

Shaoli Wang 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?

Answer: This will be a case-by-case issue.

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?

Answer: 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?

Answer: No, other than restrictions on their right 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?

Answer: The municipality has no legal authority to download any of the provincial or federal responsibilities. The question - "Do you favour spending cuts over tax increases" is a fallacy by itself. "Increase tax or cut service" is a stunning fallacy, it assumed "a 100% spending efficiency of our tax dollars by the municipality", which is untrue, here is the evidence:

Since 2003, by 2019,

(1) City of Calgary's population growth was 39%, while city's fulltime employee increased 47%, this is a negative efficiency;

(2) inflation was 32%, City's average salary increased 64%, twice of the inflation, this is a bigger negative efficiency;

(3) per capita municipal residential property tax increased 129%, over 4 times of inflation, this is a huge tax hike;

(4) compared with 2003, between 2011-2019, municipal over inflation and population growth property tax cumulated \$4.6 billion, while city's over inflation and population salary increase cumulated \$4.8 billion, over 100% of the property tax hike goes to City's overpaid salary, "increase tax or cut service" is by sound evidence proven a 100% fallacy.

I made the commitment to Secure frontline service, freeze hiring, cut pay and expense, shed off overstaffing.

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?

Answer: I believe mask be a new moral standards, vax passport should be more cautiously if introduced.

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

Answer: I support measures to reduce municipal reliance on services fees and fares and **I made the commitment to Drop transit pass/transit parking fee by 20%.**