

**Ward 1**

**Questions**

**Does the City of Regina provide adequate public transportation (City Transit and Paratransit) to meet the needs of its citizens with a disability?**

**Andy Asherbranner**

No. Sadly, the city cannot fully subsidize the Paratransit system as it exists now with the current cost-per-use structure. Given this, individuals who need the service will have to be adaptable to some sort of scheduling structure. Equal access public transportation should be adapted to operate more efficiently during community social events (i.e. Dragon Boat Races, Canada Day, Rider/Pats games, Cathedral Festival, etc.)

**Louis Browne\***

No reply

**Candidates**

**Shawn Kuster**

No

**City Council has set a vision statement for Regina that says “Imagine Regina 2020, Canada's most vibrant, inclusive, attractive, sustainable, community where people live in harmony and thrive in opportunity.” Would you support the City of Regina developing a comprehensive policy and implementation plan that will ensure that people who have a disability are part of that vision?**

Yes. As a sociologist, I understand the need of social interaction between individuals in a community environment. Without social interaction there can be no individual or community social growth. Just like it takes a community to raise a child, it takes a community to raise a city. However, it requires individuals with disabilities to have a desire to interact physically and socially with other individuals within the community.

Yes

**The City of Regina is an Equity Employer under the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Equity program which target's that at least 9.7% of the City workforce should be people who are identified as have a disability. Do you believe that the City is meeting its Employment Equity obligations?**

No. As a City Councillor it would be my position that any individual qualified to fill the position is hired regardless of any disability. It is up to the individual seeking employment to have the necessary skills to perform the job, or be willing to train for the position. The emphasis is on the qualifications of the individual, not the required percentage. If any disabled individual is willing to be trained or re-trained then it is possible the target percentage would easily be exceeded.

No

**The United Nation Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities provide a framework for the development and implementation of policies and practices regarding people with disabilities. Would you support the city of Regina following the provisions of the convention?**

Yes. If elected I will strive to make the City of Regina one of the most inclusive cities in North America. However, this will require concrete input from all groups within the city regardless of their socio-economic level. Given this Regina needs to be adaptive to the needs of all individuals. As the city expands, it should target individual groups that are under-represented in the city's social mosaic. The solution will have to be unique to Regina's cross-cultural and varied socio-economic levels.

Yes