

Dylan Bohaychuk responses
Candidate for Strathcona County Council Ward 7

- 1. Will you oppose privatization of municipal services and infrastructure, including Public-Private Partnerships aka P3s? Will you support bringing previously privatized services in-house?**

For the most part, I do not agree with privatization. While I do think that a blanket approach to things is ill advised, there is merit in doing services in-house. Non-viable costs however are something to be wary of in any situation (hence, making sure there is economic sustainability is something to consider). Indeed, a case-by-case basis must be considered.

- 2. Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the municipality employs staff with living wages, full-time hours where desired, job security, and collective bargaining rights?**

I do intend to respond more to residents of this ward, and their desires, which includes your union members. I am a firm believer in full time hours and a living wage for municipal employees where applicable.

- 3. Will you oppose attempts from the provincial government to legislate against municipal staff including cuts to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or restrictions on their right to strike?**

I am not entirely informed of your current pension plan, and such it would be hard to come up with a definitive answer. At present I know of no reason for making any changes to the existing LAPP, or worker striking rights.

- 4. How do you propose your municipality deal with funding shortfalls, cuts, and downloading of responsibilities from federal and provincial governments? Do you favour spending cuts over tax increases?**

Funding is always a difficult thing for any municipality. We cannot have a deficit, but we also do not want to tax out local businesses or make living here unaffordable for seniors or new families. Many of those seniors who need to maintain affordability might be living pension-to-pension (maybe even by LAPP) and taxing out businesses may lead to a net loss of jobs in our county. However, cuts to services may affect their financial sustainability, job loss, or loss of services altogether! As such, I believe there's always a way to accomplish something: streamlining, alternate sources of revenue, tax reform, balancing of responsibilities, incentives for incoming businesses, incentives for cottage industry/entrepreneurs, etc. Finding a way to make things work that we can all agree on is ideal.

- 5. Do you support measures such as mask mandates, vaccine "passports", and vaccine mandates for staff to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your municipality?**

A need to keep a close eye on a developing situation is needed. Facts and figures drive policy as much as public involvement/wishes. Having healthy communication within our Ward will allow both myself and residents to make the best (and most well informed) choices when it comes to this pandemic.

- 6. Do you support measures to reduce municipal reliance on services fees and fares, such as eliminating transit fares?**

Unfortunately, the rural ward I wish to represent doesn't have regular municipal transit. Students who use transit systems for our Ward normally are covered under a student pass by their school, and the car is the only real way around. There are also many ways to improve affordability and increase ridership with transit, and better improve its financial viability as well.