

## **Municipal Election Policy**

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

### **MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POSITION**

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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. Aldermanic debates. If there are several candidates nominated, the Chamber will host an incumbent debate and a nominee debate
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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