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1. Please enter your full name and municipality.

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Mark Payne Redcliff

2. What active role have you played to improve our community prior to running for council/mayor?

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To be honest I haven't played a role alot in the community, but I have attended some of Redcliff town hall meetings, I have been on some boards for kids sports and participated in the Santa Claus Toy Run. I try to get involved as much as possible when I can

3. What initiatives would you propose to improve tourism, investment attraction and development to our municipality and region and support business recovery during/after the pandemic? *

I would propose incentives with new business and construction with Canada green building council (Leeds) ,which will help with climate change and give Redcliff a step in the right direction on recovery and growth for our town

4. In Medicine Hat, businesses pay a higher proportion of property taxes compared to the residential sector. Medicine Hat's tax gap of 2.35% is one of the highest in Alberta. What is your position on the current approach to taxation and your thoughts on potential strategies to narrow this gap?

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Redcliff has the same type of issues. What we need is to encourage new business opportunity and housing development so we can deal with the taxation gaps.

5. If elected, what specific steps would you take to encourage & promote entrepreneurship within the region?

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With information and incentives to help our town grow , from Alberta urban municipality association and Canada green building council

6. What is your stance on COVID-19 related laws that mandate requirements, including masks and vaccine passports?

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It's the people's choice

7. What is your plan for publicly-funded services (examples would include Medicine Hat Public Library, power plant, facilities) if elected?

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For Redcliff I propose town fund raising, Federal and Provincial grants.

8. How important is it for our region to have a local Community College? What specific steps could the municipality do to work better with Medicine Hat College to provide ongoing opportunities for future learners?

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It is very important to have a community college as long as the college helps out everyone in the municipality

9. How will you attract newcomers to the district and address the needs for a skilled workforce? *

I would propose to enhance our Welcoming and Inclusive Communities that would entice workers and employers to Redcliff.

10. What is your stance on the importance of mental health & wellness support in our region? What ideas, implementations, and initiatives would you put forward to improve the overall mental health & wellbeing of our community?

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Mental health is very important, I would like to see Canadian Mental Health Association put more resources in the region instead of just the big centres.

11. How will you further diversity and inclusion initiatives in our region, as it relates to each of the pillars in the Chamber's Vote Prosperity Platform: <https://www.medicinehatchamber.com/voteprosperity2021/> (<https://www.medicinehatchamber.com/voteprosperity2021/>)

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The Medicine Hat Chamber Action Plan is not applicable for our great town. The Alberta Government Four Pillar Action Plan is best suited for our community. By bringing in a high school and to attract skilled workers, we need better infrastructure. eg. roads, sewer, etc., We need an image and a brand to attract people and businesses to our town with the small town living with the big city atmosphere. We have lots of opportunities with the land that we have now in order to grow and prosper.

12. On a municipal level, how do you intend to address climate change and pollution?

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I would propose more amenities in the town so the people of Redcliff would not have to drive into the bigger centres. We need transit into the city and have performance evaluations on our contracts in order to hold the contractors accountable on doing their part to help out with climate change.

13. What strategies will you use to communicate and engage with the community and remain accountable to the citizens?

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I would use Social media, the newspaper, our community message board and our town website. We need assessments which will help with being accountable.

14. Are there any other issues you wish to address or highlight that were not mentioned in the questions above?

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I'm here for change , and change is a mind set it will not happen over night but it will happen slowly and I will listen to the people of this great town we call home