**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?

Having lived in Regina for 63 it’s difficult to pick just one. However I worked for SaskTel for over 30 years and so I have a special place in my heart for the building located at 1855 Lorne St. Although there have been significant changes to the façade and interior, the mass of the exterior structure and the ambience of the interior is something I will always hold dear.

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

It is critical to continue to identify heritage properties for the following reasons;

- Historical buildings provide information about our lives and those of our ancestors. It’s more about saving the stories of our past than it is about saving the brick and mortar.
- Preservation of Heritage properties are labour intensive, creating jobs and environmentally beneficial as fewer building materials are used.
- It’s my belief Heritage designations boost property values.
- The architectural beauty of a Heritage building just makes me feel happy.

**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?

1. It has been repeatedly shown that repurposing historic buildings for modern day use not only contributes to cultural enrichment of a city but to the vibrancy of street life as well.
2. Heritage properties are an excellent fit for the city’s intensification initiative. Multiple occupants can generally be accommodated in repurposed heritage buildings, particularly in

certain areas of the city. Using the setback and height distances of Heritage buildings, infill development can also fit nicely into the entire neighborhood plan.

**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 have read the Heritage Inventory Policy and have a very limited understanding of how the Thematic Framework and Historic Context is used to identify heritage properties. It would therefore be presumptuous of me to comment on how the policy should be improved. However if elected you have my guarantee I will join the voices of Heritage Regina in suggesting changes to the policy. In fact I would be interested in hearing any concerns you may have with the policy prior to the election.

**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 have followed this in the media and at the council meetings and if elected I would oppose this redevelopment in the strongest possible terms. In my view the designation of a site to be heritage automatically mandates there will be predetermined conditions for redevelopment or refurbishment. This must be strongly enforced by city bylaw regulations.

Zoning restrictions should be included in any transfer of ownership agreement. Specific conditions would vary somewhat depending on location and zoning, but the policy must be crystal clear.

Of course we must balance development with the need to preserve heritage properties and the character of the surrounding neighborhood. In my view it doesn't have to be an either or option. However this proposal does virtually nothing to retain the Heritage characteristics of the building, violates the zoning bylaw and totally changes the ambience of the neighborhood.

**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 totally unacceptable. The city must intervene and purchase said properties at fair market value. If agreement cannot be reached on price, the city should partner with the province, to secure said properties by any means necessary up to and including expropriation. We must embrace what Heritage properties represent and leverage them to increase the developmental and entrepreneurial opportunities they offer in creating the vibrant, dynamic, innovative city we all want.

**Jason Mancinelli: Mr. Mancinelli provided the following response:**

I understand I missed the publication date and accept the results of being absent in the public. It was due to my poor office skills and my burden to bear. I just felt it was important for the dedicated individuals in your organization to know my views as a community representative. Please accept my late reply for your own insights and consumption and if any questions arise 3065190078.

I do believe in heritage and history, but being very pragmatic these attributes don't always first appear.

**Unfortunately, he did not attach his answers to the questions. Heritage Regina reached out and provided an opportunity for him to resubmit. A response was not received prior to publication.**

**Jeff Soroka** - No Response

**Rodney Williams** - No Response

**Chris Ward** - No Response