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2013 ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dennis O'Keefe, Incumbent Mayor

Please describe yourself in a few words.
I am open minded, friendly and approachable with a great interest in the concerns of residents and the smart development of our city

What is your present occupation?
I am the Mayor of the " coolest and best" city in Canada.....St. John's!

Why are you running in this election?
I am running so that I can provide the city with the leadership necessary to grow and develop to the best of your potential. In the future we will face many challenges and opportunity. Leadership is necessary to meet the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities for generations to come.

What should be the city's top three priorities?
Affordable Housing
Infrastructure development and renewal
Quality of life

What has been the present council's biggest blunder?
There have been no big blunders. This has been a good and progressive Council! However there have been areas we have not the advances we need to make. Two examples would be affordable housing and more to help low income seniors, individuals and families.

What has been the present council's biggest achievement?
This Councils biggest achievement has been its ability to promote economic growth and development in the city and balance that growth with a respect for our history and

heritage! We see the evidence of this economic activity throughout the city and it will provide employment and opportunity for next generations.

What other candidates running in this election do you think you would work best with?
I respect the wisdom of the electorate and certainly would work with all Council for the benefit of the City

Please rate the importance of each subject on a scale of 0 to 10, and then add your comments.
My comments are the same for each of the subjects. They are all very important to the future of the city as a welcoming, progressive and safe City. Numerically there may be different ratings but with the odd exception the difference in degree of importance is minor. Here are my ratings assuming that a 10 is very important!

Heritage building regulations 10

City support of the Arts 10

Downtown parking 10

Public transit 10

Urban density 10

Full time council positions 5

Amalgamation 6

Height restrictions 9

Sidewalk snow clearing 10

Affordable housing 10