

## Candidate Response: John Orlikow Candidate for River-Heights

1. How important is the small business sector to Winnipeg's economy? (Select one)

Very important

2. Which of the following options do you support for financing the City of Winnipeg? (Select all that apply)

Increase savings through operational efficiencies (e.g. contracting out services to the private sector)

Spend more than current levels on infrastructure by finding efficiencies in other areas

Other: Receive a fair share from the Provincial Government relative to the City's economic significance to the province.

3. Do you support or oppose the following actions? (Check one for each row)

	Support	Oppose
Narrow the wages/benefits gap between municipal and private sector employees (the gap is 17% in Winnipeg)	X	
Reduce the size and cost of the municipal civil service (e.g. through attrition)		X
Limit annual municipal operating spending growth to a maximum of inflation and population growth	X	
Develop and implement a plan to reduce the commercial-to-residential property tax gap		X
Work with other municipalities to find efficiencies and savings (e.g. Group purchasing, etc.)	X	

**4. Which of the following options do you support for reducing red tape in Winnipeg?** *(Select all that apply)*

- Create a web-portal for residents and business owners to easily share feedback and suggestions to improve services**
- Improve staff training around serving small businesses**
- Expand the hours of service**
- Creating a separate 311 line to serve business inquiries**
- Improve wait times for building and occupancy permits**
- Improve clarity around permits**

**Question 5:**

As the city councillor for the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward, we have been fortunate to have many significant infrastructure projects in our community. That said, I've seen and heard that these are often challenging for businesses that must deal with reduced access, parking challenges and overall reduced revenue during times of construction.

As such, I have worked to communicate with impacted businesses through all stages of a project - from prior to the design phase to, hopefully, reduce or eliminate any issues, as well as during to discuss ongoing concerns and find possible solutions.

If re-elected, I plan to continue these efforts as well as encourage and support the use of longer construction hours to get work done more in off-hours for impacted businesses and to get projects done faster.

**Question 6:**

As someone who started their career as a small business owner, I understand importance of Winnipeg's business sector to our city's overall success and growth.

Going forward, I will work to make Winnipeg more business friendly for new and established local business though reducing the number of required permits and regulatory demands, providing more robust online services as well as collaborating with the business community to gather more ideas from the front lines and solutions for implementing them.

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