

Election Questionnaire

1. 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."* Are you aware of what the City is doing to ensure that people who have a disability are a full part of that vision?

Yes _____ No X Please explain: I just became aware of your group and the city committee as I read the info you sent me. As I have driven the bus, walked and cycled around Regina I have become very aware of many places that do not deliver access to people with disabilities.

Lack of parking enforcement, inadequate ramps, sidewalks, pedestrian buttons that are not reachable or don't work, snow not cleared in winter, thoughtlessness for the blind when building new things like the downtown plaza; All of these have been on my mind for years and I personally find it quite shameful and unacceptable.

I have come to really like the vision 2020 statement after having realized that achieving much of this is actually possible. At the time I first read it, however, I was quite cynical and scoffed at it as a self righteous bag of hot air.

My vision for Regina includes myself as mayor and a lot of brave new investment in delivering basic rights of access and necessities to wonderful smart people who sadly get left in the shadows of mainstream "progress".

I don't mean to criticize anyone with the city over failures to deliver these things, I simply want to have a platform to say loudly that we can do much better and be a strong and present part of solving these problems.

2. Are you satisfied with the progress the City of Regina has made in providing accessible services and facilities to people with disabilities and ensuring their “full and effective participation and inclusion in society”(quote from -*U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities-CRPD*)?

Yes ____ No X Please explain: Absolutely not. If there are barriers and issues that I see as a strong, able bodied, 6 foot 3 inch 36 year old man, then there can be no doubt that all of the varied disabled people see thousands more issues that would make things safer, easier and more fair and pleasant. The biggest problem is able bodied people thinking they know just how to fix things. That is just impossible.

3. In April 2012 IDEA forwarded a paper to the cities Access Advisory Committee (AAC) entitled **The Next Steps**. This paper included three recommendations:
- That the AAC commit to using the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as the foundation for its work and particularly for the development of a comprehensive access plan for Regina.
 - That the AAC adopt a more active strategy to involve people with disabilities and their organizations directly in developing a comprehensive plan.
 - That the AAC call on city council to publicly endorse the CRPD and commit to using the principles, goals, structure and collective wisdom outlined in the CRPD in setting future policy direction.

Do you support these three recommendations?

Yes X No ____ Please explain: I completely support all of these recommendations.

Additional Comments: I try to see things from other people's point of view. I know that my life has been full of blessings and advantages that many people don't enjoy. I truly believe that enabling others to thrive by working with them as my equals make my life and my community better.

I don't have business or politics experience but I am sure that if I listen to those around me and actively seek equality and justice for everyone that I can be a very good mayor for Regina for a long time.

Thank you for including me in your survey and please don't hesitate to contact me again!

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