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**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.**

**(politically correct): While the NEWPCC Interim Phosphorus Removal Capital Project is an extremely important project for our city, and one that I am committed to completing on time and budget, it is difficult to commit to completing and operating a project for a budget and timeline that I have not had any decision authority over. It will be important to review and reassess this project when I am in office to ensure that it is indeed possible to complete on time. We may discover that the project has not been fiscally responsible in its design and planned implementation by the proposed date. However, if possible, we will look to find solutions that meet, and when possible, exceed the standards and expectations for sustainable water stewardship for our community and at large.**

**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.**

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**Again, making commitments on decisions that predate my participation is not ethically or fiscally responsible. I would prefer to reassess and better understand the problems and potential solutions (with my team of experts) before allocating any budget to a predated solution. The technology improvements in this sector are happening rapidly and the vision that I hold for Winnipeg is to build a truly sustainable city within a holistic circular economy. In order to do this we must take a systems approach and reevaluate all the components that make up this system. I am confident that we will find a better and more innovative solution to bio-solid waste management and conversion than ever proposed in this city.**

**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?**

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**Lake Winnipeg water quality is fundamental to our existence and stewardship of our land and responsibility to one another. As a heavy load (use) center with downstream impact on Lake Winnipeg, it is our responsibility to ensure that the quality of water we return to nature is not harmful to the ecosystem, as a whole. It is my commitment to ensure that the water we send in to Lake Winnipeg will do no more harm to the environment, and if possible, to find innovative ways to improve it. It is important that we take the lead in ensuring future generations will have safe water in their environment. It is time to clean up Lake Winnipeg and as a major urban center, our role as the City of Winnipeg will be to help be a driving force in establishing opportunities and partnerships and be the role model for our surrounding rural municipalities, communities and neighborhoods to look to for solutions to better our environment and truly take action on this problem rather than continue to turn a blind eye.**

**Kindest Regards,**

**Rana Bokhari**