

CRCAG Questionnaire to Calgary-Elbow Candidates

Dear Calgary-Elbow Candidates,

Please find below a questionnaire from the Calgary River Communities Action Group, we ask that your responses be sent in by no later than 5pm on Tuesday October 14, 2014. It can be emailed to josh.traptow@crcactiongroup.com. Your answers will be posted on our website and emailed to our membership for them to review.

Regards,

CRCAG Board

1. ELBOW RIVER

- a. What is your understanding of the upstream flood mitigation infrastructure projects and their current status?
- b. Are you supportive of building upstream flood mitigation infrastructure for the Elbow River?
- c. If yes to (b), then as Calgary-Elbow's MLA, what actions (if any) do you intend to take to ensure upstream flood mitigation projects are completed as soon as possible?
- d. Are you supportive of acquiring the Springbank land required for the Springbank road off-stream reservoir? What time frame do you believe is reasonable to commence building of this infrastructure? Completion of this infrastructure?
- e. Do you believe that more than one upstream mitigation infrastructure project is needed to fully protect Calgary? If not, why not? If yes, then:
 - i. Do you support the completion of the McLean Creek dry dam? If so, on what time frame?
 - ii. Do you support an underground diversion tunnel from the Glenmore reservoir to the Bow River?

2. BOW RIVER

- a. As MLA for Calgary-Elbow, what do you see as your role in ensuring that all measures for flood mitigation within the City of Calgary are undertaken, e.g., necessary upgrades to catch basins and storm sewers, e.g., at Sunnyside, Bridgeland, etc?

- b. As MLA for Calgary-Elbow, what do you see as your role in ensuring that infrastructure already existing on the Bow River is used as effectively as possible for flood mitigation purposes, such as by appropriate contractual means with TransAlta?

3. POLICY

Floodway Development Regulations

- a. What is your current understanding of the status of the Floodway Development Regulations?
- b. What do you believe ought to be achieved with such regulations, and what measures would you support to achieve those goals?
- c. Do you believe that the Floodway Development Regulations should be made independent of considering the impact of upstream flood mitigation infrastructure?
- d. Do you believe that Calgary should have the same exemption as Fort McMurray and Drumheller?
- e. Do you have any concern that future flood hazard mapping may encompass much larger areas of Calgary within the floodway – particularly in the Calgary-Elbow riding – which may retroactively have a profound and significant impact on development within Calgary-Elbow, on account of the Floodway Development Regulations? If so, what do you intend to do as MLA to address these concerns?

Buy-Out Policy

- a. What are your thoughts on the Buy-out policy?
- b. Do you believe the Buy-out policy has achieved its stated goal?
- c. Do you believe the Buy-out policy as implemented (i.e., with only approximately 30% of eligible homeowners accepting the buy-out) has left our communities in worse position?
- d. What should be done with the vacant lots that have resulted from this policy?

4. DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

- a. Do you believe the DRP funding has been appropriately and fairly allocated to flood-impacted residents and business owners?
- b. If yes, why?
- c. If no, then what will you do in your role as MLA for Calgary-Elbow to ensure the appropriate allocation of funding in a timely manner?