



Civic election campaign 2022

CIVIC PRIORITIES - RECOMMENDATIONS

MHCA advocates for sustainable investment in core infrastructure – highways, streets, bridges, sewer & water and water-control structures – to support economic growth benefiting our province and country in a manner consistent with the broad public interest.

In line with our advocacy principles, the association offers planning recommendations which help grow the economy, expand access to revenues, preserve existing assets, investment in new assets, speak to intergovernmental relations, and address social and environmental areas of responsibility, under the following four categories:

1. FOCUS ON GROWING THE ECONOMY

- Enhance and resource the Manager of Economic Development position to a level equivalent, or reporting, to the CAO; assign the development of economic growth strategies to EPC or a Standing Policy Committee of Council (SPC); make the development of policies to grow the economy a very public and deliberate priority effort
- Focus on a strategic infrastructure investment plan to grow the economy, to leverage its returns to support operating revenues for critical services and programs; and
- Work with the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) and Manitoba to implement a Capital Region economic growth plan¹

2. PRESS FOR SUCCESSOR AGREEMENTS WITH SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

- Press the provincial government to enter into a ‘new fiscal deal’ with municipalities; and
- Press Ottawa and Manitoba for a successor plan to the accelerated regional road program (currently ending 2023)².

3. DEVELOP A DETAILED STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

- Task a stakeholder group resourced by the Office of Economic Development & Growth, to recommend a detailed Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Plan³ addressing at minimum:
 - Targeted, strategic goals, including mode shift, induced demand and inverted mobility considerations
 - Identify where growth will occur; link those with infrastructure investments to grow the tax base
 - Define an appropriate “level of service” that the system should be designed to provide
 - Prioritize projects that will provide the best ROI to GDP
 - Identify potential external funding source; and
 - An Implementation strategy

¹It is important to repeat that, without a growing economy generating new revenues to governments, none of the quality-of-life programs we aspire to maintain, enhance or create can be funded.

²All municipalities including Winnipeg are dependent on meaningful, fair and balanced roles and responsibilities with accompanying access to revenues, and appropriate partnered investment in core infrastructure that reflects the fact provincial and federal governments have greater ability to raise revenues and are primary ROI beneficiaries.

³See also attached *City needs a real, detailed infrastructure plan*, by Lanny McInnes, President and CEO of the Manitoba Home Builders' Association and the managing director of the Urban Development Institute of Manitoba, Winnipeg Free Press, October 22, 2021.

4. UPDATE FULL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONDITION, NEEDS AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL

- Public Works report should provide:
 - An updated assessment of the condition and needs of local and regional streets, AT (including bicycle lanes) and dedicated bus lanes, and separately, bridges and structures
 - An updated Local and Regional Streets & AT Renewal Program with continued dedicated revenues and investment strategy, including external funding
 - A new Bridges & Structures Plan with its own dedicated revenues and investment strategy, separate and apart from the Local and Regional Streets & AT Renewal Program; and
 - An Implementation strategy.

5. BUILDING BETTER ROADS

- Create a Design Specification and Resource Management committee to consider research on and adoption of materials specifications used to build roads, along with their environmental and resource management impacts. The Committee would:
 - Be co-chaired by the City and industry
 - Composed of
 - City representation drawn from Public Works, Planning and Climate Office, and
 - industry representation from engineering specialists (ACEC-MB), development industry (UDI) and heavy construction (MHCA).
 - Report to IRPW at minimum twice annually, to update materials and roadbuilding standards, specification and resource management impacts.

The above recommendations help the city to plan, to begin shaping political strategies, and policies and relationships with senior levels of government to enable the city to move forward.

The MHCA asks that you, as a 2022 election candidate, respond to questions (see attached questionnaire) regarding your views of, vision for and plans to help effect

- economic growth
- sustained generation of revenues with which to fund core municipal services, and
- a strategic transportation infrastructure plan to maintain existing/build necessary new assets, and to ensure our roads are durable and reliable



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