

2017 Municipal Election Survey 2017 – Edmonton – Thank you for participating in the Canadian Taxpayers Federation’s election survey. Please provide your responses to Colin Craig (ccraig@taxpayer.com) by September 29 (end of day). Results will be posted at Taxpayer.com, sent to the media and emailed to our supporters.

Name: Matthew Kleywegt

1) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to scan and post council expense receipts online? (Just as the province does for MLA expenses) Comment: YES/NO

Yes. There should be transparency in how public money is spent.

2) Will you protect taxpayers from additional financial risk and excessive costs by introducing a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to place new city employees, and council members, in a less costly pension plan? (Defined contribution) Comment: YES/NO

No. I won’t build my support at the expense of a public servant’s retirement.

3) Will you vote to freeze or reduce city employee salaries – just as many employees in Edmonton’s business sector received during the recession? Comment: YES/NO

No. The recession is over. This makes sense only in an environment of deflation.

4) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to cap property tax increases at inflation? (Statistics Canada’s CPI for Edmonton) Comment: YES/NO

Yes, if you mean capping the percentage rate. If the value of your property increases more than inflation I expect the city to collect that.

5) Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city’s unemployment rate is below the national average? Comment: YES/NO

No. There are much more effective, much less cynical ways to save money. Art is essential to the moral and livability of the city. I wouldn’t cut it if we were at war.

6) Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money? Comment: YES/NO

Yes, there are some non-essential services that could be contracted out. The golf courses come to mind.

7) Will you proactively disclose a list of those who contributed over \$250 to your campaign (and the amount) prior to the October 18 vote? Comment:

Sure. Only two people/entities have donated more than 250\$ to my Campaign: Jason Ruhl, (my wife’s business partner) and Myself.