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Mayoral Candidate to Decline Car Allowance Loney to Walk, Bike, Bus or Carpool to City Hall

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – Mayoral Candidate Shaun Loney announced today that when elected on October 26th, he will walk, bike, take Winnipeg Transit or carpool to work at City Hall.

“I want Winnipeggers who value getting around the city smoothly, safely and affordably to know that I am their candidate,” said Loney.

Loney said he will decline the \$550 monthly transportation allowance and parking space normally afforded to the Mayor in favour of \$50 loaded each month onto his Peggo card. The savings - about \$24,000 over his four-year mandate - will be allocated in transit tickets to nonprofits in the city, including women’s centres, to assist people getting to work, training or appointments.

“If we want a truly modern and sustainable city, we need to have a big-city public transportation system,” said Loney noting that he and his team will be making several announcements throughout the campaign to make active transportation and transit a more attractive and viable option for all Winnipeggers year-round.

Loney has made it his practice over his career to commute to work only occasionally by car. He has even been known to skate on the river trails in winter and canoe in the summer for transportation when these options are practical. For me, the main benefit is getting exercise and having time to prepare for the day or unwind from the day’s activities,” said Loney.

“I recognize that commuting daily by walking, biking or taking transit doesn’t work for everyone. Especially given the sky-high gasoline prices, it will be a priority for me to ensure that Winnipeggers have more transportation options that work for them and their families.”

“We would encourage other workplaces who offer car allowances to give other options and let employees choose the one that is best for them and that is also good for Winnipeg,” said Loney.

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