

Mayor Chris Spearman  
City of Lethbridge  
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December 21, 2016

Dear Mayor Spearman,

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce is pleased that City Council has chosen to embrace environmental stewardship and waste reduction with the implementation of a Curbside Recycling Pilot Project. This program brings the City of Lethbridge in line with municipalities of similar size from across Alberta. The definitive goal of this program is to reduce the impact that residents of Lethbridge have on our environment. For these efforts, we applaud you.

However, as the *Voice of Business*, the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce is concerned with the effects this may have upon local businesses and Chamber members already providing these services to residents. In keeping with our position, *Government Competing with Private Enterprise*, we find that the City's provision of this service jeopardizes the operations of several private businesses already operating in Lethbridge.

We understand City Council has directed administration to establish a consultation committee with the private recycling sector to explore potential opportunities for participation in this program. As a part of this consultation, the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce recommends that the City of Lethbridge consider contracting these services through private enterprise and only provides them through City operations if a suitable contract cannot be obtained.

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce welcomes the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the above, should you have any questions with regards to our position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. Harry Gross, CGA, CA, CPA  
President and Chair of the Board  
Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce

cc.

Lethbridge City Council  
Mr. Garth Sherwin, City Manager, City of Lethbridge

Enclosure:

*Government Competing with Private Enterprise* (1 pg.)