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Candidate for Red Deer Mayor

1. I am not a big fan of privatization and yet @ the City we invested in different amounts in varying line items so if we are 90-95% contracted should we not look at possibly getting out of that Service, and P3's are interesting I can appreciate the business taking the Risk on the front end but not sure the Public should be on the hook for an extended period to pay for the asset.

2. Short answer Yes, I think the Living wage is not enough to live on and needs to be raised but only my opinion.

3. I think the Province is on a mission to privatize as much as they can and I think it is not necessarily right Pensions is just one example, I was working in Policing during the Yellowknife Mine Strike and saw how this was a Personality vs Principle and ending up with (9) nine Miners getting killed so not a huge fan of Strikes.

4. We only have residential Taxation as a way and means to sustain Services, this is not a good system and the Federal and Provincial Governments continue to talk of a Tri- Government process and yet they do not recognize Municipalities we have 60% of the Infrastructure and get 10 cents of the Tax dollar in who' world does that make sense.

5. No I don't think these measures are solving any problems only dividing people and making people angry, I had COVID the middle of August and although not pleasant ran its course and I continue on. I appreciate this is not the case for everyone and this is a nasty virus. I think our Hospital in Red Deer has been stressed for years and this is certainly bringing the issue front and centre.

6. Transit fees are subsidized 70 cents on the dollar now so not sure how we make it any better unless we do eliminate the fee all together, we need to find better solutions to routing and time delays for people.