



TOWN OF REDCLIFF

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questions

Council Candidate: Matthew St. Pierre

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 think having an indoor pool facility in our area would be a great addition to our town as it could draw more families into purchasing their homes in Redcliff. With that being said, I would be open to an inquiry being done as to the cost to build and operate such a facility, also if we could secure any government funding to help cover such costs. This is a project also I feel all residents should have a say in as well. By doing that, we could have a better understanding as to how much use the pool would get throughout the year.</p>
<p>What are your plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff</p>	<p>I feel this is an area that needs to at least be looked at, especially in certain areas of town like Main St between 1st and 3rd Ave with all the amenities available in that area, to both children and adults. This area in my opinion should be reduced to a 30kmh playground zone. As for other areas of town, 50kmh on most streets and avenues is too high with the exception of Broadway Ave and Mitchell St and would like to see a reduction in speed. If elected, I would like to look into a speed reduction in some areas of Redcliff for the safety of others.</p>
<p>What is your position on municipal financial support for the Redcliff Golf Course?</p>	<p>I personally very rarely play golf but in my opinion, for the town to grow especially in the southeast corner along 9th ave, the golf course is important in that aspect as it could help draw more people to build/purchase a</p>

	<p>new home in that area or the town in general. There are a number of towns our size that don't have a golf course, especially with a city of 65,000 people right next door to draw from. With that being said, I'm open to working with the Redcliff Golf Course and the rest of council to make sure having the golf course here is in the best interests of our town and taxpayers.</p>
<p>Ideas for a recycling station in Redcliff and ways to make our landfill less expensive for residents.</p>	<p>To my knowledge, there is an option for recycling in the works by the current council and I will definitely advocate to see this push through as many residents have asked about this.</p> <p>Many have said large bins placed in certain areas of town would be a viable option. As for the landfill, if elected I would like to work with other council members and Cypress County to bring in more incentives for our residents to use it. When I hear of our own citizens going to use a neighboring community's landfill instead of our own, that is worrisome and needs to be looked at. I would like to see either with recycling or landfill, a place where residents can drop normal yard waste like grass, leaves, branches etc and not need to pay for something that is compostable.</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 never run my own business or non profit so my experience in actually dealing with finances on a professional level is minimal, but I am eager to learn from others. Also I would keep a close eye on where our taxpayer dollars are being spent as I am a taxpayer as well and I want to make sure our money is going to services that are warranted.</p>
<p>What will be done at the intersection of Mitchell and Broadway?</p>	<p>This is a question that I myself ask all the time as I use it numerous times a day. I'll start off by saying that in my opinion, a 4 way stop is not the answer as it would back traffic up in both directions during peak hours on Broadway.</p> <p>There are a few options that if elected, I would like to discuss as options. Traffic lights is one option, as well as a traffic circle but I feel we would need an inquiry on that as space would be an issue.</p> <p>Another option is extending 9th ave to</p>

	<p>Sammis Drive (Old Highway). I feel if that was completed, it would alleviate a good portion of traffic that uses the Broadway/Mitchell intersection so nothing may need to be done.</p> <p>But I do agree, something needs to be done as it's turning into a dangerous intersection.</p>
<p>Do you wear socks and sandals?</p>	<p>I absolutely love this question and the answer to that is no unless my feet get cold and I don't have shoes close by.</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>This is another question I have been asked a lot. There most definitely needs to be either a sidewalk or path built along Mitchell. With that being said, I have heard from a few current and past council members say they have pushed for this as well but there are some roadblocks as to why it has not been done. I want to try and knock down those roadblocks and push to get something done as it is a safety issue.</p> <p>As for water spouts along the river, I think it is a great idea and would deter people from going to the river banks for water as it can be unsafe for both people and pets. Cost, maintenance and input from other citizens would be very important in this type of project but one I would be willing to explore.</p>

QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY ADMINISTRATION

<p>How would you make Redcliff an attractive option for new families?</p>	<p>As stated in previous responses, having a golf course here I feel helps in that regard. For new projects, would an indoor pool be a viable and cost effective option?</p> <p>I have heard from a few residents that a full playground designed for those with special needs would be a great addition to our town. Whether it's a new playground or adding to an existing one, I feel this would be a great addition to those families who have dependents with special needs.</p> <p>With that being said, recreational facilities for children especially, our schools and lower utilities/property tax (Compared to surrounding communities) is what will attract new families to look at Redcliff.</p> <p>With the addition of the skate park, that will only help with having new people make Redcliff their forever home.</p>
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<p>What sort of future would you like Redcliff to have?</p>	<p>Back in the early days, Redcliff had so many factories and businesses that created a boom for our growing town. Unfortunately with the way the economy went, those businesses are now gone.</p> <p>If elected, I would really like to push to make sure Redcliff is a great place for new businesses to come to and prosper. There is so much potential to attract new businesses that growth in that aspect would only better our town.</p> <p>With that being said, we need to keep our existing business owners happy as word of mouth is so important as well. I want to make sure our current business owners are letting others know that owning/running a business in our community would be a great decision compared to neighboring communities.</p> <p>Growth is only going to make our town even better so our future depends on taking care of our current residents and business owners as well as welcoming new families and businesses to our great town.</p>
<p>What sorts of issues do you feel are important to the Town? How would you address those issues?</p>	<p>Since putting my name in for council, I have had the opportunity to hear many different ideas and concerns from our great citizens. The issues I hear the most of were addressed in previous questions like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An inquiry into the intersection at Broadway Ave and Mitchell St. - A walking path/sidewalk on Mitchell Street. - Recycling of some kind for our town. - Keeping the current garbage system (Big Bins) we have now has been a topic of almost everyone I've talked to. - A new or upgrade to an existing playground for those with special needs. - Some sort of signage down by the river warning those using the river for recreational purposes, the dangers of using the river. There have been too many deaths in that regard.. - Repaving of certain roads within our town. - Working with council to keep the RCMP in Redcliff and not switching to an Alberta Police Force as it would cost every Albertan a lot of money to

	<p>make such a switch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More police presence in certain areas of town like down by the river, around our schools and just down our streets.- The possibility of bringing an animal rescue center to our town and what that would look like.- Getting some sort of water supply to our dog park and upgrading it a bit more. <p>These are topics I have heard a lot about and everyone who has given me those opinions is just as important as mine.</p> <p>If elected, I will work with the others on council to the best of my ability to address those issues.</p> <p>We all know that to build or remodel certain things is going to cost money, as a taxpayer myself, these new ideas as well as new suggestions from others within council will need to be cost effective as well.</p> <p>I love our town and I only want what is best for both our citizens, business owners as well as future people considering Redcliff as their new home or place of work.</p> <p>If elected, I will give 100% into my position as council and will always put the best interests of our great community first.</p>
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