



TOWN OF REDCLIFF

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questions

Council Candidate: Larry Leipert

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>Given the financial situation of Provincial and Federal Governments, we are told we will not get the financial support we have in the past. The Town has a lot of facilities which need upkeep and operating capital. An indoor pool is a project that has to be planned, fundraising by community groups to apply for offsetting grants. Should the Town just build a pool and add the cost to the tax base? You would be looking at a substantial increase in your tax bill or cutbacks in other areas would have to be implemented to cover the cost. I will not commit to building an indoor pool in the next term.</p>
<p>What are your plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff</p>	<p>Report speeding to the local RCMP. They have the mandate to enforce speeding.</p>
<p>What is your position on municipal financial support for the Redcliff Golf Course?</p>	<p>The Golf Course is a valuable asset to the Town. The Town can help the Golf course obtain grants and assist in other non financial ways. The Town should not fund the operation of the Golf Course. The Golf course is self sufficient and has paid the Town back on financial assistance it has received. This relationship should continue.</p>
<p>Ideas for a recycling station in Redcliff and ways to make our landfill less expensive for residents.</p>	<p>There is a recycling drop off facility approved and in the works of being built across from Servus Credit Union. It should be done shortly. I find our landfill rates reasonable, you can take oil, batteries, electronics, tires etc. to the landfill free of charge. I think the problem is furniture, the Town got stuck with hundreds of mattresses from a Hotel chain and a charge was implemented for the service of ripping</p>

	<p>the mattresses apart and separating the steel from the rest of the material. During storm events trees and other debris have been free. We have bins which accept a lot of waste. I certainly would be open to addressing specific concerns.</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>My wife and myself have operated Leipert Plumbing and Heating Ltd. since 1974, our children and grandson are now involved in the business. In the 1970's we operated Redcliff News and Tobacco mostly selling pop next to the Government Liquor Store. In the 1980's and 1990's we were involved in The Gordon Memorial Church for many years (on the executive). We were involved in minor hockey (coaching, on the executive and running the concession) as well as minor base ball for many years. We bought the Government Liquor Store in the late 1990's and operated Redcliff Liquor Store Ltd. until 2006 when we sold it to a National Chain. In 2007 we built and operated Redcliff Mini Storage until 2019 when we sold it to a National Chain. Over the years we have been involved in land development and rentals. During the last 8 years I have been on Redcliff Town Council.</p>
<p>What will be done at the intersection of Mitchell and Broadway?</p>	<p>This intersection is a problem, we have explored traffic lights and 4 way stop signs. These have been problematic because of the configuration of the intersection and the land it will take to add these traffic devices. The best option may be to design another route to alleviate the traffic at this intersection.</p>
<p>Do you wear socks and sandals?</p>	<p>I don't wear socks and sandals all the time. People of great influence have told me it is not cool. Socks do help keep my feet warm.</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>The delay in building a side walk down Mitchell has been the commercial property for sale along this street has never been developed. It may be time to put a trail or side walk in this area. Water spouts along the paths would not be practical to maintain.</p>

QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY ADMINISTRATION

<p>How would you make Redcliff an attractive option for new families?</p>	<p>The way it always has been. Keep Redcliff a safe, affordable and inclusive Town to raise a family. There are endless possibilities for a</p>
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	family to participate in making it possible to shape your community.
What sort of future would you like Redcliff to have?	A prosperous one. Redcliff has always been a "Town of Opportunity". There is something here which has made it through many phases of prosperity in the past. Coal, brick plants, natural gas wells, glass factory, green house industry, insulation factory and the service industry has all had a place in Redcliff's prosperity. There is tremendous potential here in logistics, solar, wind as well as becoming an intellectual hub, supported by people who like our life style.
What sorts of issues do you feel are important to the Town? How would you address those issues?	<p>The Federal and Provincial Governments are down loading more responsibilities to the local municipalities while cutting funding. As costs to provide services are increasing, funding from the higher levels of Government are decreasing.</p> <p>The solution is to lobby Federal and Provincial Governments for the funding we need to supply Policing and other critical infrastructure.</p> <p>Our sewer system has to have more capacity.</p> <p>The solution to this is we have to find more capacity by upgrading our services with the City of Medicine Hat or finding our own solution.</p> <p>The lack of water in the South Saskatchewan River is making it hard to draw water into our treatment plant to adequately supply the Town in drought or low River flow conditions.</p> <p>The solution would be to lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to build a dam or a weir to hold back water and use it as a reservoir in this area to supply needed water for our Southern Alberta communities in this area. The Governments are collecting money to combat "Climate Change", however are doing little to mitigate it. We will have to figure out a way to get water in the future.</p>