

Municipal Election Policy

Issue: *The City of Medicine Hat will host a municipal election every four years. The Chamber typically hosts a candidate forum preceding the election.*

MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POSITION

In an attempt to bring more attention to Chamber positions we propose directing our staff to host an event which includes and provides:

1. A formal moderated candidate debate instead of a candidate or open microphone forum. Questions will be prioritized around Chamber positions and concerns first, and then general interests.
2. An independent moderator to run debates that feature:
 - a. A mayoral candidate debate
 - b. Councillor debates. If there are several candidates nominated, the Chamber will mix incumbent and new candidates with no fewer than 6 candidates per night
3. The full audio and video digital rights to the event. The audio and/or video would then be published on the Chamber website and made available to members. The purpose would be to have future council members on record with our membership and our concerns.
4. An opportunity for the Chamber to summarize our policy viewpoints with the candidates answers regarding those same viewpoints and make the information available on our website.

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