

Chris Clacio – MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Hello Alexis and Daniel,

Thank you again for the meeting. I really appreciate the meeting and the pdf this helps me see what the next council needs to do after this election. One question for you both is have you spoken to public works and the CAO about the PDF and what did they have to say about it like any concerns about it?

1. City council approved funding for the updated design of the NEWPCC Interim Phosphorus Removal Capital Project on July 21, 2022. The projected completion date for this project is Aug. 31, 2023.

Will you ensure the NEWPCC Interim Phosphorus Removal Capital Project is completed and operational by Aug. 31, 2023? If not, please explain why you aren't making this commitment.

I will do everything in my power within the Office of the Mayor to build consensus with all councillors, key stakeholders, and citizens to ensure the NEWPCC Interim Phosphorus Removal Capital Project is completed and operational by Aug. 31, 2023. As I am 1/11 mayoral candidates how I would see this project being completed would be the creation of a special operating agency of transit oriented development within the city which would combine planning, property, and development; transit, public works, water and waste into (Ecosystem Services) to better coordinate and allocate city infrastructure funds to expedite the completion sooner than later. The current practice of "Request for Proposal" always ends up with the lowest bid awarded the contract and that doesn't always mean the best quality of meeting deadlines. The other aspect to expedite the project would be replacing the current RFP's to a "Qualification-Based Selection" or "Request for Qualification" process. This would allow city administration to set hard targets and standards for the construction companies to meet the requirements of the infrastructure projects. This RFQ process would also increase the competition of more construction companies applying to be awarded the contract for infrastructure projects.

2. City council deferred the estimated \$130 million cost to increase digester capacity in the NEWPCC Biosolids Facilities Project to the 2024-2027 multi-year budget process. Winnipeg's next city council will be asked to approve this funding to ensure the new biosolids facilities can achieve phosphorus compliance.

Will you approve the necessary funding for increased digester capacity in the 2024-2027 city budget? If not, please explain why you aren't making this commitment.

How much would the necessary funding need to be increased for the digester capacity in the 2024-2027 budget to be upgraded? And are there any funding opportunities from higher levels of government that the city already applied for or planning to apply for? These would be fundamental questions I would be asking myself right now at this moment. I fully vow to increase the digester capacity in the 2024-2027 city budget with collaboration and coordination with all council, key stakeholders, and citizens. How I would vow to find the resources would be capping the law enforcement budget to 18.3% similar to the fire and paramedics current budget. I already made a vow that I would maintain the 2.33% for the 2023 budget. One of my vows would be to move a motion for the Chief Financial Officer to follow cities like Calgary and Edmonton in the creation of a municipal price index for the future growth of the multi year budget. I am a big believer that the city of Winnipeg must put more investments in research and data and smart technologies to replace red tape and bureaucracy within city administration. This would allow us to save operational costs to complete and meet the hard target of 2030.

3. From your perspective, what consequences do continued algal blooms on Lake Winnipeg have for long-term prosperity and quality of life in the city of Winnipeg?

For me, my major concern and a big part of my ambitions to run for the Office of the Mayor is to fulfill my treaty relationship with Turtle Island; the planet that I stand on, and my treaty obligation with the Urban Indigenous Young People that I spent with for 7 long years. Without them I wouldn't be on the ballot of this 2022 municipal election. They taught me that honoring creation stories of the land is the first step to reconciliation, the second step is acknowledge your own personal and sacred story, and the last step is the realization that the only real sentiment and gift you receive in life is not the past, not the future, not a moment but being present with the people in your life. Working with Urban Indigenous Young People the gift of water is life as well as the protectors of the water are women. 60-75% of the human body is made up of water. What I learned is that the greatest storyteller is the land and so...

The consequences of the continued algal blooms on Lake Winnipeg long term prosperity and quality of life of our city of Winnipeg is 100% connected to the body of water Lake Winnipeg the namesake of our city. I believe that MMIW is the most crucial topic of concern we have today if we continue to harm the lake as it is that also shows to me our total lack of urgency and commitment to ending violence against women in our city. Women are the water protectors we must fulfill our treaty obligations especially after the 2 years we have been in the lockdown. "The best apology is changed behaviour."

Respectfully,

Christopher Clacio

Official Mayoral Candidate for 2022