



## Joseph Mugodo, Wood Buffalo City Council Candidate for Ward 1

### What are your priorities for public services in our communities?

In the RMWB public services are accessed through a coordinated system that encompasses all organizations that provide services, with a contact point. This is a great thing because anyone who needs help can be redirected to a relevant organization right away. My priority would be to maintain the

efficacy of this system to ensure continued and improved service. For me, service delivery in a timely manner is key.

On a social level, I would like to see more cultural festivals in the wood buffalo region. I will therefore focus on cultural integration so we can all appreciate one another. We should be open to developing more parks for recreation. I will personally work on bringing big events like CFL or NHL games to Fort McMurray once/twice yearly.

### What is your position on private-public partnerships?

Private-public partnerships are a great way of providing extended services to communities. These should be partnerships that benefit the public at a local level. For example, the public sector needs businesses that provide goods and services it uses at its level of the service provision continuum. As well, corporate social responsibility is an obligation for all private enterprises that operate in communities. They should always give back and participate in local activities through sponsorships and donating to nonprofit groups like our United Way, the Salvation Army, etc. Municipalities should give incentives to companies that participate in supporting local groups.

### What are your priorities for transportation?

Our local bus schedules differ per area and all end around 10.30 pm. A particular route that needs change would be airport one, since we have midnight flights here. There should be a balance between service delivery and viable demand for public transport. Fort McMurray winters being so cold, more people own cars than those who would use public transport, which affects the level of demand for public transport.



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There is also a need to make sure the shelters at bus stops are all heated and warm during winter months for public safety.

### Do you support the change in campaign financing laws?

Yes I do. Campaign laws should be structured in a way that levels the playing field. There should be a cap on how much money to be spent in campaigns and also limits on how much individuals and corporations should donate.

### What is your plan to address housing and homelessness in our communities?

We have a coordinated access system to address homelessness (and other public services). Priority would be to strengthen the system in order to minimize and eventually eradicate homelessness. Also strengthen support for individuals and families in terms of food and clothing, etc.

We have to open up more land for development to help address the housing crisis and this will make housing more affordable. The city should open up these new areas and build condominiums and townhomes that are affordable and reserved for owner occupant buyers only. We have a rich community that's growing and it's absurd to have homelessness in our region.

### What are your priorities to address the fiscal relationship between the provincial government and municipalities?

The provincial government should always work in liaison with local municipalities. This is of paramount importance if we want progress. There is a shared responsibility in service delivery. My priority is for us to be efficient and timely especially in the area of emergencies. A minute or two makes a difference in cases of life and death and if municipalities can deliver a minute or two faster than the province in cases of emergency dispatch, I will do with the best and faster option.