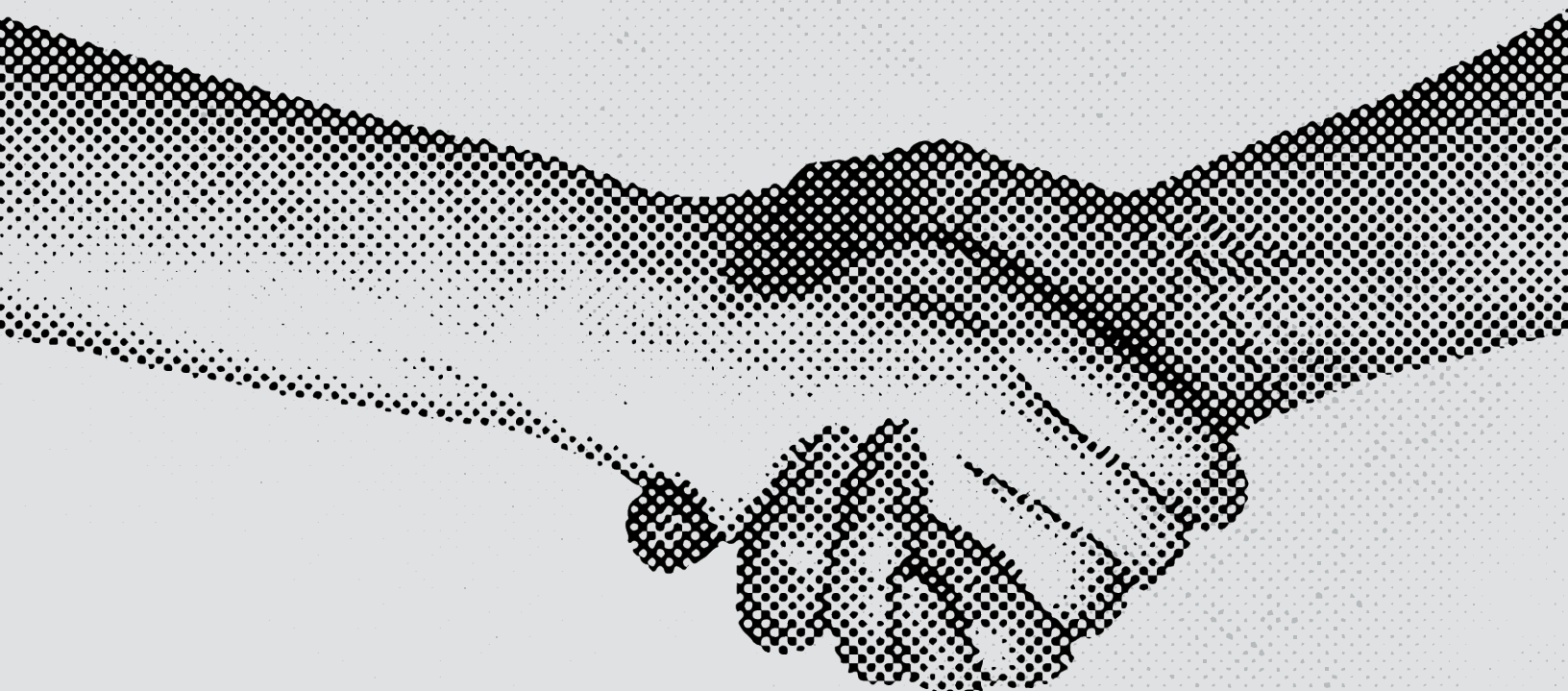


2025

Elections
RED DEER

Candidate Inquiries & Responses



For the Offices of Mayor, Councillor, Public School Trustee and Catholic School Trustee



Candidate Information Requests

Official election candidates and those with intent to become official candidates frequently pose questions to The City, these questions may inform their campaigns or their understanding of the local jurisdiction. To promote transparency and equal access to information for all, all responses are shared with all candidates through this document. This ensures that all candidates are equally informed and able to engage in the electoral process on an even playing field.

The Returning Officer, to ensure all candidates receive all information, will respond to all election information requests and ensure that all candidates receive the response provided. This document is updated regularly. Responses provided relate to information that is deemed to be routinely releasable.

Information requests that relate to non-routinely releasable information or that would require more than two hours in research and response development will be forwarded to the Access and Privacy Analyst and applicable fees for the retrieval of such information will apply. Responses handled by the Access and Privacy Analyst will only be provided to the individual who requested the information and paid the applicable fees. For further information please visit [City of Red Deer - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy](#).

As information is added to this document it will be in order of received questions, with newest questions being at the end, and any identifying information to whom requested the information removed.

Once a candidate's Notice of Intent has been submitted, they will be automatically added to the email list for this document and will receive an email whenever it is updated. Candidates can unsubscribe at any time by following the instructions provided in the email.

If you have specific election related questions that are not answered on the website elections.reddeer.ca or in this document, please email elections@reddeer.ca.

Note: The information in this document is current only as of the date it was provided

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March 10, 2025

1. Does anything need to be done with Form 4 before starting to collect signatures of support?

Answer - In regards to Form 4, you do not need to do anything before collecting signatures.

March 13, 2025

2. When running for Red Deer Catholic school division, where do electors need to reside to sign Form 4?

Answer - Electors need to reside in the ward/subdivision you are running for. There is a [Candidate Handbook](#) that may be helpful.

April 23, 2025

3. There seems to be some confusion as to the allowable characters in the bio and platform for the city candidate site. Please can you clarify this.

Answer - The character limit for the candidate site is as follows:

- biography information - 500 characters,
- priority title - 50 characters,
- description of priority - 250 characters.
 - Characters are considered letters, spaces, and punctuation.

Also, please note that it does need to be in paragraph form as bullet points will not be displayed.

May 2, 2025

4. Can fundraising examples be provided?

Answer - I cannot provide any examples of fundraising to a candidate, as that might look like the election office is being biased.

Candidate Inquiries**May 2, 2025****5. How is campaign surplus dealt with?**

Answer – Options below:

Section **147.5**

(1) If a candidate's disclosure statement in respect of the year in which a general election was held or in the case of a by-election shows a surplus, the candidate, within 60 days after filing the disclosure statement with the local jurisdiction,

(a) shall, with respect to any amount that is \$1000 or more, donate an amount to a registered charity that results in the surplus being less than \$1000, and

(b) may, with respect to any amount that is less than \$1000,

(i) retain all or any portion of that amount, and

(ii) donate all or any portion of that amount to a registered charity.

(2) A candidate who donates an amount to a registered charity in accordance with subsection (1)(a) or (b)(ii) shall, within 30 days after the expiration of the 60-day period referred to in subsection (1), file an amended disclosure statement showing that the surplus has been dealt with in accordance with this section.

May 2, 2025**6. Can a corporate contribute to a candidate's campaign?**

Answer – Yes:

Section **147.2**

(3) Contributions by a corporation other than a prohibited organization, by an Alberta trade union or by an Alberta employee organization shall not exceed during the campaign period

(a) \$5000 in the aggregate to all candidates for election as a councillor in a particular municipality,

(b) \$5000 in the aggregate to all candidates for election as a school board trustee of a particular public school division under the Education Act, and

(c) \$5000 in the aggregate to all candidates for election as a school board trustee of a particular separate school division under the Education Act.

Candidate Inquiries**May 2, 2025****7. Can a non-profit contribute to a candidate if they have received funds since the last election?**

Answer - No:

Section **147.1****(f)** “prohibited organization” means**(i)** a municipality,**(ii)** a corporation that is controlled by a municipality and meets the test set out in section 1(2) of the Municipal Government Act,**(iii)** a non-profit organization that has received since the last general election any of the following from the municipality in which the election will be held:**(A)** a grant;**(B)** real property;**(C)** personal property,**May 2, 2025****8. Are receipts required for campaign contributions?**

Answer – Yes:

Section **147.3****(1)** A candidate shall ensure that**(a)** a campaign account in the name of the candidate or the candidate’s election campaign is opened at a financial institution for the purposes of the election campaign at the time the candidate gives a written notice under section 147.22 or as soon as possible after the total amount of contributions first exceeds \$1000 in the aggregate,**(b)** if a campaign account has been opened in accordance with clause (a), all contributions of money are deposited into the campaign account,**(c)** money in the campaign account shall only be used for the payment of campaign expenses,

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- (d) contributions of real property, personal property and services are valued,
- (e) receipts are issued for every contribution and obtained for every expense,
- (f) records are kept of contributions and campaign expenses and are retained by the candidate for a period of 3 years following the day of the election to which they relate, and
- (g) proper direction is given to the candidate's official agent and any other person who is authorized to incur campaign expenses and accept or solicit contributions on behalf of the candidate.

There is no legislated template for the type of receipt that a candidate issues; however, the following information should be included on the receipt:

- date,
- name of candidate or campaign,
- name of contributor who contributed to the candidate
- amount of value of contribution or if the contribution was an in-kind service, then a value amount must be assigned to that,
- lastly the type of contribution that it was (in-kind service, catering, signs, etc.).

May 3, 2025**9. Say the Red Deer Public Library has received any grant since the last election, they cannot offer a room nor space to host a town hall or Q and A while campaigning?**

Answer - That is the Election Office's understanding of the legislation.

However, you might want to reach out to Alberta Municipalities hello@abmunis.ca. They might be able to provide some helpful information on this or by visiting [Running for Municipal Office: Alberta Municipalities](#).

May 6, 2025**10. Please consider adding a specific person to the Red Deer Horseshoe Club – Name has been removed**

Answer - Please send an email to marketing@reddeer.ca with the following information:

- Name of organization

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- Maximum 20 word general listing (these stay up year round, so no firm dates)
- Contact website

May 12, 2025

11. Could you provide copies of the agreement that came from the subcommittee that was formed from this meeting and any subsequent meeting notes.

Answer - As speed skating has relocated and lawn bowling has become inactive, it would appear that the sub-committee has dissolved naturally over time or perhaps never got going if there are no records following this meeting.

May 12, 2025

12. Do you have extra keys for the Community Shelter as the Golden Circle was only able to provide us with one

Answer - As the operating organization of this building, access (keys) is granted at the Golden Circle's discretion. Restricting the number of keys to a property is not an uncommon practice for security purposes.

May 12, 2025

13. The large cork board that used to be affixed to the south inside wall of the Community Shelter was removed a few years ago when painting was done. It has gone missing. Could a similar be put back in that spot?

Answer - FAM indicates that there was a small corkboard in the skate shack portion that was removed, this is the area that the piano is now situated on the South Wall. As the tenant the Golden Circle did not request it to be reinstalled.

May 12, 2025

14. I would also like you to look at what is inside the shed attached to the no longer in use Lawn Bowling Field if you can locate the key.

Answer - This shed has become property of the City. We will try to locate the key.

Candidate Inquiries**May 22, 2025**

15. Do you consider the corner of Gaetz Ave. and 32nd street where the current dynamic sign is located, City or private property as far as election sign placement is concerned?

Answer - As per Inspections and Licensing this appears to be the Red Deer Resort and Casino, which is a private property.

May 29, 2025

16. Please explain in full what has led to changes in operations at Heritage Ranch?

Answer - The City of Red Deer has made the decision to terminate its contract with the current operator of Heritage Ranch. This decision was made after it became clear that the operator was unable to meet the obligations outlined in the service agreement. In the interest of protecting public service standards and ensuring the long-term success of the facility, The City will now move forward in securing a new operator. As a result, Heritage Ranch will temporarily close while this transition occurs.

May 29, 2025

17. Is it possible that a sub committee was indeed formed and provided input for the Golden Circle Resource Centre Expansion Feasibility Study May 16, 2000?

Answer – It is possible that a sub-committee was formed at the time to provide input. However, after a thorough search, we have not been able to locate a copy of the study or any related records.

Candidate Inquiries**May 29, 2025****18. What does "identified partner" mean?**

Answer - In the context of The City of Red Deer, this refers to a group that has a formal agreement in place with the City, outlining mutual responsibilities and terms for facility use or partnership.

May 29, 2025**19. Is the Red Deer Horseshoe Club still considered an "identified partner."**

Answer - At this time, there is no agreement in place that would designate the Club as an identified partner under the City's current definitions.

May 29, 2025**20. If the Red Deer Horseshoe Club is still considered an "identified partner" why were we not notified of or involved in discussions of adding a door through the coat room from the main building into the Community Shelter?**

Answer - Access requests and key distribution are managed by Golden Circle staff.

May 29, 2025**21. Who decided to keep the storage room in the Community Shelter unlocked?**

Answer - Decisions such as these would be at the discretion of Golden Circle Management.

May 29, 2025**22. What was the cost of the Golden Circle Resource Centre Expansion Feasibility Study May 16, 2000?**

Answer - In December 1999 the Golden Circle Resource Centre Expansion Feasibility Study was undertaken by the Golden Circle Expansion Committee. A team of consultants was hired to look at the feasibility of adding on to the Golden Circle and provided a report back to the Golden Circle May 2000.

Candidate Inquiries**May 29, 2025****23. What recommendations were adopted and what date(s).**

Answer - Any terminology utilized in the Feasibility Study “identified partner” would have been defined by the consultants for the purpose of that report. The study was then presented to the Golden Circle Board was accepted with the understanding there was still a lot of work to be done. It appears that this work culminated in the 2008 Golden Circle Renovation and Revitalization Project that was support through capital budget and Major Community Facilities Program Funding.

May 29, 2025**24. Why was the Golden Circle building not renovated and expanded during the Pandemic lockdown?**

Answer - The City’s capital funding priorities did not include renovations or expansion to the Golder Circle at the time of the pandemic. Decisions regarding capital projects are made through the City’s internal planning and budget approval processes, which take into account infrastructure conditions, operational needs, available funding, and direction from City Council.

May 29, 2025**25. Why was money spent on renovating City Hall during the Pandemic lockdown instead?**

Answer - City Hall renovations did proceed during that time. It was part of a broader capital planning process.

May 29, 2025**26. How much was spent on renovating City Hall During the Pandemic lockdown?**

Answer - Information may be available in the City’s published budget documents or related council reports.

Candidate Inquiries**May 29, 2025****27. Why were the goals of Vision 2020 for the Golden Circle not achieved?**

Answer - We were unable to find a publicly available document by that or similar title in the City's archives, council minutes, or capital summaries. As such, we are unable to confirm what goals may have been outlined or achieved under that plan.

June 10, 2025**28. I would like to Withdrawal my Notice of Intent; can I do that?**

Answer - You need to fill out and submit the Withdrawal of Notice of Intent for the office you are running for.

Electronic submissions are accepted, please return the completed forms at your earliest convenience. Once we receive the signed withdrawal, your name will be removed from our website within 48 hours.