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Occupation: current Mayor of Brandon

Position Applied For: Mayor, City of Brandon

Why Are you Running for Mayor?

I truly valued the opportunity to represent the City of Brandon as Mayor. Over the past four years, I have focused on addressing issues that matter most to our community while positioning Brandon for long-term growth and success.

Recognizing Brandon's tremendous potential, Council and I prioritized two critical areas: infrastructure investment and fiscal stability. I was fortunate to work alongside a council that shared this vision and was prepared to tackle these challenges head-on.

A key part of this work involved strengthening relationship with our federal and provincial levels of government, resulting in millions of dollars in funding for Brandon. These strong relationships have created opportunities to move important projects forward more efficiently and effectively.

We also recognized that the need to work more closely with community partners to advance economic development and plan for sustainable growth. Through collaboration with the Brandon Chamber of Commerce and Assiniboine College, we helped establish GROW Brandon, an alliance that brings together leaders from business, education, Indigenous organizations, and all levels of government to align efforts and support Brandon's economic future. The foundation has been laid, and we are now beginning to see the benefits of this partnership. I would welcome the opportunity to continue contributing to its success.

Communication and accessibility have also been important priorities. As Mayor, I introduce public podcasts and host open "Coffee with Mayor and Council" events to create more opportunities for residents to connect with civic leadership. I remain committed to finding new and effective ways to engage the community through clear, transparent, and consistent communication.

Throughout my term, I have worked alongside Brandon residents and community leaders to champion education, industry, reconciliation, social services, arts and culture, health care, and immigration. At the same time, I have remained focused on delivering the core municipal services that residents rely on every day, including water and wastewater services, emergency response, roads, sidewalks, recreation facilities, and green spaces.

Brandon has made significant progress, but there is still important work ahead. I am asking for your support to continue building on the momentum we have created to keep working for the residents of Brandon.