

Lisa Spencer-Cook responses
Candidate for Red Deer City Council

1. I absolutely oppose privatization of municipal services and infrastructure. Including P3's. Yes, I support bringing in previously privatized services in house.
2. I vehemently support a living wage to all municipal employees, full time hours when desired, job security and bargaining rights. Every worker deserves these things.
3. I will oppose the provincial government to cuts to pension plans and restrictions on their right to strike.
4. We have to find ways to increase revenue in this city, and tax increases may be inevitable. Taxing the wealthy is something I absolutely stand by. As a working single parent, who would often times be thought to be just below the poverty line economically, the one thing I am quite content to pay each month are my taxes as they benefit all citizens of this city, and the future of this city for my daughter.
5. I absolutely support mask mandates, vaccine passports, and anything else that puts the health of our community first. Living in a society comes with responsibilities, the provincial government has neglected their duty, which puts us all in a vulnerable position, and having to make decisions nobody wants to make, but are necessary during this absolutely unprecedented time.
6. Public transport is an issue I could discuss at length. I'm originally from the UK, and as a working class person I grew up taking public transport, and didn't drive until I moved permanently to Canada at age 33. It's often been a despair of mine that our public transport is under utilized, and not more accessible. I come from a culture where transit is free to seniors, and low cost monthly bus passes can be purchased by workers, and lower income families. Investment in public transport is an investment in the future of our environment, and in creating equitable movement and access to services for everyone.