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### Sent by Email

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Manitoba Heavy Construction Association  
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### Attention: Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association

Dear Mr. Lorenc,

It is abundantly clear that infrastructure is the number one issue for Winnipeggers. One of the reasons that I decided to run for Mayor of Winnipeg is that I realized that as we approached a population of one million people, it was evident that our city would not be prepared for this due to years of poor leadership at City Hall and a lack of forward thinking vision. As we grow to a million, it will be my mandate to tackle the short-term infrastructure issues, while implementing the necessary long term plans to ensure that our city no longer has to suffer from our current infrastructure woes.

To date, I have issued a few policy announcements, which largely adopt the principles of the Four Point Municipal Infrastructure Investment Strategy. As I have announced, there are three ways to address our infrastructure issues— raising taxes, cutting other services, or growing the City of Winnipeg. My plan is to grow to a million.

My plan has three key components; practices, planning and funding. With respect to practices, it is my goal that the city puts into effect the steps identified in the Infrastructure Funding Council's 2011 report. These include changes and improvements to construction planning, contracting practices and increasing transparency throughout the entire process. My plan would also call for the increased use of both fines and incentives to encourage rapid and efficient completion of construction projects.

With respect to planning, I will look to develop a permanent infrastructure plan that goes beyond the limits of the master transportation plan. Our infrastructure plan should be considered an opportunity that will lead to economic growth and job creation. This will play a key role in the identification of priorities in this evolving, transparent plan. As well,



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innovative funding approaches such as P3s will continue to be explored.

Lastly, with respect to funding, I will increase annual infrastructure funding through the identification of efficiencies in the city government and I will dedicate a portion from the property tax increase I have proposed directly to infrastructure. I will also work tirelessly with other levels of government, both Provincial and Federal, to identify new and increased funding support for Winnipeg's infrastructure needs. As Mayor, I will be a strong advocate that the Province contribute its fair share to our city's infrastructure needs, including a specific request for \$105 million annually that would be used to repair roadways and core infrastructure.

For more information I invite you to visit my website for full details regarding my infrastructure plans, [http://www.bowmanforwinnipeg.ca/right\\_track\\_infrastructure](http://www.bowmanforwinnipeg.ca/right_track_infrastructure).

As the Mayor of Winnipeg, I will continue to look to the leadership of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and their proposals to provide the guidance necessary to eliminate our city's infrastructure issues.

I trust the foregoing submission is satisfactory. However, should you wish to discuss in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above-noted address.

Sincerely,

Sent on behalf of

Brian Bowman