

Mark Campbell responses

Candidate for Lethbridge City Council

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? My gut response is that I would oppose that privatization and going back to in-house.. I would also love a full discussion on the pros and cons from both sides and I would like to see some data.

2. 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?

Yes, absolutely.

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.

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.

Those are tough choices. No one wants tax increases but as the recent KPMG report showed there were some spending cuts that were recommended. Having been personally affected on the downsizing end of job cuts I have great sympathy for those people who have been targeted. But tough choices had to be made and they're not popular. Perhaps it's one part of the job of councillor that I struggle with. Having proper relationships with Federal and Provincial partners through an advocacy committee may help in finding some funding.

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?

Yes I do.

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

I would love to see that and while a new 6-month pilot project is in place in hopes to improve transit in the city I would challenge our new transit manager and other managers of their departments to develop a plan to make service fees go away.free