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Candidate for Cold Lake City Council

1. In my time on council we have brought both garbage and recycling fully back under municipal control. I believe that private is not always what is in the best interest of the community fiscally or as a responsible service. Officials must use a principled stance when looking at how to deal with these issues.
2. I have always supported having fair and appropriate compensation for our city staff including responsibly negotiated CBA's.
3. Municipal employees that are part of a union deserve the same protections afforded all workers and other provincial unions. This includes pension control/say and predictability/stability.
4. Responsible tax increases are necessary to address inflation and changes in funding. I do not support cutting dollars to operations unless a possible tax increase to match costs is simply too much. I also want to see all municipalities do a better job in informing all Albertans the costs associated with on going provincial cuts and downloading of responsibilities.
5. I believe that all public employees should be vaccinated for the health and safety of our workforce and our residents. We should be leaders in this effort. The use of vaccine passports is an excellent tool in helping keep people safe while also encouraging a better uptake in vaccinations.
6. In our community we have maintained a free transit service which I believe is an excellent tool to allow people to stay engaged in the work force and their community. There are many studies that show the excellent impact of services like this to the economics and livability of our communities. I think all municipalities should take the time to study this initiative.