

Davey Wiggers responses
Candidate for Lethbridge City Council

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

A. *As a member of Council, I will always commit to doing what's in the best interests of the citizens of Lethbridge, both union and non-union. Also, as elected public servants we have an obligation, in fact a duty to care for the infrastructure, health and safety of the community. This means providing **public** services like transit, police, fire and ambulance.*

Q. 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?

A. *As a member of Council, I will always commit to acting in the best interests of the employees of the city of Lethbridge*

Q. 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?

A. *As a member of Council, I will always commit to acting in the best interests of the employees of the city of Lethbridge*

Q. 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?

A. I commit to working with the rest of council and expert advice to council to increase revenues, so to make budget cuts or tax increases to our citizens unnecessary.

Q. 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?

A. I support mask mandates by the city for all publicly owned institutions. I do wholeheartedly support vaccine "passports" for staff and the city at large. I also support vaccine mandates for staff, volunteers and contractors for the City of Lethbridge.

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

A. Absolutely, yes. We have 2 world class post-secondary institutions in a community whose residences may be far afield. Combine that with limited parking opportunities at the University. The desire to transition to 0 emission buses. We need to engage riders, and one way I believe we accomplish that is

by increasing our already large majority subsidy of ridership to make that cost free for students and disadvantaged citizens.