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2013 ST. JOHN'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Wally Collins: Ward 5 Incumbent, Ward 5 candidate

Please describe yourself in a few words.

I try and weigh both sides of a topic before I cast my opinion.

What is your present occupation?

Ward 5 Councillor and Landscaper.

Why are you running in this election?

I'm running to continue to finish some of the projects I've started in Ward 5 and to assist and aid my constituents.

What should be the city's top three priorities?

1. Affordable Housing. 2. Maintain infrastructure. 3. Road maintenance.

What has been the present council's biggest blunder?

Keeping the original Bandstand at Bannerman Park.

What has been the present council's biggest achievement?

The biggest achievement would be gaining more affordable housing.

What other candidates running in this election do you think you would work best with?

All Councillors apply here.

Opinions & Issues

Please rate the importance of each subject on a scale of 0 to 10, and then add your comments.

Heritage building regulations

10 - We have to maintain our Heritage areas and buildings.

City support for the arts

10 - We have to support our Arts community.

Downtown parking

10 - We have to support our local businesses.

Public transit

10 - We have to provide transportation to our City of St. John's constituents.

Urban density

7 - I am for growth of the City bearing in mind the additional use on infrastructure and services.

Full-time council positions

6 - The At-Large Councillors should be appointed to some of the Ward Councillors for extra assistance and support.

Amalgamation

10 - As we all use City Hospitals etc and why duplicate everything.

Height restriction for buildings

10 - We have to protect our views especially St. John's Harbour, Fort Amherst, and Quidi Vidi, etc.

Sidewalk snow clearing

10 - We have to provide as much as our budget allows to keep our citizens safe.

Affordable housing

10 - We have to work to allow more affordable housing for our citizens.