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Q4

What do you envision the City's role to be in economic development?

We need strong city councillors, with business minds to help through these COVID 19 times. The economy is very important to keep moving. We must support local and small business with incentives to invest their business in our city.

Q5

How can the City help businesses survive through the COVID-19 pandemic?

Local, Small Business tax breaks.

Q6

Crime and safety are key election issues. What is your plan to address these concerns, including your position on defunding the police?

NO to defunding Police.

Crime is becoming a bigger problem. I will consult experts, work with SPS and show support.

I believe we need to create program alternatives for Youth. Get them on a healthier path.

Q7

What are your priorities for major capital projects in Saskatoon?

With the goal of increasing population downtown, city centre, I will support projects to improve housing options.

-Entertainment Centre & Arena

-Master Plan for downtown - shops and restaurants near river

-Express Pilot Grocery for downtown

Q8

Do you share the concerns many residents and businesses have regarding increased taxes and user fees?

Yes,

Please elaborate::

-0% property tax increase in 2021. Explore the following: -
Rather than penalize residents, reform big box outlets taxes
-Tax break incentives for small and new local business -
Property tax freezes for Senior residents home owners -
Property tax incentives for garage builders removing cars from streets

Q9

What steps would you recommend the City take to curb or mitigate rising operational costs?

We need to embrace technology. Cancel unused services or services that don't make sense.

Go green where efficient.

Q10

If necessary, would you support any initiatives City Administration may take to freeze or even reduce staffing levels?

Yes,

Please elaborate::

A freeze on staffing levels, especially after our provincial kickback was used to create 60 new jobs. Freezing levels to get through COVID19 is just fine. Until we grow and need more.

Q11

How do you believe that the City should spend COVID-19 relief money provided by the provincial or federal government? Do you believe that relief money should be spent in the area for which it is specified (e.g. infrastructure, etc.)?

Yes, I do. Move the economy forward. We will recover. But spend wisely and responsibly.

Q12

Do you believe the decision regarding the Main Library funding/debt should be revisited?

No,

Please elaborate::

As much as I disagree with the 132,000,000 spend, that I would have NEVER agreed with, the new library has been passed. I will not rescind the new library or the plans. It has been approved and is moving forward.

Q13

What is your #1 priority on your election platform?

#1 is to relocate the Lighthouse and expand its services. Find resolve for this major issue.
