

HERITAGE WINNIPEG'S 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SURVEY

Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward

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Candidate:	Jason Schreyer INCUMBENT	Ryan Kochie
Conserving built heritage supports the economy through creating well paying local jobs, increasing tax revenue, revitalizing neighbourhoods, attracting tourism, promoting the film industry and more, all while outperforming the positive impact of new construction. Will you support the adaptive reuse and maintenance of existing built heritage through increased financial incentives?		YES
Built heritage conservation plays a key role in developing a more environmentally friendly, sustainable city, as "the greenest building is the one that is already built" (Carl Elefante, former president of the American Institute of Architects). By adaptively reusing heritage buildings, embodied energy is conserved, construction waste is reduced, less new resources are needed and historic neighbourhoods which encourage active transport are preserved. Will you support policies and bylaws that prioritizes the conservation of built heritage in a legally enforceable manner?		YES
Heritage buildings are an excellent source of truly affordable housing (costing less than 30% of a household's before tax income), as they offer all different sizes of units and levels of refurbishment. From single room occupancy to high end condominiums, citizens from all walks of life are able to afford housing in built heritage, unlike new developments where high construction costs are passed on to the consumer, leaving many of the most vulnerable out in the cold. Will you support the designation of built heritage to stop the ongoing demolition of built heritage housing which is being replaced with unaffordable new housing?		YES
Vacant heritage buildings left to decay attract crime, erode the value of the surrounding neighbourhood and too often result in dangerous fires. While some built heritage benefits from being properly mothballed while awaiting the right redevelopment opportunity, many of these vacant buildings are being blatantly neglected despite outcry from the community and genuine offers to purchase them. Will you support pursuing property owners that neglect their heritage buildings using all legal means until the issue is resolved?		YES
Heritage Winnipeg has been on the forefront of heritage conservation for over 40 years and has a depth of knowledge and experience. Despite being created in part by the City of Winnipeg to ensure the community's built heritage was conserved and celebrated, Heritage Winnipeg is allowed no more involvement in the heritage planning process than the average citizen! This creates an inefficient system where time and money is wasted on projects that progress much too far before Heritage Winnipeg can intervene on behalf of the community. Will you support policies and bylaws that will see Heritage Winnipeg involved with the heritage planning process from the onset to ensure respectful, streamlined projects that both celebrate built heritage while allowing for respectful changes?		YES
Additional comments:		I have seen some great heritage buildings reworked with modern processes, firstly coming to mind is the Paterson building downtown which had modern windows installed for better energy efficiency, as well as a lot of other work done including heating, insulation, etc. I see no reason why we can't try to preserve some of these amazing looking buildings that are much more unique than a lot of the cookie cutter houses we get now, that were all made built to order in different times. Work with the building to bring it up to code and preserve the uniqueness of the city. I think also of the Roxy bowling alley that was recently sold, and how iconic that was to our ward, and wish it could have been perhaps preserved. I understand sometimes buildings may be too far gone by the time people get to working on them, which is why we need more speedy processes for dealing with vacant buildings, as they are also a safety issue to those nearby. Heritage housing I am a bit iffy on, what defines a heritage house, I am a proponent of infill development and increasing density as our city's resources are stretched too thin, though would like to see that density created without losing historic buildings if possible.