

Kumar Sharma Calgary Ward 3

Good Day: In response to your email as to the answering of the five questions :

1. Should I Be elected Councillor for Ward 3, should privatization including the Business Concept of P3 be on the agenda of City Council as put forth by City Administration , I will keep an open mind. I seek clarification as to the proposal and vote in the best interests of all Calgarians. I do know that P3's are used by the Provincial Government for projects such as Schools. I do not want to see the job loss of one individual. As to the return of privatized services in- house, I do not see that reality becoming fact.
2. While I believe that everyone that can get vaccinated should as, I am double vaccinated , and if businesses feel strongly that they can best move forward by having the passports in place , I will support their decisions. However , it is the Provincial Government that is in charge of health and my priorities are within City of Calgary areas of control, such as infrastructure , front line core services , etc. I am opposed to any ramifications such as job loss if an employee (city of private) does not want the vaccine shot. Preferably if required , the employee should be allowed to be moved to a different job position that is less public.
3. Municipalities as Employers: Part 2. YES , again I will keep an open mind. Part 3 Yes, again difficult to answer without full knowledge of the changes proposed.
4. Funding : Our tax base is broken and needs to be re- examined in light of a new reality as to Downtown Calgary Tax Base. Again ,a complex issue that requires a plan which I am prepared to participate as a new Councillor. I seek equality, fairness and steady tax base which support our City Administration which includes the employees of the City of Calgary.
5. Affordability : Again a complex issue for consideration as to the climate policies for the City of Calgary. Public transit and affordability for those using public transit its a must for all peoples . With reduced ridership an alternative should be considered , at present a service fee may be th only alternative. I would encourage the building of the Green Line south begin immediately and the Green Line is a priority for North Calgary and beyond Ward 3. This brings about jobs and economic opportunities.