

Candidate's Forum

Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Foothills Centennial Centre - doors open at 6 pm.

Advance Polls

Municipal Centre - Council Chambers, 5 Elizabeth Street
Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 9:00 am - 1 pm
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
For further information, please contact: Cathy Duplessis
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Municipal Election

Monday, October 16, 2017 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

For voters living north of the river, vote at:
Okotoks Recreation Centre- 99 Okotoks Drive

For voters living south of the river, vote at:
Foothills Centennial Centre, 4 - 204 Community Way

If you require transportation to the polls, please contact me.

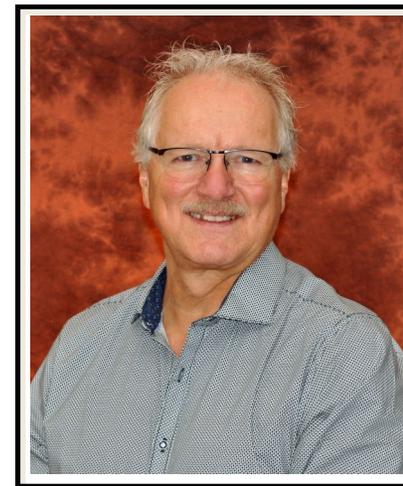
To get in touch with me on any issue, or to request a lawn sign
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RE-ELECT

Dr Ed Sands



Experience Counts

Committed to Innovative Solutions

On October 16
Re-Elect Ed Sands for Council

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WHO AM I? PERSONAL PROFILE

Born and raised in Alberta
Married with two grown children
Resident of Okotoks for 32 years
Chiropractor in practice in Okotoks for 37 years
Downtown businessman - former owner of Okotoks Chiropractic & Massage Therapy



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Town Councillor since 1995. I have served on most subcommittees
Member of Okotoks Lions Club since 1985
High River Hospital Board representative 1986 - 1993 (Chairman for 3 years)
Dewdney Players - Treasurer, Producer, Director, Actor, Technical Director, etc.
Healthy Okotoks Coalition founding member
Volunteer musician at High River Hospital and other local events
Recipient of Canada 150 Medal for Community Building

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

I have served my profession in numerous local, provincial & national capacities

Why Should I Vote For Ed Sands?

- I was on Council when Sustainable Okotoks was developed. I have promoted and defended Sustainable Okotoks in national and international forums. It is my commitment to continue to apply these principles in "Okotoks 3.0".
- I am a dedicated team player, respectful of my fellow councillors' opinions and perspectives. I am neither a maverick nor a sycophant. My priority is for the residents of Okotoks
- Much of my Council service has been on regional boards. I have the experience and contacts to ensure Okotoks remains a regional leader.
- I staunchly side with our residents on contentious issues. (You may notice my signs are primarily sited on residential land!)
- I value and seek out innovative solutions to difficult problems.
- I will not try to buy your votes with promises of lavish spending of your money.



Re-Elect Councillor Ed Sands

The next Council will face an exciting array of issues to manage in the next term. Listed below are my thoughts and positions on a few of the issues which I feel will be priorities for the next Council.

1. "Okotoks 3.0": Negotiating our annexation took a significant percentage of our time and attention last council. Now that the annexation has been approved, our focus will shift to detailed planning of what that growth will look like.

It is important that resident input is incorporated into a Municipal Development It is vitally important that our leadership in sustainable development is not compromised.

2. Secure Water Supply: Interim solutions have been successfully implemented with several significant water licence transfers, permitting development to proceed for the next several years. This will allow developer contributions to accrue so that 'new growth' supports a significant percentage of the cost of the pipeline when arrangements are finally made.

It is essential that funding of the pipeline be spread across a number of sources so that it does not become an onerous burden on the existing residents of Okotoks. Securing the approvals for the pipeline are vitally important, but ensuring that it is affordable is paramount!

3. Recreation Infrastructure: The 40 acre Community Campus on 32nd Street was an innovative solution to keep the public high school in Okotoks, plus set aside land for future culture and recreation facilities.

I was a strong supporter the twinning of the Pason Centennial Arena in Okotoks to provide urgently needed space for our ever-expanding minor hockey and figure-skating programs. The recreational ice surface will prove to be an innovative way to provide ice time for non-competitive users without reducing availability for our ever-expanding competitive users.

Council has been actively pursuing the development of a larger, modern Performing Arts Centre, in keeping with the recently adopted Performing Arts Feasibility Study (which is due to be updated). I will continue to champion the pursuit of expanded arts facilities in Okotoks.

4. Financial Stability: Council must continue to develop a long range financial map to prioritize and plan for the new facilities and services which will be required to support new residents and businesses in both the short and long term. Residential taxation does not fully support the myriad services required by our residents.

I understand the need to expand our non-residential tax base by making Okotoks an attractive destination for businesses and their customers. Businesses provide employment for our residents and enhance Okotoks as a regional service centre. Businesses also contribute to the tax revenue stream which will help keep residential taxes low. In addition, as a resident and former business owner, I totally understand the need to keep the taxes in Okotoks affordable to all residents and businesses.

For more information, go to www.edwardsands.ca