

			Do you think wildlife belongs in the city? How do you think the City of Edmonton should deal with urban wildlife?	Are you familiar with the “Trap, Neuter, Return” model of dealing with feral cat overpopulation? If so, do you think the City of Edmonton has a social responsibility to deal with this problem as well as the large number of stray and abandoned cats?	Where do you stand on the use of animals in entertainment (e.g., circus, rodeo, marine mammal shows etc.)?	Some far-ranging animals such as elephants and polar bears do poorly in zoos. Do you agree with banning these animals from being kept in zoos?	Are you willing to stand up for the protection of our beautiful river valley, its flora and fauna, by preventing any more development or sale of river valley land?
Contest	Ward	Candidate Last Name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
Mayor	City Wide	Chukwudi					
Mayor	City Wide	Comrie					
Mayor	City Wide	Gregg	lets be practical ... bears, cougars, for sure not most larger wild animals probably not birds coyotes, mice, rabbits, and many smaller animals should be happily tolerated.	might go for trapping an neutering feral cats but would like to see data on how well that solves the problem	Also mixed - there should be some lee way if the animals are respected and given a life they seem to enjoy	I am mixed on this one and would listen to the other members of council and the people for their views on this	Absolutely!
Mayor	City Wide	Krushell					
Mayor	City Wide	Marah					
Mayor	City Wide	Nickel					
Mayor	City Wide	Oshry	Yes I believe that wildlife belongs in the city. We have a wildlife corridor in the river valley. My hope is that we can co exist but if there is a danger to humans or the animals we would have to revisit this issue.	Yes I am aware of the feral cat program. My hope is that the existing program can deal with this problem but again this is something that would have to be closely monitored.	I am not a fan of the use of animals in entertainment.	I do not like large animals in zoos unless it is for rehabilitation or their own protection.	I think the Edmonton river valley is beautiful. [Read WE WILL DEVELOP WEST ROSSDALE on the NEWS tab of Oshry for Mayor (michaeloshry.ca) to learn more about my plan.]
Mayor	City Wide	Sohi					
Mayor	City Wide	Steele					
Mayor	City Wide	Watson					
Councillor	Anirniq	Davies					
Councillor	Anirniq	Esslinger					
Councillor	Anirniq	Haymour					
Councillor	Anirniq	Henderson					
Councillor	Anirniq	Rutherford					
Councillor	Anirniq	Zutz					
Councillor	Dene	Mutabazi Amani					
Councillor	Dene	Palmer					
Councillor	Dene	Paquette					
Councillor	Dene	Velthuizen					
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Hoyle	In general, yes, I do think wildlife belongs in the city. It is one of the beautiful aspects of living in our City with all our river valley systems and parks. However, we need to make sure that wildlife and people are not causing harm to each other or are in unsafe circumstances. We must make sure wildlife is safe and protected, that we consider careful planning regarding our City's growth and development and our impact on wildlife and the environment.	Yes, I am very familiar with TNR. Yes, I do think the City has a social responsibility to deal with feral cat overpopulation. I also believe it is one of the most humane methods in dealing with feral cats. There is a bigger conversation to be had around spaying and neutering programs that will help with the reduction or prevention of additional cats naturally breeding and increasing the population as well. I believe the combination of the two types of programs will allow us to better cope with the feral cat overpopulation.	I am a cat mom to two beautiful, loving kitties and my sweet playful doggy. I love animals and believe we must show great respect, dignity, and compassion to all animals. Personally, I'm not a fan of circuses, rodeos, marine mammal shows, etc.	I would prefer to see animals that do not do well in captivity, and in our climate, be sent to other more appropriate zoos. However, zoos and sanctuaries also serve a great purpose of preservation, rescue, research, and education. In cases where animals need to be taken care of or rescued, we need to work more collaboratively with other zoos, sanctuaries and organizations in Canada and globally to help find the best place to care for them.	Yes, 100% I am willing to stand up for the protection of our beautiful and treasured river valley. For areas that are already developed or that may need revitalization I may consider supporting those types of projects if there is minimal to no impact for our river valley ecosystem.
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Johnston					
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Johnstone					
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Lieb					
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Morgan	Wildlife already lives in our city. As we grow it is our responsibility to not let our presence effect their quality of life. Things like the new garbage bin program help mitigate the damage of our presence has on wildlife by not encouraging animals to forage through our garbage that has historically been the case. Protecting green space, natural areas, and natural corridors within our city also allow wildlife to live alongside us without interference. A good understanding of our natural world and our place in it is important as we move forward, try to protect the environment, and live within the bounds of our current footprint.	Absolutely. Left unchecked these populations cost taxpayers money needlessly and cause suffering to the animals when they could be more proactively dealt with. This is a proven strategy and recommended by EHS as well as many organizations doing the same work. As pet owners, taxpayers, and compassionate bystanders we have a responsibility to protect these animals, help control their population, and be proactive in their care.	I look for interaction with animals and the natural world that is compassionate, dignified, and respectful of their place in the world. Anything less than that should have it's value questioned.	I believe zoos serve a purpose of education and preservation but zoos should host animals that fit the environment to which they are home too. I've appreciated the Valley Zoo's move away from being all encompassing and more to the natural animals of the environment to which they come from. We need more of that.	Yes. I see our river valley as a real asset that needs protection. I was disappointed in the recent approval of the next stages of the gondola project that lacked concrete answers as to the protection of our natural areas or the sacred indigenous spaces in our river valley. Our river valley is meant for all, provides free access to natural areas for our residents, and protection of which should be part of our commitment to protect the environment as we move forward.
Councillor	Ipiihkoohkanipiaohsi	Rice					
Councillor	Karhiio	Kakar					
Councillor	Karhiio	Saggu					
Councillor	Karhiio	Shaw					

Councillor	Karhiio	Tang	Wildlife and humans can coexist in an urban setting; in many ways, are we not in their territory? The City of Edmonton does not have the resources, nor is it their place to proactively “deal” with urban wildlife (i.e., trapping and killing). Instead, I think their current approach of awareness raising, tracking, monitoring and partnering in research helps to mitigate negative impact between wildlife and residential living.	I am not overly familiar with this model, though I have adopted dogs through similar kinds of initiatives in other communities. I think the City can partner with not-for-profit organizations (i.e., humane society, your organization, etc.) to address the issue of overpopulation of stray and feral cats.	We as a society need to enforce rigorous standards that ensure any animal in captivity is having their basic animal rights met. 4. Some far-ranging animals such as elephants and polar bears do poorly in zoos. Do you agree wit	A well-run zoo is a centre of conservation, research, and advocacy to better society’s relationship with nature and animals; it is also a sanctuary to nurture, protect, and return endangered species to their natural habitat. This is the model of zoos that we should be aspiring to. If a zoo cannot achieve these qualities, is it truly a zoo at all or just a prison for animals?	Yes. I was on the Board of the North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society for a number of years and advocated to prevent development on river valley land. I will continue to work towards protecting our natural areas and Ribbon of Green for generations to come
Councillor	Karhiio	Turner					
Councillor	Métis	Bernshaw					
Councillor	Métis	Dalel					
Councillor	Métis	John-West					
Councillor	Métis	Kosowan	Absolutely. It is their city too and we need to ensure we accommodate them and be mindful of projects that will negatively impact them. For example, I am opposed to putting the EPCOR solar farm in the river valley, since it is a wildlife corridor and the project will negatively impact animal migration through this vital natural corridor.	Yes. I am aware of the program. And, yes, I do believe that we as a city need to take responsibility for a problem we created.	An absolute NO.	An absolute YES	It is one of the major planks in my platform. I want to see more naturalization of the river valley and rehabilitation of the embankments / trails. I am opposed to elaborate walkways (Touch the Water) and the gondola. I would like to see the city embrace the idea of daylighting Millcreek and other areas of the river valley over adding more concrete and expensive structures, which, over time, will require expensive repairs / upkeep.
Councillor	Métis	Longo					
Councillor	Métis	Matthews					
Councillor	Métis	Melli					
Councillor	Métis	Salvador					
Councillor	Métis	Townsend	The River Valley provides a crucial corridor for wildlife between the Rocky Mountains and Elk Island National Park. I believe Edmonton’s wildlife is a key part of our civic identity and also plays a major role in maintaining healthy ecosystems in our green and natural spaces. The City should act as a responsible steward to local wildlife.	Yes, I believe the city does have a responsibility to deal with this problem and I agree with the trap, neuter and return policy and believe it should be city-funded.	I don’t agree with the use of animals for public performances.	Yes, I agree.	Yes. To find out more about my opinions please check out my greenspace and environment platform at: https://www.steventownsend.ca/stevenplatform/green-spaces-environment
Councillor	Nakota Isga	Knack	Personally, I’m not really a fan of circuses, rodeos, marine mammal shows, etc.	Yes I am familiar with it and yes, I think the City should help deal with this.	Personally, I’m not really a fan of circuses, rodeos, marine mammal shows, etc.	Yes.	I have not supported a number of developments in our River Valley (ex: solar farm, 80-storey tower). I may consider some redevelopment within the Rossdale area since there are many buildings there right now. I could see allowing new development on those existing building sites (ex: the old power plant site).
Councillor	Nakota Isga	Olivier					
Councillor	Nakota Isga	Weston					
Councillor	O-day’min	Akbari					
Councillor	O-day’min	Battiste					
Councillor	O-day’min	Bruff					
Councillor	O-day’min	Caterina					
Councillor	O-day’min	Haile					
Councillor	O-day’min	Pirbhai					
Councillor	O-day’min	Stevenson					
Councillor	O-day’min	Wolchansky					
Councillor	papastew	Haruun	Wildlife does belong in the city. However, we need to ensure that families feel safe in their communities and around the city. Numerous people have informed me of coyote issues within their neighbourhoods and their fear for their small pets and children that could potentially be harmed by the coyote. By using smart urban planning and ensuring that our garbage is regularly cleaned and taken out, I believe that the City can better grip that issue. However, for the main part, I believe firmly that as settlers we should try our best to ensure that we are working with our surroundings and not becoming invasive.	I am and I do. Edmonton needs to ensure that we deal with the overpopulation of feral cats in the city. We also need to partner with other agencies in the City to see if there are better solutions to this problem so that it isn’t a constant issue that the City is facing.	I will never support the use of animals in entertainment. It is unacceptable, morally wrong, and shouldn’t happen whatsoever in this city.	Yes, I have been in contact with the Lucy Group (a team of folks who want to free Lucy from our Edmonton Zoo). I believe that putting animals in pain for our entertainment is once again MORALLY WRONG and is unacceptable for anyone to engage in that type of behaviour. I hope to work with City Admin to find a peaceful resolution to the Lucy issue and prevent this from happening on City property moving forward.	As the youngest City Council candidate in this race, I believe firmly that it is fundamentally important to my generation and future generations that we do our best to protect our river valley for future generations. Every single day that I sit on Council is another day that each member has a living reminder of the future. I will push this narrative each and every day to ensure that we do protect our beautiful river valley and that we prevent the mass development or sale of our river valley land.
Councillor	papastew	Cameron					

Councillor	papastew	Field	Wildlife belongs in the city – it has been here before us, and we can balance the way that the decisions we make impact the wildlife in the area	Yes I'm familiar with the approach. I believe it is a humane way to limit the growth of stray and abandoned cats in the city. It would be wonderful to rehome all these animals, but the hard truth is that some cats are feral, will stay feral, and we shouldn't force these animals to become housecats.	Personally it makes me feel uncomfortable.	Yes. No far-ranging animals should be kept in zoos.	I believe that our green areas are incredibly valuable from both an environmental and social perspective, that Edmonton's green areas are one of our City's true gems, and should be protected.
Councillor	papastew	Goa					
Councillor	papastew	Janz	One of the amazing things about the City of Edmonton is that we are surrounded by such beautiful wilderness from our river valley to Elk Island National Park. Because of this wildlife and human interactions are unavoidable. As climate change and urban development continue to increase the interaction between wildlife and humans we need to ensure that where possible wildlife is protected and that humans are educated on how to appropriately interact with them.	The Trap, Neuter, Return model that is currently employed by the City of Edmonton is a reasonable response to the overpopulation of feral cats and is supported by the Edmonton Humane Society. The city does have a responsibility to educate and promote responsible pet ownership. With estimates suggesting over 70,000 stray cats, Council must work with partner organizations to increase the number of feral cats we can help. The number of stray cats appears to be a magnet for urban wildlife and the challenges around coyote interactions in this area.) While you didn't ask about dogs, I've also advocated for dog parks (michaeljanz.ca/dogs) and want to work to help make Edmonton even more dog friendly.	I don't seek out opportunities to attend events where animals are used for entertainment.	I don't know enough about this subject to have an opinion about it but I am willing to listen and understand and if a review of the current arrangements for these types of animals was ever undertaken I would want it to be done by a veterinarian or other qualified professional.	The river valley is one of the City of Edmonton's best assets and we need to ensure that it is protected but also accessible. Ensuring trails are safe and accessible but also protective of local fauna and flora is very important. I think any opportunity to purchase private land in the river valley so that it becomes public should be pursued. River valley land that is currently being considered for revitalization, such as golf courses, should remain public and where possible be reverted to park land. I led the fight against the renewal of the mayfair golf course lease and formed the organization "Friends of Our Park" to challenge council to provide fair process and engagement for the lease of public space.
Councillor	papastew	Schindelka	Rodeo animals are treated incredibly well. Not a fan of circus animals, marine shows, that sort of thing, as their living conditions are well below their natural standard of living.	It truly depends on the reason they are there. Would they have been killed otherwise? Were they saved from being poached? Have they lost all hunting and survival instincts? This question doesn't have a simple answer.	Personally it makes me feel uncomfortable.	Yes. No far-ranging animals should be kept in zoos.	I believe that our green areas are incredibly valuable from both an environmental and social perspective, that Edmonton's green areas are one of our City's true gems, and should be protected.
Councillor	papastew	Vass	Yes, one of my favourite parts of this city is how integrated nature can be in our daily lives. I enjoy living in a city where stories of a moose wandering through someone's backyard are common. With that said, since we have altered the environment extensively, we need to be cautious for the safety of people and the animals. There is a role for the city to ensure that the people of Edmonton know how to live safely with animals. The big issue that comes to mind is coyotes and having access to human food. Of course if an animal is creating a significant risk to Edmontonians that needs to be addressed.	I am familiar with TNR, I do believe this is the most humane method in dealing with feral cats. I think a bigger conversation around preventing people from adding additional cats to the population needs to be had. It is a difficult problem to fix but without addressing that issue TNR will act more as a band-aid solution.	I'm not a fan.	Yes.	The river valley is the centerpiece of this city and vital to our future in dealing with the climate emergency. I oppose the sale of more river valley land as well as new developments. For areas that are already developed and are currently being explored as revitalization projects I may support the project if there is little to no impact on the current ecosystem and indigenous populations are actively involved.
Councillor	pihësiwin	Cartmell					
Councillor	pihësiwin	Perez Arellano					
Councillor	sipiwiyniwak	General	My simple answer is that they do belong here. After all, it's us, humans that have encroached on their area and have destroyed and limited their living space. However, I appreciate the complications of wildlife and humans living in the city. The city should continue to defer to experts in wildlife management to identify the best approach, and it might depend on the type of animal. Beavers and small snakes in the river valley might be less of a concern, but deer and coyote might need a different approach. In every solution for every type of urban wildlife, continuous education of the members of the community is crucial.	Yes, I have heard of it. And I think it is important for the city to address this issue, as there are consequences when the population of stray and abandoned cats are not mitigated.	I started learning more about the horrors and the mistreatment of animals in entertainment and it is an eye-opening experience. I think it should stop. If people seek out a close, interactive experience with animals, technology is becoming better at making that experience as realistic as possible. Petting zoos might still be okay, although I would appreciate the opportunities to educate me if they are also problematic.	I agree that far-ranging animals are more likely to struggle in places completely different from their habitat. I believe that the way forward is to prevent any future animals to be acquired and placed into zoos, and when possible, move animals to appropriate sanctuaries if available. If that is not feasible, then the zoo staff should do their best efforts to care for these far-ranging animals.	Absolutely! I have major concerns with the approval of the solar farms being built in the area, and I also have concerns with the impact of the construction of a gondola or even an arctic spa/ hot spring attraction. My only hope with the solar farms, since the decision is already made, that they are indeed
Councillor	sipiwiyniwak	Hamilton					
Councillor	sipiwiyniwak	Hayes					

Councillor	sipiwiyniwak	Heikkinen	Wildlife in the city goes hand in hand with having a large river valley habitat, and it's important that we reduce our impact on wildlife, which comes from careful planning regarding the city's development and growth so that we do not disturb that wildlife any more than is absolutely necessary.	I have always been a lover of animals, and have never allowed any cats I have owned to go unfixed or roam outside. I think it is negligent of the owners of pets to do so, and is the primary cause of the feral cat population. The city should have a role in helping fund the "trap, neuter, return", and work with the people in their respective neighborhoods to identify the locations of feral populations. If possible, I would also like to see negligent owners be fined if possible, as they are not helping the situation.	. I think it's safe to say that the time of circuses is over, and the data on marine mammals in places like seaworld has shown that large mammals do not do well in captivity. I do think there is a place for conservation and education when it comes to zoos for people to gain an appreciation of nature, but I think that using animals for performance is crass and needless.	. I agree with banning far ranging animals in zoos that do poorly, either because of a lack of adequate enclosure, or the environment is not agreeable to the animal that it causes even more unnecessary stress, beyond that of captivity. There are better ways to educate and inform people about these animals without negatively impacting their survival or health.	One of my key platform points is the protection of our parks and green spaces, no industrial construction at all. The river valley is a gem of our city, protecting it not only serves the environment but the natural fauna that call it home.
Councillor	sipiwiyniwak	Hlady					
Councillor	Sspomitapi	Banga					
Councillor	Sspomitapi	Kandola					
Councillor	Sspomitapi	Malhotra					
Councillor	Sspomitapi	Sehmy					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Ali					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Ammar	No, I don't think there should be wildlife in the City, I view it as potentially dangerous to the human population. Wildlife should have their own protected areas.	Owners should take personal responsibility for their cats, else they shouldn't own them. Yes, the City should assist with collecting stray and abandoned cats and putting them in a shelter and up for adoption.	If the animals are not abused or mistreated, I am Okay with their use. Animals should be used to assist humans not to entertain humans. We should be respectful towards animal life.	I am Okay with a full on review of animals in Zoos. It should be transparent and open to the public, then the public can decide. If it can be proven the animals are safe, treated well and not a danger to the public then I may be Okay with having them in Zoos. I would like to see the results of a review first and get the input of professionals in the field.	Yes, fully agreed. I want to protect The River Valley.
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Bondarchuk					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Dziadyk					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Gerona					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Hafiz					
Councillor	tastawiyiniwak	Principe					