

Ward 5

Questions

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

John Findura

No. If elected, I would work to expand programs and services that provide public transportation for citizens with a disability as I feel it is an important issue.

Bill Gray*

No. There has been a number of improvements lately and the Administration is bringing a report forward that will give the City Council options on Transit. The Paratransit will be part of that report but will be given to the Paratransit Advisory Board for their input before it is given to the Community and Protective Services Committee makes their recommendations to Council. There will also be opportunities for Public input.

Candidates

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. I would support and encourage all Regina residents, both disabled and non-disabled to be part of that vision as it is developed.

Yes. Most definitively!!!

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. If elected, I would encourage the City Administration to work at increasing the equity employer target for the workforce who are identified as a disability.

No. The Mayor's Access Advisory Committee is asking all the questions on this matter and are not letting go of the problem until they receive a positive response.

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

Yes. The answer is yes and with the assistance of community groups and the members of City Council, the City of Regina could certainly work towards any and all of the recommendations over a time period that budgets allow. We as a city have a long way to go to make a barrier free city and only time and budgets will address the shortfalls.