

What are your thoughts regarding a City of Lethbridge masking bylaw? Should it have been implemented before? Would you vote to implement again?

Public health care falls under the jurisdiction of the provincial government. A mandatory mask requirement is currently in place province wide.

Regarding any future city mask bylaw, under Section 7(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, "A council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting ... the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property..." Passing a bylaw would depend upon the information and data presented, and the actions of the provincial government. It would also require the City of Lethbridge to have enough bylaw officers to enforce and respond to any bylaw complaints.

I'm committed to advocating for public health care supports for all people in our city. This includes holding our provincial and federal governments accountable and ensuring that our city and region are receiving appropriate and necessary funding, supports, and information for all health care services. Our residents shouldn't suffer because they can't receive the care or services they need here, at home, or because there's a delay in receiving and accessing services. (Learn more at jennschmidtrempe.ca.)

There's no question it's been a rough couple of years, and we have a lot of work to do. We must start setting ourselves up for success and recovery, and look forward to what we want our city's future to be. Working together we can do that; we can move forward.