

**RE-ELECT**

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For City Councillor Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry

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Building safe and secure communities are my top priority this election. I have been a trusted leader on council and friend of community-based organizations serving the homelessness sector, and a national and provincial advocate for wrap-around supports like harm reduction strategies and supervised consumption sites.

- 1. In July 2022, I wrote and passed a motion to build 150 new housing units in Winnipeg to transition people from sleeping in encampments and bus shelters.** I served as Secretary to Council on Homelessness issues and was a member of the Housing Steering Committee. As a result of my efforts, we now have an Affordable Housing Strategy and Program for Winnipeg, including more full-time staff working on housing. I lobbied through the Federation of Canadian municipalities for rapid housing money, and Winnipeg received \$25Million.
- 2. I supported the Transit Master Plan in 2021 to make Winnipeg Transit reliable, accessible and sustainable and expand rapid transit corridors.** I have supported discussions around expedited fare-free transit and protected the low-income bus pass this term in budget. I have fought for protecting routes and services when others wanted to see reductions. I will continue to advocate for investments in Winnipeg Transit, including expedited timelines for the Master plan in line with Functional Transit and other advocates who want the same to improve service levels throughout the city while ensuring affordability.
- 3. In July 2020, I published a letter calling Winnipeg City Council to propose an immediate amendment to the 2021 preliminary budget, including a 10% reduction in the WPS budget.** The reduction of \$30M could be redirected to better support community health, crises intervention and social support services. While no other councillor followed my 10% commitment or the calls of hundreds of organizations who asked for the reduction, my commitment remains. I have worked to divert police calls to appropriate resources and will continue to advocate for social work and crisis resource funding.
- 4. Since being elected, I have fought for 24/7 safe spaces. The 2020-2023 Multi-Year Budget contains \$1,000,000.00 over four years to provide 24/7 safe space supports and spaces in Winnipeg.** In June 2020, I led motions in EPC and

council to support the MB MMIWG Coalition priority, which granted half the money to Ka Ni Kanichihk for Winnipeg's first 24/7 low-barrier safe space. I continue to work in partnership with them and other groups that support women escaping from abusive situations.

- 5. Together with Wins Bridgman, and Community Services, I ushered in a new day for public washrooms in the city (where we build instead of remove them).** The newly built public washroom is staffed and a long-time ambition of the Downtown Biz. The "Places to Go Strategy" was a crucial part of our COVID response and continues to be part of the Poverty Strategy. While the MPH election commitments don't expressly ask for a commitment on public washrooms, I consider this an oversight.

Investing in social services and poverty reduction strategies will make Winnipeg a safer and more equitable city. I hope to be re-elected as city councillor for Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry to continue my work fighting for transit, housing and community safety.