

RE-ELECT | SHERRI ROLLINS

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My focus on council has been on the unequal impacts of climate change on equity deserving groups and populations within Winnipeg. This has meant passing higher needs amendments to Community Services and Recreation, Tree Policy (including funding mechanisms) and working on air quality and emergency management office to understand and get insight on disproportionate risks and impacts with diverse leaders.

I support the goal of The City of Winnipeg's Community Energy Investment Roadmap (CEIR). I held the pen on the green infrastructure and green space amendments of Winnipeg's Strategic Plan to set a higher standard for ecological protection. There were budget commitments with them, like \$700,000 funding over two years to develop the Master Greenspace and Natural Corridors Plan, including a biodiversity policy that I ensured was within budget. I also secured a \$28.6M capital investment for the tree canopy and more money via the Federal Government just a few months ago. There is also a lot more money and definable housing unit for the City of Winnipeg: \$1.1M for mobile outreach services to address homelessness, \$580,000 to address public washrooms downtown, \$500,000 in rapid housing and \$150,000 in grants to support End Homelessness Winnipeg targeting social vulnerability to climate change.

I support the CEIR report that calls for the complete electrification of road vehicles, including Winnipeg Transit and increasing the share of trips made by active transportation. I endorse Glen Murray's commitments to more electric buses and increased frequency of service by 2030 as it is essential for the social and economic development of the province, given the role local company New Flyer Industry plays in bus manufacturing. Concerning the budget, there are multiple facets, such as \$650M, towards prioritizing development along routes, so a tax base is built to support the investments. It is predicted that the province and the federal government will come to the table with \$509M investments. The provincial government has routinely engaged in double speak on terms of the federal agreement on transit. We signed onto the deal in 2018, but the City of Winnipeg waited while the provincial government agreed to our application for funding.

My commitment to more sustainable transportation begins with my commitment to realizing UNDRIP at the municipal level and National Inquiry into MMIWG Calls to Justice, such as frequent and accessible transportation services, including safe and affordable transportation; 'safe rides,' monitoring areas where women are targeted and augmented reporting policies. I've been committed to 30Km/hr on residential streets since being elected school trustee in 2014, and

I'm glad to see others join in on advocacy. I drafted and ensured identifiable work in the budget aligned with The OurWinnipeg 2045 Development Plan, which calls for more greenspace and natural areas in the City of Winnipeg to protect and enhance the natural environment and mitigate climate change impacts. I support public health measures to address climate change and foster a healthier and more resilient Winnipeg in line with the OURWinnipeg 2045 Development Plan.

Policy Positions and Commitments to Social and Environmental Justice:

- Investing in relationship building before, during, and after the consultation process with Indigenous governments.
- Considering the impact policies and plans have on vulnerable populations, especially those that will increase the costs of carbon-based activities and implement mechanisms to offset these impacts.
- Recognizing that housing cannot be considered affordable if it is not energy efficient.
- Supporting and developing programs, policies, and systems, that protect vulnerable populations from the effects of climate change (such as extreme weather and emergency preparedness).
- Ensuring building retrofits will be available to those most vulnerable to fluctuations in energy costs, as per program #2 in CEIR.

Policy Positions and Commitments to CEIR:

- Council passed a Community Advisory Council within the 2018/22 term and was the only Manitoba member of the Climate Caucus.
- Discussed and developed policies ensure that a climate lens is applied to all decisions made by the City of Winnipeg Council with the Climate Caucus.
- Passed motions as Chair of Protection for all new Fire Station Buildings, requiring all new buildings to meet high-performance design standards and not use natural gas for heat.

- Committed to implementing a municipal compost system and the pilot of 4000 households in the 2018/22 term.
- Definable work in 2018/22 term capturing and reducing methane gas released from Brady Road Resource Management Facility.
- Committed to accelerating the transition to a circular economic strategy of zero landfill waste and using waste as a resource while addressing barriers that delay the transition. Focused on policy instruments that work and accelerate the transition, like tying vacant buildings to increase funding for housing, increasing renovation grants, etc.
- Supporting Economic Development Winnipeg and YES! to prioritize emission-free industry sectors.
- Supporting Winnipeg joining the C40 Global Cities Alliance.
- Supporting a PACE program to finance retrofits. Winnipeg has built up some programming and staff that could be expanded to work on that, including on-bill financing and relationships with third-party lending.
- Supporting more staff for PERMITS that are knowledgeable in green buildings.

Policy Positions and Commitments to Active Transportation:

- Including protected bike lanes in the budget of all roadwork and directing Public Works to create dedicated funding for protected bike lanes on collector and arterial streets outside of areas where they are being repaired to ensure continuity from recent construction or where they are needed on a priority basis to fill gaps in the safe cycling network.
- Investing in road infrastructure and safety to adapt to the differences between gas and electric vehicles.
- Setting the default speed limit at 30km/hr on residential roads, investing in traffic calming to make it easily enforced, and assigning a budget for free on-road planter boxes to help with residential traffic calming and compliance.
- Making sidewalk clearing a top priority of the winter transportation maintenance program and decoupling the road and active transportation snow clearing programs to create standards

that are inclusive, equitable and appropriate (specifically recognizing the critical differences in conditions required to cycle, walk, or drive a car).

- Making it mandatory that roadway snow clearing crews remove windows and keep the winter active transportation network useable at all times and investing in the equipment and labour needed to ensure that all high-priority sidewalk pathways and bikeways are useable by 9 am the day after a significant snowfall.
- Introducing penalties for contractors who do not create detours for sidewalks and bike lanes that are closed due to construction.
- Creating a bike share system and introducing an e-bike incentive program for City of Winnipeg staff, an incentive equal to the value of a parking space (i.e. ebike, bus tickets, and cash, etc.).
- Adopting the 15-minute city planning principle (where all residents should have access to all major services within a 15-minute walk or bike).
- Introducing a non-idling by-law.
- Completing the Transit Master Plan faster than the current 25-year timeline and funding the Frequent Service Network in the Transit Master Plan sooner than the 2025 target.
- Reversing the current \$60 million shortfall in spending on the Winnipeg Pedestrian and Cycling strategy in the 2021-2022 budget year in 2022-2023.
- Removing mandatory parking minimums for new and rezoned developments and properties, creating more parking districts, removing free parking from communities, and investing this revenue back into these communities.
- Increasing bus ridership by 50% over the next council meets CEIR targets.

Policy Positions and Commitments on OurWinnipeg 2045:

- Taking the Trees Please Pledge (<https://treespleasewinnipeg.com/trees-please-pledge-election-toolkit/>).

- Working with the federal and provincial governments, Indigenous peoples and stakeholders to protect Point Douglas and the FORKS adjacent lands by establishing an Urban National Park in Winnipeg.
- Ensuring that the Master Greenspace Plan, the Natural Corridors Plan By-Laws, and the Biodiversity Policy are completed and approved promptly.
- Acting on Winnipeg's commitment to add 1000 acres of greenspace in a timely manner and mitigating the urban heat island effect by incentivizing greener parking spots and creating 1000 acres of additional park space.
- Prioritize adding public space along Winnipeg's rivers.
- Upgrade Winnipeg's wastewater treatment facilities to stop the discharge of untreated or partially treated waste into the rivers.
- Prioritizing the removal of phosphorus from the City's effluent flowing into Lake Winnipeg.
- Commit to night sky standards at the internal and community level, and dedicate a team to enforcing it.
- Set a maximum decibel level for sound pollution from engines and dedicate a team to enforcing it.
- Commit to reducing the amount of mowing and increasing natural planted areas, especially along the right of way.
- Protecting Winnipeg's vulnerable populations, particularly inner-city and mature neighbourhoods, from exposure to toxic and harmful substances in the air, soil, and groundwater from past and current industrial operations.
- All new construction in Winnipeg must include air conditioning to better protect residents during extreme heat waves, forest fire evacuations, etc.
- Protecting vacant and derelict properties from further arson contaminates air, soil, and water, including nearby rivers.
- Testing all areas where asbestos cement water supply pipes service homes and other premises and report these on the City's Public Engagement website for comment.

- Amending the Winnipeg Antenna Systems Policy to include public notification and meaningful consultation for radiofrequency radiation emitting small antennas on "non-tower" structures.
- Supporting the continued restrictions on non-essential cosmetic pesticides in the City of Winnipeg and committing to a pollinator and biodiversity strategy.
- Enabling sustainable food systems that include access to land, Indigenous land-based practices where possible, culturally relevant food practices, scalable production, processing, storage, distribution, preparation, consumption and disposal to achieve food security.