

ST. JAMES – BROOKLANDS WARD

Scott GILLINGHAM – no response at this time.

Stefan JONASSON –

“I place a high priority on active transportation for people of all ages. It's good for the environment, good for individual health, and a cost-effective way to extend the life of our city's infrastructure by treading lightly upon it. To promote active transportation, I support the continued expansion of our city's bike paths for both recreation and commuting. Our network of bike paths should be well maintained, kept free of snow throughout the winter months, and patrolled by police for safety purposes. Similarly, our sidewalks and walking paths should be well maintained and snow removal on pedestrian ways should be a priority rather than an afterthought. To encourage active transportation for children, I believe the city should work with school divisions to establish "walking school buses" following the model being used in Ottawa, which encourages walking to school while enhancing children's safety en route. I support the reduced speed zones around our city's schools and believe they should be strictly enforced. Finally, I would support working with Manitoba Public Insurance and other agencies to sponsor education campaigns aimed at developing cyclists' skills and reminding drivers to watch for pedestrians, both young and old.”

Bryan METCALFE –

“As a current school trustee and all year round cyclist, this is an issue that I am familiar with and would be supportive of. This topic has come up a number of times when I have been out in the community knocking on doors.

Not only is it important that our children have safe pathways to school for biking and walking, it is also good for the community at large. We need to continue to develop and connect our pathways so that they are safe and well taken care of. When children and adults have pathways that are easily accessible and safe they will be used more often which is a healthier and environmentally friendly alternative to using cars or buses.

When we look at the active transportation plan that has been put forward to the city, we have to make sure the plan continues to progress and has the appropriate budget amount each year. We need to make sure the plan includes the transportation to school component as well as recreational and work travel developments. “

Fred MORRIS – no response at this time.