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Candidate for Mayor of Strathcona County.

1. Yes. I have been a long time opponent of P3's. I thought them as a school trustee in another jurisdiction, fought them as an MLA and will be fighting them as a Mayor. I have read a lot of the reports written by the Columbia Institute, the Parkland Institute and other researchers. Yes, I would support less contracting out and explore how to change the business model to rely on less or no contracting out.
 2. As someone who worked on living wages programs in at least 3 municipalities my answer is a huge Yes, I actually tried to start a living wage discussion when I worked for Strathcona County. I have always supported given for me and would fight any attempt to remove them from employees.
 3. YES totally and completely. I am appalled at the policies of the provincial government when it comes to workers rights and the cuts to employees pensions.
 4. Strathcona County is different from other municipalities as the majority of its revenues come from the two industrial areas in its boundaries.
Residential property taxes are lower compared to other municipalities. For the County given the downloading and cuts to MSI etc from the provincial government, I would favour a review of priorities so that projects that can be postponed or projects that need a second look be examined and eliminated or reduced in scope. Instead of eliminating programs/projects that support the lower income residents in our community, I would favour eliminating projects/programs that are not of an immediate priority.
- I do not believe in a simple answer of spending cuts or increases to property tax. It is not an either or.

5. YES

6. Unfortunately in Strathcona County, public transit is not as accessible as in Edmonton with only a minority of residents using transit for employment, school or recreation purposes. If I was to help low income

residents, I would favour more free or lower cost recreation programs, funding for an "advocate" to help access government support programs, support more affordable housing, low cost child care etc. My personal wish is that we would have more residents considering transit but there are challenges to accessing transit if you live outside of the core of Sherwood Park.

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