

CTF Survey of UCP Leadership Candidates

Question 10: Will you refuse to grant new taxing powers to municipalities and repeal any new taxing powers approved by the current government (without taxpayers approving the change through a referendum)?

Jeff Callaway: "There is only one taxpayer and they are maxed out. As a Calgary resident, we have seen rates go up by over 50% in the last 7 years. I don't believe taxpayers can afford further increases. People are hurting in our province and I don't believe we need more taxes, we need more common sense spending."

Brian Jean: "Yes, under Wildrose we fought very hard to ensure the city charters did not include taxing powers, and I don't support any being brought in without a referendum. South of the border they have spending and taxing plebiscites all the time – some pass and some fail, but that way you can be sure that those you are taxing are truly represented."

Jason Kenney: "Yes. Municipal politicians cannot be handed new taxation powers without first consulting voters."

Doug Schweitzer: "I will not grant any new taxing powers to municipalities and will repeal any new taxing powers to municipalities that the current government may put into place."