

Hello Candidates,

Please take a moment to respond to the following question. Please limit your response to 150 words or less. Note that responses may be summarized and posted on the CUPE622 Local website. Please respond by October 6th in order to capture advance polling.

- 1. Do you support municipal waste pick-up?**
- 2. If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out?**

Thank you for your time,
CUPE622 Sanitation Committee

Susan Carr wrote:

I do think it's time for pickup but biweekly with weekly recycling as always. The amount of trucks just in my area is crazy. Can't be leaving a good carbon footprint I think it would also help to lessen the amount of garbage people just throw in green spaces because they can't afford the waste depot or garbage pick up. It should be a city run program for sure no question Our city staff are professionals and more than capable of doing the job.

Lou Jose wrote:

1. Absolutely if the net tax cost to the homeowner is under \$300.00 for two cans.
2. I am not convinced taxpayers support Garbage pickup, but if it is approved I would support a City Operated program if the net cost was within 10% of the Commercial Operators. It's like leaving tip at a restaurant to support your local worker and I am confident the taxpayers of Maple Ridge would agree.

Andrew Poszar wrote:

Do you support municipal waste pick-up?

Yes I do!

If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out?

I'd like the service to be provided in-house by City workers only!

Michael Tuzzi wrote:

- 1. Do you support municipal waste pick-up?**

- Yes I do, but as long as we have a say in the price of this service

2. If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out?

- It's important to do this with in-house city workers to create jobs for our community. In fact, those hired must reside in Maple Ridge.

Kevin Priebe wrote:

If a member of the 2018 election Waste Collection Committee has time I would like to hear more about Waste Collection for the City of Maple Ridge. What is Cupe 622 vision for bringing garbage collection in-house for the City of Maple Ridge. What would the relationship between the City of Maple Ridge, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society (RMRS) and Cupe 622 look like moving forward.

Report References City of Maple Ridge:

- Information on Solid Waste Collection – Additional Information for Review June 1, 2015 File # 11-5380-01
 - [Solid-Waste-Collection-Report](#)
- Solid Waste Collection Options March 30, 2015 File # 11-5380-01
 - [Solid-Waste-Collection-Options-Report](#)

If you have any other information that you would like me to review please do not hesitate to contact me.

Glenn Schaffrick wrote:

1. Do you support municipal waste pick-up?

Since there will be a vote on the issue I will support the wishes of the residents of Maple Ridge and their direction to council on how they want to proceed with municipal waste pick-up.

2. If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out

Until we see the numbers for each option I can't make decision on in-house or contracted out. The decision has to be in the best interests of Maple Ridge residents over time. Without any data or forecasts, either option is viable to me at this time.

Ahmed Yousef wrote:

1. Do you support municipal waste pick-up?

That is a matter to be decided by the public through the upcoming plebiscite, according to those results the municipal government shall proceed. Maple Ridge residents have shared with me numerous perspectives on this issue and I remain neutral and ready to work on whichever solution they decide best serves them.

2. If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out?

If the public decides to move forward with municipal waste pick-up, the most prudent course of action would be to study the costs associated with the delivery of service either through city worker or through an independent contractor, and decide based on the long term which is the most viable option.

Bhupinder Johar wrote:

No for me. I do not support municipal waste pick up for these reasons; Affordability, there is a significant difference in cost between private companies and municipal waste management. Municipal waste disposal will only serve to drive up property taxes which are already a primary concern for our community.

With municipal waste pickup, there is one company contracted out to manage all waste. Because of this, there is a greater risk for union strikes which usually take place around holidays leaving excess waste all over our city.

In the event of a municipal waste policy, I prefer waste management to be contracted out so private companies can make their bid for the most reasonable price.

Rysa Kronebusch wrote:

Thank you for the question, as mentioned I am running for council, this question has been put to the city for a vote. Based on the outcome if the citizens of Maple Ridge vote in favour of Municipal waste collection, as a unionist I would fight and advocate for that to be in house and encourage those who have been doing the routes and have the trucks to join CUPE 622 which would increase membership

Peter Tam wrote:

1. Do you support municipal waste pick-up?

Yes, I support a comprehensive waste management system and municipal pick up is a part of that.

2. If the City goes forward with municipal waste pick-up, would you want that service to be provided in-house by city workers or contracted out?

I believe it will have to be a multi-step process. The final objective is to provide everything in-house. If we are to contract in the beginning, we will need to specify parameters of human resource such as hiring locally, safety standards, training and appropriate wages. The contract will need to correspond with our overall waste management strategy.

Judy Dueck wrote:

I am not in favour of municipal waste pick-up. I prefer the ability to make my own decision as to which contractor I would contract with to pick up my garbage and organics. I only pay \$140.00 a year for my weekly garbage pick up and unlimited organics. I now have the ability to share with my neighbour, which is why the cost is so low.

The above is my personal opinion. I will keep an open mind when taking into consideration the results of the plebiscite question relating to this topic which, includes whether or not it is contracted out or provided in house.