Mock Council Topics

As you prepare for your Mock Council at City Hall, please select **one** question before your visit. If none of the suggested topics interest you, you are welcome to choose something else that is relevant to your class. We do suggest that you choose a topic related to our municipal government, and that you phrase the motion as a question.

Transit/Active Transport in Edmonton

- Should Edmonton expand its LRT to insert your neighbourhood name?
- Should public transit in Edmonton be free? *Alternatively:*
 - Should public transit in Edmonton be free for K-12 students?
 - Currently children ages 0-12 ride free if they are accompanied by a fare paying adult. Should children be able to ride public transit for free without being accompanied by an adult?
 - Should public transit in Edmonton be free for seniors aged 65+?
- Currently e-scooters are only allowed on the road and in bike lanes. Should e-scooters be allowed on sidewalks in Edmonton?
- Currently the only bicycles allowed on sidewalks in Edmonton are bikes with a 50 cm wheel diameter or less (such as kids' bikes). Should Edmonton allow all sizes of bicycles on sidewalks in the city?
- Should City Council <u>remove vehicle access</u> on *insert road here* to encourage active transport like walking and biking? *E.g. Jasper Ave (partial / total), Whyte Ave (partial / total), a road close to your school, etc.*

Zoning

- Should the city take *insert an underutilised zone* and transition it to a community space?
 - E.g. The city would like to decommission a soccer field next to a/your school and convert it to a <u>community garden</u>, the city would like to acquire <u>private land currently used for parking downtown and convert it</u> <u>to a community space</u>, etc.

Biodiversity in Edmonton

- In order to <u>manage mosquito populations</u>, should Edmonton reduce the amount of pesticides used, and increase the use of biological controls?
 - E.g. bats, dragonflies
- In order to <u>manage noxious weeds</u> on public land, should Edmonton reduce the amount of herbicides used, and increase the use of biological controls?
 - E.g. goats
- The city has <u>naturalized</u> sites. This means they do not mow this area, and often native shrubs and trees are planted. Should *insert green space near your school* become a naturalized area?

YEG City Council

- Should there be a limit on the numbers of terms that a Mayor can serve?
- Should the voting age be lowered to 16?
- The City of Edmonton has a <u>Youth Council</u> open to Edmontonians aged 13-23. Should the Youth Council create a subcommittee for elementary aged youth?

Other Topics

• Should the city add an additional <u>yard waste</u> pick-up day in the fall and in the spring?