

The Climate Cannot Wait





We care for the long-term topics!

Our ideology is based on an ecological, a social and an economical sustainability. Apart from Ludvika municipality being a role model for ecological reform, there are other long-term issues that we want to prioritize. For Ludvika to grow stronger in the future, we want a holistic approach to housing and infrastructure issues, and we need to reduce the vulnerability of the local business sector. We also need to focus on social issues to give each individual the means to succeed in life. We want to further develop schools and nursery schools to give our children a good start in life. There is also a need to focus more on the helping the unemployed to find work. Finally, there is a need for a long-term stability in the economical preconditions, and the municipality needs a plan for the long term recruitment need, in order to maintain a good level of service to its citizens.

Environment

Ludvika municipality has done a lot to meet environmental concerns, but to reach the long-term environmental and climate goals, a lot more needs to be done. We want to work for thriving forests and lakes, nontoxic living habitats and a society which is fully sustainable.

- To increase the share of organic food served in the municipal kitchens. We want the municipality to choose foods that are in season, buy locally produced foods, and buy meats with a high ethical standard. The municipality should always strive to choose foods that have a lower climate impact.
- That the electricity the municipality uses should have environmental certificates, and the municipal companies should produce, buy and sell an increased share of "green" electricity. We also want to continue installing solar panels on the municipal buildings.
- To sharpen the environmental requirements in public procurements, for example by imposing claims on fossil-free transports.
- To reduce food waste in schools, for example by introducing preselectable food options.
- To introduce an access card system on the municipal dump (Björnhyttan), to increase the availability of the area.





Living environment and the business sector

Ludvika municipality is beautifully situated and has a lot to offer its citizens. However, more work is needed to develop the esthetic values. There is also a need for more housing and a more varied industry and business sector.

- To increase the pace in building new housing. This is a request from local companies, from young adults and from elderly who want more comfortable housings.
- To promote Ludvika as a location for tourism, with a special focus on outdoor tourism. Therefore, we need to develop the municipal outdoor facilities, for example by marketing the local bike, hiking and skiing trails, fishing opportunities, windshields and grilling areas.
- That the seaside of lake Väsman, the English park, and Roths meadow develops further, to become places for sprawling life and activities.
- To maintain old and beautiful buildings, rather than tearing them down.
- To use the old land reserve for the national highway for housing, business development, recreational areas and improve existing infrastructure.
- To find new ways to keep the landscape open and reduce bush wood areas.
- To create a more vivid city center, through promoting the establishment of other types of businesses other than retail, and to employ city hosts.
- To make sure that the opinions expressed by the local citizens during "A vision for Grängesberg" are implemented. We also want to perform similar "visions" for other areas.

Traffic and transportation

Traffic and transportation is responsible for a considerable share of the total emissions of carbon dioxide. Furthermore, traffic and road planning are areas that raise a lot of attention from the public.

- To increase funding for walk ways and cycle lanes, with special focus on the movement of children to and from school and leisure activities.
- To increase the frequency of bus services, to make public transportation more available. We also want to introduce free public transportation for retirees during low traffic, and around the clock for youths.
- More street lights along bike and walk lanes. We especially want to prioritize the bike lane between Grängesberg and Ludvika. We also want the Swedish Transport Administration to light up the bike lane between Nyhammar och Grangärde.
- To build charging stations for electrical cars, throughout the municipality.
- To prioritize better maintenance of roads and bicycle lanes.
- To offer a better service for cyclists, through more pumps, cycle stands and cycle garages at the train stations in Ludvika and Grängesberg. We also want the library to rent out packing bikes and electrical bikes.





Nursery school and school

In the last few years, the number of children in the municipality has increased, and therefore the commune nursery school service has expanded. It is now time to focus on quality in nursery schools and schools. Children should be given the will and the tools to learn and develop throughout life. The children shall learn to read, write, count, create and to participate in society. There is no such thing as successful and unsuccessful children – every child has a right to succeed and develop.

- A preventive focus with early help for children with specific needs, and a zero -tolerance for violations in schools.
- To create a recruitment plan for nursery school and "fritids" to see how these operations can be properly staffed, even in the absence of qualified personnel. For example through the hiring of non-pedagogic resources, to ease the burden of the existing personnel.
- To reintroduce the priority for siblings to nursery schools. This creates better working conditions for children and staff.
- To develop the outdoor environment around Vasaskolan to match the standard of the other schools.
- To introduce senior subject teachers, to strengthen the quality of the tuition at schools.
- To increase the streaks of sports and physical education in schools, to enhance school results and improve public health.

Elderly

The Swedish population is getting older. It is a positive trend that more of us can stay healthy for a longer period of time, and a good elderly care can contribute to this trend. We want to offer the elderly a creative and active weekday, where cultural and outdoor activities are natural ingredients.

- To offer free public transport for senior citizens during non-rush hour.
- To develop the green area around the elderly homes to create inviting environments for the elderly.
- To increase the use of culture and entertainment in the elderly care.
- To work for an increase of the staffing of the elderly care. We also want to offer support for attaining driving licenses for assistant nurses, to make this profession more attractive.
- To say no to profit interests in the welfare sector. Profits should be reinvested into the sector.
- To create more sheltered housings for the elderly.



Attractive employer

During the last four years, the sick leave ratio among municipal employees has been reduced. We now need to focus on more preventive work and a good leadership, to make Ludvika municipality an attractive employer.

- To work out a long term plan for recruitment and competence provision in order to attract new co-workers and to meet the long term challenges in staffing.
- To work for an increase of the staffing of the elderly care. We also want to offer support for attaining driving licenses for assistant nurses.
- That the municipal workplaces welcomes employees from different backgrounds and are free from discrimination.
- To create a recruitment plan for nursery schools and "fritids" to see how these operations can become properly staffed, even in the absence of qualified personnel.
- That municipal workplaces should be located based on the needs of the workplace, not based on where it happens to be empty localities.



Integration

We are happy that Ludvika is a multi-cultural society with people coming from all over the world to work and contribute to our society.

The way to integration goes through language skills and work. Therefore, we want to focus more on Swedish language courses (SFI), as well as other labor market efforts. We want a society where everyone feels safe and everyone gets the opportunity to live the life they choose.

- To reduce unemployment to tackle segregation and inequalities and reduce unemployment costs.
- That the municipality focuses on employment activities targeting individuals who are today far from the labor market.
- To increase the capacity at the SFI (Swedish for immigrants) and offer evening courses, as well as individually suited courses for those in need of extra help.
- That all citizens of Ludvika shall be able to grow up in and live in safety, far from persecution from ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or handicap.
- That the municipality supports activities and organizations that work for an increased integration in the society.

Our top candidates



1. Åsa Wikberg

I am an economist with an interest in issues regarding sustainability, long term economic balance and good conditions for our children. For leisure, I love long bike tours, knitting and working in my garden.

2. Mikael Hjort

I have an MSc in engineer physics and work at ABB. I also hold an elected office for my labor union, Sveriges Ingenjörer. I am passionate about sustainability issues, and for Ludvika to increase its attractiveness. For example by installing solar power and through building more housings with attractive rent levels. I my spare time I play volleyball, dance and listen to audiobooks.





3. Aron Knifström

I work as a newspaper distributor. I want the municipality to lower the emissions of greenhouse gases and use energy more effectively. I also want that strict environmental requirements are applied to energy production and on the energy used by the municipality.

4. Mohammed Ibrahim

I work as an employment officer, and I also have a background as a journalist. My most important topics are labor market, integration, school and adult education. I am a father of small children, and in my spare time I like playing parlor games.





5. Christian Karlsson

I am an engineer who has worked at ABB for the last 6 years. I am interested in many different topics, like environmental issues in general, as well as history. I want to strengthen Ludvika's position in relation to main national infrastructure routes, and I want to see more contact between central Ludvika and its many villages.



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