

DANIEL MCINTYRE WARD

Keith BELLAMY -

Active transportation, street-level safety, improved and sustainable infrastructure and neighbourhood composting are core priorities for me as I seek to represent the citizens of Daniel McIntyre on Winnipeg City Council.

I have released and posted on-line a complete, transparent platform as well as an easy-to-read summary (Platform At A Glance) that can be viewed at <http://keithbellamy.ca/>.

I strongly believe in a collaborative and community-based approach to addressing civic issues and my most important pledge will be to consult and listen and work with residents to find practical solutions to neighbourhood challenges.

To address your question more specifically:

- In spite of some negative feed back from some drivers, I think that the city's enforcement this past fall of reduced speed zones near schools, which has been accompanied by new signage in many instances, has a positive development. Lower speed zones with increased enforcement helps to keep accompanied and unaccompanied children – whether on foot or on bike, or disembarking from school buses or public transit – safer and free from harm.
- I think that public communication concerning why the city has introduced and is more aggressively enforcing reduced speed zones around schools is integral to their success and staying power. We need drivers, not just pedestrians and cyclists, to understand and buy into these measures if they are going to be most effective in the long term.
- I feel similarly about provincial distracted driving laws. If 'texting' while driving is dangerous in most instances, this is especially true in and around school and play areas. For obvious reasons, pedestrians and cyclists – young or old – are far more likely to be fatally injured by distracted drivers.
- If we are going to encourage alternatives to motor vehicle transport, we have to ensure that our children feel safe getting to school by other means. The Green Action Centre's **Active and Safe Routes to School Program** has developed an excellent program to ensure safe walking and biking routes to neighbourhood schools for children, which as councilor I would support.
- On August 21, I issued a news release on active transportation in Daniel McIntyre. I will advocate for an improved bikeway system and cycling routes in the Ward and I believe that there is a need to better protect and extend our existing east-west routes and create new north-south connections. I also want better way finding and traffic signage for cycling routes throughout the area. (See release below.)

- I also believe that for children to be safe, neighbourhoods must be safe. On August 18, I issued a news release detailing a 'Block by Block' approach to community safety and pledged to work on introducing this municipal-provincial initiative in the Daniel McIntyre ward. The 'Block by Block' initiative is based on a successful program first piloted in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and is a collaborative, citizen-focused approach to safety. (See release below.)

<http://keithbellamy.ca/issues/infrastructure-investment/time-to-revitalize-bike-routes-in-ward/>

<http://keithbellamy.ca/issues/safer-more-inclusive-communities/partnerships-key-to-community-safety-initiatives/>

John CARDOSO – no response at this time.

Dave DONALDSON – no response at this time.

Cindy GILROY – no response at this time.

Godwin SMITH –

“This is a main concern for me because we need more bike lanes and connections for people using active travel. Nothing is moving like it’s supposed to be transportation-wise. Active travel is better for exercise and the health of our people. As for schools specifically, Sister MacNamara School is a good example of how schools can include walking and biking more. Kids should be able to walk from home to school safely and consultation is key. If elected, I want to get your advice and opinions on how to improve on this for our city.”

Harvey SMITH – no response at this time.