

A Progressive Guide to Alberta's Municipal Elections



Public Interest Alberta's voter guide for the 2017 municipal election is putting the focus on how you as a citizen can advance progressive values.

Learn about the issues, engaging your candidates, and informing yourself and your community before heading to the ballot box on October 16!

Together, we can make Alberta's municipalities more fair, just, and progressive.



What will the future look like if we don't take action?

- Privatization of critical public services
- Corporate control of our water and other resources
- Cuts to services for families and people in crisis
- Increased user fees and downloading costs to families
- Big money influence on our political process and disempowered citizens

Engage your candidates

Municipal and School Board Candidates

Contracting public services to private corporations puts the focus on profits instead of quality of services

1. Do you oppose contracting private corporations to operate public services (like water services or public transportation at the municipal level and custodial, maintenance, and support services at the school board level)?

Protecting our environment

1. How would you work to protect our environment and support a green economy?

Prioritizing Reconciliation

1. What would you do to take action on reconciliation with indigenous peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership?

School Board Candidates

Trustees need to be strong advocates for quality education

1. If elected, how will you work to stop any government cuts to education? Will you work to reduce class sizes?

Trustees are responsible for ensuring all students are protected at school

1. Do you believe students in any school who want a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) should be entitled to one?
2. If a student joins a GSA, do you think their parent should be notified, even without the student's permission?

Municipal Candidates

Quality public services require sufficient tax revenue

1. Do you support increasing taxes to, at a minimum, meet the costs of inflation for the municipality's services?
2. How would you increase the quality and affordability of public transit and/or regional transportation?

Low wages are a leading cause of working poverty

1. Would you support policy to ensure all workers employed by the municipality and its contractors are paid a living wage?
2. What other action would you take to eliminate poverty and homelessness?

All levels of government have roles in addressing racism and gender inequality

1. What would you do to address racism and gender inequality in the municipality?
2. What role do you think our municipal government can play in building a comprehensive, affordable, high quality, universal child care system?

Reforms are essential for a stronger democracy

1. Do you support banning corporate and union contributions?
2. What changes would you make to improve citizen engagement, policy making and governance?

**Find details on these issues and more at:
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