

## **Buck Buchanan**

These are fairly deep issues much like the whole problem of Poverty.

City Council approved a Notice of Motion in 2015 regarding Payday Lending and the businesses doing same and the Provincial Government also passed a Bill regarding same. MPC (Municipal Planning Commission) would see any applications and Council would not be aware of same, Planning should be monitoring this and I know changes are coming to the LUB (Land Use By-Law) these changes have taken some time as it is a big by-law covering everything related to Land Use. If re-elected I would be happy to follow this up in conjunction with CAPRA and insure things are done properly, regarding "fringe services" along with trying to remove barriers regarding City Services. I guess the role of the Municipal Government in developing financial literacy is in developing policies and procedures that address these issues.

I believe the social Policy Framework is the tool to address Social Well Being if this is not working or not being used I want to hear about it from CAPRA, then I will and address the issues regarding isolation, transportation, accessibility of services, safety and security, etc.

I agree with a Living wage, I always have, I am not sure how some people survive without it. I don't think the Living Wage strategy is an issue for City Employees, we recently had an issue @ the City regarding a contract and Administration washed there hands of responsibility due to it being a contract so this is an issue. I will continue to advocate to anyone that will listen that a Living Wage is a need not a want.

Housing is an interesting situation there are so many different types of housing and all three levels of Government are involved and invested in different amounts both financially and with control of Housing stock. I believe that is more cost effective to house a person vs the cost of services for that person to stay un-housed. I also appreciate that because of addictions and mental illness that some folks may almost be impossible to house. I think the city has to be involved in the Housing Stock and continue to liaise with the Province and the Federal government to provide the best we can for the dollars available. I agree with the emergency shelters but I am not sure I agree that they have to be downtown.

I believe that CAPRA needs to sit down with Council and try to insure that the issues raised are front and center and being dealt with on a daily basis regularly vs just focusing on issues @ election time.

I would be happy to bring forward anything that the Alliance is advocating for to Council and to the Province in my capacity as an AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Board Director.