

To the Members of the Lethbridge Fish and Game Association,

I was honoured when a couple of your members recently reached out to my campaign. It prompted me to reflect on my own connection to the values your association represents, and I wanted to share my thoughts with all of you.

My commitment to this community is deeply personal. I was raised in Lethbridge, and some of my most formative experiences are tied to the traditions you work so hard to preserve. As a teenager, I was proud to be named top marksman in the #11 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron right here in Lethbridge. That experience taught me about discipline, safety, and respect. It also brings back fond memories of my grandfather, a passionate fly fisherman who would spend hours at his vise, patiently **tying his own flies**.

Those experiences gave me a deep appreciation for the skill, patience, and stewardship that are at the heart of your association.

Just as you are responsible stewards of our natural resources and our outdoor heritage, I believe City Hall has a fundamental duty to be a responsible steward of our financial resources. This is especially important for our many seniors and members on a **fixed income**, who have been hit the hardest by unsustainable property tax increases.

My campaign for Mayor is built on a promise of fiscal discipline. Ending the pattern of **\$50 million in budget overruns** isn't just about saving money; it's about respecting every taxpayer and ensuring we can afford the core city services we all rely on, including the parks and natural areas we enjoy.

I want to be clear: I am a strong supporter of the activities of the Lethbridge Fish and Game Association. You are a vital part of our community's fabric, teaching the next generation about conservation and preserving our proud outdoor heritage.

As Mayor, my door will always be open. I see the relationship between the City and your association as a partnership, and I will be a Mayor who listens to your concerns and respects your role as key community stakeholders.

Thank you for your decades of commitment to our community. I hope to earn your support in this important election.

Sincerely,

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