



TOWN OF REDCLIFF

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questions

Mayoral Candidate: Dwight Kilpatrick

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY RESIDENTS

<p>I would like to see a commitment to either building in indoor pool or enclosing the outdoor pool so it can be used by the people of Redcliff all year round. Swim lessons are a high commodity in the city of medicine hat and it is difficult to secure a spot for your child at any time of the year. Having a indoor pool would be a great physical and social activity for all residence of any age at all times of the year. An indoor pool would draw more people to live in our town. Many other towns the same size as Redcliff have an indoor pool knocking us out as a choice for new families that would contribute to our financial picture. Would you commit to building Redcliff residence an indoor pool during your term?</p>	<p>I believe the cost of construction and operation of an indoor pool would substantially raise our municipal taxes and we hear from residents frequently that our taxes are already a burden. Our outdoor pool runs a deficit of over 250,000 in 3 months of operation. That would be a million dollars a year without the extra operational costs of indoor pool ventilation. That would be a hard sell to some.</p>
<p>What are your plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff</p>	<p>The opening of the skatepark this year brought more vehicles and children to the recreation area and at times main street was congested. This reduced the visibility on main street and while playground signs have always been up a lowered limit from 50 to 30 in the three blocks from Broadway to 3rd could increase safety.</p>
<p>What is your position on municipal financial support for the Redcliff Golf Course?</p>	<p>In the past I have voted to lend monies to the golf course conditional to an agreement for repayment. I believe the golf club can be self sufficient and run at arms length without annual assistance from tax dollars. If mutually beneficial projects come forward in the future they would be evaluated at the time.</p>
<p>Ideas for a recycling station in Redcliff and ways to make our landfill less expensive for residents.</p>	<p>A recycling station has been approved at South highway and Mitchell St. hopefully with construction to start soon. When the composting facility at the landfill is operational bins may be available to collect</p>

	for that as well. The landfill operates as a separate facility and tries to recover it's operational costs through it's rates. I believe the rates are comparable or less than other facilities.
Running a municipality is very much like running a business; what is your experience in dealing with business financials or non profit organizations?	I have worked in an estimator/coordinator roll in construction, operated my own business since the mid 90s, served as treasurer for the Lions club and the Redcliff museum and have had years of experience with the town of Redcliff budgets.
What will be done at the intersection of Mitchell and Broadway?	This has been looked at in the past and left as is. We were told there is not enough room for a roundabout that can handle truck traffic and 4 way stops would back up Broadway during our two busy times of day while lights are expensive and also impede traffic flow when the crossing is not busy. No great solution.
Do you wear socks and sandals?	I wear socks in my shoes not in my sandals but you do you.
Is it possible to get a sidewalk built on Mitchell street and potable water spouts along the walking paths going to the river?	A pathway or sidewalk along Mitchell has been discussed in the past. A drawback is there is a section of privately owned land without a finalized development plan. I believe this land is currently being sold to a new owner who we hope will develop a subdivision plan soon. A mutually agreed location could then be finalized. I think water spouts along the trails would be pricey to install and maintain. The town has looked at having water at the park but construction hasn't been approved yet.

QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY ADMINISTRATION

How would you make Redcliff an attractive option for new families?	<p>I believe we have many assets to offer new families; we are a friendly, welcoming community with residents that make wonderful neighbor's that are willing to pitch in and help one another.</p> <p>We are proud of our many recreational facilities and organizations that offer social opportunities for all age groups.</p> <p>Our beautiful parks and trails are attractions to many residents and guests. First impressions to visitors are what will bring them back.</p>
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	<p>A low tax rate and affordable housing should also be a draw for new families. A safe and caring community is important to someone looking to relocate and these are attributes that Redcliff offers.</p>
<p>What sort of future would you like Redcliff to have?</p>	<p>I would like to see Redcliff grow while maintaining the benefits of living in a smaller community.</p> <p>I believe people choose Redcliff for the advantages that are offered here, and I want to protect that. There are many great features in Redcliff that are an attraction and will benefit the residents into the future.</p>
<p>What sorts of issues do you feel are important to the Town? How would you address those issues?</p>	<p>I think development is very important to the town, both economic and structural. I believe that to support development, a foundation of well managed infrastructure and a fair tax rate must be maintained. This requires the ability to foresee projects and prioritize them in a way where we get our best value on the monies we spend. I have many years of experience prioritizing and planning these types of projects.</p> <p>We need places to recreate and participate in sports and activities to maintain good physical and mental health for all, from our seniors to our youngest residents. I believe Redcliff has an excellent base for these activities and my goal would be to protect them for the future.</p>