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Media Release

Survey Shows Where Candidates Stand on Power Deal

Strong Majority of Election Candidates Agree EPCOR – Capital Power deal should be investigated

The Our Power Citizens group released the results of a survey of Edmonton city election candidates that asked them questions on where they stand on issues around the transfer of our electrical power generating assets.

A total of 40 candidates, including 6 out of the 11 incumbents filled out the four question survey. The results show that:

- 39 candidates said they “believe the decision to sell off Edmonton's electrical generating assets should not have been made in secret without public consultations.”
- 40 candidates said “As a representative of the Citizens of Edmonton who are the sole shareholder of EPCOR, I will not support the sell off of any other assets (electrical transmission, water, waste water) that serve the citizens of Edmonton, without full public consultations.”
- 32 candidates said they “believe the next City Council should have an independent investigation of the decisions surrounding the sell off of our electrical generating assets, as provided for in the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement with EPCOR.”
- 35 candidates said that “As a city councillor, I will do everything in my power to explore how the City can maintain ownership and control of the electrical generating assets that serve the Citizens of Edmonton.”

“We are very pleased that the majority of candidates recognize that this decision to sell off our electrical power generating assets should not have been made in secret without public consultations and that there needs to be an independent investigation into the potential conflicts of interest and whether we will really be paid for the full value of the assets transferred to Capital Power,” said Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Executive Director of Public Interest Alberta.

The overview of the survey and the individual candidate responses are posted on the Our Power website www.ourpowredmonton.ca so that voters will be able to review where their candidates stand on these issues.

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