

Vivian Santos – POINT DOUGLAS

Hi Alexis,

Thank you for reaching out to me. Below is my response in red.

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.

My plan is to get onto the Water & Waste Standing Policy Committee to better understand these issues. I think the August 31st 2023 is a reasonable timeline - however, there are usually human error and delays that may come to light that may be out of my control. Therefore, while I would advocate to get this completed by then - I would also support an extension of time should there be an issue coming forward from the Public Administration.

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.

If the City can find a funding partner such as the Provincial Government / Federal Government to assist with the \$130Million cost - then yes, I think it is fair to ask Winnipeggers to pay for 50% of the costs at approx \$65Mill or less - we do have a debt capacity to borrow up to \$110Million. That being said - there are also other major infrastructure promises that Mayors are now campaigning on such as twinning of Kenaston Blvd and building Chief Peguis extension both of these projects costs nearly \$500Million each. I would like to see the Arlington Bridge built which is approx \$330Mill, how do we manage and pay for all of these at once?

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?**

Long term - this would have a detrimental affect on our lake waters thru an environment lens and food sources - I like to fish on Lake Winnipeg and I understand how this helps with prosperity and quality of life and for economic reasons too.