

JACQUIE HANSEN

Candidate for the City of St. Albert



WHO AM I?

I grew up in Vancouver, the youngest of 10 children. I graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Physical Education and English major. I moved to St. Albert with my husband Dean almost 22 years ago.

We came to Alberta with three little ones while expecting our fourth, and together we've raised four beautiful children who have flourished because of the opportunities our city had to offer.

Was it easy? Not on your life!

We volunteered in all their programs, cheered them on, survived the teenage years and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

Dean and I are so happy to be the grandparents of two adorable (ok I might be biased) little granddaughters who live right here in St. Albert.

We chose St. Albert as our home 22 years ago and have never looked back.

WHAT QUALIFIES ME FOR CITY COUNCIL?

I served four terms on St. Albert's Catholic school board and on education boards both regionally and provincially. I was elected president and chair of the Alberta School Boards Association, representing all publicly funded school boards in Alberta.

During this time, I was elected Vice President to the Canadian School Board Association and was also an appointed board member on the Children & Family Services Authority for Edmonton and region. I have always been involved in our community serving on community boards and volunteering where needed.

Presently, I am Executive Director of the Alberta School Councils' Association, representing the parent's voice in Alberta's K-12 education system through school councils.

WHY IS MY EXPERIENCE IMPORTANT?

My experience is grounded in governance work, and I have learned that strong governance leads to effective leadership and results. Governance is about listening to perspectives, being out in the community and planning with vision. It is about team building, fiduciary responsibility, process, debate and making decisions with due care.

Strong governance attacks issues, not people. It focuses on the future, respects roles and follows process.

My experience in these roles will be an asset to St. Albert City Council.

THINKING AHEAD...

Those of us who live here know why St. Albert was rated the best place in Canada to live by *Money Sense Magazine*. It's our excellent education system, our green spaces, the beautiful Sturgeon River valley.

St. Albert is a safe, clean "small town" driven by a community spirit second to none. Our city didn't happen by accident. It's taken generations of commitment to community and hard work. I believe it's our responsibility to carry that commitment forward.

The status quo is not an option in a world where technology and innovation are growing exponentially. St. Albert is not, and should not, be an island unto itself. We are well positioned in a growing region, but with growth comes more complex challenges. Decisions made by the next council will need to respond to growth in a way that not only balances the needs of our citizens today but for future generations that will follow. The council elected October 16th will need to be collaborative, nimble and focused.

I respectfully ask for your vote October 16 to allow me to represent you and contribute to a Council the citizens of St. Albert want and deserve.

Sincerely
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