

## Brian Mayes – ST. VITAL

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1. I was pleased to support the interim phosphorous removal project at City Council, and I commended Lake Winnipeg Foundation for its advocacy. This was an important accomplishment of the most recent Council and it involved both non-EPC councillors like Klein and EPC councillors working together. I certainly want this done the deadline.

2. The bio-solids phase of the NEWPCC project has been the city's top infrastructure priority for several years, and it is fitting that we were able to confirm federal /provincial funding priority to Mayor Bowman leaving office, as he has pushed to get NEWPCC moving forward. I support the digester funding. The estimated cost increase for bio-solids is enormous (approx \$300m) but with the phosphorous removal aspects of that phase, it becomes "money well spent" as I said in the media and at Council. It may be years before we get to phase 3 of the NEWPCC project, but we can take real steps forward on phosphorous removal as part of phase 2. Lake Wpg Foundation deserves credit for clarifying that its position was "lets get dealing with phosphorous as part of phase 2". This really did help move this initiative forward.

3. I am not a scientist. But I do swim in Lake Winnipeg and I do see that the City of Winnipeg has a huge role to play in the future of cleaning up Lake Winnipeg. Our city may be a small player in terms of global climate change (though we should still take action), but we are a very important player in trying to eliminate the algal bloom problem in Lake Winnipeg.