

Tell us what you think

Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance, or CAPRA, is a group of people and organizations who work collectively to find local solutions and make a real difference on poverty. We have over 45 members and hundreds of community supporters advocating for social change that will improve opportunities for people experiencing poverty.

As poverty is a complex issue, collaboration and leadership is vital to identifying local solutions. During this municipal election we ask that you consider the following issues and share your thoughts on the questions provided. You can find a backgrounder about each of these issues on our website at <http://capovertyreduction.ca/act/2017-municipal-election/>. We will post any responses that are received on this same webpage.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Lori Jack at info@capovertyreduction.ca.

High-cost alternative financial services

1. What would you do to protect citizens from predatory financial services?
2. If you are elected, how will you address the density of fringe financial service providers in specific neighbourhoods in Red Deer?
3. What would you do to remove barriers for low income citizens who require City services, such as utilities, to meet their basic needs?
4. What is the role of the municipal council in the development of financial literacy initiatives?

Social well-being

1. What is the role of the municipal council in ensuring the social well-being of its citizens?
2. What is the role of the municipal council in addressing social issues and fostering a positive, inclusive and barrier-free community?
3. How will you address the barriers affecting citizens who are socially isolated?
4. How will you deliver on the City's Social Policy Framework?

Living Wage

1. What is your position on the living wage?
2. How will you implement a living wage strategy for all workers at the City of Red Deer, including contracted services?
3. How will you advocate to the provincial government for changes to the municipal government act to enable living wage in government procurement practices.
4. How will you foster a living wage culture in the community both with business and consumers?

Housing

1. What role should the City have in ensuring there is adequate affordable housing for all citizens?
2. What would you do to address discrimination against housing developments for vulnerable populations that have met the zoning requirements?
3. What is your position on the use of emergency shelters in our community?
4. The current 5-year plan to end homelessness is due to be reviewed and revised in 2018. What role should the municipal council take in the next iteration of this plan?