


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.

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Signature: 

<p>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)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I believe in complete transparency in Government and even more so in elected officials. They are in office to represent the people and therefore have the right to know what their officials are doing and what they are spending their money on.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>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 in a less costly pension plan? (Defined contribution)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> City employees should have benefit and retirement plans comparable to private enterprise employees</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>3) Will you vote to freeze or reduce city employee salaries – just as many employees in Edmonton's business sector received during the recession?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> This is a more complicated issue than stated as many private employees are still receiving raises based on merit and other factors. While many people in industries such as oil and gas are under salary freezes or 4 day work weeks this is not the case across the board. It would be unfair to penalize hard working productive city employees with a blanket freeze. I believe that both raises and reductions should be handled on a case by case basis.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>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)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> With a proper budget in place it should be reasonable to expect that we can run the city on the funds provided under this model.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES / <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<p>5) Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city's unemployment rate is below the national average?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> The arts are an important part of our city. I feel that instead of halting spending on these works we should be supporting local Edmonton artists and our local schools' art programs. This way we are putting money back into the local economy while still providing a beautiful city for Edmontonians. This should also reduce overall costs for the art being purchased.</p>	<p>YES/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>6) Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I support options that provide the best value without sacrificing performance or quality.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES/NO</p>
<p>7) Will you proactively disclose a list of those who contributed over \$250 to your campaign (and the amount) prior to the October 16 vote?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I am self-funding my campaign so the voters know that I am looking out for their interests and focusing on the issues. As I stated before I support full transparency and in this case the voters have a right to know which interest group are funding the candidates.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES/NO</p>