

TOWN OF REDCLIFF

2021 Municipal Election Candidate Questions

Council Candidate: William Ranger

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY RESIDENTS

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?	I like the idea of an indoor pool; however, such a facility would be an expensive endeavour to build and run. This idea could be difficult to sell with decreasing money from the provincial government and an already tight budget. The pool comes down to money and the taxpayer's willingness to fund such a place. A possible solution could be building it into the high school that I will constantly be advocating for. I would like to see a high school here before a pool. Should we ever move ahead with a high school, adding an indoor pool would greatly benefit the students and the community.
What are your plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff	I have no plans for speed restrictions in Redcliff. Outside of playground and school zones, the speed limit is 50km. I will not support reducing this! I do support increased enforcement, signage, crosswalk and road markings in school and playground zones. I have no tolerance for people who speed through these areas. Outside of these areas, 50km is acceptable to me.
What is your position on municipal financial support for the Redcliff Golf Course?	I do not believe the town should be supporting the golf course. The golf course is a business like any other and should be supporting itself. I am not a golfer, nor are many other Redcliff taxpayers.
Ideas for a recycling station in Redcliff and ways to make our landfill less expensive for residents.	I support a recycling station similar to what you see at the mall in Medicine Hat. There appear to be various locations in Redcliff that would be excellent for such a station.

Running a municipality is very much like running a business; what is your experience in dealing with business financials or non profit organizations?	I served one year as treasurer on a charity board in Edmonton during the '90s, with budgets in the millions. In my current position, I plan and execute multimillion-dollar turnarounds at oil and gas refinery's
What will be done at the intersection of Mitchell and Broadway?	Broadway and Mitchell is a hot topic, and there is much debate on the best solution here. At the moment, I do not support traffic control here. I do support the idea of extending 9 th ave SE out to Sammis drive. I will evolve on this topic as I hear and consider ideas from the people of Redcliff.
Do you wear socks and sandals?	Absolutely Not! I judge harshly the people who do.
Is it possible to get a sidewalk built on Mitchell street and potable water spouts along the walking paths going to the river?	I would think a sidewalk up Mitchell Street would be possible. Of course, this again comes down to cost and timing. The potable waterspouts along the trails would depend on many different considerations also. As everything does, it all comes down to money, what is available, and how the citizens want to see it used. I do like both ideas and would support them if feasible.

QUESTIONS WRITTEN BY ADMINISTRATION

How would you make Redcliff an attractive option for new families?	Let's start with having schools for all the children of Redcliff and not shipping out the high school and Mennonite children.
	The idea of the indoor pool presented in the first question is one I like also. Of course, there is much to consider on the feasibility of said pool.
	Fostering more events and activates related to family and youth.
What sort of future would you like Redcliff to have?	I would like to see Redcliff grow into a vibrant, active, safe community known as an excellent place for families and renowned for our events.

	I want to see the existing business buildings in our town occupied and successful, and a robust industrial park that is attractive to larger company's and more desirable than a Medicine Hat address.
What sorts of issues do you feel are important to the Town? How would you address those issues?	Growth infrastructure, water, sewer, storm drainage. These need to precede anticipated growth. I believe this has already had engineering studies and recommendations to the council. I am unclear about where the town is on this right now, but I would like to see approvals and commitments to starting work.
	People want less Town in their yards and more freedom and control over the property they own. I would like to see reviews, rewrites, and repeals of some of Redcliff's land-use bylaws.
	Utility costs are brought up by almost everyone I speak with. I do not yet understand enough to suggest any solution here. I want to understand why a single senior is paying close to the same water bill as a family of five with young children. Surely we can do better than this!
	The Redcliff landfill is also bought up frequently! People are upset at the fees and that county residents don't pay. Along with a new recycling centre, I would ask the council's support to remove the fees for dumping most items (not all) for Redcliff residents.