#### Andy Adrzej Gudanowski responses Candidate for Edmonton City Council Ward Dene

# 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?

Yes, I will object. However, we must remember that all regulations of working conditions belong to the federal sector. Any decision to privatize the public sector or bringing back must first be widely discussed. All interested parties must participate in the negotiations. Only in this way will we be able to find the right solution.

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

All these demands are easy to meet, but will the voters vote for the right candidate this time? When it is me, I can assure you that people will have a decent salary, the right number of hours, safe working conditions, the right to participate in the social and political life of the country.

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

This always happens when people choose the wrong candidates. As a city councillor, I will always oppose the wrong decisions of the city, provincial and federal government. The councillors who were elected over the course of many years have completely forgotten that it was also their duty to work with representatives of the provincial and federal governments on the many human problems affecting our lives. City councillors most often flee or ignore these important additional duties.

Any appropriate decision made by any government, municipal or provincial or federal, should contain the same elements and benefits for all interested parties. If it is otherwise, we are dealing with a crime

# 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?

The ability to manage money, we learn this and obtain it already in our home. Whoever did not have this skill at a young age, even if he graduated from the economic university, he will never be able to manage money well. Financial

shortages will not occur when the right people manage the money and the public institution is not affected by corruption. We ordinary citizens do not see it, but in fact, the inability to manage public money occurs in many public offices. Income should always be greater than expenses; otherwise it takes a lot of wisdom to manage the money.

The tax system is never perfect. I believe that as long as the country's political and social system cannot cope with various issues of social life, taxes should be constantly lowered. Before the city council, provincial or federal government introduces new taxes; it should be widely discussed with citizens in advance to make sure that citizens have enough money to pay.

No one else but elected politicians, local, provincial and federal, decide how much money a citizen has in his pocket, whether he has a place to live, what to eat, or has a job. If a citizen is not satisfied with these four basic needs, or at least one of them, then the elected politician in your area is the wrong person and was wrongly elected.

## 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?

If it is required for the safety reasons, health protection and protection of the everyday life of citizens, then yes. Scientists confirm that epidemic will not leave us early and that we must always be ready for the new types of epidemics. I have been learning natural medicine for years. I have prepared a 4-point Andy plan to protect the community against COVID-19, any epidemic and other diseases.

#### Andy plan:

- 1 Create civic discipline among the society protects them from the legal consequences of this epidemiological phenomenon.
- 2 It teaches society how to strengthen and build a strong immune system of our body
- 3 For the first two years, every six-month mandatory screening for COVID 19, if test result is negative, vaccination not required immediately.
- 4 Mandatory vaccination, required only, when the situation gets out of hand and the number of COVID-19 cases in the country exceeds the acceptable health standard.

COVID-19 passports are already being planned in several countries, and in Canada the province of Ontario has taken a big step in this direction. Everything will depend on the health situation of the country. Ideally, the Edmontonians would accept my plan, and surely Edmonton would become the healthiest city in Canada.

I am in favor of wearing masks and, in a conflict situation, even imposing penalties. Everyone should know how to properly wear a mask, how long and when to replace it with a new one. The nose is most at risk, then the face and eyes. When we talk, we practically do not infect another person. It becomes infected when we cough and exhale the air with great force. An epidemic is like a war, a flood, and a great fire, and yet many people are disrespectful.

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

Everything in the city is subject to regulations, orders and laws established by the city. For one thing here, I can agree with everyone that all this is not fully transparent. In the case of services, tariffs and fees, some provisions should be abolished and even removed. People have to be sure that no one is cheating or robbing them, and that those who collect fees are honest and do their job well.