

#33

COMPLETE

**Collector:** Web Link 1 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Monday, November 02, 2020 11:41:24 AM  
**Last Modified:** Monday, November 02, 2020 12:28:25 PM  
**Time Spent:** 00:47:00  
**IP Address:** 184.70.60.42

---

Page 1

**Q1**

Candidate Name

Colin Prang

---

**Q2**

Email Address (for follow-up only)

cap960@usask.ca

---

**Q3**

ward 3

Ward/Constituency

---

---

Page 2

**Q4**

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

Saskatoon is a unique City as it is actually a land developer. This gives the City greater ability to control development and understand issues facing development.

The City's needs to play a role in welcoming and setting policies to make it easy to start new businesses here. Saskatoon has so much to offer with the U of S and the largest population in Saskatchewan all new businesses should be locating here first.

The City should work with developers to ensure that barriers are reduced and economic development is encouraged.

---

**Q5**

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

This has been a very difficult year for many businesses and helping businesses survive will need to be a joint effort from all levels of government. The City can help by keeping taxes low and communicating with the Provincial and Federal governments on policies and programs that can be delivered to help our businesses. The City can also apply for as much stimulus programs as possible.

---

**Q6**

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

I support funding the police at adequate levels. Crime affects us all and seemingly petty crimes can escalate so quickly. I had a friend that saw someone stealing her bike and she ran over to stop them and they pulled a gun!

My plan is to increase support to limit addiction, reduce gangs, mental health, and improve homelessness. Reducing these factors will eventually reduce the overall crime rates.

---

**Q7**

What are your priorities for major capital projects in Saskatoon?

My priority is for infrastructure related capital projects. I personally applied for several grants after the stock market collapse in 2008. This resulted in the approval \$5 million in capital projects because they could be completed in 2009.

With all major capital projects the planning process is key. Everyone needs to know what is going on and what the future vision is. For example, if something like an arena was going to go downtown then the water and sewer to support such a structure would have to be upgraded. In Edmonton they had to use tunneling machines and the work was plagued with several delays. And then there are the issues of parking or how to get that many people in and out. It would be very beneficial to determine a location for such a structure now, even if the construction might not be for a decade or more and it also gives time for developers to adapt and plan for changes in the chosen area and the old site.

For Ward 3 I am particularly interested in the Circle Drive West project as it will impact virtually everyone in the Ward.

---

**Q8**

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

**Yes,**

Please elaborate::

Taxes have been increasing far too much with an over 12% increase in the last 3 years alone. I will strive to keep our taxes as low as possible while ensuring that investment is still continued in project that will add value and/or increase safety in our community. In the past I have been able to use my knowledge to reduce long-term infrastructure maintenance costs in both Saskatoon and Moose Jaw. I have considerable knowledge of infrastructure and if it comes down to infrastructure cuts to infrastructure then I would be in the best position to understand and mitigate adverse impacts.

---

**Q9**

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

The adoption of innovative solutions and technology has been proven by many companies to reduce operational costs. Additionally, timely investment in existing infrastructure and construction of resilient infrastructure can significantly reduce long-term operational costs. I have published several papers on this and have put it into practice for the City of Saskatoon many times. For example, the elimination of road rutting in Saskatoon from 2002 to 2006, Green Streets, changing roadway construction standards, trench-less sewer lining in Moose Jaw, and many more.

---

**Q10**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

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.)?

---

**Q12**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

What is your #1 priority on your election platform?

---

#28

COMPLETE

**Collector:** Web Link 1 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Monday, November 02, 2020 2:02:21 AM  
**Last Modified:** Monday, November 02, 2020 2:43:15 AM  
**Time Spent:** 00:40:53  
**IP Address:** 174.2.84.183

---

Page 1

**Q1**

Candidate Name

Colin Prang

---

**Q2**

Email Address (for follow-up only)

cap960@usask.ca I answered the first 8 questions and now finishing the rest.

---

**Q3**

ward 3

Ward/Constituency

---

---

Page 2

**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q5**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q7**

Respondent skipped this question

What are your priorities for major capital projects in Saskatoon?

---

**Q8**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q9**

Respondent skipped this question

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

---

**Q10**

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

**No,**

Please elaborate::

I have worked for the City for 15 years and I saw first hand what happened when the recession of 1991 and the hiring freezes were implemented. Basically, a decade was lost. This resulted in managers aged 55 to 65 and then basically nobody in their 40s to take over. Many young managers were so busy literally figuring out their job and role that there was little attention paid to gain knowledge from those retiring and so much valuable information was lost. There are many individuals working for the City that care immensely about what they do and they honestly can make just as much or more elsewhere. The issues with a complete hiring freeze is that people are always retiring or leaving and those positions need to be filled. Also, certain individuals can add lots of value and save several times their salary in the work they do. In 2020, the summer staffing levels have already been reduced and things like the pools never fully opened. If the effects of COVID-19 continue the staffing levels will again be lower in 2021. I support very stringent spending in 2021 and I will scrutinize all new positions but I feel a complete freeze and lowering staff levels can end up costing more than it will save.

---

**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.)?

I was working for the City in 2008 when the stock market dropped dramatically. I personally wrote 8 infrastructure proposals for federal money and ended up getting all 8 for over 5 million dollar mainly because we could deliver them in 2009.

Saskatoon has lots of infrastructure projects as a result of age and growth and these types of projects are great in a recession as they add jobs and the completed project improved the level of service or promotes future growth. Even when out of Province contractors are utilized they still spend a significant amount of money at local hotels, restaurants, and on local materials. Any extra relief money spent on infrastructure is a wise investment.

---

**Q12**

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

**No,**

Please elaborate::

Like most people, I was quite shocked when I heard the budget for the main library and my initial instinct was that this amount was way too high. However, as I thought about it made a bit more sense. Firstly, the budget has a 25% contingency so basically \$30 million may never be required. Also, construction prices tend to be lower in a recession so the construction cost might also be millions lower than expected. I feel that libraries are still quite important, particularly for those less fortunate. If you don't have internet or a computer at home it is almost the only means to search and apply for jobs. Also, the majority of people that were representing the need of the City and voted my the majority to do that job and looked over all the information in great detail decided that this was how the funds should be spent. If we now turn around and change their decision then how can we gain the confidence of any investors in our long-term plans. Investors will have no trust in our government to keep and approvals past the four year terms and this will hurt future growth. I think if this was approved in 2020 the budget numbers would be lowered but I also think they might just end up being that way anyway.

---

**Q13**

What is your #1 priority on your election platform?

My main priority is infrastructure. So much of our daily lives rely on infrastructure and it is so critical to maintain what we have. Just like the your home or car, skipping certain maintenance can end up costing five, ten, or even, twenty times as much down the road...pun intended.

There are areas in the City with lead water lines and sidewalks that are crumbling and this is also a time when federal dollars may lead to this work being half the cost if we are ready and prepared.

Investments in infrastructure will also lead to lowering of the demand on future tax dollars. It actually costs far less to maintain assets in good condition than in fair or poor condition. We can't rely on growth to help pay for our needs. We need to make sure all our needs are covered and that growth pays for growth.

---