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## NSBA questionnaire for 2020 Civic Election Candidates

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### 2020 Civic Election Mayoral and Council Candidates Questions

*Many questions are Yes or No answers. Please elaborate where appropriate.*

1. Candidate Name  
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3. Ward/Constituency  
Ward 4
4. What do you envision the city's role to be in economic development?  
Role for Economic Development – The City needs to work with key stakeholders to ensure our economic development moves forward. Saskatoon has to be attractive to outside businesses to invest in our City. It's imperative that City Administration work in partnership with business leaders / NSBA & Chamber to ensure we have the best possible information for making decisions on how to move forward.
5. How can the City help businesses survive through the COVID pandemic?  
The City has received funding from both levels of government. The federal funding has yet to be allocated. This funding will have to be used strategically to enhance local business.
6. Crime and Safety are key election issues. What is your plan to address these concerns, including your position on defunding the police?  
I have zero appetite for de-funding police. Saskatoon continues to be one of the fastest growing major cities in Canada per-capita. With that also comes increased crime and social issues. I'm not interested in doing studies and hosting meetings to discuss issues. We need to have key stakeholders in a room working together on what needs to happen now....not later.
7. What are your priorities for major capital projects in Saskatoon?  
I'm currently the Chair of the Downtown Entertainment District steering committee. My primary focus to move forward with this plan. There are private investor's willing to be a part of this project and we have also heard Premier Moe state that the Province is willing to look at funding a new downtown arena. I plan to move forward on those asks, we have to find a way to fund this that's not on the backs of taxpayers.





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8. Do you share the concerns many residents and businesses have regarding increased taxes and user fees? Yes  
Yes OR No

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

Internally looking at how to do business differently. We are seeing more and more staff have the ability to work from home (with the COVID pandemic) we can use this as a model to reduce the amount of office infrastructure needed by the City administration.

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

Yes OR No

Yes, I'm on record back in 2014 Budget asking for an independent auditor to come in audit how many staff is actually needed for each department.

11. 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 OR No

A mix between infrastructure, and grant opportunities for non-profit organizations who are in trouble due to COVID.

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

Yes OR No

Yes, I was very vocal at Council how the City of Halifax built a library with (all and more) amenities that were vocalized by the library board. Having visited this library several times over the past 5 years it is a destination location in the City of Halifax. This was built for 60 million and close to half the size that was put forward by the S'toon Library Board. I also raised concerns on making this decision of this magnitude without any drawings whatsoever. We lost the vote 6-5.

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