

## Ross Eadie – MYNARSKI

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Hi Alexis,

At city hall, I have been dealing with the multigenerational major upgrading of what I call the North Winnipeg & West St. Paul Sewage plant along with Council members for ten years or more. I am not going to get into all too much detail as a city councillor must deal with many important fronts for the City of Winnipeg. I have always supported moving forward to protect Lake Winnipeg. I'm not going to get into whether or not Winnipeg is the biggest phosphorous contributor to Lake Winnipeg as any is too much.

The questions and preamble leads me to believe you are not sure how City Hall works. I totally understand the license requirement rules, and it would be really nice if that regulator was quicker on the funding front as the now total phase cost has gone up to over \$2 billion.

Anyway, I can't remember dates for completion and many details from the veery large reports I have read over the years. My answers are below:

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.**

Yes I voted on that report. There is no way to guarantee the actual construction will be completed on an estimated date. City councillors and the Mayor do not run the construction projects. The money to complete the work is a definit for sure for completion. That decision is our only role in these 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.**

The necessary funding is actually guaranteed in the agreement made with the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada. The reason it is refered to the next four budget cycle is the money is not needed until we get to that point of beginning construction.

**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?**

Um, I'm just all about what effect the algal is having on Lake Winnipeg a geographic entity I have enjoyed almost all my life.

I am on the road to do what I have done since 2010, always working for a better future. Thank you for asking your important questions.

P.S. – the temporary chemical removal of phosphorous facility being built will actually continue to be used throughout the over fifty year life of the Plant once completed, meaning a decision for the third phase of the Plant renewal of over \$800 million given the inflationary escalation of the renewal already will need to be made around the end of the upcoming term of office.