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2013 ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Deanne Stapleton, At-large candidate

1. I am married to Mike Stapleton. We have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. I graduated from MUN with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. I also have a diploma in Safety Engineering Technology, a certificate in both Criminology and Newfoundland Studies. We reside in Ward 1.

2. My present occupation is: Just finished up a position with the OAS/ CPP Tribunal Board as an Adjudicator for the Privy Council of Canada.

3. I am running in this election because I take pride in this historic city and my goal is to make St. John's a better place to live, with both council and citizens working together. The next four years will see growth and prosperity in our city and I would like the opportunity to work with the city and citizens to overcome the many challenges that this will involve. I'm Listening, Let's Talk.

4. The top three priorities are: Infrastructure, Affordable Housing, Fiscal Responsibility.

5. The present council's biggest blunder is not using some of the $10 million surplus in the budget to pay down the city's debt or the unfunded pension liability.

6. The present council's biggest achievement is developing The St. John's Municipal Plan.

7. I have no problem working with any of the candidates that are running in this election.

Heritage Building Regulations:
7 A balance between heritage and new development.

City Support for the Arts:

8 Important in the city especially for employment, tourism, and culture.

Downtown Parking:

10 We need to come up with a plan to alleviate the problems with parking in the downtown area.

Public Transit:

9 We need to expand the public transit system to cover ALL areas of the city.

Urban Density:

9 We need to make use of the land we have left in the city limits and make smarter choices in planning of our future developments.

Full Time Council Positions:

1 There are more important matters of the city then discussing the positions of city councillors.

Amalgamation:

5 This has been an ongoing issue but it is up to the provincial government to make changes to the boundaries.

Height Restrictions for Buildings:

7 Council and residents need to work together to ensure that the height of further development is located outside of the downtown area.

Sidewalk Snow Clearing:

9 This is a major ongoing concern in the city. There has to be some type of solution especially on major thoroughfares and school zones.

Affordable Housing:

10 This is a major concern for all residents who are not able to afford the high cost of rental property in the city or seniors on a fixed income.