

## **Tammy Brown responses**

### **Candidate for Grande Prairie City Council**

#### **Privatization, including P3's**

I do not agree that the municipal services and infrastructure should be held in privacy from its residents. They have payee for the services through their taxes and should have the means to be able to see how their tax dollars are spent. The tax payer also should be able to find the how there services operate and are distributed. If previously privatized material is in house it can be reviewed. To have in camera within a meeting of municipal is so conversations can be discussed openly and I do agree to in camera for Municipal purpose in meetings and should continue. The privacy of the municipal employee is a must.

#### **Municipalities as Employers**

Yes, I will support the employees of our community working for the municipality to have a fair work environment. I do not agree with striking and believe that negotiations should be done in person not on the street. The union employee has the right to strike, but life is happier for all when negotiations are done in person.

#### **Funding**

Taxes collected from the people of the municipally, Provenance and Government for the purpose of the governments work for the people is personal to the tax payer. Expenses are getting higher to operate and developed in this county. I believe as a Councilor I should do all I can do not to increase tax for the people of the area. If all avenues have been done and there is still a shortfall of being able to balance the budget, then only can taxes be looked at. There is a responsibility to maintain the existing infrastructure and developing new infrastructure within the newer

areas. It is our responsibility to stay within the budget, and not to be over spending and developing more that the community can sustain at one time.

### **Covid-19 Safety**

Covid has affected all. Masks are a good thing to stop the spread and should be worn in public areas. Vaccine passports, I do not agree with full. They can be a necessary document to have when traveling out of country, just as other health documentation is needed. As for within the country passports for socialization eg, restaurants, gyms, is just spreading more hate and discrimination among our population. Vaccines are important to protect our people for the illness and should be encourage nicely. I do not believe that mandates can be made for staff to be vaccinated to work for the municipality. Within our health region and country there are no other mandates made on our many communicable diseases. Covid illness is preventable. What I believe we need to be addressed in regards to Covid is the hate fear, discrimination and bulling that people are instigating on each other.

### **Affordability**

I believe that free transit fees to the youth, students, elderly and low income could be necessary. Teaching the youth in our urban areas to use transit at a young age will form a comfort as a mode of transportation. For the rest of the population the fee should be a low affordable rate to encourage the use of transit. Transit hours and ability to get around on it quickly and within the whole community must also be available for it to work. We cannot leave riders walk long distances to transit, out in the weather conditions or in circumstances that would allow harm to be done to the riders. I believe today we have a ways to go with transit to get it to this point for the population so all want to take part.