

Town of Okotoks Municipal Election Councillor Multiple Choice Questionnaire Results

The **Okotoks & District Chamber of Commerce** invited all candidates running for Town Council in the upcoming municipal election to participate in a brief multiple-choice survey. The purpose of this initiative is to provide residents with a high-level overview of candidate priorities and perspectives on key community topics.

Each candidate received the same set of questions and an equal opportunity to share their views. Participation was entirely voluntary, and responses were provided at each candidate’s discretion, reflecting how they chose to present their campaign priorities.

This summary is intended as a general guide to help residents familiarize themselves with the issues shaping this election. Given the format’s concise nature, some candidates may have opted not to respond to every question or may have preferred to share more detailed views through their own platforms.

We encourage community members to use this information as a starting point and to learn more by visiting each candidate’s official campaign page or social media channels to explore their platforms in greater depth.

Benjamin Shepherd	Carrie Penner	Glenn Stieben	Gord Lang	Michelle Walther	Robert Punko	Ryan Nix	Stefan Dykema
Taxes and Spending: How should the Town of Okotoks balance property taxes with overall fiscal spending?							
Keep property taxes stable and adjust spending to match current revenues	Allow for modest tax increases to maintain and enhance essential services	Allow for modest tax increases to maintain and enhance essential services		Keep property taxes stable and adjust spending to match current revenues	Limit or reduce taxes by restricting spending to core services only	Keep property taxes stable and adjust spending to match current revenues	Keep property taxes stable and adjust spending to match current revenues
Growth & Development: What’s your vision for managing Okotoks’ growth?							
Support moderate/controlled growth	Encourage faster commercial growth	Support moderate/controlled growth	Support moderate/controlled growth	Encourage faster commercial growth	Support moderate/controlled growth	Support moderate/controlled growth	Support moderate/controlled growth
Business Climate: How should Okotoks attract and support local businesses?							

Transportation & Traffic: Where should the town focus transportation dollars?

All Candidates responded: Roads & traffic flow

Community Safety: How should the Town of Okotoks prioritize investments in community safety?

Increase visible policing and bylaw enforcement	Invest in preventative measures (youth programs, mental health supports, outreach)	Maintain current levels of investment	Increase visible policing and bylaw enforcement	Increase visible policing and bylaw enforcement	Increase visible policing and bylaw enforcement	Increase visible policing and bylaw enforcement
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