

1. Will you oppose privatization of municipal services and infrastructure, including Public-Private Partnerships aka P3s? Will you support bringing previously privatized services in-house?

I will do my best to ensure that our available funds are used to maximize the benefits to the people in our community. Fiscal responsibility should be an important factor of any municipal government and I intend to push that idea on our council. All projects and bids should be very carefully vetted before we vote to move forward with any of them. All stakeholders and perspectives should be thoroughly evaluated before any decision is made. In conclusion, I will not promise to oppose or support anything specifically at this point, but I will promise to use our funds to better our community to the best of my ability.

2. Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the municipality employs staff with living wages, full-time hours where desired, job security, and collective bargaining rights?

Yes, I will support our employees the best way that I can. I understand that the strength of our municipality is because of our collective work, and the people on the frontlines and in the trenches are of the utmost importance. Workers that feel heard and respected, will always perform at a higher level.

3. Will you oppose attempts from the provincial government to legislate against municipal staff including cuts to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or restrictions on their right to strike?

Yes, I will oppose all attempts by the provincial government to infringe on the autonomy of the AUPE.

4. How do you propose your municipality deal with funding shortfalls, cuts, and downloading of responsibilities from federal and provincial governments? Do you favour spending cuts over tax increases?

I would definitely favour spending cuts, but more specifically, I would favour efficiency. Bureaucratic redundancy is always my first option for dealing with funding shortfalls. Anyone that is not holding an essential position, is taking up too much more. They should be reassigned, take on more work, or only get paid for the work they are actually doing.

5. Do you support measures such as mask mandates, vaccine "passports", and vaccine mandates for staff to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your municipality?

Absolutely not. The personal health choices of individuals should be private. Those choices should actually be a choice, and should not be decided for people by the government, media, employers, or anyone else.

6. Do you support measures to reduce municipal reliance on services fees and fares, such as eliminating transit fares?

In all honesty, I am unfamiliar with how much our municipality relies on service fees and fares. I do not have a specific answer to this question at this time.