



City entity remains neutral during municipal elections

Thursday, October 7, 2021 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – The City of Wetaskiwin seeks to address an inaccurate statement made by a municipal general election candidate that the candidate’s campaign information would be disseminated through the City’s communications department rather than the candidate’s own media channels. This statement is false, and the inference that City media resources can be leveraged to the benefit of an individual candidate is misleading and irresponsible.

Section 15.1 of [Council’s Code of Conduct Bylaw 1906-18](#) stipulates that “no member [of Council] shall use any facilities, equipment, supplies, services, municipal logo, or other resources of the Municipality for any election campaign or campaign-related activity.” In plain language, this means that the Communications department cannot distribute or otherwise broadcast the campaign materials of any candidate. Organizational neutrality must be maintained by the municipal entity throughout the course of a municipal election.

The City of Wetaskiwin’s communications department has never—nor will ever—develop or issue election campaign information for candidates via any media including official City of Wetaskiwin channels. Only general municipal election information (such as election dates, voting station locations and certified election results) is permitted via these channels.

Please visit wetaskiwin.ca/election for information about the 2021 Wetaskiwin Municipal Election.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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