

## **Candidates Receiving an “A” Grade (80 to 100)**

### **Mark Prebble (Ward 6)**

Mark 94/100

Mr. Prebble evidently took our questionnaire very seriously and offered extremely detailed answers that align closely to with the values of the Canadian labour movement. He was clear that he supports less contracting out at City Hall and will advocate for a number of new investments in public infrastructure and better civic services. He stated that he was strongly opposed to locking out workers during strikes as was done to ATU and stated that he will support increased compassionate leave for city employees. He also put forward detailed proposals for increasing the use of renewable energy in Saskatoon to transition our city to a low-carbon economy. His answer concerning Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal reconciliation was good but could have provided slightly more detail on specific initiatives.

### **Ann Iwanchuk (Ward 3)**

Mark: 89/100

Ms. Iwanchuk returned a very impressive questionnaire to the SDLC that was both detailed and illustrated how she plans to be a string advocate for workers' interests if she is re-elected. She took a tough stance against privatization of public services and P3s as well as suggesting that council members should consider taking a more active role in collective bargaining with city employees to ensure fair contracts. The grading committee would have liked to see Ms. Iwanchuk put forward more ideas around how densification could reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Hillary Gough (Ward 2)**

Mark: 89/100

Ms. Gough's questionnaire was very detailed and contained several good ideas on how to improve the lives of workers and union members in Saskatoon. The grading committee was particularly impressed by her comprehensive proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians. While Ms. Gough is clearly concerned about the privatization of civic services, the committee would have liked to see a stronger and more definitive stance in this regard.

### **Sarina Gersher (Ward 8)**

Mark: 84/100

Ms. Gersher's questionnaire was very impressive and contained a number of interesting and innovative ideas that would improve the lives of workers in Saskatoon. She promoted the idea of a \$15 an hour living wage and presented various ideas to build Saskatoon's green economy. She also made the interesting suggestion of having city workers receive decolonization and anti-oppression training to encourage reconciliation between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal Canadians. While Ms. Gersher dedicated herself to ensuring that city workers receive fair and equitable wages, the committee would have liked to see more detail on how Ms. Gersher would foster a positive relationship between the city's administration and its staff.

### **Josie Steeves (Ward 6)**

**Mark: 83/100**

In her questionnaire, Ms. Steeves illustrated that she firmly believes in the same values as Saskatoon's labour movement and has the best interests of workers at heart. She took a strong stand against privatization and in favour of fair collective bargaining. The committee would have liked to see more detail on her ideas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and hear more about how she would generate higher revenues to pay for enhanced public services.

### **Mairin Loewen (Ward 7)**

**Mark: 83/100**

Ms. Loewen's questionnaire showed that she clearly understands the issues facing workers and union members in Saskatoon and she is strong supporter of the values espoused by the labour movement. She has some excellent ideas on how to improve affordable housing in our city and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The committee would have liked to see more detail on how she would improve the collective bargaining processes and enhance collective bargaining rights at the City of Saskatoon.

### **Darren Hill (Ward 1)**

**Mark: 80/100**

Mr. Hill's questionnaire showed that he has a good understanding of the issues facing workers in Saskatoon. It contained innovative proposals on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting reconciliation between non-Aboriginals and Aboriginals in our city. In terms of privatization, the committee was heartened to hear that Mr. Hill believes that "The majority of the citizens of Saskatoon expect their public services to be Public and I support that." The committee was also encouraged that Mr. Hill will advocate for a greater role for councilors in collective bargaining processes to try to find bridges between civic employees and the

Administration as opposed to espousing the incumbent Mayor's position that collective bargaining is somehow not a 'political' issue. However, the committee was somewhat concerned that he spoke only about transit when asked about his commitment to increasing public services and was reluctant to explore new ways of generating revenue such as increasing taxes on businesses.

### **Candidates Receiving a "B" Grade (70 to 79)**

#### **Zach Jeffries (Ward 10)**

**Mark 70/100**

Mr. Jeffries' questionnaire showed that he has some interesting ideas in terms of endorsing a housing first strategy, reducing greenhouse gases, and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals. The committee also commends him for his commitment to local procurement when it comes to city contracts, even if the cost is slightly higher. The committee was concerned that he does not rule out the privatization of more civic services and that he did not take a stronger stand on City Council intervening in labour negotiations to defend collective bargaining rights.

#### **Robin Mowat (Ward 9)**

**Mark: 70/100**

Mr. Mowat's questionnaire illustrated that he is strong supporter of collective bargaining (particularly, when it comes to ATU) and that he has several interesting ideas on how to promote reconciliation between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals in Saskatoon. However, the committee was concerned that some of his answers appeared to open the door to reduced public services by pledging to reduce or defer what he termed "discretionary spending." Also, he does not completely rule out the introduction of more P3s in the future.

### **Candidates Receiving a "C" Grade (60 to 69)**

#### **Cynthia Block (Ward 6)**

**Mark: 65/100**

Ms. Block offers some very interesting ideas on reconciliation between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As well, she is supportive of a "Housing First" program. However, she appears to have very few concrete ideas for promoting economic development and was clearly hesitant to take a strong stand against the privatization of civic services and reluctant to put forth concrete ideas to enhance collective bargaining rights for city workers.

#### **Mike McKague (Ward 6)**

**Mark: 63/100**

Mr. McKague put forth interesting and innovative ideas in the areas of affordable housing and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, his ideas around improving economic growth and reconciliation between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals lacked concrete details. Further, the committee was worried that his initiatives to “leverage efficiencies in existing revenue streams” may lead to a reduction in public services and felt that he did not take a clear stand against privatization preferring to let “pragmatism” guide him in this area.

**Candidates Receiving a “D” Grade (50 to 59)****Randy Donauer (Ward 5)****Mark: 51/100**

Mr. Donauer has some interesting ideas for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and expressed openness to re-investing in public parks and enacting parts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. However, he favours contracting out, puts forth no ideas on how to enhance collective bargaining rights for city employees, and has few new ideas when it comes to increasing affordable housing.

**Candidates Receiving a “F” Grade (60 to 69)****Jeff Jackson (Ward 9)****Mark: 46/100**

Mr. Jackson had some good ideas in the area of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, he opens the door wide open to privatization by saying that public services need to show their “value” and “ability to compete.” He is also vague on how he would protect collective bargaining rights and the only public service that he talks about strengthening is public transit. He appears to have no intention to expand other public services.

**Ian Rambally (Ward 6)****Mark: 30/100**

Mr. Rambally does have some interesting ideas concerning expanding public transit, but he does not appear to have plans to expand other public services. He refused to take a stand against privatization and does not say how he will improve collective bargaining rights for the city’s unionized staff. He has no concrete suggestions to create affordable housing and appears to have no plans to reduce greenhouse gas

emissions besides lobbying the provincial government and encouraging the use of public transit.

**Mark Zielke (Ward 2)**

**Mark: 14/100**

Mr. Zielke's questionnaire did not commit to expanding any public services besides snow removal and road maintenance. His idea to find "efficiencies" in current services could mean cuts to the public services currently being provided by the City of Saskatoon. He declined to put forth any detailed plans on how to provide affordable housing, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen collective bargaining rights, or promote reconciliation between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals.