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12. Do you support local business? How many candidates had their signage and printing done locally in Spruce Grove?

Yes. As a local business I think it is imperative for elected officials to support local businesses. Each member has a network of influence. If you can positively impact the community through your support, others will follow.

I spent 100% of my campaign dollars locally. Not in Stony Plain, not in Edmonton, not in Parkland county, but in Spruce Grove. At locally owned and operated businesses. From my \$18 name placard to my 200 lawn signs, my 4 large signs and my 10,000 brochures. I feel it is incredibly important as a leader in this community to set the example of supporting Spruce Grove businesses.

13. How do you respond when the right thing to do is not the popular thing to do?

I have had some experience with this when having to advocate on behalf of businesses as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce. At the time, it wasn't the popular thing to do, it could have affected me personally in my business, but it was the job I had agreed to do, and so regardless of the consequences, I did what was asked of me.

I also think it is important to have, and provide, all the information. Most people, when presented with both sides of an issue, in a respectful way, can rationally agree what the right thing to do is.