

Dean Hopkins responses
Candidate for Mayor of Calgary

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 would advise council to oppose privatization of any city services, and I would advise the new council that a discussion and debate should happen regarding privatized services in-house and it would only be if it was financially viable for the city.

2. Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the municipality employs them?

Yes

3. 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?

Yes I would oppose the provincial government legislating against municipal staff specifically regarding rights to strike.

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?

Spending cuts are preferable over tax increases.

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?

I am against mask mandates within the city, as the municipality should now be empowering the people to take responsibility for their own protection. I do not support the vaccine passports, I class this as an act of discrimination against a specific group of citizens and I would not be advising council to go down this path. Vaccine mandates contravene the freedom and rights of the people of our city, province and country. I will fight against all levels of government to prevent this from happening in my municipality.

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

My approach to free transit for all is that within the 4 year term of being Mayor, I would advise council that a low income/family transit pass and a seniors transit pass be issued free of charge. All other tariffs would remain in place.