

## **Alan Dunn responses**

### **Candidate for Strathcona County Council Ward 6**

#### **Privatization**

I do not agree with privatization of municipal services. In the end, it costs more than keeping them in house. Regarding P3 projects, I am fundamentally opposed to these. I might be amenable if it could be shown that doing it that way would save, say, 50% of the cost. This is highly unlikely. If a municipal service were already privatized, I would absolutely monitor its cost and performance. I would not hesitate to raise it in Council with the merits of bringing it back into the fold.

#### **Municipalities as employers**

Yes, I support municipalities paying staff a living wage. I support full time hours as well. If the employment is part time at the request of the employee, then I am perfectly fine with that. I also support job security, if the employee meets that standard expected of them. Disciplinary issues are another thing that would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. As to collective bargaining rights, if unionized, they are fully entitled to it.

The short answer is no to all. The Provincial Government in my view has no right to interfere with how a municipality deals with its personnel either through legislation or cuts. I have heard many times Government Ministers say that municipalities are the “children of the Province” so I would not be surprised if they did try to interfere in some way, this I would vehemently oppose. As to the LAPP absolutely no cuts. Right to strike after a mandated strike vote should not be restricted.

#### **Funding**

In general, I favour spending cuts over tax increases.

#### **Covid 19 Safety**

I believe that Government should not be mandating much of anything. I say that speaking in general terms and not specific to COVID. There do come at certain times in life, a situation or occurrence so drastic that I would be willing to make exceptions to my position. COVID has had that level of impact upon our Community, the Province, the Country, and the World that I am willing to moderate my views. Those I feel sorry for the most are the ones who have had lifesaving surgeries cancelled owing to COVID infections. Unless steps are taken “beyond the norm” then I think we would be living in a never ending cycle of openings and shutdowns. For these reasons I am willing to step outside my bounds and support passports and mandates to reduce the spread of COVID in our municipality.

## **Affordability**

Rather than cutting fees and fares on transit I would support another means to provide support to low-income persons. I would agree to providing low-income persons a yearly transit pass at a very nominal rate. I think this would be very reasonable to implement and it would be a “means test” to determine. Transit has and never will be a “money maker” for municipalities and I know that transit in Strathcona County is very highly subsidized by the taxpayers. Therefore, I think a nominal rate would generate some revenue but accommodate those persons needing a lower transit rate.