



TOWN OF REDCLIFF

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questions

Council Candidate: James K. Allen

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>While I think the idea of an indoor pool would be great, I'm not sure that it would be in the best interest of the town. Enclosing our existing facility or building a new one would come at a great cost to the community and I don't believe that the operation of the pool would ever be able to recoup that cost. This would mean that it would have to be funded in other ways most likely a raise in taxes. I'm just not sure that for the majority of the people in Redcliff this would be a wise decision.</p>
<p>What are your plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff</p>	<p>I don't think adding more speed restrictions is necessarily the right answer. We have a posted speed limit in Redcliff and some people chose to ignore that. Lowering the speed limit isn't going to change that at all. I would like to see more enforcement of our speed limits in town.</p>
<p>What is your position on municipal financial support for the Redcliff Golf Course?</p>	<p>To the best of my knowledge currently the town does not support the golf course financially. I believe that the town in the past has issued loans to help them out however those came with a requirement to be paid back. I personally am okay with a loan being issued to be able to keep the golf course in Redcliff but do not believe that the town should be contributing money without repayment. A golf course is a nice luxury but in my opinion should not be supported by the tax payers.</p>

<p>Ideas for a recycling station in Redcliff and ways to make our landfill less expensive for residents.</p>	<p>I would love to be able to get some sort of recycling program to Redcliff whether it is a central drop off location or curb side. I believe this has been researched and proposed in the past and I would be willing to propose looking into a cost effective option for the town to offer this service.</p>
<p>Running a municipality is very much like running a business; what is your experience in dealing with business financials or non profit organizations?</p>	<p>I have been involved with financials through Scouts Canada with setting budgets. I am also currently in a position at work where I am an estimator and do project management. I have been in my current role for about 4 years now and have dealt with projects and budgets of varying amounts. I believe that my experience in the construction industry could be a great asset with planning future projects with the town.</p>
<p>What will be done at the intersection of Mitchell and Broadway?</p>	<p>This is a tricky hot button topic I've noticed and my short answer is I'm not sure much can be done with the current infrastructure. A 4-way stop or set of lights I believe would only make the problem worse. I've heard suggestions of extending 9th Ave to Sammis Drive. This would be great for people living on the south east side of town however would have a significant cost to it. I've heard a suggestion of paving Sissons Dr. I think this could potentially be a temporary relief of some of the traffic at Mitchell and Broadway as long as a longer turning lane was added for that. I have also heard a suggestion of a traffic circle. I'm not sure if there would be room for that in the intersection however it might be worth looking into. I believe it is worth investigating however only moving forward on something that the town could afford.</p>
<p>Do you wear socks and sandals?</p>	<p>Only when wearing sandals with straps</p>
<p>Is it possible to get a sidewalk built on Mitchell street and potable water spouts along the walking paths going to the river?</p>	<p>I think that looking into the cost of adding a sidewalk to Mitchell is definitely a great idea for all of the "walkers" in town. As for the potable water spouts I just don't think the cost versus reward is in the best interest of the tax base. My family uses the walking path down there for our dogs and have on many occasions forgot her water bottle at home. While having water spouts there would be a great asset in those times it would just cost too much to tunnel in the lines and then maintain them yearly. I would be in support of</p>

	possibly looking into having a central water station possibly by the parking lot so that there is an option for potable water down there though.
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QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY ADMINISTRATION

How would you make Redcliff an attractive option for new families?	I would be in favour of running an ad campaign highlighting all the positives of Redcliff. We have a small town feel to our community but are close to the amenities of a city. We have great outdoor options for our children and youth in the summer. We have great hiking and biking trails down by the river. Lots of options for locally grown vegetables from our variety of greenhouses.
What sort of future would you like Redcliff to have?	I would like to see Redcliff expand and try to bring more small businesses to town. I love the fact that our town has some small business already but would like to see more variety and options for residence to not have to go into Medicine Hat.
What sorts of issues do you feel are important to the Town? How would you address those issues?	I believe bringing a recycling option to town should be a priority for council and would like a chance to try and make this happen. I believe that there are a lot of people in town who would like something done about the Mitchell/Broadway intersection. I would be willing to try and see what viable options we have to alleviate some traffic there. Of course council isn't run by any one person it's a team of 7 so I can't commit to changing anything without support of council.