

On behalf of the **Lethbridge Fish & Game Association (LFGA)** and our more than 2,200 members, their families, and friends, thank you for putting your name forward in the 2025 municipal election.

As a longstanding volunteer-driven community organization, we deeply value democratic participation and respect all who choose to serve. For over a century, LFGA has partnered with the City of Lethbridge to deliver barrier-free recreation, education, sporting, cultural, conservation, environmental, and social programs.

To preserve and grow these services, we strongly encourage all our members—and the broader community—to vote, and we ask that candidates who wish to respond to a brief questionnaire. Clear, honest answers to the questions below signal your priorities and help voters make informed choices.

### **Candidate Questionnaire:**

1. Do you support community-led organizations like the LFGA in their efforts to promote conservation, ethical hunting, and responsible firearms use for sport and education?

Yes. Organizations such as LFGA play a vital role in conservation, outdoor education, and responsible recreation. Your volunteer-driven leadership, community partnerships, and focus on safety and stewardship align with how I believe our city should approach outdoor spaces – through collaboration and education.

2. In your view, what role should the City of Lethbridge play in protecting access to outdoor spaces for recreation, conservation, and education? How will municipal policies ensure that legal, permitted outdoor recreational facilities, such as shooting sports ranges, are recognized and protected as part of the broader community landscape, and not unfairly impacted by land use changes such as urban growth or rezoning?

The City's role is to plan responsibly, ensuring that outdoor recreation spaces, including facilities like the LFGA range, are recognized as valued community assets. These spaces contribute to recreation, sport development, and education, and should be treated with the same long-term respect given to other sports facilities.

3. Should recreational activities such as sport shooting and archery receive equal consideration alongside other sports in municipal planning and recreation policy? Would you support including representatives from these sports as formal stakeholders in long-term discussions around recreation, land use, and community health planning?

Yes. Recreational shooting, archery, and hunting sports deserve equal recognition alongside other community recreation activities. Including stakeholder representation from these sports in recreation, health, and land-use discussions ensures informed, balanced decision-making. I've consistently supported broad community engagement and would welcome LFGA's participation in these processes.

4. Do you personally participate in outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, archery, or shooting sports? If so, please share how those experiences shape your views on land use and recreation.

While I personally don't hunt or shoot, I have friends and colleagues who are LFGA members and ethical hunters. Their commitment to conservation, education, and safe recreation has shaped my understanding of the important role outdoor sports play in our community, not only in recreation but in responsible land stewardship and respect for nature. I have also attended National Open Range Day to try shooting sports and learn more about what LFGA does, and when I was the owner and publisher of *Lethbridge living* magazine we supported LFGA through a feature story, highlighting the facility, and important work that your group does in our community.

5. In one or two sentences: Why do you believe you are the best candidate to support organizations like LFGA and the values we represent?

Because I believe in responsible, community-based stewardship that includes protecting the natural assets that define our region and supporting those who use them responsibly – such as this organization and its membership. I'm results-driven, balanced, and grounded in evidence-based decision-making that supports both conservation and community access. I also appreciate the education this organization offers around recreational shooting, archery, and hunting sports. Without organizations like LFGA that educational and experiential opportunity wouldn't be available in our area.

6. Is there anything else you'd like our membership to know about your views on outdoor recreation, conservation, or supporting legal firearm owners.

Outdoor recreation, habitat protection, and conservation are essential parts of the Southern Alberta identity and economy. Legal, responsible firearm ownership and ethical hunting are long-standing traditions that contribute to both community wellness and education. I believe the City's role is to work with community partners such as LFGA to strengthen environmental policy, expand access to safe outdoor spaces, and promote respect, safety, and understanding.