

Markus Chambers – ST. NORBERT-SEINE RIVER

Please respond to the following three questions by Wednesday, Oct. 5. We'll be sharing your responses online so that Winnipeg voters can make an informed decision when they cast their ballots.

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.

The funds to complete this project are in place, so there is no reason why this project will not be completed on time and hopefully on budget. This is a necessary project that addresses aging infrastructure, our growing city and also as important, is the reduction of phosphorus loads into Lake Winnipeg. Additional measures are necessary to reduce the phosphorus load, including working with the agricultural community as well as other municipalities along the Red River Basin. There are also green solutions that would be assistive including duckweed and other natural species that help mitigate phosphorus.

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.

These investments are necessary to be responsible stewards of Lake Winnipeg. I also believe the by-products of Biosolids can be used in the agricultural context to provide nutrient rich fertilizer for farmers, rather than the chemicals they currently use.

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?**

The consequences of not having Lake Winnipeg and fish and wildlife that also depend on the Lake are insurmountable. We need to protect his lake and to reduce the harmful impacts associated with our city's growth and aging infrastructure has created.