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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Action Plan Check-in engagement was conducted as a part of the overall Action Plan 2015-2018 business planning and budget coordination process. The Action Plan process combines Council priorities with strategic direction from The City’s long-term planning policies to ensure Calgary’s future, while being efficient and accountable today. The process calls for a mid-cycle check in with citizens.

An online priority ranking tool was used to gather participant feedback. The same online tool and priority questions used in the 2014 Action Plan engagement were used here in order to maintain a similar experience for those who participated, as well as to allow for a comparison in results. Likewise, The City’s Engage Bus was once again taken to community events and gathering places throughout the city so that citizens had a variety of opportunities and accessible ways to participate.



The interim engagement results up to the end of February 2016 were presented to Council on April 18, 2016. This report is an update which includes additional engagement after February 2016.

The Action Plan Check-in engagement results reflect the diverse and thoughtful opinions, priorities, concerns and community aspirations of the over 8,700 Calgarians who participated in the engagement.

Key Observations

The input collected from Calgarians who participated in the Action Plan Check-in engagement covers a wide array of priorities and ideas. Key themes that emerged in both the online and in-person engagement include:

- **Taxes, Spending & Efficiency**

The single largest theme to come out of participants’ written comments and feedback was clearly concern about taxes, spending and efficiency. Opinions and suggestions varied widely on what specific actions Council could take to ensure that taxes remain competitive, spending provides value for citizens, and the Corporation operates efficiently. However, it is clear that participants want Council to have the conversation about what we can do to address these issues.
- **Our Economy**

The ranking of participant priorities from the online tool shows that Calgary’s economy and broader economic issues are top of mind for participants. Attracting new business, diversifying our economy, and small business growth and development were some of the specific priorities that topped the ranking exercise; these themes also figure strongly in the associated written comments.
- **Quality Of Life**

While emergent economic issues have taken the top spot in priority ranking and comments, those things that add to quality of life in our communities are still of concern for participants. Citizens told us that we must still continue to work on issues like getting around the city (both transit and roadways), providing safe communities and access to services for all Calgarians, and ensuring that we are good stewards of our natural environment and resources.



Background Information

In 2014 administration developed Action Plan 2015-2018 which created a roadmap for developing Calgary's four year business plan and budget. The process combined Council priorities with strategic direction from The City's long-term planning policies to plan for Calgary's future, while being efficient and accountable in the present day.

Citizen engagement was a key part in the development of the 2015-2018 Action Plan. Input was gathered through four engagement streams to create a comprehensive understanding of citizen and stakeholder perspectives and priorities. The input was gathered for consideration and used by City Council and staff as they developed The City's road map for 2015-2018.

In 2013 Council adopted Administration's recommendation to revise the established multi-year business plan and budget approach from a three year cycle to a four year cycle.

To mitigate the challenges of longer-term forecasting and the potential lack of flexibility in responding to major challenges, a mid-cycle adjustment was incorporated into the cycle. This would allow Council to review new information (including an updated socio-economic outlook and a check-in with citizens) and revisit its original set of Strategic Actions.

2016 marks the midpoint of Action Plan 2015-2018. During the 2016 Action Plan Check-in, citizen feedback was sought to identify the priorities of Calgarians for the last two years of the Action Plan cycle, and to determine if anything has shifted for Calgarians.



Engagement Overview

On December 18, 2015 City Council provided administration direction and approved the engagement approach for the Mid-Cycle Adjustment process, from here on in referred to as Action Plan Check-in.

Council approved:

- The project timeline which included:
 - Conducting online and in person engagement in February 2016
 - The reporting back of engagement results during the April 18, 2016 Council Strategic Session
- The use of an online tool
- The Engagement Bus to be used in all 14 wards

Using the same approach and questions asked in the original 2014 engagement, The Action Plan Check-in sought to collect input from participants on their priorities, focusing on whether participant's priorities had changed since 2014.

Engagement Methods

Online and in person engagement activities were developed in order to offset the short project timeline, to ensure that all citizens had a variety of opportunities to participate, and to replicate the 2014 process as best as possible.

Activities were specifically selected to ensure that:

- Activity based methods reduced the need for subject matter expertise.
- Discussion based methods created context for the input collected.
- Self-selected participation methods reduced barriers to participation.

Online and in person engagement activities were also selected to meet the goals of:

1. Informing and educating citizens about the Action Plan Check-in process, sharing the project story and explaining what we are asking them to do.
2. Gathering input from all interested citizens on:
 - Their top 3 priority categories (out of 6)
 - The top 3 priorities within each of their 3 selected categories
 - Any priorities that they felt were missing
 - Their message to Council of what Council should keep in mind when making the adjustments
 - General comments about anything missed or about the process

Online Engagement

Online engagement was conducted through the **MetroQuest Priorities** tool as well as a **Fluid Survey**. Both online methods shared the same questions and overall process, with the Fluid Survey providing a version of the activity accessible to participants who used screen-readers or had other special needs.

Participants were presented with the list of priority categories from 2014 and then asked to choose the top three categories where they thought that The City should be focusing its resources in 2017-2018.



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These six categories included:

- Getting Around Calgary
- Calgary's Communities
- How The City of Calgary Works
- Growing Calgary
- Calgary's Economy
- Calgary's Environment

Following this initial selection, participants were then given a list of potential priority items for each of the three categories that they had chosen in the first question. Participants were asked to choose three items from each list that they thought should be a priority. For a complete description of the priority categories and a listing of the priority items in each category please see appendix 4.

Along with the priority ranking input, participants were also asked to provide comments on the categories and priorities, suggest priorities that they thought might be missing, and specifically prompted to share a short message stating what they would like council to keep in mind when considering changes to Action Plan for 2017-2018.

In Person Engagement

In person engagement was conducted through a highly-visible transit bus, which allowed City staff to meet and talk to citizens at local community events and gathering places.

The Engage Bus was used at key community events or community hubs to take advantage of existing gathering places. Councillor offices were consulted on best events. The events were supported by tablets and onsite facilitators. Promotional cards with the project website were shared with all participants who did not have the time to stop in or who wanted to share the experience with others.

Participants were able to share their overall and specific priorities for 2017-2018 on iPads through the MetroQuest tool. Participants also used a 'Graffiti Wall' to provide feedback on what they think council should keep in mind when considering adjustments. Some participants also took the opportunity to speak to council (via video) about what they should keep in mind when making adjustments and what they think should be of priority for 2017-2018.

Engagement Marketing and promotion

We executed an integrated marketing plan which launched with a Report to Calgarians, broadcasts and online video ads to raise immediate awareness of the campaign and then sustained it throughout the following weeks by targeting specific demographics, conversations and communities using social media ads, search engine marketing, out-of-home digital displays and street-level bold signs. To ensure momentum past the mid-campaign mark, we re-ran the Report to Calgarians and sent out an email newsletter to an opt-in list of 500+ subscribers who wanted to hear more about Action Plan.

Engagement Reach

The Action Plan Check-in inclusive engagement saw a strong response from Calgarians fueled by a proactive awareness campaign and an integrated marketing plan to support the online engagement. Engagement events averaged 45 participants per bus event over the 17 events with consistent with total attendance of over 700 citizens.



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The MetroQuest online engagement tool saw a total of 6,127 visits with a 73% completion rate. The Fluid survey had a total of 1,946 responses.

By comparison the original 2014 Action Plan engagement process in saw 3,400 total online submissions and had 3,300 in person attendees over 21 events. In total, the Action Plan website and online tools had just over 21,000 visits.

Engagement Results

Interpreting the Results

Asking participants to rank their priorities provides us with feedback that gives two ways to talk about what participants told us is important.

1. We can discuss the priority rank. This is done by showing which priorities were chosen more often and which were chosen less often. This is shown in the rank column of each chart.
2. We can also discuss the weighting of each priority comparing how often individual priorities were chosen. This is shown in the bar graph.

In 2014 the engagement results were presented and discussed in the two ways explained above. To allow us to have the same conversations priorities were weighted in the same way as in 2014.

Using the same weighting method allows us to compare results across the two engagements even though the total number of participants is different.

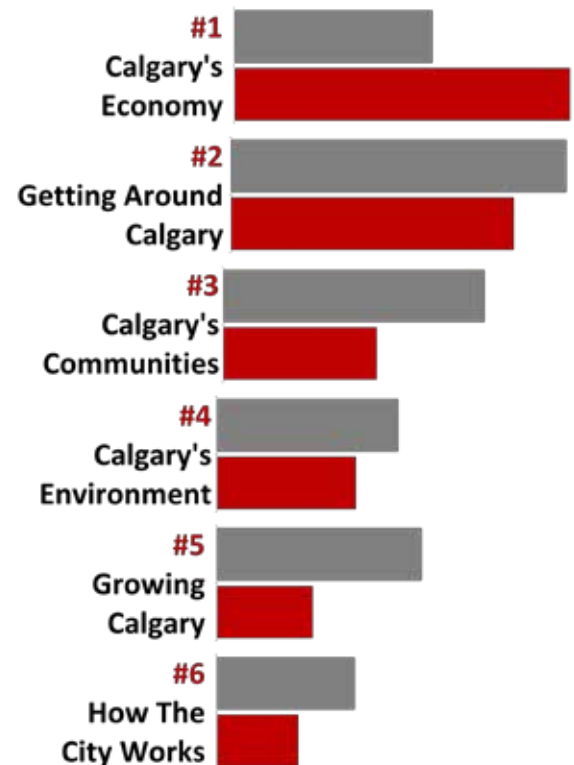
Priorities were weighted by giving the most commonly chosen item in each group a value of 1 and then giving the remaining items a value (from 2 to 6) based on the proportion of times that it was chosen compared to the most popular item. This allows us to show the proportion of responses relative to one another. It also gives the decision makers the sentiment of the data and the scale of the responses while providing a scale and a relative comparison.

Both of these patterns in the participant input are discussed below. The accompanying bar graph shows the rank ordering of priority categories and priorities from highest to lowest, as well as the relative proportion of each priority through the size of the accompanying bar.

Focusing our discussion on the difference in proportion between the priorities, rather than the raw sum or total number of times it was selected, also allows us to more easily compare between 2014 and 2016 results, where the total number of participants each time was quite different.

Priority Categories – 2016 Results

The highest ranked priority category chosen by Action Plan Check-in participants was **Calgary's Economy**, followed closely by **Getting Around Calgary**. While the first two categories were chosen proportionally nearly as often as each other, the third most common category, **Calgary's Communities** was chosen less than half as often as Calgary's Economy. **Calgary's Environment** ranked fourth with a proportional number of choices very similar to Calgary's Communities. **Growing Calgary** was the fifth most common priority category and **How the City of Calgary Works** the sixth and last ranked. Interestingly, like the gap between the second and third ranked categories, there is also a gap in the proportional number of times that the two lowest ranked priorities were chosen, with both Growing Calgary and How the City of Calgary Works being chosen close to one quarter as often as the top ranked priority, Calgary's Economy.



Priority Categories – 2014 to 2016 Comparison

Three distinct themes or patterns can be seen when comparing results from 2014 and 2016.

1. Given the current economic situation in Alberta it will likely come as no surprise that **Calgary's Economy** has shifted from the fourth highest priority in 2014, to become the **single highest priority** for participants now. This category was the only category in 2016 that saw an increase in the proportion of participants that selected it. In 2014 the highest ranked priority was Getting Around Calgary. As the second highest ranked priority in 2016, this category is still viewed as highly important by citizens; however, this is part of a clear pattern that shows every category other than Calgary's Economy seeing an overall decrease in the how often it was selected.
2. Another fairly marked change in priorities between 2014 and 2016 is the **downward shift** in prioritization of the **Growing Calgary** category. In 2014 Growing Calgary was ranked as the third most important priority; by 2016 though, this category had slipped from third to fifth highest in priority and the proportional amount of times it was chosen more than halved.
3. Lastly, while the lowest ranked priority, **How The City of Calgary Works**, hasn't changed from year to year, and in-fact dropped in proportional share as more participants seemingly chose to prioritize Calgary's Economy, many of the most common themes found in the participant's comments and written feedback touch on the types of priorities found in this category: spending efficiency, cost saving measures, and taxation.



Priority Categories – Comments and Feedback

At the same point where participants were asked to rank the overall priority categories, they were also given the opportunity to comment on the categories and suggest other items. Three themes or patterns that appeared in these comments include:

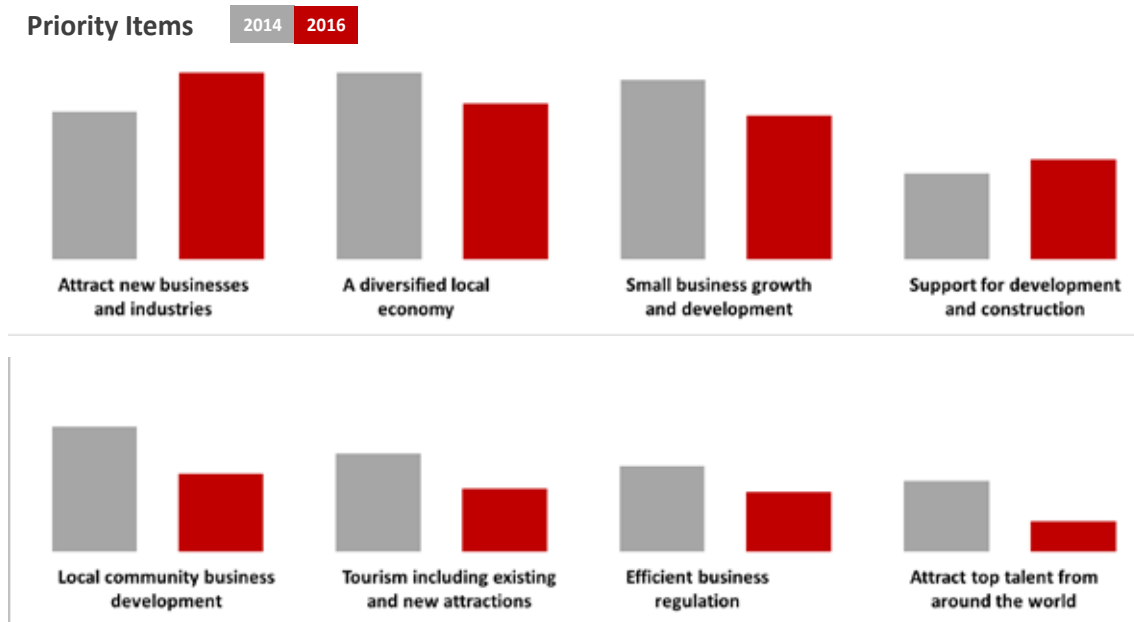
1. Comments and suggestions around **taxation, efficiency, and spending** made up the most common theme as a whole, aligning closely to the results that we see from the priority ranking activity.
2. The next most common set of themes found in the comments touched on issue of **affordable housing, homelessness/poverty and access to social services**, and then **crime and safety**, in that order. These priorities closely mirror the input received in 2014,
3. Other comments that were common enough to coalesce around a theme include **investment in public transit**, and a number of specific mentions of **Calgary NEXT**.

For a full listing of all verbatim comments received please see appendix 5.

Priority Results, Comparisons, and Feedback.

The results of the detailed priority ranking, a comparison of changes from 2014 to 2016, and a summary of high-level themes found in participant suggestions and comments on the priorities can be found below.

Calgary's Economy

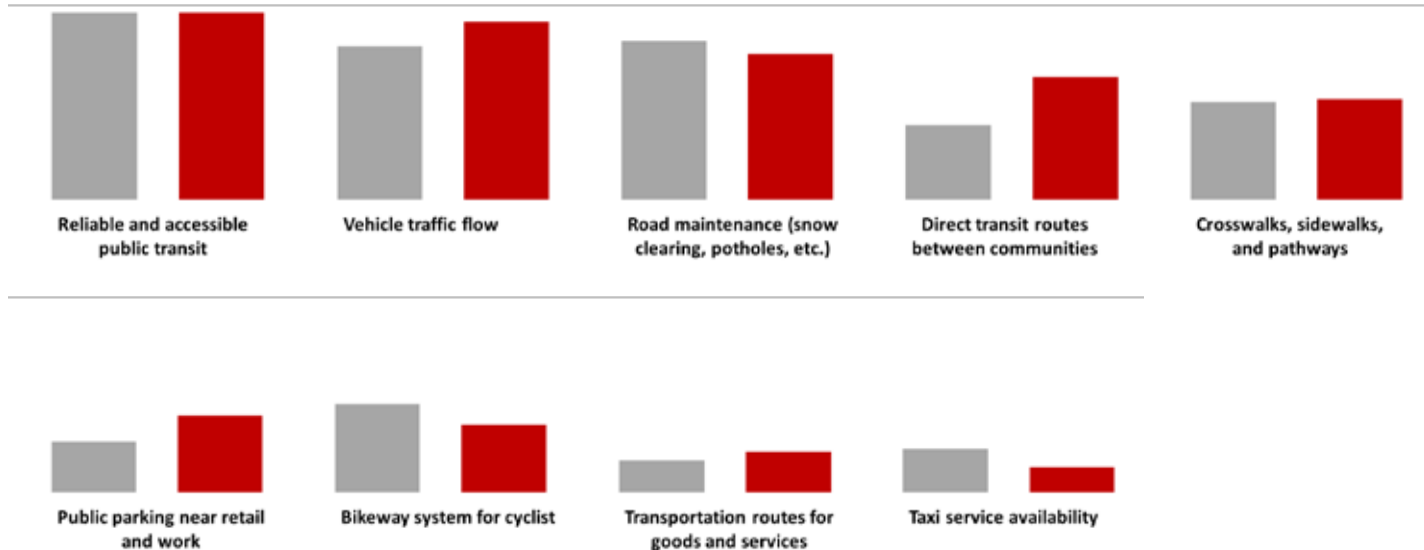


- In keeping with the overall shift we saw towards concern about the economy and economic resiliency, the highest ranked priority in this, the highest ranked category, was **Attract new businesses and industries**. The top three priorities also included **A diversified local economy** and **Small business growth and development**.
- Much like the overall category ranking, when compared to the 2014 priority proportions, most other priorities in this category saw a slight downward shift in proportion as participant input focused on this major theme. The only other priority that saw an **increase**, albeit small in overall proportion, was **Support for development and construction** increasing from the 7th to 4th ranked priority.
- Likewise, similar to the feedback and suggestions from the overall category ranking question, comments about **taxes**, **spending**, and **efficiency** were the most common here. **Economic diversification** presented a major theme, as did comments about **attracting new business** and other aspects of **job creation**.
- The final priority “leveraging international trade and economic opportunities for the Calgary airport expansion” was not asked in 2016. This was a unique circumstance in 2014.

Getting Around Calgary

Priority Items

2014 2016

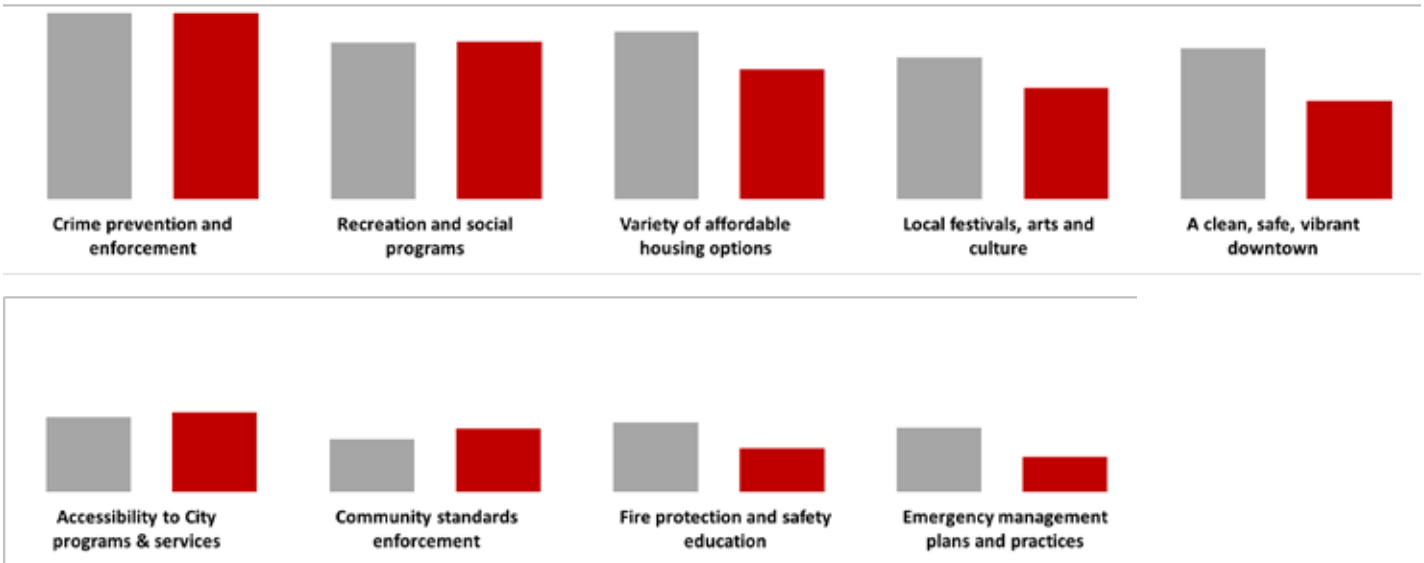


- Under the Getting around Calgary category, **Reliable and accessible public transit** was once again the highest priority with **Vehicle traffic flow** coming close behind and **Road maintenance** rounding out the top three.
- Noticeable shifts from the priority proportions and ranking in 2014 include an **increase** in the proportion of participants prioritizing **Direct transit routes between communities**, and a **decrease** in the number of participants prioritizing a **Bikeway system for cyclists**.
- The comments and suggestions from this category share a similar focus, with **public transit** related comments taking the largest share. Following those comments come a group that theme around **cars, roads, and vehicle traffic flow**. Two other theme groups that also stand out include a large number of comments on **bike routes** (both in favor and opposed) as well as a significant group that touch specifically on **Uber**.

Calgary's Communities

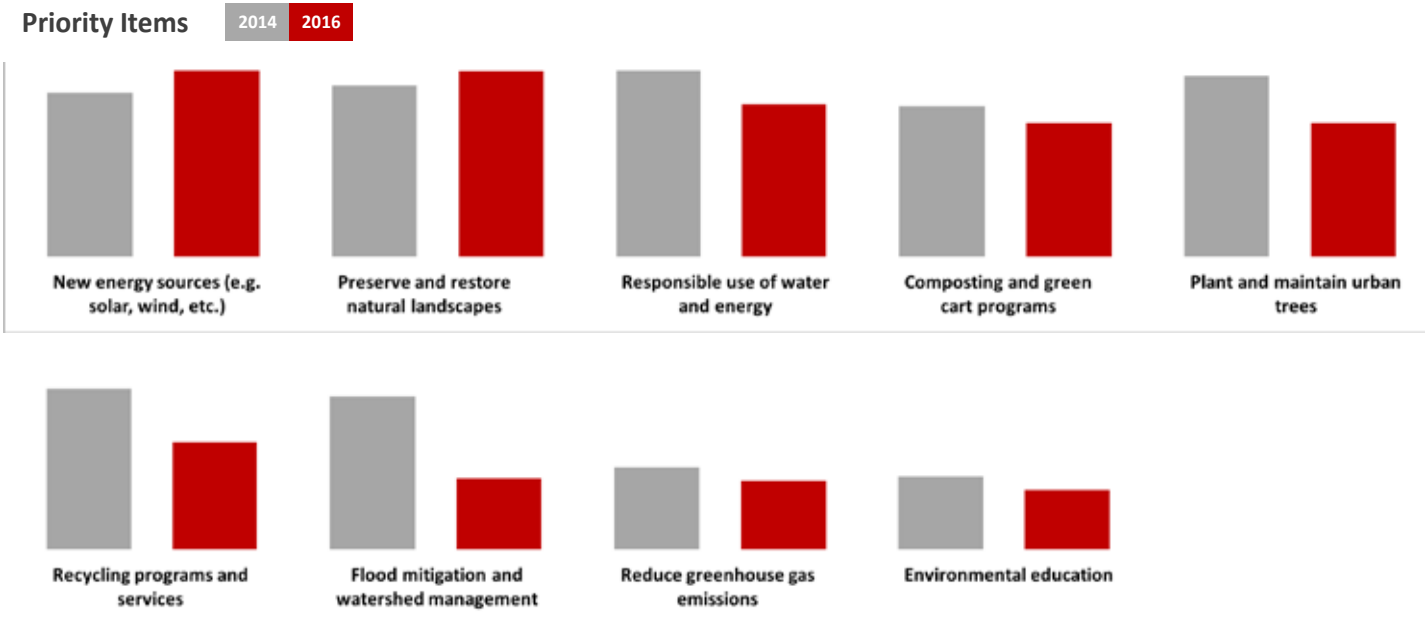
Priority Items

2014 2016



- **Crime prevention and enforcement** once again topped the priority ranking for this category, with **Recreation and social programs** coming after that, followed by **affordable housing options**.
- Noticeable shifts in priority ranking and proportion from 2014 can be seen in the **decrease** in prioritization of **A clean, safe, vibrant downtown** but a slight **increase** in **Community standards enforcement**.
- In the comments and suggestions for this priority we find **recreation and social program** related comments to be the most common, followed by **crime, safety, and police themes** and then **affordable housing**. Two other interesting themes that cropped up include concerns around **parking and vehicle movement** within neighborhoods as well as **land-use and redevelopment** concerns as they relate to neighborhoods.

Calgary's Environment

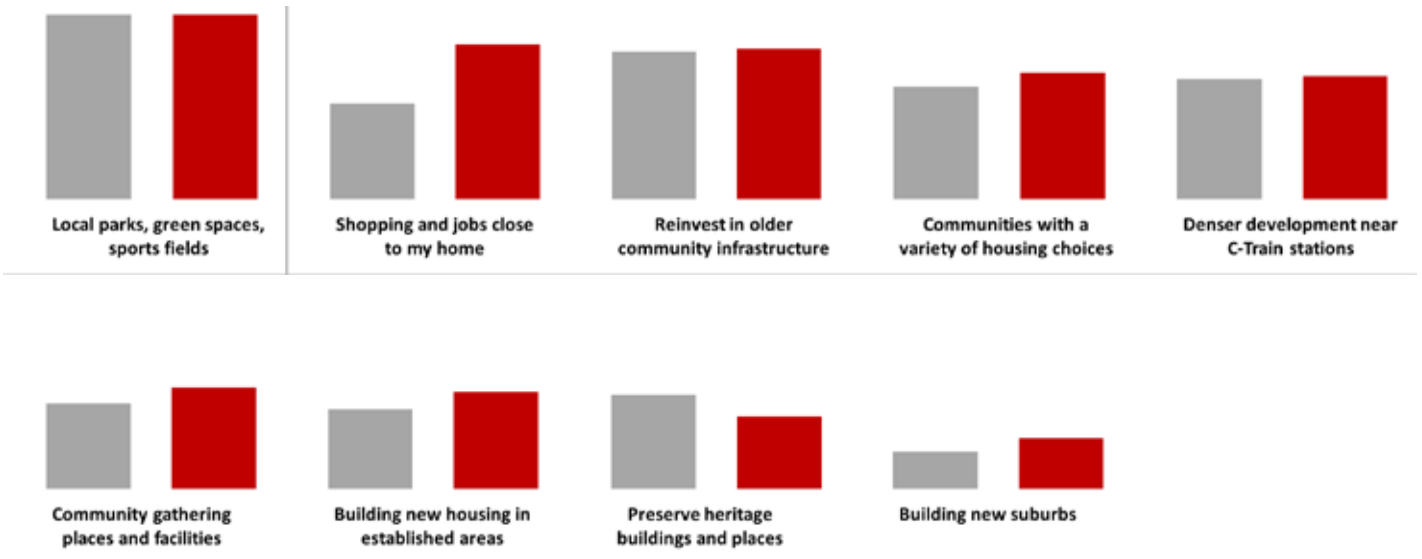


- Participants top ranked priorities in Calgary's Environment started with **New energy sources**, followed very closely by **Preserve and restore natural landscapes**, and then **Responsible use of water and energy**.
- The most noticeable individual shift in priorities from 2014 includes a major **decrease** in the overall prioritization of **Flood mitigation and watershed management**.
- Comments that touched on the importance of **Natural landscapes, parks and green space** were the most common in this category. Interestingly, while **Environmental education** is the lowest ranked overall priority in this category, it was the second most common theme mentioned in the comments.

Growing Calgary

Priority Items

2014 2016

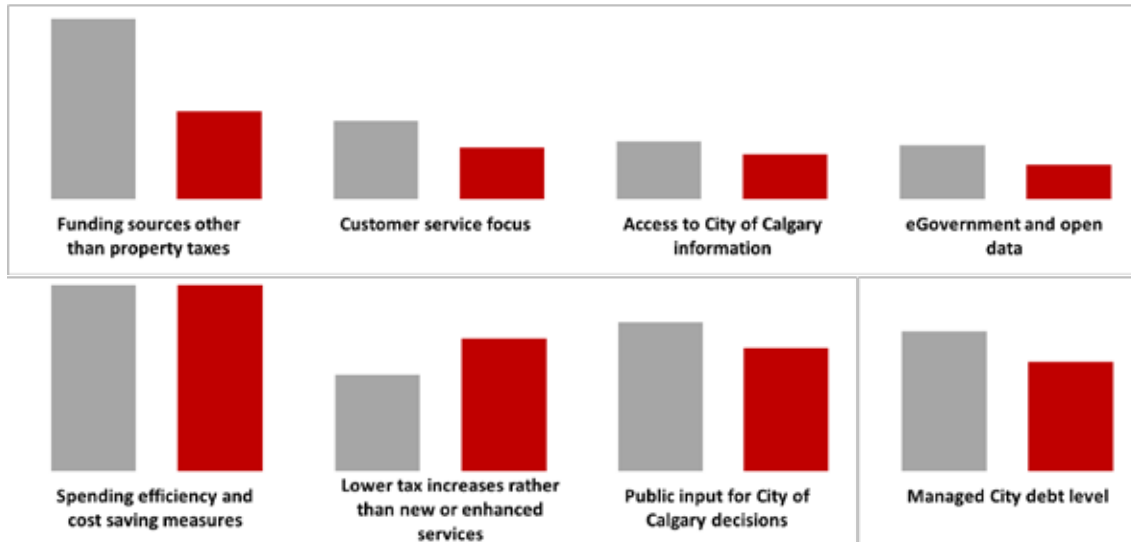


- **Local parks, green spaces, and sports fields** was selected with the highest prioritization in this category, followed by **Shopping and jobs close to my home**, and then **Reinvest in older community infrastructure**.
- While many priorities in this category retained a similar ranking and proportion in 2016 as they received in 2014, we do see a noticeable **increase** in the selection of **Shopping and jobs close to my home**, moving from 5th to 2nd ranked as well as a **decrease** in the selection of **Preserve heritage buildings and places** with a shift from 6th to 8th ranked.
- Comments that touched on **Densification** and **Building in new suburbs** made up the largest number of comments in this category, with participants speaking both in favour and in opposition. **Transportation issues** related to Calgary's growth and community planning made up the next largest group of comments.

How The City of Calgary Works

Priority Items

2014 2016



- The highest prioritized item in this category was **Spending efficiency and cost saving measures**, followed by **Lower tax increases rather than new or enhanced services**, and then **Public input for City of Calgary decisions**.
- While this category saw the least overall change in priority ranking from 2014 to 2016, there was a substantial decrease in prioritization of **Funding sources other than property tax**, coupled with an increase in **Lower tax increases rather than new or enhanced services**.
- Participant feedback and suggestions in this category closely mirror the ranked items. The single largest subset of comments here touch on **Spending efficiency and cost saving measures**, with a large proportion singling out **staff costs**. Concern about **Lower tax increases rather than new or enhanced services** also comes through as a theme, as does **public input for City of Calgary decisions**.



Message to Council

Over the course of the online and in-person engagement events over three thousand Calgarians provided specific comments and suggestions when asked to, "Please share with us what you would like City Council to keep in mind when considering changes to Action Plan..."

Comments were grouped into one or more of the six priority categories based on what the concerns, suggestions, or ideas touched on.

The largest grouping of comments spoke to **How the City of Calgary Works**, with a continuation of the themes that we've seen so far; **taxes, spending** and **efficiency** dominating. Following this category, the next largest set of messages to council touched on **Getting Around Calgary**, followed by **Calgary's Communities**. **Calgary's Economy** came next, and then **Growing Calgary** and finally **Calgary's Environment**.

For a complete listing of all verbatim comments, grouped by theme, please see Appendix 5

Summary

The MetroQuest tool was purchased for a 3 month subscription that expires April 30. The results from all three months were shared with council through a separate update in the fall of 2016.

The input received through the Action Plan check-in engagement, along with information from the economic scenarios, social impact research and citizen research, was used by Administration in finalizing the focus areas for the Mid-Cycle Adjustments. In accordance with the approved Mid-Cycle Adjustments process the final recommendations were brought to Council for review and approval in November 2016 and were approved unanimously.

A "What we heard" report will be shared of all of the themes and verbatim comments with citizens through the project website and on the Engage Portal.



Appendix 1 Corporate Market Research Insights

Please note that the previous Action Plan Check-In Report made reference to the 2015 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, the 2016 Mid-cycle Review Polling, the 2016 Mid-cycle Adjustments Research Citizens’ View panel report, and the 2015 Research on Calgary’s Economy report.

In order to avoid redundancy and repetition of reporting from the previous Action Plan Check-In report, data from the aforementioned research reports is not included here. For updated research insights, the 2016 Quality of Life & Citizen Satisfaction findings will be released in mid-November of this year.

Appendix 2 Implementation Details

Implementing the Action Plan Check-in engagement was a collaborative effort. Staff across various business units within The City helped coordinate various parts of the engagement. Activities undertaken included:

- Deployment of a multiple-channel integrated marketing and communications campaign to promote all opportunities to participate
- Development and launch of the online tools
- Planning, scheduling and facilitating the in-person engagement events

The table below shows a snapshot of activities undertaken in the implementation of the Action Plan 2015-2018 engagement strategy.


Snapshot of Action Plan Check-in engagement implementation activities	
Research	
<p>Past Research – Reports</p> <p>Analysis and synthesis key City research reports from 2015-2016</p>	<p>2016 Mid-cycle Review Polling</p> <p>Telephone survey (both landline and cell) conducted with a randomly selected sample of 400 Calgarians aged 18 years and older between February 4th and 5th, 2016.</p> <p>2015 Research on Calgary’s Economy</p> <p>Telephone survey (both landline and cell) conducted with a randomly selected sample of 501 Calgarians aged 18 years and older between November 2nd and 5th, 2015.</p>



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	<p>2015 Citizen Satisfaction Survey</p> <p>Telephone survey (both landline and cell) with a randomly selected sample of 2,452 residents of Calgary aged 18 years or older between August 20th and September 10th, 2015.</p>
<p>Representative Engagement – Citizens View Panel</p> <p>An online panel that encourages citizens to participate in shaping City of Calgary programs and services through surveys, discussions and engagement activities.</p>	<p>2016 Mid-cycle Adjustments Research Citizens' View</p> <p>922 completes from a panel of 2,176 panelists. The panel was promoted on the engagement tool and 41 new panellists were added as a result of the project.</p>
<p>Promotion and Marketing</p>	
<p>Report to Calgarians – TV/Cinema</p>	<p>Running the first and third week of February to maximize project awareness and reach.</p>
<p>Report to Calgarians – Online Video</p>	<p>Running from February 1-7 with general targeting</p> <p>YouTube: 10,970 thirty-second video views Facebook: 3,845 thirty-second video views Twitter: 1,701 video views</p>
<p>Social Media</p>	<p>Active from Feb 8-17 with demographic targeting and from Feb 25-29 with community targeting</p> <p>People Reached: 236,485 Website Clicks: 4,093 Survey Starts: 1,201 (29% conversion)</p>
<p>Search Engine Marketing</p>	<p>Active from Feb 1-29</p> <p>Website Clicks: 886 Survey Starts: 126 (14% conversion)</p>
<p>Online Banner Ads</p>	<p>Active from Feb 1-29</p> <p>On Calgary.ca Ad Impressions: 291,379 Website Clicks: 170 Survey Starts: 34 (20% conversion)</p> <p>On myCity Ad Impressions: 56,027 Website Clicks: 79 Survey Starts: 16 (20% conversion)</p>

Out of Home - Digital Display Units	Active from Feb 1-29 Touchscreens (Central Library, Sunridge Mall) Ad Impressions: 11,794
In community promotion	Bolds signs to promote in person event. Located along major roads, approximately one in each ward.
Traditional Media	Media release as well as kickoff event with the Mayor to promote the event.
2014 Action Plan email subscribers	Sent on Feb 18 544 Subscribers 59% Open Rate Website Clicks: 101 Survey Starts: 78 (77% conversion)
Inclusive Engagement	
Face-to-face engagement 	17 bus events with over 700 citizen interactions and 46 facilitators
Online engagement	MetroQuest: 6,127 visits with a 73% completion rate Fluid survey: (accessible option) 1,946 total responses (full & partial)



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Appendix 3 List of all in person events

Event name	Location	Date
Project Launch Event	Stephen Avenue - ATB Financial	Monday, February 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
MacKenzie Towne Winter Wonderland Skate	MacKenzie Towne Council - Prestwick Common 15113 Prestwick Blvd SE	Saturday, February 6, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Glendale Snow Day	2405 Glenmount Dr. S.W.	Saturday, February 6 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Alberta Volleyball Tournament	Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd N.E. #10	Sunday, February 7 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Pedestrian Safety Town Hall/Berkshire Citadel	Salvation Army Birkshire Citadel Community Church 222 Sandarac Dr NW Calgary	Wednesday, February 10 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Family Quest	Heritage Park – Gasoline Alley Museum 1900 Heritage Dr SW	Saturday, February 13 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Village Square Pop Up	Village Square Leisure Centre 2623 56 St NE	Sunday, February 14 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Kincora Family Day Skating Party	Kincora Community Association Skating rink near Symons Valley United Church 38 Kincora Rise NW	Monday, February 15 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Farmers Market	Hillhurst Sunnyside Farmers Market 1320 5 Ave NW	Wednesday, February 17 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Winter Event	Acadia Recreation Centre 240 90 Ave SE	Saturday, February 20 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Pop Up Event	Deer Valley Shopping Centre 1221 Canyon Meadows Dr SE	Saturday, February 20 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Pop Up Event	Marlborough Mall 433 Marlborough Way NE #310	Sunday, February 21 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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Event name	Location	Date
Business Bingo, Butter Chicken & Board Games	Bankview Community Association 2418 17 St SW	Saturday, February 27 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Bowness Icebreaker	Bowness Community Centre 7904 43 Ave NW	Sunday, February 28 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Pop-up event	277 Strathcona Dr. SW	Friday, March 11 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Pop-up event	Cardel Rec South Place 333 Shawville Blvd SE	Saturday, June 11 11:00 a.m.
Pop-up event	Woodcreek Community Association 1991 Woodview Drive SW	Saturday, June 11 1:30 p.m.



Appendix 4 Engagement Questions & Priorities

Priority Question 1:

What is most important to you? We want to hear from you about where you think the City should focus its resources in 2017-2018. Your input will help shape Action Plan adjustments.

Please drag 3 of the items above the line in your preferred order.

- Getting Around Calgary
- Calgary's Communities
- How The City of Calgary Works
- Growing Calgary
- Calgary's Economy
- Calgary's Environment

Priority Question 2:

Choose what's important to you. From your top 3 categories choose three items you think should be a priority.

Getting Around Calgary

- Direct transit routes between communities
- Bikeway system for cyclist
- Crosswalks, sidewalks, and pathways
- Public parking near retail and work
- Transportation routes for goods and services
- Road maintenance (snow clearing, potholes, etc.)
- Vehicle traffic flow
- Taxi service availability
- Reliable and accessible public transit

Calgary's Economy

- Support for development and construction
- Attract top talent from around the world
- Attract new businesses and industries
- Tourism including existing and new attractions
- Small business growth and development
- A diversified local economy
- Local community business development
- Efficient business regulation

Calgary's Communities

- Crime prevention and enforcement
- Fire protection and safety education
- Recreation and social programs
- Accessibility to City programs & services
- A clean, safe, vibrant downtown
- Local festivals, arts and culture
- Emergency management plans and practices
- Variety of affordable housing options
- Community standards enforcement

Calgary's Environment

- Composting and green cart programs
- Preserve and restore natural landscapes
- Flood mitigation and watershed management
- Responsible use of water and energy
- Recycling programs and services
- New energy sources (e.g. solar, wind, etc.)
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Plant and maintain urban trees
- Environmental education

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Growing Calgary

- Communities with a variety of housing choices
- Shopping and jobs close to my home
- Local parks, green spaces, sports fields
- Building new housing in established areas
- Building new suburbs
- Denser development near C-Train stations
- Community gathering places and facilities
- Reinvest in older community infrastructure
- Preserve heritage buildings and places

How The City Works

- Public input for City of Calgary decisions
- Access to City of Calgary information
- Lower tax increases rather than new or enhanced services
- Managed City debt level
- eGovernment and open data
- Spending efficiency and cost saving measures
- Customer service focus
- Funding sources other than property taxes



Appendix 5 Verbatim Comments



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HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, AND SOCIAL SERVICES	6
CRIME, SAFETY, AND POLICE	7
PUBLIC TRANSIT	8
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Appendix 5 – Verbatim Comments

Notes on the verbatim comments

The Action Plan Check-In verbatim comments presented here include all of the suggestions, comments and messages to Council that were collected online and in-person up to May 26, 2016.

Offensive words and personally identifying information have been removed and replaced with either, [removed] or [personal information removed]; otherwise, comments here are completely un-edited.

In order to make it easier to navigate and read through the large number of comments collected all comments have been coded and then grouped based on those codes.

Comments that touch on more than one topic may receive more than one code, so some comments may show up multiple times in this listing.



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Priority Categories

What is most important to you? We want to hear from you about where you think the City should focus its resources in 2017-2018. Your input will help shape Action Plan adjustments.

Suggested items categorized as:

Taxation, Spending, Value

- Lower taxes.
- REMOVE ALL waste in use of tax dollars STOP increasing taxes every year learn to live within means.
- Cut spending to lower property taxes
- Control spending by the city allowing the city to reduce taxes rather than the yearly increase,
- Roll back property tax increases.
- reducing debt, reducing spending reducing taxes
- Cutting Taxes
- Electricity and gas too expensive they keep going up too many administration fees for this for that life is too expensive as is .between food and utilities were screwed
- Being Fiscally Prudent, Lowering taxes
- Property taxes and fees
- over-taxation, utility rip-offs
- Lowering Property Taxes
- Calgary Tax Rates
- "Lower property taxes
- Be more transparent"
- Lowering property taxes
- Fiscal discipline of the City of Calgary and minimization of taxes / fees
- Reduce Property Taxes
- Reducing taxes
- Lowering taxes
- Keeping tax increases lower, including fees and utility charges
- Tax burden
- Taxes are too high
- lower taxes and get rid of waste
- Lowering taxes
- Reducing taxes
- Low City Operating costs and by extension, lower taxation.
- reduction in the cities regulations & spend implemented based on special interest groups especially wasting money on art installations and so called leaf programs.
- Taxes
- Reduce operating costs and taxes
- Stop raising taxes every year.
- Lowering city taxes
- taxes



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- Taxes
- Property Taxes - reduce your spending!!!!
- Decrease spending and lower property taxes.
- REMOVE ALL waste in use of tax dollars STOP increasing taxes every year learn to live within means.
- Reduce spending!
- Cut spending to lower property taxes
- Control spending by the city allowing the city to reduce taxes rather than the yearly increase,
- reducing debt, reducing spending reducing taxes
- Politicians take a cut in pay
- Getting rid of unions for city employees. They are such a waste of money. Your people take naps when they are working. Go look at mechanics or body men.
- Analysis of spending (are we truly addressing needs versus wants)
- cost reduction
- Exploration on ways to cut spending and find savings within all departments
- I think the city should only spend on essential services and not go into more debt, as well as freeze or reduce civil servants pay. Everyone in the city should have austerity measures since there are so many unemployed.
- How to lower the wage of civic staff, including the mayor.
- Reduce city spending
- "Reducing city costs
- Reducing city staff
- Cutting waste in spending"
- City of Calgary Spending
- Reduced Spending
- More fiscal responsibility by the City instead of constant salary increases and a bloated bureaucracy
- Fiscal responsibility
- Fiscal responsibility
- Reduce property taxes
- Low City Operating costs and by extension, lower taxation.
- Fiscal Municipal Responsibility
- keep Calgary affordable, manage money carefully
- Stop spending growth beyond inflation.
- Fiscal Responsibility to Taxpayers
- Property Taxes - reduce your spending!!!!
- Value for taxes we pay
- Efficiently providing services
- Getting more value for our tax dollars
- Spending Tax Dollars
- Utilization of taxpayers \$

Affordable Housing

- Affordable and accessible housing for people with low incomes with and without disabilities.
- We desperately need more affordable housing!
- Affordable housing



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- Much more affordable housing. Single parents need it!! So the kids grow up better and feel THEY BELONG.
- Affordable housing
- Bylaws against discriminating against renters
- Affordable housing
- Affordable Housing for all
- Housing that is affordable for seniors and housing the working poor and the currently homeless. This may be covered in the communities item.
- Affordable housing
- Legalizing basement suites throughout the city to reduce urban sprawl, provide affordable accommodation for seniors, students and single parents, and provide a trickle up effect for the rest of rental accommodation.
- "Providing homes for everyone.
- Improving the traffic flow around the city."
- We are in desperate need for far more low income housing NOW!!!! That should be the first thing the city should be doing, its important than anything else!!!! And the city should be ashamed that building multi million dollar bridges or high rises is more important than getting families off the streets and out of the homeless shelters!!!! This should have been done years ago the waiting list for Calgary housing is 3000 do something right for a change!!!!!!!!!!
- Affordable housing
- Housing for all Calgarians
- Affordable housing
- 1. #AFFORDABLEHOUSING " NOW " ! 2. Gardening spaces ! Recycling water at home !
- More lower income housing, affordable rent control
- Affordable housing
- Affordable house, House for those unfortunately not able to afford current real estate magnate rent. That is what people elected by people can do.
- affordable house
- affordable house
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing and shortening the wage gap for the blue collars who work way to hard not to be able to afford a home of their own that's not beyond their means.
- More social housing to meet the demands of people suffering from the recession, more aide to the homeless including a property recovery for campers who's belongings were seized by COC.
- Affordable housing
- keep Calgary affordable, manage money carefully
- Make it so landlord have to keep rent lower and more public housing
- Affordable housing 3

Homelessness, Poverty, and Social Services

- Actioning the Mayor's Poverty Reduction Strategy - we need to work together to support Calgary's most vulnerable
- Calgary's homeless and low income families
- Resolving issues like poverty, homelessness, need for living wage
- Helping the mentally ill homeless people



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- The poor and homeless.
- Positive changes to the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- Social support and housing for the homeless
- Homeless needs to be a top priority
- "Housing the homeless
- Implementing rental rates that are reflective of realistic earnings"
- Homelessness
- homes for each and all
- Homelessness
- Mental Health programs
- ACCESSIBILITY overall for the vulnerable
- Accessible service
- "Adult Education
- Senior Issues"
- senior's
- Better support for children with Mental health.
- Indigenous collaboration. Working with the communities of Treaty 7 to ensure that Calgary's growth does not negatively impact them.
- Ensuring the older communities are fully handicap accessible, ie Ogden
- No other suggest only to show that Calgary cares about families and people trying to live with a disability or 65 plus. Calgary doesn't care.
- senior living
- Ending the enormous gap between the very wealthy and the very poor in our city.
- Calgary's Mental Health
- "Funding increase and program expansion for all low income
- Calgarians"
- DISABLED

Crime, Safety, and Police

- Policing needs to be increased so they too can be more proactive in stopping crime instead of being reactive...no one should have to call for assistance to chronic problems and trouble makers often....thank you...
- Calgary's Security
- Citizen Safety
- Safety/Crime
- Crime, particularly gun crimes in neighbourhoods.
- Crime & Safety
- Public safety
- Feeling safe in Calgary
- Safety of people in Calgary.
- Protecting rights of property owners
- Public safety
- Safety of city



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- I would love to see less predatory police traffic enforcement. Get them out of the cars and walking the beat in neighbourhoods. Get them out of the shopping centers and reduce our dependance on traffic violation revenue, and commercial revenue. I would love to see them demilitarised with less emphasis on combat fatigues and urban assault vehicles, and more emphasis in intergration in communities.

Public Transit

- Transit system need alot improvement
- put the C-Train underground through downtown
- improved access for underserved populations. balance transit to areas needed including access from Okotoks and Airdrie
- Public transportation, LRT, buses, Subways should be the best in the world
- Please consider creating loops in the c-train system. For example, a connection between the north east and north west legs or a south east line that connects to Sommerset-Bridlewood
- More affordable public transportation, and connecting Airport and city more effectively.
- Green line is most, zero LRT in deep SE is the only quadrant without LTE. Need to fix Anderson exchange on Deerfoot, that bottleneck is a killer in the morning.
- Calgary Transit Keeping the passes reasonable for all Calgarians to afford.
- More seatrains
- Access to Airport with LRT
- The forcing of the southwest transitway down the communities throats

Calgary NEXT

- Calgary next
- Calgary NEXT
- Calgary NEXT flames arena
- The City should approve Calgary Next project. Am sure Calgarians will donate to a worthy cause like this to help fund the project.
- Calgary Next, or similar with priority to the Track and Field building.
- We need a new arena and cheaper ticket prices
- Not paying for a new sports arena
- New entertainment and sports complex (CalgaryNEXT)
- CalgaryNEXT
- Calgary Next/Downtown West Plan
- Approve Calgary Next it will build the calgary economy for years to come

Other

- PROPER snow control, Buy the necessary equipment to deal with snow clearing, Put the proper by laws in place and ENFORCE THEM, the cost of the snow event sign alone would have bought 10 plows by now and not a snow event was called in 2014 or 2015, so far in 2016 NONE. LOTS of ROAD SALT used which goes straight into the ~BOW RIVER. GROSS.
- Building better roads and removing bike lanes
- Investment in Calgary Infrastructure
- Traffic delays



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- Amateur Sports Community. Unfortunately Calgary has become a second rate city when it comes to amateur sports facilities and has not kept up with the pace of demand or growth of the city.
- Foreign Connections to Other Cities
- Shaping Downtown into a vibrant area for visitors to experience and enjoy
- Maintenance of infrastructure
- Local, quality food sovereignty
- abandon the cycle routes, especially in the urban neighborhoods- waste of resources
- Acc Calgary
- How are we going to deal with carbon taxes and what initiatives will the city take for cost cutting
- Mayor Nenshi to work with the provincial government to approve the 3 pipelines
- Reduce residential speed limit.
- More activities with culture and architecture like Montreal
- New jobs
- Compost
- engagement of citizens
- Culture
- Manage signs, the temporary signs are an eye sore.
- City limits
- safer crosswalks for pedestrians
- While the drive to promote transit, walking, and biking have been great. We need to address choke points in our road system (Crowchild over the Bow, or Glenmore from Crowchild to Sarcee for examples)
- Work on 311 does not work responding to complaints personal residential areas
- City of Calgary Holiday
- Improving Parking Downtown
- Regulate Uber
- Let skateboarders skate. Is this the only downtown in the world that tickets skateboarders? It's a great exercise. People of all ages do it. Nenshi should ride a skateboard to work.
- Culture enrichment
- Sport and Recreation
- Getting maximum value for our taxes
- Building Calgary up, instead of out
- "Retaining people in Calgary
- No point growing when people leave"
- Improving safety for pedestrians
- Better regulation of schools. The middle school that my brother went to was absolutely awful! They were awful to the students! So obvious that they did not care at all about the students!
- Support of oil industry
- "Libraries
- Parks"
- "Libraries
- Parks"
- Finally Legalize Uber!
- Special Needs Education



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- For us that are low income through no fault of our own, we have pets that get sick but we can't afford vet fees.our pets are our families as much as our kids are. To lose a pet is very painful.
- betterworkingcouncil
- Push harder for the energy industry
- None
- Rethink the madness that is the bike lane strategy! We have many exiting pathways that can be connected easily without the removal of lanes that used to move vehicular traffic. Serving 6000 bicycles and displacing several thousand motorists makes no sense. Show an incentive for car pooling. Allow Uber type services to support this. Stop the madness!
- Springbank dry dam and flood mitigation projects
- Real community engagement not just a notification to community association presidents
- There should be initiatives for live performing arts. Too many crap sports bars and nothing for people to do
- Add lanes to Deerfoot
- Rights of Citizens
- Air and noise pollution
- Share the wealth in all communities more evenly for facilities and improvements.. not just the wealthy areas of the city
- "Downtown appearance such as sidewalks, pot holes and cleanliness.
-
- It should be easier to reach departments within the City that does not take 3 to 5 business days"
- Pedestrians have too many rights so they dont have to think
- Can't think of one
- Abandoning anything to do with Agenda 21; abandoning anything to do with bicycle lanes downtown; Getting serious with snow REMOVAL - not plowing - REMOVAL! That's what we want!
- Flood Mitigation
- Discourage Sprawl
- Calgarys economic out
- Build a vibrant Calgary
- Ensuring citizens/pedestrians are safe in their own communities. There is a residential speed issue that needs to be dealt with quickly. We should feel safe to cross the streets in our communities!
- The arts
- We need better soccer facilities. Specifically 11 v 11 to allow year round play. Time to invest in our youth
- Clearing the Greenway paths in winter. There is no point in having these areas for walking/cycling etc., if they are inaccessible most of the year. Calgary is a winter city and the City services needs to reflect this reality. Ditto for salting/graveling back alleys where necessary so that garbage/recycling carts can be put out for collection without risking life and limb. Many people cannot access their back lane garages for parking due to the build-up of ice. Suggest the garbage/recycling staff initiate which alleys are in critical need of de-icing, as not all of them require attention.
- the destruction of our neighbourhoods by some of councils inner city density ideals, totally contrary to there constituents wishes
- Urban garden on front yards, bouvelards, unused green spaces
- Get rid of bike lanes
- Lane restrictions on Deerfoot



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- Promoting small businesses by offering low or no interest financing and great tax breaks.
- Animal welfare in Calgary, such as banning puppy selling pet stores.
- Upstream mitigation on the Elbow River or nothing that is proposed is of lasting value
- Feeding Calgary
- Liveness, open city for citizens
- Pedestrian focused Downtown...i.e. pedestrian zones/shopping cafe streets closed of from traffic:)
- Flood planning before we are devastated by another flood
- more free activities for kids and families, helping parents to improve healthy growing for kids far for electronic divaces
- Road repairs
- Food Inequality
- Dog parks, there are more people and dogs in off leash parks than bikes in the bike lanes. That's where taxes should go, the good of many surpasses the good of a few, stop wasting money
- Work on tourism attraction but improve some of the streets appearances. Exp.Southland dr.by Elbow dr.
- I would like to be able to get to and from work everyday without sitting in traffic daily. Focus on a few key projects only and get them done quickly as opposed to a multitude of projects that seem to last forever
- Driving in Calgary
- New State of the art Library
- Traffic
- Protecting the City - flood mitigation
- Remove bike paths that are a problem for the seniors.
- Enhance school observation system
- Hospital facilities
- Parking: Increase amount; new buildings WITH parking; reduce overall cost.
- Flood mitigation
- infrastructure maintenance
- streetlight repairs
- Work with Alberta Education to decrease class sizes from K-G7 and/or add support staff.
- Building Schools and Rec. Facilities
- Calgary's aging infrastructure,i.e. roads, bridges etc
- Health care
- Creating a workable system so uber can operate in the city.
- Improving/updating recreation facilities
- Making Uber work
- Pedestrian safety
- JOBS
- How the council members carry out their responsibilities to their constituents
- Cultural events
- Adults schools for immigrants and local People.
- Traffic, don't congest it with bike lanes, hardly anyone uses them, I know as I drive down these roads and seldom see them used. The extra costs of all the signage, extra street sweeping, (which puts all the exhaust back into the air that they saved by bike rider saved. You are not helping the enviroment. Calgary winters are



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not conducive to bike riding. Works great in Europe, warmer, way more congested, no good roads like we have, high gas prices and cars. Different world, know the difference.

- Retailers opening on important holiday time we should be spending with family at home like Easter Sunday, Good Friday, Family Day and New Years Day. How can we stop this, the malls should not be open on those days.
- Calgary's Values - we need to stop being TO and go back to being #YYC with country values and NICE people not jerks with money
- Flood mitigation high priority to eliminate the financial and property destruction of 2013
- Energy efficiency and renewable electricity generation



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Getting Around Calgary

Within the Category of Getting Around Calgary, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Public Transit

- Provide more bus routes to get around the city in the northwest, southeast etc
- more transit buses around new communities.
- Stop taking away Arterial and major roadway. Widen and enable free flowing roadways with overpasses and Lite removals (take out Crow/Kensington & 5th Ave Lites). Stop Segregated Bus lines- BRT, expand 14 ST and other (17 Ave) with additional lanes for HOV, BUS, loaded taxi, during rush hours, etc. DO NOT build Green line down Center St, connect any new (Grn/Prple)LRT to Existing North/South LRT, and bury it under 8th AVE.
- "Simply copy Vancouver public transit system. Sky train and subway are safe, fast and efficient.
- Implement SMS parking, just copy Croatian model. It will save time and money for drivers."
- Cars and transit are how we get around Calgary. Please be realistic about planning and prioritize those first.
- I gave up on transit and drive downtown on a daily basis because no bus is available in my community and park and ride lots are full. Interchanges at 194th and 210ave S should be built immediately before they become a bottleneck like 162 ave S
- "As someone who works downtown, M-F, 8-4. I dread transit! Often it is unreliable, packed full, resulting in longer prime time waits.
- If I could afford & justify a paid parking spot down town I would!
- I have submitted my concerns on service & drivers but the site is not user friendly on a smart phone."
- Building new and keeping up with the current infrastructure will facilitate future economic development.
- The plan can not just include Calgary, need to include major rural centers (Okotoks and Airdrie). Please balance transit where most needed (where people dont have cars-it shouldnt take new Calgaryans from other countries 3 buses to get to doctor or walk 5 miles.....unacceptable.
- Currently getting from community to community takes about an hour even if driving there is just 10 minutes. Can we have some intra-community bus routes please? Also it would be great to attract railway back to the city so we can travel across Canada by rail.
- Creating a safer transportation network focused on facility context.
- Mandatory Registration/licensing and Insurance for cyclists. More enforcement when they take the right of way from pedestrians, i.e. neglecting to stop at 4 way stops or ride thru pedestrian walkways! It is infuriating when a minority group gets to break the law, have paths built and not pay a cent in user fees!
- what's the difference between direct transit routes between communities and reliable and accessible public transit. what do each of these mean? i picked direct transit routes between communities because strong cross-town connections are important. delivering a more efficient transit service with re-consideration of routes to meet today's needs and transit planning best practices is needed. routes need updating and change.
- a connected transportation network. not only between communities but amongst modes of transportation. bike lanes should be linked, not fragmented. when a ctrain line ends or has a stop, bus routes should connect further into residential areas
- Focus on networks that efficiently combine transit, walking and cycling. Think about where people want to go and build networks of options with connectivity. For example: My daughter lives in New Brighton and I live in



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Strathcona. We can bike to the train and get to the far south on the train but cannot get across the Deerfoot and the Bow River reliably on bikes.

- Public announcements to encourage Calgarians to use their own legs, bikes and buses to get around which reduces air pollution, reduces road congestion due to non-public vehicles, better health overall, meet people in general.
- Mass transit partnerships with surrounding communities
- We need more transit that doesn't get stuck in traffic
- Greenline is so crucial. That area is expanding rapidly and families are growing there. The south leg even more than the north needs to be #1 priority otherwise it will get developed around and the upheaval will be even more costly and painful for residents than it needs to be. The SW rapid lanes should be not as important. Those areas are well served by transit already (I speak as a SW resident who regularly buses to MRU and Glenmore landing in frequently empty buses but can't get a seat on a 302)
- Getting around Calgary using alternatives to cars! We don't need more roads. As a resident of the CKE Community I welcome the BRT up 14th Street. the #3 route is fantastic for getting downtown but getting across town takes WAY too long. A HUGE priority for me is to also make the city more walkable. Need more sidewalks and more overpasses!
- Need SE LRT
- LRT to the southeast
- LRT to the southeast (south hea
- LRT to the southeast (south health hospital)
- More roadways to SW Calgary. More than one transit route that passes over/through/across Fish Creek Park to SW Calgary. Additional parking that actually meets the demands at C-train stations.
- More roadways to SW Calgary. More than one transit route that passes over/through/across Fish Creek Park to SW Calgary. Additional parking that actually meets the demands at C-train stations. Stop plowing residential streets when it is unnecessary.
- The green line in the se
- We should have more train service. The Green Line should have been completed Decades ago.
- The transit between communities and reliable public transit are one in the same for me. There is a need to keep pathways for walking, running and biking. However when we have long winters the 200m fieldhouse would be a great idea. There could be one in the north and one in the south. Look at cities such as Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regina . Thank you.
- Integrate bike and c-train infrastructure to improve cycling connectivity (allow bikes on trains!).
- Better Active Transportation and Transit.
- Currently, Calgary Transit stations are unsafe and under policed every day of the year. Security needs to be present at every station to hand out tickets to smokers, to stop fights, and to make Calgary Transit a safe environment for everybody.
- the city seems to be making it harder to get around by vehicle. Transit needs improvement before I will use it again.
- Agreed, but why does getting around Calgary always mean newer LRT instead of options like BRT when we know it is a less costly option like the new line proposed for North Central to South East line. BRT NOW , then an LRT when we have enough population.
- Although transit is important, something needs to be done about particularly congested roads like Crowchild Trail!



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- Too much money on transit . A very expensive option, also,one which transects calgary roads causing traffic snarls etc..
- Specifically, transit and bicycle infrastructure.
- I noticed that the somerset station sometimes the hearters are not working.
- This should include the implementation of a sliding scale low-income transit fee to respond to the needs of low income Calgarians.
- Green LRT is critical
- Focus development around transit
- Less focus on bike lanes and more public transit (incl more affordable bus passes)
- Look other cities infrastructure. LRT stands for Light Rail Transit, too much load for city that's over a million population. If you need an example, go look at the list of European cities that has less than a million population.
- get the drivers at transit work more efficient and on time hours. increase discipline since a lot of drivers waste gas by leaving the bus on during the summer. or have the bus drivers practice common sense on turning on the AC during summer. especially with the buses that doesn't have windows that open. and less stalling from the trains during rush hour due to faulty trains (such as the old trains with orange floors). and also, stop using the old trains with orange floors. it always smells terrible, and it is terrible during summer because it's too hot. it always causes trouble during rush hours. and also, after winter, you have a mini aquarium on each glass panes since there's melted water between the glasses. and also, the doors clatter and pushes cold air in during colder seasons. it's terrible on rush hour during since you can literally feel cold air seep through.
- The public transportation system in Calgary still has a lot to do to improve
- "d. While paying for transit has vastly improved, the City appears to have wasted time by trying to innovate its own advance transit software system using a contractor that already failed them. We need to do better; review and improve the internal processes."
- GreenLine and SE Transitway
- Centre Streen NW Train service should be priority.
- Finishing the ring road should be priority. A train through Inglewood would be 'nice', but for sure is not necessary. It would be cheaper & more effective to improve/increase parking at existing C-train stations.
- bus service in industrial parks to make their jobs available to everyone. bus service to the malls without having to walk 3 blocks to actually get to the mall
- parking at C trains
- What do you mean by integrated? More empty buses? Calgarians want upgrades to the Ctrain infrastructure and improvements to roadways.
- More focus on cars and transit. Less on bikes.
- Would like to see the City focus on road infrastructure and upgrades to the Ctrain line. I am opposed to the SW BRT project as design concept is not functional at all, commute times to downtown on the bus will increase, not decrease, and the buses servicing this area are regularly empty.
- get the Green LRT going!
- "i think that you should have transit line that run later so that people are at the pubs so that they can get home instead of drinking and driving
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- i also dont drive so i rely on transit and it should be an essential service"
- Let's tier the transit system so those that travel great distances pay their fare share.



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- I am an advocate for road improvements and Ctrain expansions. I do not support these so called BRT projects.
- How do I, in this survey, show support for Calgary transit, and no support for the ridiculous cycle tracks?
- We shouldn't have to pay for public transport because it wouldn't exist without taxpayer money. We ALREADY paid for it. Why do we have to keep paying?
- Continue to improve and expand transit service
- A rework of bus network which can support the city when the trains fail.
- Getting around Calgary is frustrating at best e.g. due to constant construction projects. The idea of public transport is nice in theory but doesn't work in practice, except perhaps for people who work downtown. Trying to get anywhere else in a reasonable amount of time is not feasible using public transport. Doing common errands like grocery shopping, going to IKEA or Home Depot and carrying purchases on public transport simply does not work!
- Please provide a better alternative to get to our beautiful airport. It is so inconvenient to rely on friends/family to provide a ride. It is also expensive to take a cab or park and ride. Why not extend the new green line to the airport and charge more at a specific stop along the way?
- SE C-train & it should NOT by-pass Riverbend which has dreadful transit service.
- circular LRT
- Safety on transit is a huge priority for me and my loved ones.
- I am so tired of seeing empty buses cruising up and down the streets and the city has plans for more buses! Focus on the Ctrain services, park n'ride upgrades, and roadways to improve traffic flow.
- 24 hour bus service would be awesome in a city with million plus
- Invest in building up the Ctrain infrastructure and surrounding parking. I do not support the existing design plans or concept of the BRT in Calgary SW. I would like the city to focus on improving traffic flow, not making it worse with more empty articulated buses!
- For me, a train line to the north-central is essential. I would not drive much at all if the train was there.
- Getting home safe is important. I want to trust that other drivers will be safe and sober on our roads. When I take public transit I want to feel safe around other passengers.
- The C-train extension to North Calgary is my key concern
- No significant community engagement for the 14th street transit fiasco. There already is a express bus route 306 that manages the flow. And the estimated ridership numbers are fictional! Listen to the communities. We don't want or need this to be done. There are better ways to improve transit
- NOT more bike lanes. More public transit.
- too much talk about public transit and bike lanes! city is built for cars! only if you work in and around downtown that transit and bike lanes work, improve the road system first to get traffic moving faster, get stupid traffic lights improved or removed!!!
- We need more security on the trains
- Green line C-train will help to get to places easily and faster. Also it may reduce some traffic.
- The proposed plans for the SW BRT are totally ridiculous! Try consulting with people within the affected communities to come up with a more effective design approach.
- better transit more often buses & trains and later at night. until 2pm
- 2 comments, I don't for a second believe the stats quoted on bike lane usage when I never see more than 2-3 cyclists in them during my commute. When will you put a park and ride next to Westbrook Mall where you tore down the school that was there.



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- The whole BRT concept is the flavour of the week. We do not have the population density to support these projects. Upgrade the Ctrain, enhance park and ride, and improve traffic flow for vehicles using the road. I do not support BRT projects; specifically the BRT in Calgary SW.
- Pets (e.g., dogs) should be allowed on transit provided they are on a leash.
- The costs spent on the new trains is ridiculous. Fancy features are not needed, just another car to get from point a to point b.
- Better public transit and bike infrastructure
- Increase effectiveness of transit
- Calgary transit, specifically C-train routes should connect people to hospitals and the air port
- I look forward to the new lrt line that runs through north central. right now, transit from hungtinton hills south is painfully slow. So if I have to be downtown for a meeting early morning, I always end up driving.
- Can we add more bus routes and streamline some current ones as a way to reduce cars on the road, so that it becomes more convenient to take public transportation than to drive.
- I am on board with the green line and am excited to see its progress.
- I think the SE BRT is wasteful given it will service such a small corner of the city. Please improve increase LRT to SE instead
- 24/7 C-Train service please
- "Get rid of the bike lanes, an inefficient idea for the few people that use it. It was a waste of resources and causes traffic to back up.
- Also stop talking about the centr street LRT, the city has been talking about it for 25 years and nothing has changed, either do it or let it go"
- the SW Transitway and BRT Project was approved without consultation with, or involvement by, affected communities. The incomplete and late information provided on this project do not justify the expense and as a member of a community affected by this plan, I am offended that the opportunity to understand and have input was not allowed.
- More Train lines
- C-Train Green-Line prjct should have energy storage in every substation. The energy storage should be shared with nearby communities.
- More transit lines and frequent times
- Bridges and tunnel's needed no more crossing arms
- nsit should be free. we already pay for it with our tax dollars and if it was free more people would use it
- Cttrain underground in downtown
- We need way more bicycle accessible routes and a better transit system that services more than just the downtown core well.
- Our urban sprawl is creating an issue for commuters more reliable and farther reaching public transportation is needed
- Looking forward to the LRT up centre st in the North.
- transits are not reliable..in a rush hour the bus take 25min
- Recognize that many people MUST drive cars and park: tradespeople with tools; parents with kids to different activities; the handicapped; sales people with "mobile" offices; and many more. It is NOT all about Busses and Trains.
- Greenline is a good start but will there really be enough parking opportunities for people in outlying areas - the transfer buses, community shuttles and express buses don't run late enough for anyone working after 530 pm



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- I want Calgary to be the lowest water users, lowest garbage producer, biggest composter, with great bike lanes and public transit while keeping enough jobs to be a great city
- The City is being dishonest about the level of consultation they had with citizens prior to approving the SW BRT. Four information sessions, two of which were held during weekday hours is minimal at best. 181 feedback forms total with no responses back from community associations being for passing this project in 2011. This plan is dysfunctional and a waste of tax payer funds. Put the SW BRT on hold until a functional and cost effective plan is pulled together.
- I would like to know why the City of Calgary approved the SWBRT project in 2011 without feedback from anyone of the community associations impacted by this initiative and with the submission of only 181 feedback forms from the 4 information session (two of which were held during weekday hours). No consultation with the communities and citizens before pushing through this dysfunctional concept. I 100% do not support this project. It would be nice to see our city councillors engage with citizens before pushing through such BS projects.
- The SW BRT should be put on hold till the ring road is completed .Very likely the BRT will not be required with vehicular traffic switching to the ring road. If the BRT is still deemed necessary then, at least vehicle traffic will have another route available during BRT construction.
- Green line completion ASAP
- I would love to see the transit projects expedited.
- Focus on building LRT to SE (green line)
- Connecting NE to NW by LRT. or think to open university campus in NE
- We need LRT to connect our communities with the South Calgary Campus Hospital. All Calgarians should have the ability to access the hospital especially those that rely on Public Transportation. The sheer number of people and businesses that could be impacted positively with LRT access to the SE and to the NE NW with this line should give it priority and be sped up, thank you.
- Need that bus that goes from Crowfoot Station to go along Countryhills Blvd to Harvest hills as far as maybe Airport.
- We need the LRT system in the SE down to the new hospital to be started very soon!
- "I am happy to see a commitment to the Green Line LRT project but feel transit can already be improved by extending CTrain hours to 24 rides, especially on weekends.
- Also, I am infuriated by city council's unwillingness to accept Uber and other ride-share companies as a lower-cost alternative to taxis."
- Mass transit that gets the business areas if the city outside of the downtown core
- Given that 79% of all trips are made by personal vehicles it's time that the transportation budget reflected that. We're spending way too much catering to cyclists and on transit. Our economic well-being is dependent on part on a well-designed road network that can move people and goods efficiently and effectively.
- more LRT. also compass card like Vancouver
- "Bike paths are really long, ie East of Deer Run and West of Barlow around 69Ave Se into Ogden from 50ave SE
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- Although I'm happy my SE/Greed line is coming soon, we have south lines. We also have West and East. The NW is a very long bus ride and future LRT development should focus more on the N side of Calgary where there's no LRT
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- As a cyclist and regular transit user its frustrating not being able to take my bike a lot of places. Please look into adding more bike racks to routes. Another problem is regularity. Sure a route might have bike buses but its hit and miss sometimes if I'll get one. Because I might miss my bus and be late for my obligations I don't ride as much"
- City transit to airport and surrounding landmarks. 24 hour ctrains
- Put the transit system underground so that it does not disrupt traffic flow. Do not put feeder stations in residential areas such as Woodbine/Woodlands.
- Affordability is an issue in this city. Those on lower incomes cannot afford this city service, which is so critical to income generation and participation in civic life.
- Low-income transit passes using a sliding fee scale.
- Please consider having the LRT travel to the airport and hospitals.
- "Stop spending money on bikeway systems for a limited subset of the population who can access them and focus on LRT expansion into the south and north.
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- Start spending and budgeting for snow removal so that the economy doesnt loose out on business hours and profit while sitting on a highway that should have been ploughed - properly - this means removing snow from the shoulders."
- Lrt link to the airport...come on why was this critical infrastructure left out during the yyc upgrades
- affordable transit tickets and passes based on people income level- not age. For example a senior who earned \$30,000 dollars a year should pay less then a senior who earns \$70,000 a year. The same goes for adults and youth if the family income is \$60,000 a year for a family of four, then they should pay less for a bus pass or ticket compared to a family of four who earned \$70,000 a year.
- More SHORT - TERM parking options by c-train stations between 9:00am - 4:00pm. Hard to get downtown in non-peak hours for job interviews when it will only be 1-2 hrs. Train station parking is full by 6:30am and transit reserved stalls not available until 10am and that is sometimes full by 11:00am.
- I feel like a sardine piling onto a cramped c-train at times. I've had to stand on 90% of my bus commutes from down town to MacKenzie towne. I can't bike from Mackenzie Towne to downtown due to paths being fixed from flood.
- The green line c-train to seton to downtown. Since city calgary can't do anything about deerfoot trail over anderson and Glenmore trail
- LRT to Seton. Green line.
- The Plan-It document must be eliminated and all non-democratic links to the UN's "sustainability" programs must be terminated. The City should create an information campaign to inform citizens that the opinion and philosophies that the United Nations' sustainability programs, have been adhered to instead of the political opinions of Calgarians. Calgary is a cold climate city and politicians must start creating car-friendly policies and invest in infrastructure for cars such as more lanes, more roads, more bridges, and especially building a larger number of new high-capacity parkades downtown - ones with capacities so high that they'll set world records. The city should also make it a priority to cancel all capital projects for Calgary Transit for the next 50 years, and to cut salaries for Calgary Transit employees by 25% across the board. Bike lanes must also be 100% eliminated.
- Making train stations and bus stops more user friendly for people with disabilities.
- More Free park and ride
- NW to airport using public transit. Should make McKnight W-E bus route.



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- Public transit requires good pedestrian access. The area around Shaganappi Point is almost murderous for pedestrians.
- If you're going to ask for feedback on transit, please differentiate between light rail and buses. I may be in support of one or the other, but not necessarily both.
- "Transportation infrastructure projects are an excellent method for securing grant funding from senior levels of government. The use of this grant funding in Calgary could have a positive effect on our economy, and in any case would be prudent given the low prevailing interest rates and depressed condition of the construction industry.
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- As a further point, better public infrastructure helps stimulate employment - either directly, through high-quality public transit jobs, or indirectly, by reducing transportation-related costs and delays."
- The two categories selected are the macro economic topics. The other items are sub-categories of these two topics. We need fast efficient and safe ways to move regardless of mode of travel: walking, cycling, bus or vehicles.
- Prioritize center street northwest train services
- "Deerfoot Upgrades at Southland/Anderson
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- LRT South Extension"
- SE Ctrain
- From Evergreen a rockyview hospital worker cannot take transit and be at work by 6 am
- Affordable transit for people who are transit captive and fall between cracks of services.
- "Buses that announce stops and that are stroller friendly
- Impossible when you are not from here to recognize stops. Asking drivers as suggested is unsafe while they are driving !"
- safety on c-train. It's disgusting that one certain ethnicity gets to be drunk and abusive and make everyone else uncomfortable all of the time
- "Deerfoot improvements. Shaganappi expansion.
- Beddington widening.
- Green transit line.
- More ways into downtown, additional flyovers / bridges / lane reversals"
- Make free parking lots. We pay enough in taxes. Clear all side roads in the winter. I live in the ne and the street I'm on is bad. Put price down on transit. Too expensive!!
- Green line!
- Just want to emphasize the green line. And less urban sprawl...
- more parking is needed at C train stations
- The Green Line is the top priority for me. It will create jobs, improve infrastructure and help me get to my workplace.
- Diverse options such as Uber, prioritizing transit over single occupant vehicles, inclusive parking options for Car2Go, and expanding Taxi network
- Free parking at light rail stations and direct transit stations; and lots more public transit options. Direct transit is being proposed for my community. It's a twenty minute walk followed by a ten minute walk at the other end,. Great in summer but -30oC winter. Encourage quick, sustainable transit. Small car ride followed by long



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transit ride. Fund it from provincial and federal carbon taxes. Build more light rail. Put the seventh Ave C-Train underground.

- "As noted, Interchanges are a priority for Anderson Road and 14th Street. Especially where the BRT is going (24th Street and Anderson & Southland Drive and 14th Street). Make both Public Transit and Vehicle Traffic more efficient at the same time. Win-win!
- Crosswalks need to have, at the minimum Flashing lights to notify intent of crossing. There should be pedestrian overpass walkways at Major points of Traffic (the Crosswalk between Elbow and 14th St. on Southland Drive should be a pedestrian overpass as it is dangerous to cross with significant traffic and pedestrians slow down an already congested traffic flow.)"
- "Enough with bike lanes/bikeways
- Pause SWBRT - ridership #'s don't justify this project, Ring Road was a pipe dream when SWBRT approved. Pincott DID NOT engage w/ communities."
- The C-Train system should be expanded to every corner of the city of Calgary. Residents of Calgary should be able to travel quickly and safely across the city. Road maintenance in our city is ridiculous. During spring/summer/fall seasons there is always construction lasting months. During winters the roads and sidewalks are not maintained properly ie. ice, slush, snow.
- LRT - Green Line
- FREE public transport. We paid for it already through taxes. Why do we have to keep paying the increasing prices?
- "I am a big believer that Uber will make transportation within the City of Calgary a bit better, though our transit system is what needs to most attention. Day after day I see a series of full size buses that come every few minutes and are nearly empty, while other routes like the #10 seem to be jammed full during rush hour and come 2 minutes apart, followed by a 45 gap between the next bus.
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- I would also suggest the use of the smaller shuttle size buses on some neighborhood routes in the morning as again the full size buses are nearly empty."
- There's too much emphasis on public transit here. How does this address people's daily needs? Develop use cases based on people's/market needs first then identify solutions. Don't jump to a solution first.
- By taxi service I mean Uber. The taxis in this city are sketchy and unreliable. For the short period we did have Uber running, it was leaps and bounds better than taking taxis. Also I'd like to see the train running later at night on busy evenings (weekends, special events). The reason people drive drunk is because the lack of options available to them. The train only runs till 1, and during those busy times, it's near impossible to get a taxi (another reason Uber would be great).
- Affordable passes and tickets, especially for students
- Previously mentioned...need downtown shuttle bus...cheaper fares....cheaper street parking...parking downtown is brutal and this is where I live
- People should not wait too long for buses and waiting 45 minutes, bus availability, we want night service and more frequent
- we need a tax line that goes from downtown to the airport. give us uber back, the city has no right to take it away. we deserve to have affordable taxi service. our choice not yours
- Please get everyone involved in planning our transit system to live in Japan for a few years using nothing but public transit. There are so many simple things that could be done to significantly improve service and the cost would be relatively small. You can always email me at odizzido@hotmail.com if you want to know more.
- "Ctrain -green line



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- A paystubs ten for transit based on the distance travelled"
- "24/7 c trains downtown would be beneficial due to [removed] taxi service/lack of uber
- 24 hour express buses
- Especially needed in winter"
- Not going through with the southwest transit fiasco on 14th street. Put the money into enhancing existing train station parking lots. Not everyone can or wants to take the bus. And there already is the 306 route that manages this ridership
- Extended hours during the night
- The money spent on the cycle tracks and the cost of maintenance is quite a price tag considering the number of users. Those dollars would have been better spent on work for the new green line.
- Too much emphasis on bus lanes and bike lanes! FIRST IMPROVE the ROAD system and have the traffic following better!!! Calgary has been built around having to commute by cars and you cannot change that over night by putting in more bike and bus lanes that services the downtown only! Improve the roads and traffic follow.
- Transit Police on all stations and trains at "all" times of day. Video cameras on all stations and trains. More parking at Avenida train stop. Quit salting our roads, it kills our river, and destroys our cars. Find another solution "literally"!
- We need more Train o metro development ...to have a better city
- "1. Rather than spending billions on fancy new C-Train lines, how about fixing some roads that need it, like Center Street North and keeping the BRT that already works well?
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- 2. Paving the same road 3 times in as many years (eg. Stoney Trail) is retarded when other streets have needed work for the past 20 years.
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- 3. The solution to traffic congestion on major roads is NOT to eliminate some of the lanes (bike lanes and 5th Street reversal?).
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- 4. I would love to see this city more bike and pedestrian friendly, but cyclists should be sharing the space with pedestrians because they are both slow and nimble, whereas cars have a lot of inertia, higher speed, and relatively poorer visibility. I'd like to see more sidewalks turned into proper bike paths.
- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- OMG - someone needs to figure out transit schedules out of the core. I routinely wait for MANY trains to go to Somerset. I watch 3 or 4 nealy empty Saddletowne trains go by City Hall, followed by 1 over crowded Somerset train. Last Thursday I had to wait 30 minutes before a train came that had room on it!!! Really - how many trains does Saddletowne need!!! This is a regular occurrence and makes me NOT want to take the train!!!
- Cyclists have become a hazard. Most do not know or choose not to follow the rules of the road. When it's inconvenient for them to be a vehicle on the road they hop onto the sidewalk and ride across crosswalks. The cycle tracks downtown cause confusion, remove valuable parking, and cause delays. The few cyclists who I've seen use the tracks tend to be emboldened; vehicles turning may not see them and yet they act like they own the road. The city says it takes on average 2 minutes more to get through the downtown core, I think that time is average over the entire day (or something similar), not rush hour so it's misleading to the public. Please remove those cycle tracks, or do something about them so that they do not cause hazards. Perhaps



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sidewalks can be extended a little to accommodate foot and cycle traffic, or bike paths can be created off-road. The City should invest more in transit infrastructure and more (therefore cheaper) parking downtown.

- The nearest bus stop that will take me to the train station is a 20 minute walk away from my home. I live in an established community and when I first moved here the bus came alot closer to my home. Now service is so scaled back I have to make a long walk and WAIT for the unreliable transit in my area.
- Get the LRT to the South Hospital campus ASAP! What a terrible place to have to travel to.
- For people who live in the far reaches of the city from where they work, the choices are to either drive and pay for extortionate parking or take 1-2 hours of their day and wait for slow, unreliable, and overfilled transit. If I have to drop a child off at daycare before work, there is no way I can even consider transit - as it stands - as an option.
- Disabled access to public transit
- Build the ring road ASAP and the south leg of the LRT
- Recently decided to drive less and loving it. But don't get me wrong... I'm a car but.. I love them.
- Stop door-to-door bus routes that nobody uses or needs and build high-frequency transit spines like European networks
- "Alternate transportations like Uber.
- Public transit to the airport!!"
- There should be some thought toward c-train access to MRU. Many young people travelling everyday with a long 1-1.5 hour bus ride just to get to and from everyday.
- Having the c-train built without taking up roadway (as in look into having subways)
- Start Ctrain Routes now and Maybe Buy Into Canada which we seem to transfer money into as well. Buy the cars for New South leg and North Transit from Bombardier and build factory for parts her. Then work to get feds and province to build Interprovincial Monorail between Calgary and Edmonton. Downtown YYC- Airport YYC - OLDS - Red Deer - Wetaskiwin - YEG Airport - Edmonton Downtown. The expanse can grow further in Alberta over time.
- Not effective to get downtown from Ogden and also we still have curbs that are not handicap accessible
- Green Line
- "Loose the bike lanes
- Get uber back
- Have transit that is actually useful"
- Infrustration is number one.bus metro to all destinations in city n out
- Discourage single occupancy vehicle traffic. Encourage active transportation.
- "Although the GreenLine will help, commuting out of the deep SE is horrible. Please widen Deerfoot.
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- When building new roads eg. Completing ring road, please make it wide enough for the Calgary of 2050. When Stoney was completed, I was shocked it was backed up, and only two lanes in some areas."
- 24/7 ctrain service from the airport to ctrain station.
- Flexible and reliable assisted transportation for the aging population and Pele with disabilities
- I am disabled. Transit could be much more accessible.
- The public transit needs too much improvement to catch up how much Calgary has grown.
- 24 HOUR TRANSIT to help take the drunks of the road, not police to do this!
- Going West to East via public transit is terrible.



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- The bus only lanes are a joke...will be underutilized and cause more traffic jams....if you care about the environment the less time the vehicles on the road the better. Are bus drivers (who would know) saying they can't make their timelines and need their own bus lanes or does this happen only in bad weather and traffic accidents which affects everyone? Bikeways are a waste of taxpayer's money....low percentage of people use it daily.
- I'd like to see an LRT or similar to access the outlying communities WITHOUT having to go through downtown. Perhaps a rapid transit line to accompany the ring road. More of a wheel spokes design like Berlin.
- "24 hour transit. Some way home after drinking that doesn't leave me an arm and a leg short."
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- Also Uber. Get on that [removed] . Screw taxis."
- 24 hr transit service
- Top priority for our family is road maintenance. Two issues first is the lack of snow plowing. Many streets never get properly plowed. Our city needs to have fully cleared roads within 4days of an event. Secondly.. Can we please find some other alternative to the supposed sand used! This is not a great mix and I'm getting tired of my vehicles getting pot marked and windshield replacements. As well I have had cars go by and been hit with flying stones from this as well. Not pleasant
- C-train crossings such as the one in Shawnessy on 162 Ave should have been underground. Light timing is not set up well and creates long waits and lineups of traffic. Would be nice to have two entrances to c-train stations. One at each end of the parking lot.
- Regional transit plans/action which might include private operators. Something like BC Transit which is provincial but even regional to start with would be great. And proper transit from the airport. Not everyone can afford a taxi. I love Vancouver and the island for it's coordinated transit between airport, train, bus, and ferry. Way more complicated but they do it and so should we.
- "Need to put tech into making vehicular traffic flow more efficiently (i.e. Synchronozed lights). It is very poor at the moment."
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- Trains need to run on time."
- public transport: more reliable schedule (bus often come late or, even worst, too early) and higher frequency (for some routes only once an hour, last bus quite early in the evening: going out using public transport is nearly impossible)
- Extend LRT to Silverado
- Especially better transit to MRU. Lots of students have to commute for over an hour, and at night the bus routes shut down too early for them to take a bus, train, then second bus. This leaves them walking home in the dark for 40 minutes. There is also not enough parking for that to be a great option. Also parking rates downtown are outrageous. People can't even justify parking for a few hours, but transit isn't a good enough option and DOESN'T FEEL safe at night (especially trains downtown)
- A train that goes to the Coventry and hidden valley area
- 24/7 C-Train service please.
- Ensuring that there is available transit later than 8:30 because not everyone works a 9-5 job and it makes it difficult for some people to get home.
- Consultation and information to affected communities on major transportation initiatives such as the SW Transitway & BRT Project. This was approved through council without any significant information provision or consultation with affected communities which makes it difficult for affected communities to feel comfortable with the supposed objective since information to date does not justify the project expenditure. Given the



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rezoning of green space included in the project, further development of green space in the form of intensification of population to justify the transportation project is hard not to believe as the undisclosed real objective.

- More lrt lines
- C-Train Green-line, electric vehicles
- Stop adding new train lines and make the systems we already have work better. Stop spending money on new projects and fix the ones already in place. Make more bus routes rather than adding an expensive train. Stop building more bike routes. You can only ride a bike 2 months out of the year in Calgary, we are not Vancouver, we DO NOT need bike routes. We have to drive or take the bus at - 40. No one is riding a bike down all your bike routes. Stop wasting our money.
- c train 24 hours daily
- The C-train should operate 24/7/365
- The green line downtown must be underground -- a long term investment in the city. an grade +45 will divide dt & many cities are now finding these an urban blight look. to boston (freeway) and vancouver (cambie st) if not in the fiscal real then don't build the 'wrong' concept
- C-Train station escalators fully functioning--at all times.
- Bike lock up/parking at public places and transit and c-train stations
- Better heating at transit stops for both train and busses.
- More affordable transit passes if that is possible.
- Ctrsin underground in downtown
- C-Train stations need to be re-evaluated based on the needs especially University of Calgary students!!
- Red, Blue and Green lines are great spokes. The ring road is well underway. Ring public transit could really break dependence on car traffic. I picked crosswalks, sidewalks & pathways but i will include bikeway. i don't think you can separate the 2.
- 24 hour transit.
- There should be a bus that runs along 14th street into downtown all day long. A lot of people in my community agree that if there was such a bus, they would take it into work instead. The 89 isn't quite good enough
- Late night transit options
- Not all buses run until 2am which does not work in favor for most people living in most of the Calgary communities. The only thing its good for right now is anyone who lives near downtown and thats not good enough especially if your residential area is on the outskirts of the city .
- Public transit that is accessible. Monthly pass is too expensive
- 24 hour c-train service
- Public transit is critical
- SE LRT, as soon as possible.
- North to south C-train!
- It is essential to build a world class public transit system as we are over 1 million people and growing. As well, it is just as important to create a world class Skeletal Road Network for goods and services, those who need to use vehicles, EMS, Freight, Delivery Services, etc. all require a top notch road network. It should be noted that pedestrian mobility should be the 3rd pillar in mobility. Public walk access, well marked crosswalks, etc. need to be better developed to encourage this healthy and environmental option.
- "Traffic is disgusting on 69th St SW and 17th Ave - drag race every day.
- How about LRT to YYC?



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- Fell safe on LRT - not."
- Using smaller less noisy, more fuel efficient buses on residential routes after 10pm. Keep transit lines away from residential homes in existing communities (for future Lrt routes).
- A more user friendly payment system. Similar to the oyster service in London, UK
- Green line LRT- not enough access to downtown from SE Calgary.
- More affordable transit & parking
- Additional smaller spur lines for LRT to improve transit and show Calgary as a progressive city. Airport line; MRU line; regional transit connectivity to Airdrie, Cochrane, Chestermere, and Okotoks.
- More bikeways, full speed ahead on the green line. Would love to see the train from Calgary to edmonton
- More frequent smaller busses with windows that open so you can have fresh air; ban parfume and cologne on public transit (I have literally had to get off and vomit due to excessive smells, excessive use of the bus heater, and horrible driving). You shouldn't have to take ridiculous detours to get somewhere because you are forced to go to a train station and take another bus.
- Green line LRT should be a priority. Also, traffic flow on roads like Deerfoot trail in the SE (near Anderson/Southland) should be looked at.
- Calgary is a commuter city and yet, money is not invested in keeping it realistic to drive thru Calgary. The cost of a transit pass & parking at a transit station exceeds driving to work for most Calgarians. Crowchild trail traffic and construction is an example of how out of date our road system is.
- I think it's absurd that communities have sidewalks on one side of the road. It makes even walking to the bus stop treacherous.
- Safety at transit stations
- LRT (green line) needs to be done ASAP with parking like 69 St station where it's a parkade
- Our public transport is behind other major cities and we need to connect people with their workplace and medical centres and the communities that are close by to create community.
- SE train
- Ctrain green line to far southeast communities should be a priority - I prefer transit for my daily commute across the city but currently have to drive part way to catch the red line ctrain as the bus service is inadequate
- South East LRT to the new hospital
- "The SE C-train line. How many people need to scream it at you!!!!!!"
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- Bring in UBER !!!!!"
- fast forward Greenway LRT
- SE C-train line
- Ctrain service to the SE.
- CTrain service to the Deep South East
- "Adequate parking at LRT stations.
- Traffic Lights at all crosswalks over two lanes! Yikes!
- Safe loading zones for school buses with NO passing a bus actively loading unloading children."
- More cyclist support on buses - where are the front mount bike racks? They'd be such an easy addition to the transit system.
- For instance, I drive my kids to school daily as the public transit from Edgemont to Charleswood is slow/unacceptable. A single direct bus would be a wonderful addition.
- SE LRT



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- Greenline lrt
- Connecting the Ctrsin to the airport
- Train lines to populated suburban areas in north central calgary.
- Greenline
- Fastforwarding the green ctrain line from south east Calgary to downtown
- Train access to airport
- SE LRT leg - Green Line
- Please please be mindful of access ability to and around bus shelters.
- making Transit accessible for those with low income
- Green Line
- I am not in favor of choking car traffic to force people to take transit or ride bikes.
- we need LRT to airport
- green line LRT
- Transit
- by train
- Build and improve roadways - not BRT's
- affordable Transit for persons of low income
- Ctrain expansion
- Ability to park at train stations. Somerset is full by 6:00 am. This doesn't work well for parents
- Transit is a good priority. Get rid of the bike lanes that are taking away lanes of traffic that are already over capacity. It's a novel idea but impractical for a city of our size & climate. You a giving up a ton of real estate that could make traffic flow better all day, for peak time cycle commuters. As well we are losing valuable parking spaces that inconvenience service companies that have to drive.
- Calgary has to meet the demands of the growing population with improved and integrated transit system in the future.
- 24 hour train service
- "1) It would be nice to have c-train stations exit/entrance right next to or below major shopping center or apartment. Flowing ""traffic"" is a major factor for business. Good examples are subway system in Hong Kong, Japan, London.
- 2) Easy bus and c-train connection. When I travelled in San "
- Make riding public transit/transfer easy. Best stations exit to shopping malls. Good examples: Hong Kong, Japan subway & London subway. Make transfer easy with minimal walking. When traveled at Fisherman Wharf in San Fransico, I got off the city tram, stay where I was, got onto a bus that stop where I was
- Agreed, but why does getting around Calgary always mean newer LRT instead of options like BRT when we know it is a less costly option like the new line proposed fror North Central to South East line. BRT NOW , then an LRT when we have enough population.
- Only hearing about the Calgary SW BRT this year and I've lived in Ward 11 since 2008. This is a complete waste of tax payer funds and will make accessing rockyview hospital, heritage park, glenmore landing, and glenmore trail impossible. 60 buses per hour on 14th street means a bus every 2 minutes or less. Who's riding these buses?? \$5 million per year in operating costs to run empty buses! Who comes up with these ideas?
- More expansion of the Ctrain, forget the 'not so rapid' BRT projects, focus on road infrastructure & parking.
- I am an advocate for road improvements and Ctrain expansions. I do not support these so called BRT projects.



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- Invest in building up the Ctrain infrastructure and surrounding parking. I do not support the existing design plans or concept of the BRT in Calgary SW. I would like the city to focus on improving traffic flow, not making it worse with more empty articulated buses!
- No significant community engagement for the 14th street transit fiasco. There already is a express bus route 306 that manages the flow. And the estimated ridership numbers are fictional! Listen to the communities. We don't want or need this to be done. There are better ways to improve transit
- The proposed plans for the SW BRT are totally ridiculous! Try consulting with people within the affected communities to come up with a more effective design approach.
- The whole BRT concept is the flavour of the week. We do not have the population density to support these projects. Upgrade the Ctrain, enhance park and ride, and improve traffic flow for vehicles using the road. I do not support BRT projects; specifically the BRT in Calgary SW.
- I think the SE BRT is wasteful given it will service such a small corner of the city. Please improve increase LRT to SE instead
- the SW Transitway and BRT Project was approved without consultation with, or involvement by, affected communities. The incomplete and late information provided on this project do not justify the expense and as a member of a community affected by this plan, I am offended that the opportunity to understand and have input was not allowed.
- The City is being dishonest about the level of consultation they had with citizens prior to approving the SW BRT. Four information sessions, two of which where held during weekday hours is minimal at best. 181 feedback forms total with no responses back from community associations being for passing this project in 2011. This plan is dysfunctional and a waste of tax payer funds. Put the SW BRT on hold until a functional and cost effective plan is pulled together.
- I would like to know why the City of Calgary approved the SWBRT project in 2011 without feedback from anyone of the community associations impacted by this initiative and with the submission of only 181 feedback forms from the 4 information session (two of which were held during weekday hours). No consultation with the communities and citizens before pushing through this dysfunctional concept. I 100% do not support this project. It would be nice to see our city councillors engage with citizens before pushing through such BS projects.
- The SW BRT should be put on hold till the ring road is completed .Very likely the BRT will not be required with vehicular traffic switching to the ring road. If the BRT is still deemed necessary then, at least vehicle traffic will have another route available during BRT construction.
- "As noted, Interchanges are a priority for Anderson Road and 14th Street. Especially where the BRT is going (24th Street and Anderson & Southland Drive and 14th Street). Make both Public Transit and Vehicle Traffic more efficient at the same time. Win-win!
- Crosswalks need to have, at the minimum Flashing lights to notify intent of crossing. There should be pedestrian overpass walkways at Major points of Traffic (the Crosswalk between Elbow and 14th St. on Southland Drive should be a pedestrian overpass as it is dangerous to cross with significant traffic and pedestrians slow down an already congested traffic flow.)"
- "Enough with bike lanes/bikeways
- Pause SWBRT - ridership #'s don't justify this project, Ring Road was a pipe dream when SWBRT approved. Pincott DID NOT engage w/ communities."
- Not going through with the southwest transit fiasco on 14th street. Put the money into enhancing existing train station parking lots. Not everyone can or wants to take the bus. And there already is the 306 route that manages this ridership



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- There should be a bus that runs along 14th street into downtown all day long. A lot of people in my community agree that if there was such a bus, they would take it into work instead. The 89 isn't quite good enough
- Getting around Calgary using alternatives to cars! We don't need more roads. As a resident of the CKE Community I welcome the BRT up 14th Street. the #3 route is fantastic for getting downtown but getting across town takes WAY too long. A HUGE priority for me is to also make the city more walkable. Need more sidewalks and more overpasses!
- Greenline is so crucial. That area is expanding rapidly and families are growing there. The south leg even more than the north needs to be #1 priority otherwise it will get developed around and the upheaval will be even more costly and painful for residents than it needs to be. The SW rapid lanes should be not as important. Those areas are well served by transit already (I speak as a SW resident who regularly buses to MRU and Glenmore landing in frequently empty buses but can't get a seat on a 302)
- Need SE LRT
- LRT to the southeast (south hea
- 24 hour train service
- The green line in the se
- We should have more train service. The Green Line should have been completed Decades ago.
- South Green line LRT
- C train expansion. The most accessible way for anyone to get around.
- C-Train expansion
- Ctrain overhead or underground infrastructure and stop new bus routes which are not popular and not efficient
- end the brt transit along 14 st.s.w.- absolutly not needed on this street!!
- Scrap the South West BRT - vastly over-budget, and not needed.
- 1. More c-train routes 2. C-train route to the airport
- Eliminate large buses in communities during the non peak hours
- seniors' bus tickets
- Please don't cut funding for Calgary Transit Access. Using any other form of transportation isn't an option for so many Calgarians
- Keep the bus fares low and don't up bus fares cause if we r low income then we need to have as much support as we can get
- Outside rush hour, transit is empty. People don't want to use it. Cut the hours. As well, the bikelanes downtown are not being used (walk outside any day and take a look). Do not destroy and more car infrastructure for bikelanes.
- Review seniors pass
- More and better roads, for cars, trucks, and public transit. No useless bike lanes.
- Remove transit, or increase prices but 300%
- Faster C-Train
- sustainable transit costs
- Efficient use of transit system
- Focus on expanding LRT capacity and LRT Parking

Cars, Roads, and Traffic Flow



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- Run L R T tracks parallel to CPR railroad all the way to Airdrie, this will relieve the congestion on DEERFOOT, simple solution , costly yes, environment is protected in the same vein, Does not take a SAVANT to see the logic behind it.
- Calgary needs better roads, less driving restrictions. Remove bike routes from roads.
- the city seems to be making it harder to get around by vehicle. Transit needs improvement before I will use it again.
- Although transit is important, something needs to be done about particularly congested roads like Crowchild Trail!
- Too much money on transit . A very expensive option, also,one which transects calgary roads causing traffic snarls etc..
- Please include vehicle travel in any planning. Calgary is a car city and it's imperative vehicle travel is facilitated and prioritized.
- Widen roads for traffic.
- The top priority must be to remove every bike lane, and then build more parkades downtown for cars. There should be no more capital investments in Transit for the next 50 years, and the city should build more roads for cars, more lanes for cars, & more overpasses for cars.
- Improve Deerfoot Trail and Anderson Drive's interchange.
- Stop Putting in traffic circles that are to small and do not work the way they are supposed to they are wasting resources and economically not efficient give the poor design being to small
- The south east has for years been shafted on these projects. Fix the southland to Deerfoot entrance both for safety and congestion. Widen the douglasdale bridge to 8 lanes.
- Focus on car and roads
- Build the overpasses ASAP on crowchild at Kensington 5 th Ave and at Mcman
- Quit penalizing motorists! It has passed the point of ridiculousness.
- Finishing the ring road should be priority. A train through Inglewood would be 'nice', but for sure is not necessary. It would be cheaper & more effective to improve/increase parking at existing C-train stations.
- Stop taking away Arterial and major roadway. Widen and enable free flowing roadways with overpasses and Lite removals (take out Crow/Kensington & 5th Ave Lites). Stop Segregated Bus lines- BRT, expand 14 ST and other (17 Ave)with additional lanes for HOV, BUS, loaded taxi, during rush hours, etc. DO NOT build Green line down Center St, connect any new (Grn/Prple)LRT to Existing North/South LRT, and bury it under 8th AVE.
- What do you mean by integrated? More empty buses? Calgarians want upgrades to the Ctrain infrastructure and improvements to roadways.
- More focus on cars and transit. Less on bikes.
- Would like to see the City focus on road infrastructure and upgrades to the Ctrain line. I am opposed to the SW BRT project as design concept is not functional at all, commute times to downtown on the bus will increase, not decrease, and the buses servicing this area are regularly empty.
- Start construction on the SW ring road.
- I am an advocate for road improvements and Ctrain expansions. I do not support these so called BRT projects.
- The automobile is not going away, and is the primary mode of transportation for most Calgarians. Improve the flow of traffic instead of making it harder by installing bike lanes for less than 1% of the population.
- Excessive speed on roadways is killing Calgarians. Hit excessive speeders in the pocket book and impound vehicles.



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- Start getting ideas from major cities. See what is working on their roads. Copy this. Stoney Trail- down to 2 lanes in places. Really? Who plans this???
- More focus on vehicular traffic instead of transit e.g. Crowchild trail across Bow is dysfunctional right now (esp getting off Bow Trail east bound to try to get to east bound Memorial Dr.
- too much talk about public transit and bike lanes! city is built for cars! only if you work in and around downtown that transit and bike lanes work, improve the road system first to get traffic moving faster, get stupid traffic lights improved or removed!!!
- Fix Deerfoot trail congestion. Forget the bike lanes. Being stuck in traffic hurts the economy and the environment.
- Transportation and the ring road (sw) is a priority for my family
- Peigon trial from Stoney trail to deerfoot trail should be twinned
- "-Introduction congestion pricing on busy roads(Glenmore, Crowchild and Deerfoot trail etc.)
- -Legalize Uber.
- -More on street bike lanes.
- -Allow Car2Go to expand.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements.
- -Allow more density near downtown, universities and LRT stations."
- Especially interested in getting the ring road completed ASAP.
- I have lived in Calgary for over 35 years. I have seen the growth and getting around calgary during peak times ...whether on Deer foot or Crowchild there is a backload of traffic. Crowchild has some bottle neck area. 1. 24 th ave nw and crowchild always backed up as far as brentwood LRT winter and summer !!! then crowchild becomes 2 lanes !!! seriously after 24 th ave going down to 5th ave and crowchild !! please buy out that Blue appartment bldg on University Drive and Crowchild and make it a continued 3 lane. 2. another bottle neck is Crowchild and 12 ave access into downtown. Memorial Drive merges unto Crowchild then Bow Trail exits alllllll places for accidents to happen All downtown exits on Crowchild North & South are congested into downtown from 6am to 6pm.. 3. Shagganappi and John Laurier North and South needs an OVERPASS to move traffic. City tried to make a 3rd lane 2 summers ago BUT a very short term solution !!!! this city land mass is sooo massive and more families have 2-4 cars in the suburbs these days . I obviously live in the Northwest. I question an interchange at COP vs Shag and JL.....
- People, bikes etc bottom of the list is cars
- "Finish the ring road
- Build the cancer Centre"
- "Variable Speed Limits on Deerfoot to decrease accidents and increase traffic through put.
- <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/VSL>
- Variable Speed Limit programs have been in use since 1960 and recently implemented in:
- ## Washington - After VSL implementation, there was a 13 percent reduction in overall collisions and a 10 percent drop in injury-related crashes on the section of I-5 with VSL."
- Quti building out morons since the 1970's our road networks have not been able to handle growth.
- Speaking of movement of people, how do we get school zones back and the time changed back...further Bowness Road has been crippled by whoever decided to make it one lane on 86. Do you guys actually use the roads you randomly change and removing the four way stop on 86 to go to Bowness Park it will be mayhem in the summer I want to know droutly@shaw.ca



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- The bike tracks through downtown are a waste of money and space. Car traffic, parking and pedestrian safety along those areas have been terribly compromised for a very small portion of the population. Waste of such a large amount of money.
- FINISH THE RING ROAD!!!
- Integration is fine, BUT, a car is still very necessary to get around the City. Public Transit will never be absolutely the greatest and easiest. No more bike lanes though, as long as cars are necessary downtown, don't make things difficult for the huge majority, in favor of the very few family people that will use them throughout the year.
- Building the South Ring road needs to be priority. Need heavy traffic relief in the SW and more transit is not the answer
- When I moved to Calgary 10 years ago I was beyond impressed with the polite and considerate drivers in the city but now 10 years later it is a city full of rude, impatient, dangerous drivers that are incredibly frustrated and angry trying to get around on our horrible roadways!
- Getting from Deerfoot North to Glenmore Trail West has to be a priority - what a mess!!
- Calgary has to have the worst road planners in the country...
- When you say Getting around Calgary, people, like myself, are concerned primarily with road improvements to reduce real congestion issues that motorists deal with regularly.
- Bylaws to allow ride sharing services
- SW ring road and the Sarcee/Trans Canada overpass need to happen much quicker.
- Can we please expand Deerfoot Tr. in the section between Douglas Dale and Southland? Both ways please. More and more people live in the south and that is the only bottle neck in traffic to and from work. Lets fix it! It will be HUGE. Thanks!
- Moving traffic around is a challenge, but it is not well planned out when you put merge lanes and exit spaces in the same spot. Also reduce the number lights and stop signs. Build on/off ramps, instead of stopping the traffic at lights. all you do is move the bottleneck around, and increase the frustration of drivers.
- Leadership needs to make some decisions in the best interests of all citizens. You can't make everyone happy (eg. Crowchild over the river). No more bike lanes for the very few who use them, at the expense of all other commuters.
- Recognize that many people MUST drive cars and park: tradespeople with tools; parents with kids to different activities; the handicapped; sales people with "mobile" offices; and many more. It is NOT all about Busses and Trains.
- Isa 85th St and Bow Trail going to be finished this decade? Bronco's make the developers pay looks like they have better lawyers than the City
- Less bike lanes and better planning on ways to make Crowchild Trail work across the Bow river
- Need better roadways. MORE car lanes.
- Given that 79% of all trips are made by personal vehicles it's time that the transportation budget reflected that. We're spending way too much catering to cyclists and on transit. Our economic well-being is dependent on part on a well-designed road network that can move people and goods efficiently and effectively.
- Vehicle flow. Deerfoot trail south has so many merging lanes that at southland drive and the deer meadows merge lanes are so full,of traffic it stops the deerfoot as these guys are trying to merge. Maybe add lights on the merge lanes to restrict the amount of cars merging. System works in phoenix very well. It would only be on during rush hours



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- When building new communities, put in an interchange right away. If done at this time it will inconvenience fewer people. If this had been done at the macleod and 162 ave location it would have been far better than now!
- The Plan-It document must be eliminated and all non-democratic links to the UN's "sustainability" programs must be terminated. The City should create an information campaign to inform citizens that the opinion and philosophies that the United Nations' sustainability programs, have been adhered to instead of the political opinions of Calgarians. Calgary is a cold climate city and politicians must start creating car-friendly policies and invest in infrastructure for cars such as more lanes, more roads, more bridges, and especially building a larger number of new high-capacity parkades downtown - ones with capacities so high that they'll set world records. The city should also make it a priority to cancel all capital projects for Calgary Transit for the next 50 years, and to cut salaries for Calgary Transit employees by 25% across the board. Bike lanes must also be 100% eliminated.
- Fixing the bottleneck on Glenmore trail and crowchild trail. Fly over from crowchild to Glenmore a nightmare - always accidents.
- Decent flowing access on/off major freeways. Ie McKnight westbound is to YIELD to southbound Deerfoot exiting to eastbound McKnight. Have been almost more times than not by non yielding. Proper cloverleaf would alleviate prob
- Built an interchange and put a traffic signal? What's the point of having interchange?
- Have cross walks flash red instead of Yellow. Allow more parking downtown to increase movement to downtown in off hours. Make downtown inviting. DO better job on planning when it comes to construction .. reference paving Sarcee Trail 2 times this past summer ... that was WASTEFUL completely. and that is just one example. Make traffic circles that are viable not ones that are to small and inefficient
- improving flow on Crowchild Trail should be a priority
- I know efforts are being put into Mcknight BLVD. However that section neat airport has be "in the works" since the summer/lets get these crews out to work through the low traffic periods(Night time) and get the jobs done.
- "Address the congestion on the deerfoot...regardless of the fact that the province owns it - it runs through the middle of our city...before more interchanges are built to add to the traffic on it.
- do not eliminate parking at Anderson station..."
- "a. completing the ring road
- b. educating pedestrians and drivers to be more responsible NOT additional restrictions. It shouldn't be impossible to abide by the law while trying to make a turn when there is both heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Implemented with minimal additional new staffing and infrastructure.
- c. better indication of school zones. Ideally solar powered flashing signs will soon be cost effective. It is important to slow down in these areas, but it can be a challenge to spot the sign when you are concentrating on traffic and directions in a new neighbourhood."
- Stop Traffic Calming Now !!
- SW ring road needs to be complete!!!
- No traffic congestion. Address road infrastructure as it is sorely lacking.
- The engineers that design our roads need to give their head a shake. It doesn't flow and takes forever to get built. The workers who builds them take forever - by the time they are finished they need to be redone because they are either falling apart, or our city has grown too much.
- I find some roads so rough, riding a motorcycle was become dangerous. Pothole repair as well as man hole cover height needs to be looked at. Consider "all stop, all go" traffic light situations in downtown core to help



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with flow of vehicles. All major roads going in & out of downtown, including the highways should be minimum 4 lanes! PLAN for the future, NOT 'good enough for this election term'!!!

- "Deerfoot Upgrades at Southland/Anderson
- LRT South Extension"
- Just fix Crowchild over the Bow River!!
- I am a cyclist, ride ~ 18+ kms when it is nice out. Do not need the Cycle tracks on Arteries. Free the Arteries, any Cycle planning should be on Secondary or Residential Roads. We are a COLD weather city!
- We are a city of cars (true, even if you don't like it). Optimize the use of cars and you reduce fuel consumption, minimize costs to our economy, and improve the daily life of Calgarians.
- There are far too many traffic lights and disappearing traffic lanes in this city resulting in numerous places where traffic merges in either direction to produce the infamous and extremely hazardous Calgary criss-cross! Snow clearing in this city is a complete joke! Snow is not cleared, it is plowed onto the sidewalks for citizens to clear!
- Fix Crowchild trail at the river
- "Deerfoot improvements. Shaganappi expansion.
- Beddington widening.
- Green transit line.
- More ways into downtown, additional flyovers / bridges / lane reversals"
- fix the Anderson/ Deerfoot interchange
- Free parking at light rail stations and direct transit stations; and lots more public transit options. Direct transit is being proposed for my community. It's a twenty minute walk followed by a ten minute walk at the other end, Great in summer but -30°C winter. Encourage quick, sustainable transit. Small car ride followed by long transit ride. Fund it from provincial and federal carbon taxes. Build more light rail. Put the seventh Ave C-Train underground.
- Road infrastructure in new communities. The city and developers should work together that roads are built as new phases are developed.
- "As noted, Interchanges are a priority for Anderson Road and 14th Street. Especially where the BRT is going (24th Street and Anderson & Southland Drive and 14th Street). Make both Public Transit and Vehicle Traffic more efficient at the same time. Win-win!
- Crosswalks need to have, at the minimum Flashing lights to notify intent of crossing. There should be pedestrian overpass walkways at Major points of Traffic (the Crosswalk between Elbow and 14th St. on Southland Drive should be a pedestrian overpass as it is dangerous to cross with significant traffic and pedestrians slow down an already congested traffic flow.)"
- Traffic flow is such a huge problem in Calgary. As our population increases we need to find a solution to our increase in population and traffic flow
- West ringroad
- Completing the SW portion of the ring road!!!
- Add designed exit lanes on major roads. Moving here from out of town you really see how poorly designed the roads here are. Having to constantly merge and change lanes causes traffic.
- Road signs all over the city are far too small to read well enough in advance in order to change lanes safely. Street signs in subdivisions are next to useless, again far too small, often pointed incorrectly, or hidden behind shrubs and trees.
- "Traffic lights need to be synchronized better. 52nd st in the S.E. It's frustrating going from one red light to the next.



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- No traffic flow in this city!!!!!"
- Too much emphasis on bus lanes and bike lanes! FIRST IMPROVE the ROAD system and have the traffic following better!!! Calgary has been built around having to commute by cars and you cannot change that over night by putting in more bike and bus lanes that services the downtown only! Improve the roads and traffic follow.
- 40 kph speed limit in residential communities and enforcement of all speed limits
- Planning 20 years ahead of our needs. For example, they built Stoney trail and only made it 3 lanes each way, well that's why Deerfoot is so congested. At the time that is what they needed but now it's insufficient. Crowchild for example should be planned for the needs of a city with double the volume expected in 10 years so that it continues to be efficient
- "1. Rather than spending billions on fancy new C-Train lines, how about fixing some roads that need it, like Center Street North and keeping the BRT that already works well?
- 2. Paving the same road 3 times in as many years (eg. Stoney Trail) is retarded when other streets have needed work for the past 20 years.
- 3. The solution to traffic congestion on major roads is NOT to eliminate some of the lanes (bike lanes and 5th Street reversal?).
- 4. I would love to see this city more bike and pedestrian friendly, but cyclists should be sharing the space with pedestrians because they are both slow and nimble, whereas cars have a lot of inertia, higher speed, and relatively poorer visibility. I'd like to see more sidewalks turned into proper bike paths.
- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- Too low speed limits in some areas - seems to target revenue generation not safety. eg Tuscany Blvd ramp onto Stoney Trail - why not 70 kph in the non-residential section?
- Let's be frank, we need to kill fewer people. Calgary is easy to get around and traffic is barely noticeable, but we certainly have issues with traffic safety for people who walk, people who drive and people who ride. Safety levels are declining and we seem to always put it off to the side. Its time to step up and do the right thing.
- For people who live in the far reaches of the city from where they work, the choices are to either drive and pay for extortionate parking or take 1-2 hours of their day and wait for slow, unreliable, and overfilled transit. If I have to drop a child off at daycare before work, there is no way I can even consider transit - as it stands - as an option.
- trafficand parking management in communities
- How about building new road systems at the beginning instead of after the road is saturated with traffic. IE build the cloverleaf right away instead of years down the line when the traffic volumes are at max. Pay the money up front and do it right the first time.
- Build the ring road ASAP and the south leg of the LRT
- Having a seasonal bike lane system. 6-8 months of the year when weather is ideal for riders. We have reduced lanes in -40 degrees when almost all cyclists drive to work and have to deal with more congestion than before. Example bigness. And now the same nightmare is planned for north mount drive. Very sad
- What about the south end of the ring road? Has been years we are hearing about it but nothing is happening???
- Discourage single occupancy vehicle traffic. Encourage active transportation.
- "Although the GreenLine will help, commuting out of the deep SE is horrible. Please widen Deerfoot.
- When building new roads eg. Completing ring road, please make it wide enough for the Calgary of 2050. When Stoney was completed, I was shocked it was backed up, and only two lanes in some areas."



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- There has never been a year where traffic in this city sucks. Quit trying to be Toronto and fix the bottlenecks in this city.
- Very poor designs for the volume of traffic
- Completion of the SW portion of the Ring Road
- I am all for pedestrian safety, but I do not want to see a blanket 30 or 40 km/h limit in "residential" communities. Better visibility crosswalks is important. Downtown pedestrian crossing (similar to near Eau Claire) would be ideal. Other cities have increased limits to allow for better flow. Let's not go backwards/conservative. Make drivers see pedestrians through lights and taking turns, not by slowing down or stopping right hand turns on red.
- "building the southwest ringroad
- getting back to good traffic flow
- reversing some of the bike lane projects"
- Providing proper roadways for cars. Limiting cycling on roadways.
- Finish the ring road asap.
- Car pool lanes
- Access to Cranston from Stoney.
- SW RING ROAD
- "East west traffic is terrible. You have 3 options ring roads to the extreme north or south and an unreliable Glenmore trail. Bow trail to 9th avenue has seen a large increase in traffic ever since 12th avenue lost a lane to an extremely underutilized bike lane.
- The extra time spent idling by cars produces more pollution than is saved by all people that choose to bike."
- "Need to put tech into making vehicular traffic flow more efficiently (i.e. Synchronized lights). It is very poor at the moment.
- Trains need to run on time."
- Reliable transit means dedicated transit lanes and even an HOV lane on major roads during rush hour or times of congestion.
- No HOV lanes on major routes that are already clogged - e.g. Deerfoot, Crowchild
- The congestion on our roads are unbelievable and needs to be addressed in the very near future!
- synchronization of traffic lights.
- The new ring road needs to happen ASAP
- Focus on helping drivers get around, less on buses and cyclists which make up a fraction of road users. Help the majority of the people
- FIX CROWCHILD OVER THE BOW
- Focus on improving roads for vehicle traffic. No more money on bike routes please.
- Some of us can't take transit due to severe allergies so we rely on parking and efficient roadways.
- Single vehicle roadways
- Traffic lights properly sequenced so we don't hit 80% red lights as is the case now!
- Traffic on Crowchild Trail north of downtown.
- Do not invest in massive road infrastructure that impacts communities in favour of 7 minutes on a commute saved like the Crowchild expansion.
- I think bus and carpool lanes would be a useful way to improve public transport.



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- memorial west of crowchild and before 16th is SO dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. We NEED to get left hand turn signal lights on some of the streets and no left hand turn lights on the rest. I drive it 5 times a week and see at least 3 near misses each week.
- "pardon my french but your bike routes. Waste of money, legacy building, and poorly executed. Educate drivers and bike riders and teach us to share the road better, but don't eat up real estate. This is a winter city, treat it as such. We have roads that are an abomination and huge traffic snarl-ups, and that affects far more people than there are bike riders. It's a democracy and I personally have no patience for Nenshi's social experimentation.
- And kick the useless taxi unions where it hurts and get Uber back ASAP. Taxis provide poor service, they're overpriced, and never available."
- "Traffic is disgusting on 69th St SW and 17th Ave - drag race every day.
- How about LRT to YYC?
- Fell safe on LRT - not."
- Completion of the ring road and improvements to Deerfoot
- Improving road infrastructure on main routes like TransCanada Highway and Crowchild Trail.
- Calgary is a commuter city and yet, money is not invested in keeping it realistic to drive thru Calgary. The cost of a transit pass & parking at a transit station exceeds driving to work for most Calgarians. Crowchild trail traffic and construction is an example of how out of date our road system is.
- Improve Crowchild Trail traffic flow across the Bow River. This should have been done 15 or more years ago
- Cranston/McKenzie Stoney Trail/Deer Foot is a mess, we we are unable to to enter or exit from Stoney Trail unless we take the long way around through different communities, who ever designed and approved this wasn't thinking at all, total nit job, who are you guys hiring to design and approve this stuff...
- More car lanes. NOT transitways
- Completion of Ring Road.
- Traffic flow is my #1.
- finish Stoney Trail west.
- "New and expanded road ways that are free flow.
- P.S. What a biased set of choices!"
- When will the ring road finally be started and finished?
- completion of ring road, and overpass addition to crowchild in kensington area
- "Bridges. Overpasses. Road over wheaselhead at thirty seven street SW . Road over elbow at fifty avenue. Over passes Crowchild tr bownessroad and the next avenue north. Get the SW ring road started with the president
- Province. Get ride of those playground area on elbow drive etc."
- stop lights need to be shorter to minimize idling
- I am not in favor of choking car traffic to force people to take transit or ride bikes.
- Deerfoot trail needs to be bigger
- Stop the war on drivers
- Build and improve roadways - not BRT's
- Transit is a good priority. Get rid of the bike lanes that are taking away lanes of traffic that are already over capacity. It's a novel idea but impractical for a city of our size & climate. You a giving up a ton of real estate that could make traffic flow better all day, for peak time cycle commuters. As well we are losing valuable parking spaces that inconvenience service companies that have to drive.



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- "additional lanes on the Deerfoot,
- repair the surface of the Calf Robe Bridge, It was never done properly!!!"
- South Deerfoot Trail is horrific for rush hour commutes. This congestion needs to be resolved.
- Bikeway system for cyclists that is not at the expense of motorists, such as the case created throughout the city from Northland to the Stampede Grounds for example.
- Bikeway system for cyclists that is not at the expense of motorists. Rather than taking up roadways, as is now the case, revamp the sidewalks like the trail system along the river instead.
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- "Improved access via multiple main roadways
- Pathways across and along main roadways"
- Stop catering to the small minority of people, (ie. cyclists) and improve traffic for everyone! Timing of lights, red lights in low traffic areas in middle of the night, etc. Also, start enforcing rules of the road for EVERYONE, cars, pedestrians and cyclists alike!
- The flow of this city sucks, the cycle lanes are a huge waste of money
- No ring road
- Bike lanes are terrible as bikes dont use them and plug roads
- Expanding our current roads
- Why isn't "Build Roads" on here? Distorted survey...
- ring road completion to lessen traffic flow and delays
- Deerfoot! I have lived in communities across BC, AB, and Sk, this is the worst road ever.
- The city is still and will be for foreseeable future a vehicle dominated society and therefore the efficient movement of same should take more emphasis and less so on bike paths which seems to be a Nenshi pet project.
- More and better roads, for cars, trucks, and public transit. No useless bike lanes.
- Building more interchanges, building expressways in and around downtown
- Stop favouring bikes and pedestrian over cars
- Bike lanes have very little benifit for 6 or more months in this city. for this reason i would remove the baracades and fix our parking, commerce and traifc patterens
- review signage to improve circulation (on deerfoot especially) including off-ramps and merge/dual lane;

Bike Routes



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- Calgary needs better roads, less driving restrictions. Remove bike routes from roads.
- Specifically, transit and bicycle infrastructure.
- Direct, continuous bike routes *not* relying on pathways are very important to me. (Having options other than park pathways is important for females travelling alone at night/ in the early morning.)
- The top priority must be to remove every bike lane, and then build more parkades downtown for cars. There should be no more capital investments in Transit for the next 50 years, and the city should build more roads for cars, more lanes for cars, & more overpasses for cars.
- bike routes sure take up a lot of parking for emergencies
- Less focus on bike lanes and more public transit (incl more affordable bus passes)
- Stop wasting money on cycle tracks. They more vacant than used, and is counter say 1000 use them the other million calgarians see it as a waste of money
- The recent introduction of bike lanes might have been too expensive. However I am generally pleased. Let's take go slow on new dedicated bike lanes and monitor its use and effectiveness. Certainty pre existing unsafe crossing bollard positions, hazardous guard rails need safety improvements and or prudent over due maintenance
- Plse forget about the bike lanes. Plse forget about decreasing the speed limits.
- People need more education about bike lanes so vehicles know how to move with bikes on the street. Otherwise car commuters are angry that bikes get in the way.
- "Quit wasting money on bikeways for commuting to work. We live in an environment where bike communiting is only practical 4 to 5 months of the year. The vast majority of residents do not wish to pay for infrastructure which benefits the lunatic fringe of our society who chose to bike to work during our extended winters.
- Also reducing the general speed limit in Calgary from 50 km/h to 40 km/h will accomplish absolutely nothing if there is no enforcement. Enforce the current speed limits and see what happens. You will save millions of dollars by not having to re-sign the entire City."
- Enough with the bike paths. Focus on the roadways that the majority of Calgarians have to use.
- It's important to continue to have cycling infrastructure that is for transportation, not just for recreation.
- I understood that there were going to be electronic signs installed to show how many people are using the bike lanes. Where are they. How is the decision to be made whether the \$11 million trial bike lanes will be kept or not. Why was this not an election issue.
- Stop building bike lanes, please build real roads. Small vocal user group is costing large money and extra carbon costs all winter plowing and staffing bike lanes.
- Better Roads for driving, less bike lanes. Fix Crowchild north of the river
- "Automobiles will always be the mode of travel of choice.
- Bicycle riders MIST follow the rules of the road and dedicated pathways, dont help travel throught the city, except for a a few ""special"" citizens."
- More focus on cars and transit. Less on bikes.
- do away with all the bike lanes or put turning signal on road where bike lanes are
- no more bike lanes
- The automobile is not going away, and is the primary mode of transportation for most Calgarians. Improve the flow of traffic instead of making it harder by installing bike lanes for less than 1% of the population.
- How do I, in this survey, show support for Calgary transit, and no support for the ridiculous cycle tracks?
- Bike paths in downtown Calgary is waiting for an accident to happen. We have more vehicles than cyclists but it seems cyclists are giving priority. The bike lanes are great in rural areas but not in the downtown area. Wait until the tourists come this summer, a cyclist is going to get hurt, if not killed.



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- Enough with the bike paths already! Cost versus use is simply unwarranted.
- We must not forget that roads need to be built and infrastructure for roadways need to be a priority we live in a climate that up to 8 months of the year bike paths are NOT feasible We have winters and or city is very spread apart people live and work in a lot of areas that transit does not exist get back to building better freeways and roadways
- More sidewalks, bicycle lanes. Reduce speed limits to 50km across the city
- NOT more bike lanes. More public transit.
- too much talk about public transit and bike lanes! city is built for cars! only if you work in and around downtown that transit and bike lanes work, improve the road system first to get traffic moving faster, get stupid traffic lights improved or removed!!!
- Fix Deerfoot trail congestion. Forget the bike lanes. Being stuck in traffic hurts the economy and the environment.
- Pls get rid of bike lane on 12th Ave. or at least the no stopping sign on 12th Ave. south side. It's extremely annoying dragging three suitcases across the street during snowy winter and trying to catch a cab to the airport. Or after I got drunk and taxi drivers have to stop at a no stopping zone.
- "-Introduction congestion pricing on busy roads(Glenmore, Crowchild and Deerfoot trail etc.)
- -Legalize Uber.
- -More on street bike lanes.
- -Allow Car2Go to expand.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements.
- -Allow more density near downtown, universities and LRT stations."
- "The new bike lanes are not working! My driving times have been altered in front of the Mewata Armoury. Where, I might mention, I have only ever once seen a cyclist stop for the red light. And I go thru this intersection 4 times a day! Of course, i
- so rarely see anyone using the lanes the pint might just be moot!"
- 2 comments, I don't for a second believe the stats quoted on bike lane usage when I never see more than 2-3 cyclists in them during my commute. When will you put a park and ride next to Westbrook Mall where you tore down the school that was there.
- The cycle tracks are crippling to 12 Ave. businesses and weren't set up for safety. Impossible to turn across them and dangerous, cyclists aren't following laws.
- People, bikes etc bottom of the list is cars
- But please, no more bike lanes.
- Better public transit and bike infrastructure
- Still a priority, but I don't consider the bike lanes a priority (unless it's getting rid of them to return traffic flow to what it should be)
- No more bike paths!!!
- Integration is fine, BUT, a car is still very necessary to get around the City. Public Transit will never be absolutely the greatest and easiest. No more bike lanes though, as long as cars are necessary downtown, don't make things difficult for the huge majority, in favor of the very few family people that will use them throughout the year.
- Stop pandering to cyclists.
- "Get rid of the bike lanes, an inefficient idea for the few people that use it. It was a waste of resources and causes traffic to back up.



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- Also stop talking about the centr street LRT, the city has been talking about it for 25 years and nothing has changed, either do it or let it go"
- Bike paths are a very bad option!!!
- The dedicated bicycle lanes are a wasteful use of our transportation corridors. They require more expensive maintenance than standard roads while serving fewer users. A standard road accommodates all users without discrimination against their chosen mode of transport. I don't believe in two-stage citizenship and the same goes for taking roads away from many to provide for few. I'd like to see some studies of the bike lanes on 11th Street SE from 46th Ave to Glenmore Trail, in years of using that road I might have seen a mere 2 cyclists use it annually, yet the southbound traffic backs up the entire distance beyond 58th Ave at rush hour to accommodate the few users it actually gets. Speaking of cyclists, I've seen many who opt to install electric or gas motors on their bikes, in my mind these are mow motor vehicles and should not be using the bike lanes. They should also require registration and insurance at that point (a bit out of the City's authority yes, but something for the Calgary Police to enforce)
- lets not get to excited about building more cycle track or lanes .A through study has to done to determine actual usage and not estimates .
- It is a waste of money to beautify the downtown area, and spend money for bike paths. Most people drive and hate going downtown, we prefer to stay in our own communities. Just put the money towards the basics and keep our taxes down. Homeowners cannot afford more, we need a break so we can feed our families and provide a roof over their head. We are in serious economic times and we need to cut spending, and just keep the basics. It was a waste of money for that ugly red foot bridge down town. It does not even match the area, and I do not think we really needed it. This is just an example of how out of touch the city is with the struggles of families in Calgary.
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety
- We need way more bicycle accessible routes and a better transit system that services more than just the downtown core well.
- I am very angry about bike lanes and harmonized school/playground zones.
- Cleaning pathways for cycling year round. Not everybody works downtown
- Leadership needs to make some decisions in the best interests of all citizens. You can't make everyone happy (eg. Crowchild over the river). No more bike lanes for the very few who use them, at the expense of all other commuters.
- We do not need more bike paths as of now it is causing problems for people with health problems and just trying to go from one area to another.
- Integrated means moving people. Not just forcing bike lanes and cycle tracks into our city because council believes that to be sustainable. They need to understand that's not how the city was built. Yes, change requires action but council needs to understand where people live and where employment centres actually are.
- I really hope that the bike lanes in downtown Calgary are eliminated, as they really increase traffic congestion & negatively impact available parking resources. It really negatively impacts the majority for the convenience of a very few.
- I want Calgary to be the lowest water users, lowest garbage producer, biggest composter, with great bike lanes and public transit while keeping enough jobs to be a great city
- Less bike lanes and better planning on ways to make Crowchild Trail work across the Bow river



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- If you are going to make cycling a priority over vehicle traffic, ensure that they are licensed and insured to share in supporting the infrastructure being put in place for them. Cyclists seem to have an attitude of entitlement, not responsibility when it comes to sharing the road, the rules don't apply to them.
- Given that 79% of all trips are made by personal vehicles it's time that the transportation budget reflected that. We're spending way too much catering to cyclists and on transit. Our economic well-being is dependent on part on a well-designed road network that can move people and goods efficiently and effectively.
- "Bike paths are really long, ie East of Deer Run and West of Barlow around 69Ave Se into Ogden from 50ave SE
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- Although I'm happy my SE/Greed line is coming soon, we have south lines. We also have West and East. The NW is a very long bus ride and future LRT development should focus more on the N side of Calgary where there's no LRT
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- As a cyclist and regular transit user its frustrating not being able to take my bike a lot of places. Please look into adding more bike racks to routes. Another problem is regularity. Sure a route might have bike buses but its hit and miss sometimes if I'll get one. Because I might miss my bus and be late for my obligations I don't ride as much"
- RID the street of the BIKE Lane, they pay nothing towards it's maintenance and they are a menace to themselves and to the general public. COUNCILLORS that bikes are in conflict voting on any thing to do with bike lanes etc.
- Removing bike routes from roadways.
- Making a city where it is walking based, and bike based. Better health outcomes, and environmental outcomes in the long run.
- get rid of most bike lanes
- Important to have bike routes that are not within parks-- since travelling alone within parks is not a safe option for women travelling at night or in the early morning. Also, having direct routes that don't involve a million turns/ street changes is important.
- "Stop spending money on bikeway systems for a limited subset of the population who can access them and focus on LRT expansion into the south and north.
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- Start spending and budgeting for snow removal so that the economy doesnt loose out on business hours and profit while sitting on a highway that should have been ploughed - properly - this means removing snow from the shoulders."
- education for pathway users to understand shared use versus specified use (walkers on cycle designated and vice versa). Teaching spatial awareness is probably impossible.
- I feel like a sardine piling onto a cramped c-train at times. I've had to stand on 90% of my bus commutes from down town to MacKenzie town. I can't bike from Mackenzie Towne to downtown due to paths being fixed from flood.
- The Plan-It document must be eliminated and all non-democratic links to the UN's "sustainability" programs must be terminated. The City should create an information campaign to inform citizens that the opinion and philosophies that the United Nations' sustainability programs, have been adhered to instead of the political opinions of Calgarians. Calgary is a cold climate city and politicians must start creating car-friendly policies and invest in infrastructure for cars such as more lanes, more roads, more bridges, and especially building a larger number of new high-capacity parkades downtown - ones with capacities so high that they'll set world



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records. The city should also make it a priority to cancel all capital projects for Calgary Transit for the next 50 years, and to cut salaries for Calgary Transit employees by 25% across the board. Bike lanes must also be 100% eliminated.

- I'm all for bike lanes when they are built completely new, no more roads sacrificed for bike lanes. Build entirely new infrastructure.
- Stop investing in bike lanes that are used 4 months a year
- Way too much emphasis is placed on bike travel. They do pay any fee for use of the city roads and further they do not pay for snow removal yet you reduce the parking downtown for the biker who pays nothing this is not right start charging a licence fee for the bikers keep it fair
- Improving the bicycle paths, i.e. no parking and stopping, esp. school buses, in bike lanes (enforced). And take out those insane traffic calming roadblocks, they are deadly for bicycles.
- Stop wasting money on bike tracks!
- Required Adequate bicycle parking facilities.
- I've used cycle track in the core and am satisfied, but I also use bike routes to commute into town. I remain a fair weather cyclist as winter riding is intimidating - I've seen too many close calls in summer (re car v. Bike) let alone safety hazards in winter
- far too much emphasis on bike lanes
- The two categories selected are the macro economic topics. The other items are sub-categories of these two topics. We need fast efficient and safe ways to move regardless of mode of travel: walking, cycling, bus or vehicles.
- Eliminate Biking lanes
- I am a cyclist, ride ~ 18+ kms when it is nice out. Do not need the Cycle tracks on Arteries. Free the Arteries, any Cycle planning should be on Secondary or Residential Roads. We are a COLD weather city!
- "The bike lanes downtown are ridiculous. They cause significant congestion and result in hours more idle time for motorists."
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- Taxi service availability wouldn't be an issue if we allowed proven alternatives such as Uber. This greatly improves transportation for all citizens."
- Majority wins, Calgary IS a community that runs on cars. Please stop the social engineering with the bike paths, what is the cost to maintain this system per bike for the winter months??
- "Far too much attention being paid to cyclists. As someone who commutes to work on foot it would be nice to have sidewalks and bridges cleared for pedestrians. Bike paths always clear.
- The Calgary Transit app is not reliable. Have emailed several times. Nothing changes."
- Get rid of the bike lanes
- Get rid of the cycle paths traffic is slow enough without the bike lanes we already have a great bike path system use that not busy thoroughfares
- Not having wasted money on an unnecessary bike lane system in downtown Calgary
- Stop wasting resources and money on bike paths on the road
- The money spent on the cycle tracks and the cost of maintenance is quite a price tag considering the number of users. Those dollars would have been better spent on work for the new green line.
- Too much emphasis on bus lanes and bike lanes! FIRST IMPROVE the ROAD system and have the traffic following better!!! Calgary has been built around having to commute by cars and you cannot change that overnight by putting in more bike and bus lanes that services the downtown only! Improve the roads and traffic follow.



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- "1. Rather than spending billions on fancy new C-Train lines, how about fixing some roads that need it, like Center Street North and keeping the BRT that already works well?"
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- 2. Paving the same road 3 times in as many years (eg. Stoney Trail) is retarded when other streets have needed work for the past 20 years.
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- 3. The solution to traffic congestion on major roads is NOT to eliminate some of the lanes (bike lanes and 5th Street reversal?).
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- 4. I would love to see this city more bike and pedestrian friendly, but cyclists should be sharing the space with pedestrians because they are both slow and nimble, whereas cars have a lot of inertia, higher speed, and relatively poorer visibility. I'd like to see more sidewalks turned into proper bike paths.
- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- pathways for all types of users not just cyclists.
- Cyclists have become a hazard. Most do not know or choose not to follow the rules of the road. When it's inconvenient for them to be a vehicle on the road they hop onto the sidewalk and ride across crosswalks. The cycle tracks downtown cause confusion, remove valuable parking, and cause delays. The few cyclists who I've seen use the tracks tend to be emboldened; vehicles turning may not see them and yet they act like they own the road. The city says it takes on average 2 minutes more to get through the downtown core, I think that time is average over the entire day (or something similar), not rush hour so it's misleading to the public. Please remove those cycle tracks, or do something about them so that they do not cause hazards. Perhaps sidewalks can be extended a little to accommodate foot and cycle traffic, or bike paths can be created off-road. The City should invest more in transit infrastructure and more (therefore cheaper) parking downtown.
- Having a seasonal bike lane system. 6-8 months of the year when weather is ideal for riders. We have reduced lanes in -40 degrees when almost all cyclists drive to work and have to deal with more congestion than before. Example bigness. And now the same nightmare is planned for north mount drive. Very sad
- "Loose the bike lanes
- Get uber back
- Have transit that is actually useful"
- Yes, the elimination of bike routes downtown.
- Discourage single occupancy vehicle traffic. Encourage active transportation.
- Limit bike traffic and times.
- The bus only lanes are a joke...will be underutilized and cause more traffic jams....if you care about the environment the less time the vehicles on the road the better. Are bus drivers (who would know) saying they can't make their timelines and need their own bus lanes or does this happen only in bad weather and traffic accidents which affects everyone? Bikeways are a waste of taxpayer's money....low percentage of people use it daily.
- Definitely NOT anymore bike lanes
- More separated cycle tracks please.
- Remove bike lanes on major arteries into downtown ie 10 street nw
- "building the southwest ringroad
- getting back to good traffic flow
- reversing some of the bike lane projects"



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- Stop wasting scarce taxpayers dollars on small minority of cyclists in downtown. Wasteful and inefficient. Utilize routes to get vast majority in and out of core.
- Providing proper roadways for cars. Limiting cycling on roadways.
- "eliminate downtown bikelanes
- approve Uber"
- Absolutely NO MORE Bike routes through the downtown. The average family will not use them and bike couriers do not use them.
- Lose the bike lanes. Very few people ever use them and they are a business killer.
- "East west traffic is terrible. You have 3 options ring roads to the extreme north or south and an unreliable glenmore trail. Bow trail to 9th avenue has seen a large increase in traffic ever since 12th avenue lost a lane to an extremely underutilized bike lane.
- The extra time spent idling by cars produces more pollution than is saved by all people that choose to bike."
- Stop pushing bike paths. Most people drive.
- Bike way systems are a waste of money for this city due to extreme weather conditions. The economy of scale of users does not justify further expanding nor maintaining the bike system.
- Remove the bikeway system so that traffic can go back to what it was, instead of taking twice as long to get to work because of downtown traffic!
- Do not waste money on bike paths. There is only a few people who use them daily to get around. Most people drive or take the bus. The city was designed for the automobile Be realistic. I never plan to ride my bike to work it would take me 2.5 hours one way. We live in a cold country. Why would you spend so much money for the benefit of a few people. Most people do not live close to their work. Downtown housing is expensive. We have a huge city that needs to be looked at , not just down town. We need to spend money on the basics and keep that going.
- Stop adding new train lines and make the systems we already have work better. Stop spending money on new projects and fix the ones already in place. Make more bus routes rather than adding an expensive train. Stop building more bike routes. You can only ride a bike 2 months out of the year in Calgary, we are not Vancouver, we DO NOT need bike routes. We have to drive or take the bus at - 40. No one is riding a bike down all your bike routes. Stop wasting our money.
- Gey rid of the bike lanes. They are horrible and can bike on the road like a car. Putting them in was a huge waste of money, resources, and messed up the flow of traffic in many places.
- Focus on improving roads for vehicle traffic. No more money on bike routes please.
- Bike lock up/parking at public places and transit and c-train stations
- Focus on networks that efficiently combine transit, walking and cycling. Think about where people want to go and build networks of options with connectivity. For example: My daughter lives in New Brighton and I live in Strathcona. We can bike to the train and get to the far south on the train but cannot get across the Deerfoot and the Bow River reliably on bikes.
- bikeway system sucks - take it off
- Alternatives to expensive taxis
- No more darn bike lanes. No more! Enough already. Rien, nada. OK? Do you get it, now?
- Bike trails for stony trail and other good trails. Transportation to none reaching places like Enterprise Way.
- As a cyclist, please stop the bike lanes. They are serving so few, at the expense of so many. I do not have a problem with the roads and pathways I use when I do commute via bike in the summer.



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- Tried of seeing bikeways being promoted when they are not being used. When you count users you seem to count them coming and going which is not an accurate count. We need to start issuing licenses to bike owner to stop thief and help pay for bikeways.
- "If bike lines are important they must be kept clear in the winter and they are not...dangerous result.
- Why don't we have Uber up and running like progressive cites in North America, even Edmonton ,good grief. CALGARY appears to be stuck in the 70s"
- Public announcements to encourage Calgarians to use their own legs, bikes and buses to get around which reduces air pollution, reduces road congestion due to non-public vehicles, better health overall, meet people in general.
- "pardon my french but your bike routes. Waste of money, legacy building, and poorly executed. Educate drivers and bike riders and teach us to share the road better, but don't eat up real estate. This is a winter city, treat it as such. We have roads that are an abomination and huge traffic snarl-ups, and that affects far more people than there are bike riders. It's a democracy and I personally have no patience for Nenshi's social experimentation.
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- And kick the useless taxi unions where it hurts and get Uber back ASAP. Taxis provide poor service, they're overpriced, and never available."
- Get rid of the bike lanes, we have good pathways for bikes
- More bikeways, full speed ahead on the green line. Would love to see the train from Calgary to edmonton
- Removing bike lanes is important to me and thats not listed.
- stop focusing on cyclists...its a tiny portion of the population and can't be a priority when funds are tight.
- Getting rid of the bike lane disaster in downtown- our climate does not support that kind of system when considering cost vs benefits.
- I dont want to see more money thrown away by putting in more bike lanes
- No more wasted money on bike lanes on congested downtown streets.
- Encourage ebike usage ie designated ebike charge spots downtown, lacing pathway restrictions
- The bicycle pathways are a horrible idea catering to a small interest group. Stop building them. Please no more bicycle lanes
- Remove bike lanes. They constrict traffic movement. Too confusing.
- Bike licensing
- Bikeway system for cyclists that is not at the expense of motorists, such as the case created throughout the city from Northland to the Stampede Grounds for example.
- The flow of this city sucks, the cycle lanes are a huge waste of money
- Bike lanes that are sparsely used between Oct to March was a colossal waste
- Bike lanes are terrible as bikes dont use them and plug roads
- Eliminate bike lanes
- Remove bike lanes, get back Uber
- Fewer Bike lanes that waste money
- CANCEL BIKE LANE Expenditures
- The bike lanes are a waste of our tax dollars for such a minority
- do not spend more funds on cycle tracks.bike lanes



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- Outside rush hour, transit is empty. People don't want to use it. Cut the hours. As well, the bikelanes downtown are not being used (walk outside any day and take a look). Do not destroy and more car infrastructure for bikelanes.
- No more bike paths! Too small a percentage of people use them and the cost is not justified.
- The city is still and will be for foreseeable future a vehicle dominated society and therefore the efficient movement of same should take more emphasis and less so on bike paths which seems to be a Nenshi pet project.
- do NOT use roads for bicycle traffic
- no bike lanes
- Bike lanes are wastage of money
- Moronic bike lanes, really?
- Open the city to uber ride sharing eliminate bike lanes
- Removing bike lanes
- Bike lanes need to make sense. Two full lanes removed from Northland drive and permanent concrete islands installed is just wasteful spending.
- no more spending on bike routes
- Quit spending millions of tax dollars on the bikeway route. This system only seems to slow the flow of traffic, and is used by less than 1% of Calgarians. Taxpayers pay for this and the bike riders do not even need to purchase a licence to help pay for this boondoggle.
- Stop favouring bikes and pedestrian over cars
- Bike Track downtown is not worth it - creates parking hassles in some areas and does not appear to be used enough to justify the costs of expanding the bike track.
- NO MORE BIKE LANES!!!!
- Get rid of the bike lanes and the associated department!!
- The disruptive cycle tracks only for the vocal minority and the costs have been ridiculously over engineered, over painted, over pyloned, have created different road rules, cycleists still ride on sidewalks, etc etc.
- Cycle tracks- cyclists use these and the sidewalks interchangeably as well as roadways. They are not following any laws. More enforcement NEEDED!
- dedicated bike lanes on every other busy downtown street is absurd, especially when it runs along the busiest side of a one-way street right outside a 700+ sall parkade.

Taxi Service and Uber

- Please allow Uber to operate, taxis are gouging us.
- Need Uber now.
- parking at C trains
- "-Introduction congestion pricing on busy roads(Glenmore, Crowchild and Deerfoot trail etc.)
- -Legalize Uber.
- -More on street bike lanes.
- -Allow Car2Go to expand.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements.
- -Allow more density near downtown, universities and LRT stations."
- Adopt the same bylaw that Edmonton has regarding Uber please.
- Approve Uber, under Uber's terms!



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- "I am happy to see a commitment to the Green Line LRT project but feel transit can already be improved by extending CTrain hours to 24 rides, especially on weekends.
- Also, I am infuriated by city council's unwillingness to accept Uber and other ride-share companies as a lower-cost alternative to taxis."
- Allow Uber to operate in Calgary. Existing Taxi service is expensive and horrible.
- Get Uber!
- Taxi service has long been terrible and it's time for a different approach. It's time for Uber.
- Uber should be listed, in addition to taxis and public transit.
- Uber
- We need Uber.
- Alternatives to taxi (Uber)
- Follow the example of Edmonton by allowing ride sharing companies like Uber to operate in the City. This immediately provides employment to thousands of laid off workers whose incomes could provide a temporary life line for their families, thus, encouraging them to stay in Calgary longer instead of leaving the province for other opportunities. This form of economic stimulus could, in time, trickle to the rest of the economy. By allowing people to have a secondary source of income even though they are able to return to permanent work down the road, families' flexibility is then enhanced.
- Availability of non-traditional taxis like Uber
- Car sharing services (Uber)
- Allow car sharing services (Uber)
- Allow uber and ride sharing
- I support Uber. Why not let them increase our competitive options.
- Time for taxi reform and allowing Uber into the market
- Bring in UBER
- "The bike lanes downtown are ridiculous. They cause significant congestion and result in hours more idle time for motorists.
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- Taxi service availability wouldn't be an issue if we allowed proven alternatives such as Uber. This greatly improves transportation for all citizens."
- "CPA has gone berserk with parking fees, and restricted parking. Saturday parking fees are damaging to small businesses. Large companies have their own parking lots.
- The City has no business regulating the number of taxis. Regulations for public safety should be the only concern."
- Uber
- I wish we have more Caucasian taxi drivers who speaks English and know Calgary. Now I fell I am in Karachi when order taxi.
- Uber
- Bye Taxi... Hello UBER
- Uber
- Approving UBER
- Diverse options such as Uber, prioritizing transit over single occupant vehicles, inclusive parking options for Car2Go, and expanding Taxi network
- Uber



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- Allow uber!
- "I am a big believer that Uber will make transportation within the City of Calgary a bit better, though our transit system is what needs to most attention. Day after day I see a series of full size buses that come every few minutes and are nearly empty, while other routes like the #10 seem to be jammed full during rush hour and come 2 minutes apart, followed by a 45 gap between the next bus.
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- I would also suggest the use of the smaller shuttle size buses on some neighborhood routes in the morning as again the full size buses are nearly empty."
- By taxi service I mean Uber. The taxis in this city are sketchy and unreliable. For the short period we did have Uber running, it was leaps and bounds better than taking taxis. Also I'd like to see the train running later at night on busy evenings (weekends, special events). The reason people drive drunk is because the lack of options available to them. The train only runs till 1, and during those busy times, it's near impossible to get a taxi (another reason Uber would be great).
- we need a trax line that goes from downtown to the airport. give us uber back, the city has no right to take it away. we deserve to have affordable taxi service. our choice not yours
- Uber must be allowed to operate. It is the best way to get around the city by far. Chocking it with taxes defeats the purpose as it simply transfers costs to riders.
- Uber
- Uber availability
- Taxis are too expensive. Uber is better.
- "24/7 c trains downtown would be beneficial due to [removed] taxi service/lack of uber
- 24 hour express buses
- Especially needed in winter"
- UBER. Competition amongst providers is necessary.
- Uber
- Car sharing services like car2go having plenty of reserved spaces downtown.
- "1. Rather than spending billions on fancy new C-Train lines, how about fixing some roads that need it, like Center Street North and keeping the BRT that already works well?
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- 2. Paving the same road 3 times in as many years (eg. Stoney Trail) is retarded when other streets have needed work for the past 20 years.
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- 3. The solution to traffic congestion on major roads is NOT to eliminate some of the lanes (bike lanes and 5th Street reversal?).
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- 4. I would love to see this city more bike and pedestrian friendly, but cyclists should be sharing the space with pedestrians because they are both slow and nimble, whereas cars have a lot of inertia, higher speed, and relatively poorer visibility. I'd like to see more sidewalks turned into proper bike paths.
- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- Uber would be great. If Edmonton can do it and we can't, makes us look pretty bad.
- Integration of technology and ride-sharing apps such as Uber.
- Uber
- Get Uber into Calgary



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- New and efficient ways of moving people using technology such as Car2Go and Uber. Integrate these options without giving the associated corporations free reign of the city.
- "Alternate transportations like Uber.
- Public transit to the airport!!"
- uber!
- Taxi's are a bad service compared to Uber.
- Uber
- "Loose the bike lanes
- Get uber back
- Have transit that is actually useful"
- Allow uber to operate! So the useless companies that we call cabs in this city may improve their drivers and offer a better rate
- "Uber must be introduced in our city
- Downtown parking rates need to be lowered
- Car2Go would benefit from including more communities"
- Uber
- we need Uber !!
- Uber needs to be allowed to operate as taxi's are rude and overpriced.
- Uber for alternative to our broken taxi system
- Uber
- Uber!!!!
- we need uber
- Alternates to taxi service, safely regulated, with proper insurance and guidelines. Not monopoly, not protective and exclusionary bylaws to defend a broken model.
- Get in more Uber, Keys Please, and related services.
- Bting back Uber
- Uber is a preferable option to not being able to access taxis during Stampede, after hockey games, etc., etc.
- We need Uber up and running. Again, let's adopt the same bylaw that Edmonton has and get intoxicated drivers off the road, loosen the grip of the taxi industry and allow the option of putting hard working Calgarians to work along side those hard working cabbies.
- "eliminate downtown bikelanes
- approve Uber"
- "24 hour transit. Some way home after drinking that doesn't leave me an arm and a leg short.
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- Also Uber. Get on that [removed] . Screw taxis."
- Approve Uber
- Ride sharing services need to be available
- Let Uber & Lyft operate like they do in the rest of the civilized world. Encourage Car2Go and ZipCar (heck and something like BCAA's Evo).
- Ability to use excellent transportation alternative such as Uber.
- Allowing Uber to come back to Calgary
- Calgary needs to find a way to make services like Uber and Lyft work. Taxis are too expensive and the system they operate on is outdated and obsolete.



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- The current taxi system is over-regulated as the city shouldn't be placing arbitrary limits on the number of licenses, that should be up to the free market to determine. Wait times during peak seasons are self-evident and limiting taxi availability could actually contribute to people choosing to drive impaired. I think people having the option to be part-time Uber drivers if they wish should not be excessively infringed upon by city hall.
- Ride sharing like Uber
- Open up the taxi system to permit more drivers and allow Uber to operate cost effectively.
- No Uber.
- Get Uber on the road. Regulate, open the market, compensate taxi permit holders if needed. Australian model.
- Uber availability.
- Legalize Uber
- Stop blocking Uber. Listen to how citizens want to travel and work within that framework.
- Allow Uber to operate in the city
- More transportation options (I.e. Uber)
- Implantation of Uber and other ride sharing services and the deregulation of the limousine industry to allow easier access to luxury cars for hire.
- Legalizing Uber at a REASONABLE cost for drivers who want to do it part-time. The current proposed cost of \$500/year for licensing and vehicle inspections is prohibitive for many who want to drive!
- FREE UBER!!!!!!!!!!!! Nobody needs greedy overpriced taxi. It is 21st century! Give us a choice!
- Uber
- Work on bringing Uber to Calgary. We need a good driving service, and taxi companies are not that.
- UBER
- Uber
- "Uber! I consider this part of public transit as well.
- Stop allowing construction to close sidewalks!
- Put a cross walk near the peace bridge, I've had several visitors from better cities comment on how stupid it is to not have a crosswalk there!"
- Ride-sharing or any other alternative to taxis.
- "If bike lines are important they must be kept clear in the winter and they are not...dangerous result.
- Why don't we have Uber up and running like progressive cities in North America, even Edmonton ,good grief. CALGARY appears to be stuck in the 70s"
- "pardon my french but your bike routes. Waste of money, legacy building, and poorly executed. Educate drivers and bike riders and teach us to share the road better, but don't eat up real estate. This is a winter city, treat it as such. We have roads that are an abomination and huge traffic snarl-ups, and that affects far more people than there are bike riders. It's a democracy and I personally have no patience for Nenshi's social experimentation.
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- And kick the useless taxi unions where it hurts and get Uber back ASAP. Taxis provide poor service, they're overpriced, and never available."
- Current taxi service is unaffordable . Uber must be allowed.
- Ban Uber and similarly based business from Calgary
- UBER or another ride share apart from your poor taxi service.
- More ride sharing services could be useful due to lack of public transit and taxi options.



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- Taxi service availability was well as other options. Road maintenance should be better planned.
- Workable system for uber to operate in the city
- Affordable parking downtown. Many private lots of reduced their prices but the city lots have not. Encourage carpooling & offer reduced parking rates for those carpooling as an incentive
- I strongly believe that the City should allow Uber to operate within the city. It provides a safe, reliable, and cheaper mode of transportation than taxi's, which are often scarce, unclean, unfriendly, and expensive.
- "The SE C-train line. How many people need to scream it at you!!!!!"
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- Bring in UBER !!!!!"
- Uber
- Can you please develop the necessary legislation to allow Uber taxi cabs? Please, please, please.
- Allow Uber to operate.
- Uber ride sharing needs to come back, it saved my job, cash and i was many more times comfortable with these drivers than i was riding in a taxi
- Uber. Uber. Uber
- Uber
- Access to Uber
- Uber
- Focusing on public mass transit infrastructure is tremendously expensive and hard to predict its viability. Instead, the City needs to focus on removing overly burdensome regulations so that transit solutions such as Uber can help make the City more mobile.
- Enabling uber
- Getting a different service that is not a taxi to get around the city. Taxis end up ripping the customers off and purposely taking the longest route.
- Taxi service availability means UBER and the like, not a continuation of the taxi mafia as we have seen in the past.
- Uber
- Remove bike lanes, get back Uber
- Allow services like Uber who provide true competition to the VERY and too expensive taxi system. Just used Uber in Ottawa...excellent service: fast efficient and reasonable. Paid \$16 for airport ride ! Quoted double from a taxi stand . It is ridiculous that the prices are twice as much. ALLOW THE MARKET TO DICTATE...NOT THE TAXI COMMISSION !
- Uber is needed
- Allow Uber or other ride sharing programs
- Let Uber operate in this city.
- Uber brought BACK for good of citizens
- Uber
- Uber like services
- Open the city to uber ride sharing eliminate bike lanes
- Facilitate Uber and/or other ride sharing services and cease protecting the taxi industry
- Modern cities have uber, backwards cities don't
- On the issue of taxi service - bring in Uber - lose the politics and do what is right for the economy!
- Getting Uber in Calgary



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- Uber
- Allow Uber taxis. You holding on to horse and buggy.
- open up taxi to everybody who wants to drive they don't control how many restaurants are on 17th av
- Get Uber to our city

Crosswalks, Sidewalks, and Pathways

- Walkable communities are idealistic, but it would help if these crucial ideas are embraced by developers & citizens - not just theorized.
- Bike and pedestrian lanes and input should be included in all road projects. The "overpass" by Grey Eagles had little to no thought for moms and babies with strollers or cyclists
- Something needs to be done about getting pedestrians to obey their signals so cars can actually make turns downtown. It is out of control.
- More sidewalks, bicycle lanes. Reduce speed limits to 50km across the city
- Make crosswalks safe - enforcement is needed, not lowering the speed limits so that when a pedestrian is hit the impact is less.
- People, bikes etc bottom of the list is cars
- Fund the new Pedestrian Strategy, please!
- More bike lanes in community areas including the suburbs, get people involved in playing in their communities, using their local libraries & community centres, entice them to walk, run, bike, carpooling, etc
- The bike tracks through downtown are a waste of money and space. Car traffic, parking and pedestrian safety along those areas have been terribly compromised for a very small portion of the population. Waste of such a large amount of money.
- All that and also getting around streets, lanes and sidewalks.
- I am most interested in pedestrian routes and ensuring sidewalks are adequate, well maintained and cleared in winter.
- Ensuring walkability
- It is a waste of money to beautify the downtown area, and spend money for bike paths. Most people drive and hate going downtown, we prefer to stay in our own communities. Just put the money towards the basics and keep our taxes down. Homeowners cannot afford more, we need a break so we can feed our families and provide a roof over their head. We are in serious economic times and we need to cut spending, and just keep the basics. It was a waste of money for that ugly red foot bridge down town. It does not even match the area, and I do not think we really needed it. This is just an example of how out of touch the city is with the struggles of families in Calgary.
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Pedestrian safety especially in the core
- education for pathway users to understand shared use versus specified use (walkers on cycle designated and vice versa). Teaching spatial awareness is probably impossible.
- In consultation with the province, the City needs to adopt different regulations for pedestrians and crosswalks. Pedestrians must be on some kinda deathwish as hardly anyone looks for vehicles before stepping out. Yes, they have the right of way but I have a 4,000 kg truck; even at 30 kph, serious injuries could occur.
- Have cross walks flash red instead of Yellow. Allow more parking downtown to increase movement to downtown in off hours. Make downtown inviting. DO better job on planning when it comes to construction ..



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reference paving Sarcee Trail 2 times this past summer ... that was WASTEFUL completely. and that is just one example. Make traffic circles that are viable not ones that are too small and inefficient

- Public transit requires good pedestrian access. The area around Shaganappi Point is almost murderous for pedestrians.
- Many places in Calgary don't even have sidewalks - for example, along MacLeod Tr between Southland Drive and Anderson Road
- "a. completing the ring road
- b. educating pedestrians and drivers to be more responsible NOT additional restrictions. It shouldn't be impossible to abide by the law while trying to make a turn when there is both heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Implemented with minimal additional new staffing and infrastructure.
- c. better indication of school zones. Ideally solar powered flashing signs will soon be cost effective. It is important to slow down in these areas, but it can be a challenge to spot the sign when you are concentrating on traffic and directions in a new neighbourhood."
- The two categories selected are the macro economic topics. The other items are sub-categories of these two topics. We need fast efficient and safe ways to move regardless of mode of travel: walking, cycling, bus or vehicles.
- "As noted, Interchanges are a priority for Anderson Road and 14th Street. Especially where the BRT is going (24th Street and Anderson & Southland Drive and 14th Street). Make both Public Transit and Vehicle Traffic more efficient at the same time. Win-win!
- Crosswalks need to have, at the minimum Flashing lights to notify intent of crossing. There should be pedestrian overpass walkways at Major points of Traffic (the Crosswalk between Elbow and 14th St. on Southland Drive should be a pedestrian overpass as it is dangerous to cross with significant traffic and pedestrians slow down an already congested traffic flow.)"
- "Enough with bike lanes/bikeways
- Pause SWBRT - ridership #'s don't justify this project, Ring Road was a pipe dream when SWBRT approved. Pincott DID NOT engage w/ communities."
- The C-Train system should be expanded to every corner of the city of Calgary. Residents of Calgary should be able to travel quickly and safely across the city. Road maintenance in our city is ridiculous. During spring/summer/fall seasons there is always construction lasting months. During winters the roads and sidewalks are not maintained properly ie. ice, slush, snow.
- Crosswalk lights are needed
- Traffic safety and student drop off zones at Calgary schools are unsafe.
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- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- pathways for all types of users not just cyclists.



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- Let's be frank, we need to kill fewer people. Calgary is easy to get around and traffic is barely noticeable, but we certainly have issues with traffic safety for people who walk, people who drive and people who ride. Safety levels are declining and we seem to always put it off to the side. Its time to step up and do the right thing.
- Not effective to get downtown from Ogden and also we still have curbs that are not handicap accessible
- Lose the snow clearing in residential areas unless it is exceptional. Take away the presumed right of way for pedestrians.
- Clear snow off sidewalks.
- Good lighting along public pathways and in residential communities.
- clearing pathways during winter to allow people to continue waking in the neighbourhood-keeps community connected and keeps people fit during winter months. Also, safer pedestrian crossings, more lighting at the crossings, slower speed limits, as drivers always drive over the limits.
- Sidewalk repaired promptly. Enforce sidewalk clearing. Walking access to mobility compromised citizens is appalling and downright dangerous at times
- Improvement of pedestrian safety
- It's frustrating how in the downtown area sidewalks are routinely closed for construction purposes.
- lots of intersections in communities arent very safe for pedestrians
- Cross walk lights at high speed over 50 kph crossings
- Brighter lighting along side streets to eliminate pedestrian casualties
- Red, Blue and Green lines are great spokes. The ring road is well underway. Ring public transit could really break dependence on car traffic. I picked crosswalks, sidewalks & pathways but i will include bikeway. i don't think you can separate the 2.
- "Uber! I consider this part of public transit as well.
- Stop allowing construction to close sidewalks!
- Put a cross walk near the peace bridge, I've had several visitors from better cities comment on how stupid it is to not have a crosswalk there!"
- Public announcements to encourage Calgarians to use their own legs, bikes and buses to get around which reduces air pollution, reduces road congestion due to non-public vehicles, better health overall, meet people in general.
- It is essential to build a world class public transit system as we are over 1 million people and growing. As well, it is just as important to create a world class Skeletal Road Network for goods and services, those who need to use vehicles, EMS, Freight, Delivery Services, etc. all require a top notch road network. It should be noted that pedestrian mobility should be the 3rd pillar in mobility. Public walk access, well marked crosswalks, etc. need to be better developed to encourage this healthy and environmental option.
- I think it's absurd that communities have sidewalks on one side of the road. It makes even walking to the bus stop treacherous.
- * Since there are better technologies (ie solar) for crosswalk lights, areas that don't have a need for a full blown corridor could use better indicators for these high traffic and unsafe crosswalks
- Pathway maintenance (cycle/MUP/walkways) re: snow clearing and other things under road maintenance
- "For goodness sakes, pedestrian safety needs to be rethought. Stop shying away from crosswalk lights - your communities know where they are needed. There needs to be a school zone strategy that is better than what we have today. Slow the speed limits!!!
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- Clear our residential walking paths better than we do today."
- sidewalks in industrial areas so folks using mass transport aren't literally 'dumped' to walk in snow, ditch, etc,



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- pedestrian safety
- Getting around Calgary using alternatives to cars! We don't need more roads. As a resident of the CKE Community I welcome the BRT up 14th Street. the #3 route is fantastic for getting downtown but getting across town takes WAY too long. A HUGE priority for me is to also make the city more walkable. Need more sidewalks and more overpasses!
- Bikeway system for cyclists that is not at the expense of motorists. Rather than taking up roadways, as is now the case, revamp the sidewalks like the trail system along the river instead.
- "Improved access via multiple main roadways
- Pathways across and along main roadways"
- More overpasses to connect communities.
- Development of walkable communities
- The transit between communities and reliable public transit are one in the same for me. There is a need to keep pathways for walking, running and biking. However when we have long winters the 200m fieldhouse would be a great idea. There could be one in the north and one in the south. Look at cities such as Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regina . Thank you.
- Dog parks with walking trails
- Pedestrian overpass should be added on McLeod trail in front of Chinook mall
- More people relying on transit means more people walking to catch a bus. Sidewalk maintenance by homeowners must be enforced to protect pedestrians (winter snow and ice conditions)
- Stop favouring bikes and pedestrian over cars
- Bike lanes have very little benefit for 6 or more months in this city. for this reason i would remove the barricades and fix our parking, commerce and traffic patterns
- Bike paths are not the answer nor is a transport system that focuses on the city core only.

Parking

- Finishing the ring road should be priority. A train through Inglewood would be 'nice', but for sure is not necessary. It would be cheaper & more effective to improve/increase parking at existing C-train stations.
- I gave up on transit and drive downtown on a daily basis because no bus is available in my community and park and ride lots are full. Interchanges at 194th and 210ave S should be built immediately before they become a bottleneck like 162 ave S
- Invest in building up the Ctrain infrastructure and surrounding parking. I do not support the existing design plans or concept of the BRT in Calgary SW. I would like the city to focus on improving traffic flow, not making it worse with more empty articulated buses!
- "-Introduction congestion pricing on busy roads(Glenmore, Crowchild and Deerfoot trail etc.)
- -Legalize Uber.
- -More on street bike lanes.
- -Allow Car2Go to expand.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements.
- -Allow more density near downtown, universities and LRT stations."
- 2 comments, I don't for a second believe the stats quoted on bike lane usage when I never see more than 2-3 cyclists in them during my commute. When will you put a park and ride next to Westbrook Mall where you tore down the school that was there.



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- The whole BRT concept is the flavour of the week. We do not have the population density to support these projects. Upgrade the Ctrain, enhance park and ride, and improve traffic flow for vehicles using the road. I do not support BRT projects; specifically the BRT in Calgary SW.
- The bike tracks through downtown are a waste of money and space. Car traffic, parking and pedestrian safety along those areas have been terribly compromised for a very small portion of the population. Waste of such a large amount of money.
- Recognize that many people MUST drive cars and park: tradespeople with tools; parents with kids to different activities; the handicapped; sales people with "mobile" offices; and many more. It is NOT all about Busses and Trains.
- Greenline is a good start but will there really be enough parking opportunities for people in outlying areas - the transfer buses, community shuttles and express buses don't run late enough for anyone working after 5:30 pm
- More SHORT - TERM parking options by c-train stations between 9:00am - 4:00pm. Hard to get downtown in non-peak hours for job interviews when it will only be 1-2 hrs. Train station parking is full by 6:30am and transit reserved stalls not available until 10am and that is sometimes full by 11:00am.
- The Plan-It document must be eliminated and all non-democratic links to the UN's "sustainability" programs must be terminated. The City should create an information campaign to inform citizens that the opinion and philosophies that the United Nations' sustainability programs, have been adhered to instead of the political opinions of Calgarians. Calgary is a cold climate city and politicians must start creating car-friendly policies and invest in infrastructure for cars such as more lanes, more roads, more bridges, and especially building a larger number of new high-capacity parkades downtown - ones with capacities so high that they'll set world records. The city should also make it a priority to cancel all capital projects for Calgary Transit for the next 50 years, and to cut salaries for Calgary Transit employees by 25% across the board. Bike lanes must also be 100% eliminated.
- I hate having to pay for parking to hang out and shop in inner-city neighbourhoods such as Kensington NW and along 17th Ave NW. I never go into the 'hoods because of having to pay to park on the street - it's ridiculous!
- More Free park and ride
- Lower parking rates
- Way too much emphasis is placed on bike travel. They do pay any fee for use of the city roads and further they do not pay for snow removal yet you reduce the parking downtown for the biker who pays nothing this is not right start charging a licence fee for the bikers keep it fair
- Less expensive parking.
- Have cross walks flash red instead of Yellow. Allow more parking downtown to increase movement to downtown in off hours. Make downtown inviting. DO better job on planning when it comes to construction .. reference paving Sarcee Trail 2 times this past summer ... that was WASTEFUL completely. and that is just one example. Make traffic circles that are viable not ones that are too small and inefficient
- "Address the congestion on the deerfoot...regardless of the fact that the province owns it - it runs through the middle of our city...before more interchanges are built to add to the traffic on it.
- do not eliminate parking at Anderson station..."
- More parking downtown, the requirements for new buildings are not enough as they convert surface lots into highrises.
- "CPA has gone berserk with parking fees, and restricted parking. Saturday parking fees are damaging to small businesses. Large companies have their own parking lots.



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- The City has no business regulating the number of taxis. Regulations for public safety should be the only concern."
- Make free parking lots. We pay enough in taxes. Clear all side roads in the winter. I live in the ne and the street I'm on is bad. Put price down on transit. Too expensive!!
- more parking is needed at C train stations
- Diverse options such as Uber, prioritizing transit over single occupant vehicles, inclusive parking options for Car2Go, and expanding Taxi network
- Parking and access to the river for Canoe, Kayaks, Rafts, Drift boats, etc
- Free parking at light rail stations and direct transit stations; and lots more public transit options. Direct transit is being proposed for my community. It's a twenty minute walk followed by a ten minute walk at the other end,. Great in summer but -30oC winter. Encourage quick, sustainable transit. Small car ride followed by long transit ride. Fund it from provincial and federal carbon taxes. Build more light rail. Put he seventh Ave C-Train underground.
- The city must prepare for the advent of autonomous vehicles. Taxi driver licensing is not relevant when there is no driver. Parking cost downtown is not relevant when the driverless car is sent home for another household member to use. The list is a long one and autonomous vehicles are only 4 model years away.
- Previously mentioned...need downtown shuttle bus...cheaper fairs....cheaper street parking...parking downtown is brutal and this is where I live
- Please increase retail parking. It's a nice idea that people will walk, bike, or take transit to shops but let's be honest about our climate and recognize that People are not going to put kids in a bike or stroller for most of the year.
- Car sharing services like car2go having plenty of reserved spaces downtown.
- Cyclists have become a hazard. Most do not know or choose not to follow the rules of the road. When it's inconvenient for them to be a vehicle on the road they hop onto the sidewalk and ride across crosswalks. The cycle tracks downtown cause confusion, remove valuable parking, and cause delays. The few cyclists who I've seen use the tracks tend to be emboldened; vehicles turning may not see them and yet they act like they own the road. The city says it takes on average 2 minutes more to get through the downtown core, I think that time is average over the entire day (or something similar), not rush hour so it's misleading to the public. Please remove those cycle tracks, or do something about them so that they do not cause hazards. Perhaps sidewalks can be extended a little to accommodate foot and cycle traffic, or bike paths can be created off-road. The City should invest more in transit infrastructure and more (therefore cheaper) parking downtown.
- For people who live in the far reaches of the city from where they work, the choices are to either drive and pay for extortionate parking or take 1-2 hours of their day and wait for slow, unreliable, and overfilled transit. If I have to drop a child off at daycare before work, there is no way I can even consider transit - as it stands - as an option.
- trafficand parking management in communities
- "Uber must be introduced in our city
- Downtown parking rates need to be lowered
- Car2Go would benefit from including more communities"
- There is no parking downtown where I go from customer to customer. Having those Car2Go using all the stalls and cycle lanes removing more stalls it's impossible. Get rid of them as I rarely see them used and have the Car2Go parking in a paid lot out of the way for the rest of us.
- Calgary needs affordable parking in the downtown core.



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- I am all for pedestrian safety, but I do not want to see a blanket 30 or 40 km/h limit in "residential" communities. Better visibility crosswalks is important. Downtown pedestrian crossing (similar to near Eau Claire) would be ideal. Other cities have increased limits to allow for better flow. Let's not go backwards/conservative. Make drivers see pedestrians through lights and taking turns, not by slowing down or stopping right hand turns on red.
- Restore 30 minute free parking grace period at Calgary International Airport.
- Especially better transit to MRU. Lots of students have to commute for over an hour, and at night the bus routes shut down too early for them to take a bus, train, then second bus. This leaves them walking home in the dark for 40 minutes. There is also not enough parking for that to be a great option. Also parking rates downtown are outrageous. People can't even justify parking for a few hours, but transit isn't a good enough option and DOESN'T FEEL safe at night (especially trains downtown)
- More parking near train stations please.
- free parking lots
- Some of us can't take transit due to severe allergies so we rely on parking and efficient roadways.
- The limited parking at the LRT stations is frustrating. The feeder buses are not convenient, as anyone who has ever gotten off the train to see their bus pull away can attest. It means another 20 minute to half an hour wait minimum. More available LRT parking would attract more riders from outer communities rather than forcing them to drive all the way to the core.
- More affordable transit & parking
- Parking at home - adequate number of spots of an adequate size. The current parking spot size allowed in condos is too, too small for families with infants who need car seats.
- Affordable parking downtown. Many private lots of reduced their prices but the city lots have not. Encourage carpooling & offer reduced parking rates for those carpooling as an incentive
- LRT (green line) needs to be done ASAP with parking like 69 St station where it's a parkade
- "Adequate parking at LRT stations.
- Traffic Lights at all crosswalks over two lanes! Yikes!
- Safe loading zones for school buses with NO passing a bus actively loading/unloading children."
- Ability to park at train stations. Somerset is full by 6:00 am. This doesn't work well for parents
- Greenline is so crucial. Laying that groundwork and buying sufficient room for parking should be #1 top priority for the city. It's silly to have a quadrant unserved entirely by a ctrain for so long. That area is expanding rapidly and families are growing there. The south leg even more than the north needs to be #1 priority otherwise it will get developed around and the upheaval will be even more costly and painful for residents than it needs to be. The SW rapid lanes should be not as important. Those areas are well served by transit already (I speak as a SW resident who regularly buses to MRU and Glenmore landing in frequently empty buses but can't get a seat on a 302)
- Transit is a good priority. Get rid of the bike lanes that are taking away lanes of traffic that are already over capacity. It's a novel idea but impractical for a city of our size & climate. You are giving up a ton of real estate that could make traffic flow better all day, for peak time cycle commuters. As well we are losing valuable parking spaces that inconvenience service companies that have to drive.
- More roadways to SW Calgary. More than one transit route that passes over/through/across Fish Creek Park to SW Calgary. Additional parking that actually meets the demands at C-train stations.
- More roadways to SW Calgary. More than one transit route that passes over/through/across Fish Creek Park to SW Calgary. Additional parking that actually meets the demands at C-train stations. Stop plowing residential streets when it is unnecessary.



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- Parking access especially near medical facilities for old people
- Transit parking costs
- Lower parking rates
- stop charging outrageous unfair parking rates, build more parkades, mandate more parking on private developments
- Affordable parking, necessary snow plowing only, stop demonizing use of private vehicles
- More handicap parking available near retail and work
- Maintenance and security of City-owned parkades.
- Bike lanes have very little benefit for 6 or more months in this city. for this reason i would remove the parkades and fix our parking, commerce and traffic patterns
- Focus on expanding LRT capacity and LRT Parking
- Park & Ride

All Other

- Given that 79% of all trips are made by personal vehicles it's time that the transportation budget reflected that. We're spending way too much catering to cyclists and on transit. Our economic well-being is dependent on part on a well-designed road network that can move people and goods efficiently and effectively.
- It is essential to build a world class public transit system as we are over 1 million people and growing. As well, it is just as important to create a world class Skeletal Road Network for goods and services, those who need to use vehicles, EMS, Freight, Delivery Services, etc. all require a top notch road network. It should be noted that pedestrian mobility should be the 3rd pillar in mobility. Public walk access, well marked crosswalks, etc. need to be better developed to encourage this healthy and environmental option.
- Road Infrastructure. NOT Public Transport. Our roads are becoming worse than Edmonton.
- "Recently there has been a change in the way that City crews repair the asphalt pavement. From a rideability perspective, the repairs are low quality and the process needs to change. In some cases, the repairs have made matters worse.
- Driveability across the tracks at 162nd Avenue has been an issue since 1999 but the City has declined to adjust the pavement. Now we get into Somerset via 22x but repairs to NB MacLeod ramp to 22x are causing us to change this option."
- to provide snow removal on all sidewalks and bus stops to allow clearance space for pedestrians on wheels
- Better Roads for driving, less bike lanes. Fix Crowchild north of the river
- Deerfoot improvements are long overdue. The city needs to take action.
- Getting around Calgary is frustrating at best e.g. due to constant construction projects. The idea of public transport is nice in theory but doesn't work in practice, except perhaps for people who work downtown. Trying to get anywhere else in a reasonable amount of time is not feasible using public transport. Doing common errands like grocery shopping, going to IKEA or Home Depot and carrying purchases on public transport simply does not work!
- "roads are in terrible shape
- Center St N needs to be repaved and finally McKnight is being done"
- I am most interested in pedestrian routes and ensuring sidewalks are adequate, well maintained and cleared in winter.
- Fix the roads... Too many potholes and crappy roads



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- "Stop spending money on bikeway systems for a limited subset of the population who can access them and focus on LRT expansion into the south and north.
- Start spending and budgeting for snow removal so that the economy doesn't lose out on business hours and profit while sitting on a highway that should have been ploughed - properly - this means removing snow from the shoulders."
- I have chosen Road maintenance as my number 1 concern here but it is lumped in with snow clearing. Snow clearing is not an issue in the city of Calgary, Some of our snow clearing budget should be moved to pot hole repair.
- Way too much emphasis is placed on bike travel. They do pay any fee for use of the city roads and further they do not pay for snow removal yet you reduce the parking downtown for the biker who pays nothing this is not right start charging a licence fee for the bikers keep it fair
- I find some roads so rough, riding a motorcycle was become dangerous. Pothole repair as well as man hole cover height needs to be looked at. Consider "all stop, all go" traffic light situations in downtown core to help with flow of vehicles. All major roads going in & out of downtown, including the highways should be minimum 4 lanes! PLAN for the future, NOT 'good enough for this election term'!!!
- I selected traffic flow as I see that as including road maintenance. If the snow isn't cleared then it creates safety and delay issues.
- "Far too much attention being paid to cyclists. As someone who commutes to work on foot it would be nice to have sidewalks and bridges cleared for pedestrians. Bike paths always clear.
- The Calgary Transit app is not reliable. Have emailed several times. Nothing changes."
- There are far too many traffic lights and disappearing traffic lanes in this city resulting in numerous places where traffic merges in either direction to produce the infamous and extremely hazardous Calgary criss-cross! Snow clearing in this city is a complete joke! Snow is not cleared, it is plowed onto the sidewalks for citizens to clear!
- Make free parking lots. We pay enough in taxes. Clear all side roads in the winter. I live in the ne and the street I'm on is bad. Put price down on transit. Too expensive!!
- The C-Train system should be expanded to every corner of the city of Calgary. Residents of Calgary should be able to travel quickly and safely across the city. Road maintenance in our city is ridiculous. During spring/summer/fall seasons there is always construction lasting months. During winters the roads and sidewalks are not maintained properly ie. ice, slush, snow.
- Method used for snow removal should be examined for something that works better. Pushing it to the side of the road is not a good method and doesn't remove the snow. It blocks sidewalks, makes vehicles park out further from the curb thereby impacting width of driving lanes, and it also blocks drainage so melting snow floods and then freezes on the sidewalks. This creates unsafe surfaces for pedestrians.
- Landlords should be able to pass penalties onto renter for sidewalk clearing failure.
- Transit Police on all stations and trains at "all" times of day. Video cameras on all stations and trains. More parking at Avenida train stop. Quit salting our roads, it kills our river, and destroys our cars. Find another solution "literally"!
- all road construction to be completed at night
- "1. Rather than spending billions on fancy new C-Train lines, how about fixing some roads that need it, like Center Street North and keeping the BRT that already works well?
- 2. Paving the same road 3 times in as many years (eg. Stoney Trail) is retarded when other streets have needed work for the past 20 years.



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- 3. The solution to traffic congestion on major roads is NOT to eliminate some of the lanes (bike lanes and 5th Street reversal?).
- 4. I would love to see this city more bike and pedestrian friendly, but cyclists should be sharing the space with pedestrians because they are both slow and nimble, whereas cars have a lot of inertia, higher speed, and relatively poorer visibility. I'd like to see more sidewalks turned into proper bike paths.
- 4. Leave UBER free to operate. Your taxi cartel is even more awful than public transit."
- Lose the snow clearing in residential areas unless it is exceptional. Take away the presumed right of way for pedestrians.
- Stop plowing snow when there is not snow. We are not babies that can't get through on a little snow.
- Clear snow off sidewalks.
- CITY SNOW CLEARING IS PATHETIC!!
- Please fix the whole road outside the St. Jude school playground zone stretch. It is like a test zone for vehicle suspension. It has been like that for TEN years and is abominable. Please fix it.
- Sidewalk repaired promptly. Enforce sidewalk clearing. Walking access to mobility compromised citizens is appalling and downright dangerous at times
- Renovation of older infrastructure
- Renovation of old infrastructure
- We need to move away from using road salt and gravel. It's a huge waste of money for applying and clearing. Most people have good vehicles and tires. Not to mention the cost of the damage from road salt and gravel to vehicles.
- It's frustrating how in the downtown area sidewalks are routinely closed for construction purposes.
- Sidewalk maintenance (snow clearing, ice treatment, and general safety of pedestrians) which in my experience is something the City does take seriously at all.
- Clearing snow and ice from pathways near schools so students and parents can walk safely in all weather.
- "Uber! I consider this part of public transit as well.
- Stop allowing construction to close sidewalks!
- Put a crosswalk near the Peace Bridge, I've had several visitors from better cities comment on how stupid it is to not have a crosswalk there!"
- "If bike lanes are important they must be kept clear in the winter and they are not...dangerous result.
- Why don't we have Uber up and running like progressive cities in North America, even Edmonton, good grief. CALGARY appears to be stuck in the 70s"
- "Reduce the snow clearing - it's swung to far in the other direction. We live on a snow route and it's really needed to have the road cleared every hour when we have a light snow fall?
- Once between 5 and 7AM during the week prior to rush hour is enough for accumulations under 50mm."
- Taxi service availability was well as other options. Road maintenance should be better planned.
- Calgary's archaic policy of plastering gravel all over the roads everytime there's a little snow is ridiculous. We simply don't need it and it assures our streets are filthy and unsafe. Loose gravel on bare pavement does not make for safe driving or cycling. .. exactly the opposite.
- Pathway maintenance (cycle/MUP/walkways) re: snow clearing and other things under road maintenance
- More roadways to SW Calgary. More than one transit route that passes over/through/across Fish Creek Park to SW Calgary. Additional parking that actually meets the demands at C-train stations. Stop plowing residential streets when it is unnecessary - if it is plowed, actually clear the snow rather than making win.



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- "I live in the community of Valley Ridge and I have contacted the city countless times regarding the inefficiency of snow clearing in Calgary. Yes, it has improved over the last three years, however, it could be additionally more efficient.
- EX: On many occasions I have seen salt truck go past my driveway, then only an hour later a plow will go by and plow up the recently placed salt.
- EX: City plows drive way too fast!! Many times you cannot see any difference after the plow has gone past.
- EX: City policy states that plows must plow only the middle of the street. As a result, much snow builds up between the mid section of the street and the curb. So much so that cars are getting stuck trying to get out of their driveways! In addition, swales CANNOT drain if there is six feet of snow between the curb and the midsection of the street. I have had this issue with my swale for eleven years and the slowing on my street never improves despite repeated phone calls every single winter to the city. Every year the city must be called out to our street with a grader to clean up the ice between the med section of the street and the curb so that our swale can drain. A huge waste of money!!"
- Re-pave Centre St N ->who knows how long it will take for the green line to be implemented
- it is a given that all maintenance work for clearance and repairs should ALWAYS OCCUR.
- i would prefer you don't spend money we don't have. no more taxes
- The taxes the city had been double, my merit increase, you the fastest growing expense in my family budget.
- First priority is reducing costs and taxes in a recession to reduce the burden on Calgary's citizens.
- Being Fiscally Prudent, Lowering Taxes
- Lower taxes
- police need to be more visible to enforce laws in community (drivers cutting through) & the city should choose something to go in on the Imperial oil site that will make the value of homes go up -after all we deserve to have a beautiful community too-I feel the city has forgotten us besides collecting our taxes.
- lower taxes
- Do not waste money on bike paths. There is only a few people who use them daily to get around. Most people drive or take the bus. The city was designed for the automobile Be realistic. I never plan to ride my bike to work it would take me 2.5 hours one way. We live in a cold country. Why would you spend so much money for the benefit of a few people. Most people do not live close to their work. Downtown housing is expensive. We have a huge city that needs to be looked at , not just down town. We need to spend money on the basics and keep that going.
- How is our mayor the highest paid mayor in Canada with a city with the highest unemployment in Canada
- Stop subsidizing public transit
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- More accable veaciles
- Continued investment in modes of transportation other than the car, including things that may make the car less appealing.
- Worst transportation system in any Canadian city!
- Change playground zones to "WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT "The current format and hours are unrealistic.
- Currently getting from community to community takes about an hour even if driving there is just 10 minutes. Can we have some intra-community bus routes please? Also it would be great to attract railway back to the city so we can travel across Canada by rail.
- "-Introduction congestion pricing on busy roads(Glenmore, Crowchild and Deerfoot trail etc.)
- -Legalize Uber.
- -More on street bike lanes.
- -Allow Car2Go to expand.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements.
- -Allow more density near downtown, universities and LRT stations."
- Ride sharing that makes sense.
- Transportation for seniors
- I am disabled
- A suggestion let's use the river! Taxi boat on river in the summer?!?!?
- Transit needs to serve the needs of citizens. As long as the core transportation needs of people are not being addressed, people will continue to fall back on driving.
- Toilets
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- The south portion of the ring road
- Get rid of the bic
- Full completion of ring road within next 4 years
- Stop catering to the small minority of people, (ie. cyclists) and improve traffic for everyone! Timing of lights, red lights in low traffic areas in middle of the night, etc. Also, start enforcing rules of the road for EVERYONE, cars, pedestrians and cyclists alike!
- Make riding public transit/transfer easy. Best stations exit to shopping malls. Good examples: Hong Kong, Japan subway & London subway. Make transfer easy with minimal walking. When traveled at Fisherman Wharf in San Fransico, I got off the city tram, stay where I was, got onto a bus that stop where I was



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- Please forget about the bike lanes. Please forget about decreasing the speed limits.
- "Quit wasting money on bikeways for commuting to work. We live in an environment where bike commuting is only practical 4 to 5 months of the year. The vast majority of residents do not wish to pay for infrastructure which benefits the lunatic fringe of our society who chose to bike to work during our extended winters."
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- Also reducing the general speed limit in Calgary from 50 km/h to 40 km/h will accomplish absolutely nothing if there is no enforcement. Enforce the current speed limits and see what happens. You will save millions of dollars by not having to re-sign the entire City."
- Make crosswalks safe - enforcement is needed, not lowering the speed limits so that when a pedestrian is hit the impact is less.
- "Variable Speed Limits on Deerfoot to decrease accidents and increase traffic through put."
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- <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/VSL>
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- Variable Speed Limit programs have been in use since 1960 and recently implemented in:
- ## Washington - After VSL implementation, there was a 13 percent reduction in overall collisions and a 10 percent drop in injury-related crashes on the section of I-5 with VSL."
- I am very angry about bike lanes and harmonized school/playground zones.
- "a. completing the ring road
- b. educating pedestrians and drivers to be more responsible NOT additional restrictions. It shouldn't be impossible to abide by the law while trying to make a turn when there is both heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Implemented with minimal additional new staffing and infrastructure.
- c. better indication of school zones. Ideally solar powered flashing signs will soon be cost effective. It is important to slow down in these areas, but it can be a challenge to spot the sign when you are concentrating on traffic and directions in a new neighbourhood."
- 40 kph speed limit in residential communities and enforcement of all speed limits
- Too low speed limits in some areas - seems to target revenue generation not safety. eg Tuscany Blvd ramp onto Stoney Trail - why not 70 kph in the non-residential section?
- clearing pathways during winter to allow people to continue waking in the neighbourhood-keeps community connected and keeps people fit during winter months. Also, safer pedestrian crossings, more lighting at the crossings, slower speed limits, as drivers always drive over the limits.
- Stop catering to the small minority of people, (ie. cyclists) and improve traffic for everyone! Timing of lights, red lights in low traffic areas in middle of the night, etc. Also, start enforcing rules of the road for EVERYONE, cars, pedestrians and cyclists alike!
- Calgary is an easy and fast city to get around but we need to spend more time thinking about safety and
- Safety
- Street lights in many areas of the city are not illuminated. 311 called many times without action. Some lights have been out for more than 12 months!
- Safety and security.
- More streetlights
- Putting up signs for Calgarians to yield at traffic circles, as they have no idea how to use them!!
- Brighter lighting along side streets to eliminate pedestrian casualties
- Vision Zero: there are way too many incidents in this city.



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- streetlights - keep them on!
- * Since there are better technologies (ie solar) for crosswalk lights, areas that don't have a need for a full blown corridor could use better indicators for these high traffic and unsafe crosswalks
- Please subsidize low and no income people better.
- The blind need to have better transportation
- Please please be mindful of access ability to and around bus shelters.
- Being handicapped & without a vehicle, this is critical for me.
- Air pollution is a real problem. Need to encourage car pooling and smaller vehicles
- Public announcements to encourage Calgarians to use their own legs, bikes and buses to get around which reduces air pollution, reduces road congestion due to non-public vehicles, better health overall, meet people in general.
- blah
- Yeah
- Government, at any level, facilitates economic growth by aggressively reducing the cost of starting a given business. Regulation is required, but a hard, achievable targets for reducing the time and cost to start a business should be put in place and those responsible rewarded monetarily for achieving the targets.
- Diversify Calgary's economy. Low dollar affects our purchasing power. Innovation like vertical farming, backyard chicken, tourism, major sports events to attract tourist etc.
- Please subsidize low and no income people better.
- A must
- The transportation system of Calgary is good. Investment on transportation may have a stimulative effect.
- Start using the let cars
- The descriptions on all of these items are worded in such a way that by picking or sorting them in any way could be construed as my support for the ridiculous ideals they represent, thus I cannot in good conscience continue!
- Good. Although it is noticeable that the screens that display City of Calgary news, very minimal people are interested in these news pieces... Either Calgarians are ignorant or just too preoccupied with the economic state.
- .
- I think it's good but could be better
- City government is doing a great job.
- got the job
- Must look at innovative solutions, not old school thinking, the attempt to restrict new approaches and technologies through trying to make it impossible in the name of safety has to stop.....
- when new forms of transportation arise, discuss all aspects before just allowing it. Most simply do it and beg forgiveness afterwards. That's not good enough any more
- Should be able to pick more than 3
- more clarity on what these priorities actually mean would be nice here
- the city needs to stop prioritizing special interest groups that complain the loudest.
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, I refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow



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you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs too much. Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.

- We need to
- "Focus on consistency
- Too many niche approaches
- Aim for consistent policy etc"
- Number Two
- I believe if developers obtain approvals based on a specific vision, they should be held to that standard upon completion. Paskapoo slopes was designed to look like a boutique collection of small goods and services but I am worried that due to the economic downturn it will be filled with franchises and big box stores. I am also concerned that access will be limited to motor vehicles.
- The transit between communities and reliable public transit are one in the same for me. There is a need to keep pathways for walking, running and biking. However when we have long winters the 200m fieldhouse would be a great idea. There could be one in the north and one in the south. Look at cities such as Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Regina . Thank you.
- "1) It would be nice to have c-train stations exit/entrance right next to or below major shopping center or apartment. Flowing ""traffic"" is a major factor for business. Good examples are subway system in Hong Kong, Japan, London.
- 2) Easy bus and c-train connection. When I travelled in San "
- Urban agriculture and sustainable food
- Would it be possible to do more to beautify Calgary again. More regular lawn cuttings, especially on major routes. Picking up garbage and such is also very important to me. We need to get back to the "clean" city we were in the past.
- Direct access to the Bow River, as at Baker park boat launch, we need more access points within the city.
- City beautification projects- ie- let's continue to build bridges like the peace bridge- it adds value to the city in more than just function
- Affordable activity centers, outdoor play areas.
- Put some money into valley ridge as it has nothing other than houses.
- We need a second entrance/ exit for Valley Ridge as with several times this year - things go wrong and no one can get in or out
- Snow removal should be as needed. Ex: Last winter We had the grader come up our street, Hanover Rd , 3. Times in 7 days and the street was clear. The 2 NDP trip the Sparks were flying off the blade and the 3 Rd trip the blade was up. Total waste of money.
- Affordable parking, necessary snow plowing only, stop demonizing use of private vehicles



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Calgary's Economy

Within the Category of Calgary's Economy, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Taxes, Spending, and Efficiency

- Lower taxes
- Stop stifling with higher taxes
- Need to take the foot of the "increase tax accelerator" and start thinking more about living within our means
- During these trying times, Calgary needs to reign in the spending. The tax increases every single year is starting to hurt families. Pretty soon, unless you're making 6 figures a year, you won't be able to afford \$300-\$400 a month just for taxes on top of every increasing costs for food, utilities, etc. Unless your working in a union, you're not getting pay increases each year
- Businesses' property taxes have been exorbitantly raised during the past decade - these tax increases must be fully reversed. There should also be very few regulations for businesses. Government shouldn't have the right to tell business owners and entrepreneurs that they have to comply with a list of non-sensical regulations, that create red tape for businesses, higher costs & fewer jobs. The city must stop using regulations to pick winners and losers - that don't line up with the personal political opinions of its staff.
- Stop wasting money on bike lanes and pedestrian bridges.
- Put tax dollars to work efficiently and remove every ounce of waste
- The city needs to revisit your budget on salaries and wages. While the rest of your citizens are experiencing economic difficulty, pls ensure that yours are in line with the times
- First and foremost, in an economic recession your first and primary question should always be "Is this critical, or can it wait a few years?" No more foolishness like bike lane expansion or arts projects. Those are things to spend money on when people aren't hurting.
- A huge reason that Calgarians are struggling besides the oil industry is council's year after year of raising taxes. Many people are having difficulty making ends meet.
- "a. The efficient operation of the City of Calgary must be an ongoing process both to maximize benefit and keep costs in line, during harsh and plentiful times. There are many who have lost their jobs, have a substantially reduced client base, have taken on lesser positions to survive, or live on fixed incomes. The move to have new developments assume more of their own costs is a positive one.
- b. The City must balance the demands of those seeking less development and less traffic against respecting existing citizens (corporate and private), and recognizing the need for the City to have the finances to support its activities. Parking costs are a major criteria in my often avoiding shopping or seeking entertainment downtown."
- Calgary's economy is critical. City needs to address their Labour costs. Move away from very high paid jobs for their union friends and spread the valuable tax monies across more workers. Spending poorly for the sake of spending is not efficient. Everything needs to make the city work better, no more strange art, etc. Roads, Water, Sewers, some parks, maybe lites is the City's job.
- Cut property and biz taxes! Deal in reality
- "We have 12500 employees. Way to many.
- I believe last year there was one sick day per employee per month.
- That speaks volumes to how the city is run."



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- Please reduce our municipal taxes and put more money into the hands of hard working, or presently unemployed, Calgarians
- There should be a cost cap on the percentage Calgary puts into art on city projects. There should be community over site or at least input. That stupid ring in north Calgary is a travesty.
- Let's bet back to base business. The property taxes are out of control.
- lower taxes, perks to city employee's, parking, bonuses, until balanced budget
- Calgary is suffering a great downturn so it is my number one concern. If we can do something together to keep the costs of living (including taxes) as low as possible while still have quality of services, it would help out a lot of people/families
- lower taxes
- Quite taxing us to death to fund your social engineering experiments. People want to live in the suburbs and be able to drive their cars. Citu Council might not like it, but the rest of us do.
- Sell off that useless tasteless over priced peice of ring art , get our money back and fire who ever that that go through
- It is not just about taxes.
- Stop taxing money from people who don't have any to build infrastructure for a growing population that won't grow but will reduce. Get your priorities right, we need value added jobs, not government debt jobs. The oil price might never go above \$60.
- City taxes getting too high, user fees, property and business taxes getting out of hand.
- With the high level of unemployment I think taxes need to stay flat or be reduced.
- Concerned with the compounding regular increases in tax. Would like to see some spending control .
- Stop paying cops that are on supsion
- Lower business taxes.
- We as a City must stop the NDP carbon tax....this is a money grabbing scheme...Wind power is not renewable...it is unreliable/reliable if & when the wind blows...and solar is also unreliable and costly.
- Reduce expenses where possible
- Costs of civic government growing faster than economy. Needs to be in balance as well as with taxpayers income increases.
- Tax levels are increasing at an unsustainable rate.
- In this tough economic times a relaxation of business taxes is a must
- We need to cut our taxes. Just spend money on the basics, you are making it very difficult for us to survive. Your wages and benefits do not match the private sector. We are financially struggling. We need to cut spending and leave more money for families.
- priority must be given to subsidising business taxes during this economic downturn
- City taxes have to come under control to be prosperous in challenging times..not true today
- How about easing up on small businesses taxation?
- How about relaxing taxation so that the few of us still working can afford to support local businesses.
- I am concerned about the low level of services and increasing taxes. The Alberta economy is in shambles and I do not hear anything about cutbacks at City Hall. Oil companies are letting staff go, yet I have yet to hear why the City keeps a bloated administration staff level. With provincial revenues in severe decline from low oil prices, there will obviously be an impact on municipalities. To me it looks like the City is operating the same way when oil prices were above \$100 per barrel. What is the City doing to manage its finances in a \$30 per barrel oil price environment? The City is not being reactive in this regard nor is it being proactive.



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- Less taxes and more accountability for spending
- My niece and nephew work for the city of Calgary. They both say how slack a job they have. The nephew sat at home getting paid during the flood. We also know someone who does garbage collection; they work the morning and play cards in the afternoon. We are business owners and meet lots of people with the opinion that the city is the wasting money; maybe there should be a complete audit of productivity and waste within the city. We know the the city does not take the lowest bid on contracts.
- Keeping more tax money in the hands of the population, enabling them to spend it and support the economy.
- Lower taxes
- and of course keeping taxes down (I know this is a comment everyone states). thank you
- taxes
- Taxation is too high
- Reduce spending and lower property taxes.
- The only way to achieve growth & attract new businesses is through low taxes. This is why the extreme property tax increases increases that have occurred over the past 10 years, must be 100% reversed. Regulations must be made efficient by eliminating the majority of them so that there's less costs incurred to run businesses
- lower small business taxes and licensing fees
- lower taxes/fees for small business
- Lower property taxes
- Lower taxes!
- Taxes
- Cost containment
- Get rid of spending on non-essential spending like bikes that are only accessible and used for a small number of citizens. I live in the northwest and they are certainly not accessible to me
- Reducing spending
- The biggest one is not even listed, which tells me much about how our council and mayor think. The most important item is to not spend funds on pet projects and fringe needs during a time of economic recession. People need you to handle the cash flow like it was coming out of your own wallet... as its coming out of ours to pay for your decisions.
- reducing taxes for business especially small business,
- Council needs to make it a priority to cut it's expenses and to cut costs to taxpayers.
- Politicians take a cut in pay
- cut spending
- The City must be more efficient in reducing spending within the different city departments I have heard some departments have money left over near budget time so panic sets in and they spend it all so that they can get the same amount if not more next budget.. WHAT they forget is they are spending MY tax dollars and they are not making more money as in the private sector
- We are experiencing tax increases far in excess of inflation. It is time to stop going to the well and improve efficiencies or wait for some things until we have the money.
- lower taxes, less regulation.
- There is only one tax payer. No new taxes.
- fiscal prudence, lower taxes
- Reducing property tax, business tax and fees



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- Calgary businesses are double taxed which is manifestly unfair. It is done because "we can, and we need the money." Exact quote from alderman a number of years ago.
- Efficient use of tax dollars
- "Reducing carbon outlays so that the provincial tax will be minimized
- Cost reduction and effectiveness"
- Stop city council's reckless and irresponsible spending on absurd initiatives that satisfy no one except specific councilors' personal and ideological agendas!
- Efficiency within the City of Calgary operations.
- reducing commercial and residential taxes
- Lower tax. Accountable for spending
- Get a grip on tax increases. They exceed the CPI consistently.
- Reduce business taxes to enhance business productivity and viability.
- Taxes far too high. Raising taxes always seems to be the answer instead of cutting what no longer works or is not efficient
- Transparency by City Leadership.
- Lower taxes, responsible spending,
- Don't combine business tax and property tax
- encourage the council to hold community town hall meetings to become connected to their constituents. Our council often appears petty in their alliances, indifferent to the concerns of Calgarians while supporting their own pet projects. They are supposed to represent the best interests of the city and of Calgarians. Do we need Italian engineers building our bridges and outside art adorning our motorways. What happened to supporting a Calgary state of mind! We can never allow ourselves to be embarrassed about our heritage or culture.
- Less government and less tax burde
- As a small business owner the excessive increase in business and property tax are really hurting us, doubled with the slower economy resulting in weaker sales.
- Stop spending money you don't have.
- Get our taxes down! Use our taxes most efficiently, contract out city services if need be, where two person can do the same job that takes 5 city workers to do!!!
- "Job creation.
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- Reduce business taxes, so that businesses and invest the money for greater job creation."
- Taxes and regulations inherently stifle any economy. We need a strong economy.
- business tax and property tax is out of control. we need fiscal accountability
- Lower taxes, safe neighborhoods, reduced crime
- Yes, institute I.R.& R. the same as the Swiss have, giving them the power to recall elected representatives who propose preposterous crap like topping off capital works projects with 1% artsy fartsy funding, which facilitates fugly big blue hula hoops on Airport Trail West of the Deerfoot! It also gives us a say on whatever gets proposed that's to be paid for from the public purse! What's wrong with giving those that pay the say? And that includes that ridiculous proposal for the new Lames arena down there on the creosote contaminated site! Not a frickin' PENNY from the public purse for that! Or ANYWHERE! All capital works projects need to be ratified in a binding referendum!
- Put higher taxes in place for large corporate business funneling such taxes into lowering cost of public transit
- Lowering taxes



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- Keep spending in check. Stop raising property taxes. Its killing us.
- Lower property
- low tax rates both personal (property) and business will attract and retain business and therefore employment
- Lower taxes
- Tell the NDP to stop taxing what's left of our industry out of the province.
- use more of rip off enmax's money to keep taxes low-taxes keep going up every year
- lower taxes
- Fiscal responsibility: by reducing spending and less bureaucracy.
- Lowering city taxes on business and home owners and maybe the city should keep its books balanced like its citizens in these times of economic hardship. Maybe freeze wages and cut staff.
- lower taxes
- Cut the taxes so businesses and workers can survive. The cost of the government is too high, it is killing us as a society. Families are struggling.
- A revisit to property tax hikes, for businesses and families. It is punishing enough out here.
- We need to keep taxes reasonable to do this. The City needs to obtain the ability to fund infrastructure with other tools-- bonds, P3's etc. The MGA needs revision to provide the city these tools. This would be more important than a lame duck charter that doesn't establish this. Taxation should be simple and limited to user fees and property tax. Introducing new levies and 'tax' is counter-intuitive - simple tax structure more levies and fees create more bureaucracy and admin which in turn need more levies and fees to self sustain. 1 or 2 simple muni taxes
- How is our mayor the highest paid mayor in Canada with a city with the highest unemployment in Canada
- Reduce costs and taxes.
- Managing money when the economy is going down - such as the downfall of oil industry in Alberta. The City of Calgary should have an "emergency fund" in case when something goes wrong so that we won't have to depend on the provincial government and federal government for ALL the money that they are/will be giving.
- Eliminate red tape and bureaucratic redundancies that waste taxpayer money.
- Making money the most important thing and putting the people first. Get the homeless off the street instead of spending so much money on things we don't need. We create new living space by destroying jobs and then we are surprised at the amount of homelessness in Canada
- The City should mirror the city's economic health. We should not have 5% budget increases when others are holding at 0% and/or releasing jobs.
- I would hope for a little fiscal discipline from city hall...no more raises well above the rate of inflation
- It is critical that city taxes are brought under control, they cannot continue to grow at a rate significantly higher than the city economy. Current practice cannot continue if CALGARY wants to grow the business community!
- City of Calgary sound fiscal management and to strive for operational efficiency
- Lower taxes to make living affordable .
- I am a contractor who abides by the rules. But every time I call about other business people who aren't following business licensing rules, I'm treated like crap by lazy City of Calgary employees who would rather brush me off than answer my questions and do some actual work. That needs to change.
- Reducing administration and communication costs
- Taxes and more taxes, they always increase faster than the cost of living and my income
- Lower taxes for property owners and businesses...increasing taxes at 5% per year vs inflation of less than 3% is egregious and unfair to taxpayers.



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- reducing tax
- Lower business taxes
- A review of taxes and how money is spent. Tax burden is growing. It is hurting businesses and families alike.
- Show some spending restraint instead of raising taxes every year.
- "Support the Energy industry nationally.
- Reduce small business taxes."
- Stop spending on 'nice to have'. In this economy we don't need big steel hula hoops.
- I am concerned about the low level of services and increasing taxes. The Alberta economy is in shambles and I do not hear anything about cutbacks at City Hall. Oil companies are letting staff go, yet I have yet to hear why the City keeps a bloated administration staff level. With provincial revenues in severe decline from low oil prices, there will obviously be an impact on municipalities. To me it looks like the City is operating the same way when oil prices were above \$100 per barrel. What is the City doing to manage its finances in a \$30 per barrel oil price environment? The City is not being reactive in this regard nor is it being proactive.
- The best way that the City can help bolster Calgary's economy is by creating an environment where people want to start business -- lowering taxes and reducing red tape.
- Reducing spending to lower taxes.
- "Zero debt
- Low taxes
- Sustainable economic initiatives"
- The City should focus on being able to operate in a more fiscally responsible way and look for ways to lower taxes and take a tax and spend attitude.
- The City of Calgary should be reviewing their complete budget and find ways of reducing their spending.
- use tax dollars more wisely. stop wasting money, so there is money for the important things like health care, education, police, fire, EMS & freedom of religion.
- The role of the City in bolstering the economy should be creating conditions where businesses want to start and grow. Low taxes and less burdensome regulations. It is not the City's responsibility to "diversify" or do "business development." That is undue interference in the market which perverts incentives.
- "-Reduce the # of city workers
- -Impose a mandatory 20% pay cut for all city employees (especially the mayor"
- Stop wasting money on special interest projects like the peace bridge. Stop building bike paths on our main streets, we are not Europe. Build the SW ring road and do not build the SW BRT. Treat our tax payer \$ as if it were coming out of your own wallet.
- lower taxes
- lower business taxes
- tax relief for over taxed citizens
- reduce taxes and spending
- Stop raising taxes so much!
- Minimize business tax and commercial property tax
- Unnecessary overtime charges
- Controlled budgetary spending to be in line with City revenues in a shrinking economy.
- Top heavy unqualified management. Too many foreman vs worker. Over paid with no accountability
- Stop making the real middle class pay for everyone else
- we dont need art on sewage plants and blue metal rings from Germany



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- Reduction in costs!
- Less taxes
- Cut taxes
- Lower taxes and reduced spending
- Less taxes so there is more money in our pockets. Make green bins more of a community bin rather than individual.
- Lower taxes
- Controlled costs and expenses
- Reduce tax burden on citizens and businesses.
- Reduce tax for business
- reduce small business taxes
- less taxes, your killing us. Worst thing to happen is if the city receives taxation powers
- Stop wasting money on frivolous and unnecessary expenditures.
- reduce spending and taxes from the city in all forms
- Lower taxes
- sustainable and equitable tax /fee structure for citizens
- Lets curb our spending!!!
- A lower tax environment to help families and stimulate growth.
- Reduction of fees and tax rates to taxpayers
- WHY DOES CALGARY NEED TO BRAG THAT ITS THE BIGGEST AND BEST. WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS CITY AS ITY IS LEAVE, NEED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT UNNEEDED WE WANT LOWER TAXES. NOT SOME MONSTROSITY WE CAN'T AFFORD ON OUR TAX PAYERS, ENOUGH ALREADY
- Reduce staff and salaries
- Cut city business taxes
- stop supporting money losing ideas like compost, etc
- Eliminate frivolous spending on non-essential projects
- reduce spending and taxes.
- Lower the unsustainable tax increases
- Less property taxes
- Freeze tax increases, including hiding such in Enmax, for two years. Get realistic in the continuing tax increases.
- The city should hold the line in spending -- art, bike lanes, unnecessary road line on raising property and business taxes -- we are going out of business and property owners are tapped out -- no green carts added to our Enmax bill, no art attached to every project, this is just a waste and just maintain Calgary with this year's collected monies - police has already reduced services to a lot of citizens with your new bylaw regarding security alarms - so what if there are some that are false, but we have always been billed for a false alarm previously -- I fear there will be no one to answe mine as my whole house is ZONE 1 as I have only a 1260 sq. foot house. I feel unsafe at night especially. We do not need fancy bike holders, pedestrian bridges in close proximity to one another nor do we need the social engineering that is going into who uses cars, trains, buses! Many, many more ill advised projects. Hold the line too on your public service employees and Council raises and bonuses. Cut using attrition. We property owners are tapped out and it is now a matter of paying for fees and taxes and food on the table for us ordinary citizens, Thanks.
- Council to become more fiscally responsible



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- Exercise restraint when spending, cut funding to non essentials
- CUT TAXES!
- PROPERTY TAXES!!!
- lowering taxes
- Low taxes
- Lower taxes, Shrink the size of government
- Idiots, business tax
- seniors cannot pay more taxes on fixed incomes!!!
- reduce spending in each dept for this yr is all thats important any one can spend money lets see if its posible for anyone in the city toeffectively reduce the cost of running this city
- Get rid of the civil servents that are redundant and replace the ones who no longer perform the job with no repecussions.
- fiscal prudency by city officials across all depts
- Hold the total property tax hike to 1.5%
- manage your tax rate
- Reduce taxes
- WAGES AT CITY HALL/NUMBER OF PROPLE FEEDING OFF TAXPAYERS \$
- Lower taxes
- Lower taxes
- High tax and city waste
- Cut taxes by 20% and freeze it until oil back above \$100/brl
- It's hard to justify the huge cost of bringing animal species such as the pandas to our zoo. This is an example of ' what would be nice' but the focus should be on ' what we need'!
- Privatize as many city services as possible (garbage collection, parking co troll etc). The less people on the government payroll the better.
- Reducing strain on taxpayers to free up household dollars
- Stop the spending at city hall!!!!!!
- Increase efficiencies at all city Operations
- Decrease of unnecessary projects and salary reduce for all of the public servants
- stop stupid spending & & taxing
- Free market economy with low taxes and fewer regulations
- Livable community for single income families, end tax increases
- lower taxes
- Low taxes that will require reduction in city bureaucracy.
- Reduce costs through payroll reductions
- Reducing taxes and fees on small businesses
- Lower taxes
- Reduce costs during a recession without cutting services
- Reducing government costs
- reduce taxes
- Bring back the Alberta advantage. High taxes only add to the cost of living which is high in a cold northern climate. Why would people want to move here when BC has more to offer?



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- All Calgary Businesses are cutting Cost. So Must Calgary. The Entire City Organization must examine all areas where they can drive cost out from reducing redundancy, over sized organization, unnecessary activities. The City must look at other areas where they can increase revenue other than increasing taxes!
- Stop wasting my money - seriously.
- Tax reduction
- control city costs
- Cut spending, reduce government, reduce tax's and get out of the way and let the economy grow on it's own. higher tax's and bigger government to nothing for a strong vibrant economy
- Stop over-taxing and over-regulating businesses
- Reduce business and property taxes
- Fair taxation on small business and homeowners
- Manage budget to reflect economic challenges
- Reduced taxes, reduced public sector, facilitation of the private sector
- Like I said, 'Stop blowing my money then charging me more because you have more pet projects.'
- Accountable and transparent City Council that practices restraint on the city's finances

Economic Diversification

- Diversify the economy so that Calgary is shielded from low price commodity
- promote and diversify local economy such as tourism
- There should be more resources other than Oil and Gas.
- You cannot survive on Oil & Gas alone! Another Fail Calgary!
- Focusing more on sustainable energy rather than solely oil and gas.
- diversify! build a tech hub here!
- We need to diversify our economy so we will not be so dependent on the oil and gas industries to retain our highly educated population.
- More opportunities to work outside oil and gas
- Our economy needs to be diversified so that it is less dependent on the energy sector e.g. high tech, health technology, green energy, etc. This will probably take time so it's important to develop a comprehensive plan e.g. 1,2, 5 year plans to facilitate success.
- Diversify Calgary's economy. Low dollar affects our purchasing power. Innovation like vertical farming, backyard chicken, tourism, major sports events to attract tourist etc.
- The city can provide programs to help diversify local businesses
- Diversify economy just like what Dubai did.
- Diversification
- Economic Diversity
- Restoring our oil and gas industry and also diversifying for other job creation.
- Find ways of fund enterprises that can produce long term economic development
- Calgary's economy should move away from O&G towards Smart & Green technologies.
- Calgary and are not focusing enough on the sustainable side of the economy. We need to be able to function properly as a city without otherwise, we will become the equivalent to modern day Detroit in Canada.
- we depend too much on oil and gas, solar and wind create jobs too
- fight for pipelines. fight for all Alberta



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- Calgary is Oil & Gas dominant. I think Calgary should make itself the energy centre of Canada including renewables of all types and natural gas (to replace electricity generated from coal). Let's be HQ for all energy players in Canada.
- We will likely have to move if no oil and gas related positions come available for well-educated people.
- develop oil processing
- Stop playing lip service to diversifying the city's economy and do something about it
- "I think counter cyclical measures are necessary to keep growth going. I also believe in repositioning the local economy by diversifying away from hydrocarbon based royalties (easy money). Building infrastructure and pivoting towards areas of comparative advantage. Big and bold ideas are necessary.
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- Calgary is at an extreme end of the west coast for example and there is no high speed rail service between here and Ottawa Imagine the jobs the construction, maintenance and day to day operations would bring. It would create alternative transport system which is environmentally friendly etc. It could be used to support the cyclical hydro carbon industry and open up Alberta as a major hub for logistics.
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- These are just are just anecdotes of what is possible and how the current downturn could be an opportunity."
- We need to start diversifying now (not in 2017) and this can be helped by lowering costs for businesses and for people moving here. Calgary used to attract businesses because of our affordability. Having the second highest parking rates in North America is not something to be proud of.
- Maybe too many eggs in one basket with our current situation, green energy and other city improvement project
- I'm not sure which categories this falls into but I'm eager that Calgary develop a post-oil economy-- whatever that means.
- As someone from the GTA and a resident in Calgary for 8 years - we need to diversify beyond oil and gas and become a more sustainable economy.
- More opportunities for community economic development and micro-business
- Support oil and gas industry
- Support existing industry
- "To offer more job opportunities
- have more sectors and build on these sectors
- create a big art atmosphere"
- Supporting the oil and gas industry and those affected by the economic meltdn.
- Improved sustainable energy initiative
- Time for a more diverse economy. So much talent wasted in oil and gas, would love to see start ups and innovative businesses that embrace the ecological limits of our earth.
- Make sure local products should be available for less than outside products. That way encourage local farmers.
- We need to diversify our economy so we don't have all our eggs in the oil basket. We also need to ensure that we have stable funding for important services like Healthcare and Education at the provincial level.
- Decrease reliance on o&g so that it's only <=10% of our local economy.
- Diversify the economy and people will come
- We can not rely on oil and all the spin off industries from oil at least for the next 4 years. We need a plan B to get people employed and the city to grow and be stable. Stope the Boom Bust mentality we've always had
- Clean businesses



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- Getting into the green energy sector ASAP
- Support for oil industry
- Support existing industry
- More community based diverse business and industry
- With Oil going down we need to diversify the economy, no doubt. Make a mark for our city/province again as a leader in Western Canadian economics.
- Diversified local economy includes downtown grocery stores
- Strong Oil & Gas Sector. It is embarrassing for the organizers of this poll to not include this. Complete failure from this leftist, hippie group.
- We need jobs and develop new energy source like :Solar Energy
- Helping the failing oil industry, bring back the job security
- We're suffering yet another oil slump. When are we going to learn to diversify our economy, instead of just talking about it?
- On top of attracting new businesses and industries, please don't forget the industries that have done well for us. We are an oil province!
- Sustainable energy, food production projects
- Calgary should be near the top of global innovation for geothermal and renewable energy and then export solutions and technology globally
- We are diversified...stop using this term...we have petrochemical businesses and oil and gas is only 25 to 30% of Alberta's economy.
- Oil and gas will always be important here. But why not expand our economy to include all energy; renewable. Become the world leading centre in research by using funding from our currently huge energy sector.
- Yes supporting the industry that has made this city great. OIL
- Province of BC is developing "silicon valley" type industries. Calgary should put more money in "brains" and less in "muscles".
- Support the oil industry and aid for families affected by the massive layoffs. Give benefits to small businesses to offset the increased taxes implemented by the NDP. Provide incentives for other countries to invest and create bases in the Calgary downtown core.
- work with Provincial Government to create jobs in Oil and Gas industry
- How is there no focus on the oil and gas sector?
- UBER!!!
- I think Calgary should expand its focus from oil and gas to energy - its production, optimized use and conservation. We need big Canadian companies and start-ups as well for R&D, production, engineering, monitoring and many other aspects.
- To avoid the constant boom bust cycle we need to diversify our economy. We need to become a centre for advancing new technologies such as robotics, drones, autonomous cars, etc.
- Attract businesses interested in alternative sources of energy.
- A more "strategic" outlook from council. Long term focus, more efforts towards diversification and attracting global business to Calgary. Tax incentives to small entrepreneurs.
- Alternative energy options
- "Economic diversification
- Sustainable development"



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- Calgary should be a diverse metropolitan city. It is insane that we have been impacted this hard because we are deeply invested in oil and ONLY oil.
- We need to diversify and change from an only oil town. This does not mean I do not support our oil businesses, I do in spades, but the city needs to evolve to insulate itself from the volatile economy.
- Attracting diverse industry and opportunities to insulate against oil and gas fluctuations. Thinking outside the box to drive the economy in new or more efficient ways.
- Expanding Industry/projects outside of oil and gas
- Support all pipelines
- all efforts to support the oil industry build a pipeline
- Oil & gas industry assistance
- We need to truly diversify our economy and stop investing all our eggs into one basket. The oil industry has brought us far but it's time to explore true diversification by helping entrepreneurs and other industries grow.
- Absolutely diversify Calgary's economic structure. We are held at the whims of the oil industry and we must be able to diversify for the long term health of the city, province, country, and world.
- Support clean energy and biomedical companies and startups to diversify our economy.
- Oil and Gas will be around for a while, but will not be source of growth. Time to realize that the future is in the service industries and the people in these industries live where they want. So long term you need to make Calgary the best possible place to live... and people will bring their business with them.
- Stop being a slave to oil
- Attracting and fostering the growth of the tech industry.
- Get rid of oil and gas ups and downs forever..!

Attracting New Business

- Breaks for technology and service companies are needed.
- Attracting and promoting business in Calgary and surrounding areas. Driving toward larger more well thought through business districts outside of the main downtown core
- It would be great to see more IT startups in Calgary by providing support from city and by attracting entrepreneurs.
- Developing sustainable jobs outside of the oil and gas market should be a high priority. I am lucky enough not to work in that market but everybody is affected by the numerous job losses throughout the city in some way or another.
- Must develop geothermal capabilities to reduce distributed electricity reliance both residentially and municipally
- There is an opportunity right now to foster the economy through different industries such as sustainable development. I would like to see the city work with the province to develop subsidies that will incentivise the growth of other industries.
- Restoring our oil and gas industry and also diversifying for other job creation.
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- These are just are just anecdotes of what is possible and how the current downturn could be an opportunity."
- Related to attractions, but support for the CalgaryNEXT Project is very important.
- Attracting Investors
- develop local talent and business.
- By strengthening our business community, drawing new businesses to Calgary we create jobs and foster growth.
- There is limited ability by the City to attract business. Do not get into Mega Tax free regimes to try and attract. We are in many ways in a good spot for business, in many other ways we are tooo far from markets. Climate is Also COLD. DO NOT Build or seriously contribute to NEXT.
- find something else to take pride in other than stupid animal abusing stampede
- Clean businesses
- "help establish cooperatives
- economy relies on innovation and skilled and educated work force, do what you can as a city to foster innovation and education"
- On top of attracting new businesses and industries, please don't forget the industries that have done well for us. We are an oil province!
- Province of BC is developing "silicon valley" type industries. Calgary should put more money in "brains" and less in "muscles".
- Support the oil industry and aid for families affected by the massive layoffs. Give benefits to small businesses to offset the increased taxes implemented by the NDP. Provide incentives for other countries to invest and create bases in the Calgary downtown core.
- Have marijuana legalized so Alberta can make money again.
- Attract businesses interested in alternative sources of energy.
- A more "strategic" outlook from council. Long term focus, more efforts towards diversification and attracting global business to Calgary. Tax incentives to small entrepreneurs.
- small business is the foundation of growth. Calgary must also develop and attract new large scale business which provides job creation within provincial and federal assistance scope within the predictions for the next 25-50 years.
- Attracting LARGE employers to the area



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- make Calgary a better place to do business encourage investment and new business
- "There are untold amounts of capital investment being made to companies everyday for new startups (amazing developments in products and technologies), to new facilities for added production.
- We must make it our number one priority to attract business - whatever it takes. "
- City should be courting businesses from Vancouver and Toronto. 20% office vacancy and housing that employees can afford are huge drawing cards!

Job Creation

- Find jobs for Calgarians instead of putting refugees as a priority.
- We need jobs and educational courses need to be cheaper.
- Stop taxing money from people who don't have any to build infrastructure for a growing population that won't grow but will reduce. Get your priorities right, we need value added jobs, not government debt jobs. The oil price might never go above \$60.
- something needs to be done to help oil and gas people get a job as this field is dead for at least two years
- Job creation, stimulation plan.
- Job growth other than providing jobs for the refugees
- During this economic depression, most of students are wondering after we graduate if we can get our ideal jobs. What is your solution to increase job opportunities?
- In order to create more jobs opportunities. The recession is hitting us so bad in the city, a lot of places are cutting workers hours.
- now many engineers got lay off, some projects need to be invested and help people find the jobs and partical for new graduacated stendents.
- more job
- create more jobs
- worried about job opportunities for youth
- "To offer more job opportunities
- have more sectors and build on these sectors
- create a big art atmosphere"
- Supporting the oil and gas industry and those affected by the economic melthdown.
- By strengthening our business community, drawing new businesses to Calgary we create jobs and foster growth.
- Supporting the poor and unemployed by job creation
- Creating employment quota for newly landed immigrants to help them better integrate into their new country
- Job Creation
- "Job creation.
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- Reduce business taxes, so that businesses and invest the money for greater job creation."
- helping people get jobs
- Make use of workforce already here.
- So many oil patch people are out of work. There needs to be some replacement work.



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- More jobs for students and recent graduates.
- "reliable jobs
- consistency stable work"
- Jobs
- Finding work in Calgary to support family of four
- Job creation for unemployed and assistance for re-skilling/crosstrain Calgarians to become eligible to apply for opportunities.
- Jobs for people who have lost jobs from retail layoffs
- Helping Oil Industry workers find new jobs, and helping existing business keep people employed despite the downward economy.
- No secret the Alberta (and Calgary) economies are in big trouble. Because Trudeau has committed infrastructure dollars to help stimulate the economy, there is no better time than right now to REALLY start to push on LRT extensions, especially into the deep south. This, to me, is where there needs to be more focus to shrink the timeline for that development. As well, it would obviously help with jobs in the city which is something we really need.
- Increasing more employment opportunities.

All Other

- A focus on sustainable building in new communities and new builds such as Passive House designed buildings.
- A healthy resource economy!
- A more "strategic" outlook from council. Long term focus, more efforts towards diversification and attracting global business to Calgary. Tax incentives to small entrepreneurs.
- A more even distribution of wealth.
- A vibrant cultural environment.
- Accessible housing, rent control
- Accessible market space with a framework that allows participation for everyone .as opposed to long term year leases bid or waited on years ahead.
- Accountability!
- all about local
- Allowing new technologies like Uber a way to grow and flourish. We need to support businesses instead of pandering to special interests.
- Appropriate regulation of development that enforces the bylaws and does not bypass them in favour of growth at all costs.
- Approved pipeline or Alberta Seperates and becomes independent
- Assist with new Sportsplex
- Assistance for re-skilling the existing workforce for better employability
- Attention has to be given to the fact citizens are under financial stress due to the current recession.
- Attract large conventions (new facility required).
- Attracting Talent from our own city and provience!
- Being more future focused with agility to a changing city scape, uber anyone!!?! That was embarrassing to watch it get shut down



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- Better regulation or enforcement of worker rights. Employers do not follow the rules and always find ways to abuse employees and play the system.
- Better road infrastructure
- Build Calgary Next
- Build Calgary next!! Just do it, we need it.
- "Build integrated communities where
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- Light to medium industry, commercial and services form the core (or perimeter) buffered by green space then high density housing blending to individual home. Each community need a ""main street"" with shops on the ground and rental housing/office above.
- Allow small business owner to co-habit with their business including light manufacturing industry e.g. auto repair/machine shops.
- This will eliminate the need for many people to travel outside the community to go to work. Reducing demands on road and transit."
- Businesses' property taxes have been exorbitantly raised during the past decade - these tax increases must be fully reversed. There should also be very few regulations for businesses. Government shouldn't have the right to tell business owners and entrepreneurs that they have to comply with a list of non-sensical regulations, that create red tape for businesses, higher costs & fewer jobs. The city must stop using regulations to pick winners and losers - that don't line up with the personal political opinions of its staff.
- Calgary Downtown is known for being a ghost town after 5pm.
- Calgary gets passed over for many events (like concerts) due to inadequate facilities. I am not sure the Flames plan is the right way, but we need to have something!
- Calgary is suffering a great downturn so it is my number one concern. If we can do something together to keep the costs of living (including taxes) as low as possible while still have quality of services, it would help out a lot of people/families
- Calgary next
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- "Cars will not stop using roadways for many years
- Put more effort in the roadways"
- Change bylaws to promote sustainable, regenerative lifestyle and means of employment. Large private interests have too much influence now that there is no room for new ideas.
- city economy is resilient
- City of Calgary should directly be involved in creating and promoting "Clusters" and Hubs in our city. The "Music Mile" is an example of what can be done. We need a "Visual Arts" cluster where artists lofts, residences, are affordable. We need to build on the Movie Production There needs to be a focus on High Density developments in KEY areas and trial areas should be included in established areas like Haysboro, Cedar Brae, Kingsland, etc, to encourage "Mom an Pop" stores, restaurants, business, as well as alternate housing (Condo units) in areas that typically have single home dwellings as many people would like to live in various neighborhoods (Lake Bonavista, etc.).
- City planning is amongst the worst in Canada for permitting and construction. Dumb policies like rear of buildings to roadways? Creates a wall of nothing. Parking should be at the front near the street. Your staff don't know anything about how retail works. Clearly. Very disappointing.
- City's annual tax grab is greedy, for what we get. Why can't the CalgaryNext be built on the Sarcee, with the support of the band?



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- Consider implementing regulations to allow Tiny Home construction within the City of Calgary. Economical and financially feasible housing for current residents.
- Construction labourers should have a minimum wage of \$23-25 per hour.
- Continued and intensified lobbying for a lack of interference from the Federal government and anti-national special interest groups (Mayor of Montreal)
- Couldn't drag items on my computer: my 3 priorities: Economy, getting around Calgary, how the city works
- Currently Calgary economic conditions are not so good, should figure out that
- Cut city hall red tape.
- develop local talent and business.
- Development of all arts not just expensive bridges and dolphin hoops that don't positively contribute to the city or its economy.
- Dispersed employment centres. Don't put all big business downtown.
- Diversified local economy includes downtown grocery stores
- Diversify Calgary's economy. Low dollar affects our purchasing power. Innovation like vertical farming, backyard chicken, tourism, major sports events to attract tourist etc.
- Downtown is a waste land after 5 pm. How can you entice people to come there - reduce parking fees. No fee on weekends.
- During this economic depression, most of students are wondering after we graduate if we can get our ideal jobs. What is your solution to increase job opportunities?
- "Economic help for those with serious depression and anxiety
- So that they can live real lives"
- Economy and well being of Calgarins is utmost.
- Efficient business regulation
- Efficient business regulation - Uber needs to be made legal in Calgary. Regulation is important, but this provides an effective way to move people around the city. We need to get with the times on this one.
- Efficient outside services. Consider how the business units operate. Cross trained employees that are more capable of multi skilled jobs
- "Elderly
- Veterans
- Support for underprivileged kids to be in sports
- Nature - stop all the building!"
- Encourage clean energy
- Ensure more stable economy when oil/gas is weak.
- Fairness in bylaw and regulation, permits and zoning.
- Fast track building of planned schools in new communities. This will stimulate the economy and ease growing pains.
- Fast track planning & construction on high priority commute issues (eg. Green line SE LRT, Glenmore east overpass, ring road SW)
- Fat and lazy bureaucrats - act like keeping your job depends on getting the job done efficiently and effectively!!!
- Flexibility to absorb the ups and downs of the market.
- Flood mitigation projects
- Focus on economic development, boost the downtown core through public realm infrastructure investment!



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- Focus on improving on what exists rather than looking for new ways to solve old problems
- Focus on nurturing the arts.
- Focus on older citizens who aren't computer savvy. Young don't care anyways.
- Get out of business' way. Reduce regulatory burden and interference, such as the costly unnecessary oversight of Uber. Stop you addiction to regulating people and their commercial actions and transactions.
- Get rid of the bike lanes.
- Get up and happening with change and growth. LET CHANGE HAPPEN.
- Give our community the chance to show top talent. No more outsourcing world wide.
- Good economy is foundation to keep talents toward growing Calgary
- Government should minimize its influence in the economy...government has neither the expertise or skill to do anything positive for the economy
- Having services like roads, that are paved and last more than 3 years before they crack, degrade or needs to be patched.
- Hb
- "help establish cooperatives
- economy relies on innovation and skilled and educated work force, do what you can as a city to foster innovation and education"
- Help support the Energy industry. Calgary has benefited immensely by having the head offices of so many Energy companies. Now is the time to help those companies!
- Helping Oil Industry workers find new jobs, and helping existing business keep people employed despite the downward economy.
- Hire Canadian citizens, instead of laying them off even when companies are making net worth of 7 Billions dollars saying they "can't support their employees anymore" . ALSO hire college students, younger generations want a good education and be able to become part of the work force they need the experience and there isn't much around to anything offered (especially relating to fine arts)
- Homes for the poor
- Hope this economic downturn to rebound as people worried about making ends meet!
- I agree with pushing out capital projects to create jobs
- I am extremely happy with our city, the city workers are finominal, they keep our city fabulous. Our roads, our parks etc is fabulous because of our city workers, planners etc
- I am retired
- I do also prioritize Calgary's economy and believe it can be integrated into the top 3 priorities I submitted. Thanks!
- I do need to have sufficient funds to live on above the poverty lines while I am on AISH disability programmes. I would also like to know why people on AISH who can work are allowed to earn up to \$400.00 per month with out any benefits taken off the monthly benefits, but those of us whom can't work are not given a credit equivalent to people who do work & are not penalized (funds decreased) on a monthly basis.
- I feel there should be a greater focus on reinvigorating existing communities. A renewed commitment to the aesthetic and vibrancy of Calgary's middle- to lower- class neighborhoods would go a long way to boosting morale and engagement in the city.
- I like all of these categories



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- I live in a senior's residence and what we don't have close by is a convenience store - 7-11 or Mac's for example within a block. So many times I just need milk and have to walk 5 blocks to get to Walmart and then back. It's fortunate that our weather hasn't been super cold.
- I love the outdoor markets/events in and around the city. I think we should continue to support small business and community culture. It would be nice to have our streets full of people like many other major cities. I find downtown can be very quiet after business hours lacking the vibrant night life of cities like Vancouver.
- I realize the I industry is nt the cities jurisdiction but we can su it
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- I think the CalgaryNext project would hep bring additional money to the city in the form of better events, but I think a better location with more parking options would be better.
- I think Uber or another ride share program should be approved because taxis are unreliable and too expensive.
- I want focus to be on realistic ideas like helping with a desperate need for expansion of roadways that currently have way too much traffic ie deerfoot over bike lanes downtown in a city where it snows for most of the year and not a ton of people are able to bike to work because it's not realistic even for people who are fairly close to their jobs.
- i want responsible leadership not looking to fleece their legacy nest with ill advised, poorly planned projects
- I'd like to see more support of local small businesses
- ie uber
- If we can get Calgary's economy rolling again, then all of the other goals become possible.
- If we don't have a strong economy, we will have issues with all of the other aspects
- In order to create more jobs opportunities. The recession is hitting us so bad in the city, a lot of places are cutting workers hours.
- It is important to help grow the calgary's economy, helping parents with kids with afortable daycare, is crazy that all mine income goes to pay daycare!,



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- It is vital we engage and support aboriginal citizens; to do so we need culturally competent public servants. All City staff should be req'd to know about the TRC recommendations, including adopting the UN-declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples, which states public servants have a duty to know aboriginal history/context. We need this growing population to build our economy. We need to support education of staff and of high school and further education accessibility for indigenous citizens.
- It sucks bring rent control back and give more money to the poor .Help the homeless right here
- It would be great to see more IT startups in Calgary by prviding support from city and by attracting entrepreneurs.
- I've started a small business and going into my 3rd year. I employed 7 people when first started and now employ only 3. I pay a lot of suppliers and everything else that goes with a business. I only take out money to basically survive and every dollar goes back into my business. It's been very tough trying to keep the store going and not making any money. The bad Canadian dollar has hurt my business a lot especially with most of my suppliers being American and with people just not spending money. From what I hear, our Canadian dollar is going to take years to recover. Everything I have is my store and I love my store and a lot of people want a store like mine in this community. (A store like mine has been here for 40 years and I am continuig it here). How am I and many other small businesses supposed to survive?
- Jimmie Condon arena expansion
- Job creation for unemployed and assistance for re-skilling/crosstrain Calgarians to become eligible to apply for opportunitites.
- Jobs for people who have lost jobs from retail layoffs
- Keep costs low
- Keeping things affordable
- Less carnist business focuses. Carnism is terrible for the environment, people's health, and it uses and abuses animals. More vegan-based businesses and initiatives.
- less red tape in every sector
- Let Calgarians fix Calgary
- lets be careful when it comes to erecting buildings, shopping centers, apartments/housing...they must be accessible not only by transit and walking but with vehicles as well...we are in a large, sprawling city whereby these clusters should not only be accessible to the residents or business for that small area but avail to all citizens...thank you
- Local community businesses and services will reduce car traffic across the city if people take advantage.
- Local resources only!
- Local talent
- Lower cost of business
- lower small business taxes and licensing fees
- lower taxes, less regulation.
- lower taxes/fees for small business



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- Maintain existing infrastructure ie the pedestrian bridge crossing memorial drive and the River into princess island park. There must be something we can resurface it with to make it safe to walk on during the winter. We need a better solution than a warning sign and occasional sprinkle of ice melt
- Make college and university free. It will bring massive future growth.
- Make its easier for corporations (oil company) to be in production with low cost before they go else where if they haven't already
- Make stampeed adorable for everyone
- Make sure local products should be available for less than outside products. That way encourage local farmers.
- Market Calgary as the best city to live in North America!
- Mayor urges AB govt to support Calgary jobs that rely on oil and gas and promotes pipelines.
- more arts events all over our city.
- More community based diverse business and industry
- More fests and community activities to spur up small business
- More help for Struggling seniors
- More opportunities for community economic development and micro-business
- More/better regulation for the construction industry (a lot of home builders go bankrupt, consumers have no recourse).
- Need low income housing for single family...not only the Syrians
- Need to proceed with flood mitigation
- Needs to focus on singles in the city. Too much focus on families and single people are getting the short end of the stick and struggling to just keep their homes as they are the only bread winner.
- Nenshi's arrogant attitude is scaring business away
- New flames arena and an Olympic or world cup bid
- New street LED lights way too bright. Very hard on the eyes when driving.
- NEXT would bring not only concerts but people coming from other cities would rent hotels, buy meals, gas, etc, like I do when I have to go to Edmonton because a concert hasn't come here.
- No public money should go to the Next projects. Why can't billionaires fund their own businesses?
- No secret the Alberta (and Calgary) economies are in big trouble. Because Trudeau has committed infrastructure dollars to help stimulate the economy, there is no better time than right now to REALLY start to push on LRT extensions, especially into the deep south. This, to me, is where there needs to be more focus to shrink the timeline for that development. As well, it would obviously help with jobs in the city which is something we really need.
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- Offer people jobs helping people trying to live in this city for years with NO help because everything gets taken away first from us.
- Oil and Gas will be around for a while, but will not be source of growth. Time to realize that the future is in the service industries and the people in these industries live where they want. So long term you need to make Calgary the best possible place to live... and people will bring their business with them.



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- "Oil price
- Skewed priorities from prov & fed gov'ts (whose parties have limited local support)
- Misinformed environmental interests...
- Calgary has to do big time promo/educational blitz to wake these folks up about what oil & Calgary contributes to prov & Cdn economy"
- Paramount but questionable if flood control not done first
- Pay attention to families and those who are struggling and jobless. It's time to focus on families to give our children a chance to grow in peace and happiness.
- Please notice I did not say art, by stating tourism attractions I do not mean art.
- Please reduce red tape for construction
- Population growth is key to growing local demand. To do that you should create a city that is a magnet for young families. Good schools, recreation and safe communities.
- Poverty and poverty related issues are important to me. It is cheaper to end Poverty than continue to put band-aids on it.
- Preservation of historical homes and commercial buildings
- put a stop to wasting money on art
- Put higher taxes in place for large corporate business funneling such taxes into lowering cost of public transit
- Rebounding through this recession
- Reduce fees for small business start up and help make the process easier.
- reduce red tape
- reducing taxes for business especially small business,
- Regulating price growth on housing, food, family necessities
- Regulation should be greatly reduced to help businesses grow.
- Related to attractions, but support for the CalgaryNEXT Project is very important.
- Responsible growth of roadways and basing decisions based on evidence. For example 14 street road decisions should await the western ring road
- Select local and Canadian companies for infrastructure investment projects. Use procurement models that will allow many Calgary companies to prosper from stimulus funds. This will keep the money in Alberta and have the intended trickle down effect.
- Seniors programs, seniors living
- Set aside money for the food bank. Traditional flow into and out of these establishments no longer provides adequate coverage for the city
- Share developments costs with private sector STOP INCREASING taxes. Use imagination to share costs on capital developments. Stop over regulating business
- Simplified deregulation
- Simplified regulation; make it easy for companies to set up in Calgary, and create an environment that will attract businesses.
- Small business initiatives
- Small business is important. Council never seems to recognize that fact.
- small business is the foundation of growth. Calgary must also develop and attract new large scale business which provides job creation within provincial and federal assistance scope within the predictions for the next 25-50 years.
- "Small business survival and retention.



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- Reduce business City costs."
- "Snow clearance of pathways is so important to me - promotes healthy living and community togetherness
- Community recreation services, especially more hi hey rinks"
- SNOW REMOVAL!
- something needs to be done to help oil and gas people get a job as this field is dead for at least two years
- Sounds like another dream Calgary socialist agenda items. How will we support the well being of all, what does that even mean? How about how will we convince everyone to be self sufficient and self reliant so our current socialist mayor and councillors don't feel they have to feed and house them at the expense of everyone else's hard work
- Sport & recreation facilities
- Stampede, Heritage Park, etc.
- Staying committed to the industry that has supported Canada for the last 25 years: Oil exploration and development.
- Stop disturbing small business with government ernmeny meddling. ..let business do what they do best!
- Stop taxing money from people who don't have any to build infrastructure for a growing population that won't grow but will reduce. Get your priorities right, we need value added jobs, not government debt jobs. The oil price might never go above \$60.
- stop taxing us. get rid of the bike bath downtown, huge waste of our money.
- Stop the social engineering and limiting development.
- Stop wasting money on special interest projects like the peace bridge. Stop building bike paths on our main streets, we are not Europe. Build the SW ring road and do not build the SW BRT. Treat our tax payer \$ as if it were coming out of your own wallet.
- Stop with the bike lanes on major roads. Parking rates are atrocious. Lower them.
- Support and recognize Calgary as a major North American transportation hub
- Support clean energy and biomedical companies and startups to diversify our economy.
- Support for development and construction of sustainable and affordable housing - major steps towards expecting more from the builders of new communities as well as making it easier for community redevelopment and revitalization to occur
- Support the energy industry
- "Support the Energy industry nationally.
- Reduce small business taxes."
- Support the oil industry and aid for families affected by the massive layoffs. Give benefits to small businesses to offset the increased taxes implemented by the NDP. Provide incentives for other countries to invest and create bases in the Calgary downtown core.
- Supporting economy for small and big business, getting jobs #'s stable, more apprenticeships for the youth and protection for older workers.
- Supporting the development of local businesses
- Sustainable energy, food production projects
- SWBRT is a waste of monry
- The "Music Mile" is a great idea and helps promote the "cluster" of venues relating to this important aspect of Calgary's culture and economy. It would be great to see this with the creation of Visual Arts and Technology Hubs.
- The city can provide programs to help diversify local businesses



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- The city can take tangible steps to lower costs for business and home owners reflecting the worsening economy in Calgary.
- The development of a long-term solution to our traffic problem. (subway time to develop a plan to start construction for one)
- The four year plan appears to have no regard for the current economic crisis
- The LAST thing we need however, is a 'growing Calgary' -- Calgary needs to stop growing so we can catch up to the drains on our roadways, water, sewer, power etc.
- The role of government in Calgary's economy is to get out of the way. Build the infrastructure (eg: Airport runway) to enable business, but don't try and pick the winners and losers.
- the suburbs have everything, all kinds of stores, malls and services, but where is that kind of infrastructure closer to work and downtown condo buildings (Beltline, Downtown, Kensington) ?
- The urban sprawl of this city is absolutely out of control. So Growing Calgary should not be a priority
- There is a sense that businesses in Calgary are over regulated. In an economy hemorrhaging jobs what sense is there in heavy regulations. Case in point the current uber deadlock with the City of Calgary. If Edmonton can reach a compromise deal with Uber then what is the problem with Calgary and why can't negotiations be based around what works. After all getting people back into work should be priority.
- There is a trend towards working remotely and tele-commuting, how will this impact the Calgary economy? There are more empty office spaces downtown. Why do we need to build more high-rise office spaces?
- There is limited ability by the City to attract business. Do not get into Mega Tax free regimes to try and attract. We are in many ways in a good spot for business, in many other ways we are too far from markets. Climate is Also COLD. DO NOT Build or seriously contribute to NEXT.
- there is no need to attract top talent from around the world - we have tonnes of it here in Calgary, in Alberta and in Canada - let's ensure our current citizens are employed first.
- there needs to be a balance between the environment and the economy when making decisions that will benefit us in the long run
- These areas are presented in an either or fashion. I do not agree with the way in which the categories and sub priorities are grouped.
- This is hard. I started my own business. However I'm struggling because other business owners do not have the money to spend on my services. They're struggling! Help small businesses out. They bring money into our economy!! Or do you want to keep spending all our money on foreign companies?
- Tired of this city developing our green spaces
- Top Talent in the world exists already in Calgary, we must encourage it to present itself here.
- Tourism is always important for residents who live in the city and guests. Would feel ordering the above options by number is better than suggesting I only have 3 important options.....they are ALL important to me and I don't like being restricted from thinking and expecting LARGE POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN ALL AREAS.
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- Uber should be allowed to open business in the city. It's anticapitalistic to say otherwise
- UBER!!!
- Uber, embrace change, stop fighting it.
- Use local talent ... artists, engineers, architects etc.



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- Using certified Tradespeople on Bridges, C-Trains and infrastructure. Someone is going to get hurt if you use non-certified Ironworkers at the Glenmore Barlow bridges.
- Utilities are going up too much, there is a major part of Calgary's population that are senior citizens on fixed incomes.....
- Utilize local resources, knowledge, arts and culture, through all the aboriginal nations, build community cohesiveness, awareness, pride in our collective history.
- Very vague. Being precise by mentioning who (which department) and how, would help us understand this category better. There are 4 categories that sound very close, and without clarifying who and how, it's impossible to prioritize.
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- We don't need to spend more money on development. Won't attract talent because of present gov't. Impossible to start small business with proposed min wage and won't attract investors. Can't diversify in present economic conditions as we're not an attractive investment.
- We feel the suburbs are being unfairly punished. Not everyone wants to live in a downtown high rise with no parkade.
- we have a beautiful city, we need to show to the world
- we need job
- We need pipelines east and west so we can sell our oil at tidewater prices. Please improve communications and relations between major Canadian cities to facilitate understanding of city priorities. Is there a national organization of big city mayors who meet periodically to discuss priorities? If not, please start one!
- We need to fill up empty office spaces and mall units
- we need to move away from large deviations between living spaces and work spaces. cut down on commute times by distributing high density work zones along major commuting lines (roads/transit)
- We need to start diversifying now (not in 2017) and this can be helped by lowering costs for businesses and for people moving here. Calgary used to attract businesses because of our affordability. Having the second highest parking rates in North America is not something to be proud of.
- We need Uber. Calgary cabs stink
- What's with all the green washing? Energy is the core business of Calgary and I have no idea what sustainable economy the city is referring to. More government jobs?
- Why does this survey only isolate two industries? Tourism, and development/construction. Leading question.
- Why is environment included in this when you have another section for environment. Do you even know what you are doing?



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- Why is no one listening to us? We want real dialogue.
- With all of the loss of jobs something that will financially help the ones affected.
- With the exception of Zoo/Telus Sparks, our local attractions are few and aged. Time to build that new Dome which will attract more art/culture/entertainment/related tourism businesses. Pls move forward now, given that this would take years to complete.
- With the recession and thousands of jobs being lost, me being one them, we need a solid plan to soften the blow from the loss of jobs from the o&g industry.
- Without flood protection any business development on the flood plain will be limited.
- Would like to see more focus put on those that r poor, disabled & unable to work. NEED to have Calgary Housing subsidy ystdy.
- Yes - booting that mutha fukka nenshi out of office .
- Yes, institute I.R.& R. the same as the Swiss have, giving them the power to recall elected representatives who propose preposterous crap like topping off capital works projects with 1% artsy fartsy funding, which facilitates fugly big blue hula hoops on Airport Trail West of the Deerfoot! It also gives us a say on whatever gets proposed that's to be paid for from the public purse! What's wrong with giving those that pay the say? And that includes that ridiculous proposal for the new Lames arena down there on the creosote contaminated site! Not a frickin' PENNY from the public purse for that! Or ANYWHERE! All capital works projects need to be ratified in a binding referendum!
- "Zero debt
- Low taxes
- Sustainable economic initiatives"
- Accountable and transparent City Council that practices restraint on the city's finances
- All Calgary Businesses are cutting Cost. So Must Calgary. The Entire City Organization must examine all ares where they can drive cost out fro reducing redundancy, over sized organization, unnecessary activities. The City must looks at other areas where they can increase revenue othjer than increasing taxes!
- An efficiently run City government
- Bring back the Alberta advantage. High taxes only add to the cost of living which is high in a cold northern climate. Why would people want to move here when BC has more to offer?
- Business self-sufficiency - the City of Calgary gets out of the way to let businesses start and grow
- City should not be choosing 'winners and losers', let the market lace do that
- Cut spending, reduce government, reduce tax's and get out of the way and let the economy grow on it's own. higher tax's and bigger government to nothing for a stornq vibrant economy
- Emergency services
- Fair taxation on small business and homeowners
- Free market economy with low taxes and fewer regulations
- GET OUT OF THE WAY, as much as is reasonably possible, of small-scale economic initiatives, whether it be raising a few chickens or rabbits, or selling one's art (or shining shoes) in public space, etc. Open up the doors to more street vending. Foster more working and producing out of one's home...
- Get rid of the civil servents that are redundant and replace the ones who no longer perform the job with no repecussions.
- Less taxes so there is more money in our pockets. Make green bins more of a community bin rather than individual.
- Livable community for single income families, end tax increases



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- LRT Transort
- many buisness are bankrupt or have going on concerns. it will be next Detroit
- More jobs for local calgareins
- 'Policing" of City of Calgary Staffing
- Privatize some city services, garbage collection, transportation system maintenance and others
- reduce regulation
- reduce small business taxes
- Reduced taxes, reduced public sector, facilitation of the private sector
- Reducing strain on taxpayers to free up household dollars
- Reducing taxes and fees on small businesses
- Run the City as if it is your own money
- Small businesses and people on fixed incomes won't be able to afford living here.
- Stop over-taxing and over-regulating businesses
- Stop the NDP?
- Stop trying to kill the oil industry
- support charities, they contribute to the economy as much as buseinss does
- Support for the arts. This develops the local economy, attracts tourism, and makes the city a better place to live. Also stop supporting developers so much. They obviously have too close of relationships with city council and the city is subsidising their businesses.
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- sustainable and equitable tax /fee structure for citizens
- The Calgary Next Project
- The City needs to be more in tune with current economic conditions affecting its citizens
- The city should hold the line in spending -- art, bike lanes, unnecessary road line on raising property and business taxes -- we are going out of business and property owners are tapped out -- no green carts added to our Enmax bill, no art attached to every project, this is just a waste and just maintain Calgary with this year's collected monies - police has already reduced services to a lot of citizens with your new bylaw regarding security alarms - so what if there are some that are false, but we have always been billed for a false alarm previously -- I fear there will be no one to answe mine as my whole house is ZONE 1 as I have only a 1260 sq. foot house. I feel unsafe at night especially. We do not need fancy bike holders, pedestian bridges in close proximity to one another nor do we need the social engineering that is going into who uses cars, trains, buses! Many, many more ill advised projects. Hold the line too on your public service employees and Council raises and bonuses. Cut using attrition. We property owners are tapped out and it is now a matter of paying for fees and taxes and food on the table for us ordinary citizens, Thanks.
- Top heavy unqualified management. Too many foreman vs worker. Over paid with no accountability
- Uber
- WAGES AT CITY HALL/NUMBER OF PROPLE FEEDING OFF TAXPAYERS \$
- Water, sewer, garbage, roads
- We have lots of unemployed talent in industry that is sitting idle due to economic downturn. We do not need to be hiring and recruiting out of Calgary
- We need to improve our roads and interchanges to make driving better which will help the economy



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- WHY DOES CALGARY NEED TO BRAG THAT ITS THE BIGGEST AND BEST. WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS CITY AS IT IS LEAVE, NEED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT UNNEEDED WE WANT LOWER TAXES. NOT SOME MONSTROSITY WE CAN'T AFFORD ON OUR TAX PAYERS, ENOUGH ALREADY



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Calgary's Communities

Within the Category of Calgary's Communities, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Recreation and Social Programs

- Basket ball courts in public parks or can be access publicly for free. Kids dont have access to a proper basketball court for free.
- to promote neighborhood activities and assistance to one another
- Community "Lakes" such as Lake Bonaventure geared towards young family - nothing for seniors - seniors should be exempt from fees or more programs for seniors need to be implemented.
- Bring back children into the neighborhoods. Go back to neighborhood schools. I realize that this is provincial matter, but the city can require that new neighborhoods have the needed schools. The cost of the schools should be part of the development cost and that cost should be built into the cost of the housing. The same should apply to other amenities such as fire halls, libraries, community health care centers and basic sports facilities.
- Please create activities were communities can show how they are helping the Canada by example sport,art.
- There should be more diversity of sports and recreation available around the city. How is it possible that Calgary doesn't have a dozen kids bike parks? Why are there not more canoes and kayaks available for people to use on the lakes, ponds, canals and rivers in our city?
- Playground zone hours are totally out of whack. What parent lets their child play after 5 pm by themselves, especially in the wintertime
- Does this include encouraging community led activities (food bank or clothing drives, fundraising suppers, fishing days, etc) or just putting on events like skating, etc?
- Promote more local physical activities, soccer, roller skating/skateboarding, biking, etc to keep everyone young & old more active, this can also include social,physical activities like dancing, get people moving physically, instead of sitting in bingo halls & casinos, promote Healthy active lifestyles of physical activity, creativity & movement thru the arts
- more low cost get fit programs
- "Calgary is a city that shows they do not care about everyone 18 to 65 trying to live here.
- You think this city would be doing things to keep us healthy and having as much mobility as possible.
- Only thing this city covers is to have EMS take you to the ER and get a shot and go only knows what else.
- So sad the city will not cover Physo, chiropractors, and massage things that are natural cost tax payers a 1/4 or the cost. Plus keep us active healthy in our home if the city would allow us to get help in our homes. All funding for people with disabilities is always taken away first and never given back. We are forgotten year after year.
- I though it was the old Government, but it's still happening and only getting worse.
- Calgary is the worse place to live if you have a disability because we are nobodies"
- More information for those new in the community
- "To Whom It May Concern,
- My name is Irtaza Ansari, I am an undergraduate student at the University of Calgary. I came from Toronto (GTA), Ontario for my university and all I faced was disappointment. I can put the so many issues aside for the sake that its a new city for me. However, I am surprised at 2 BIG things:



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- 2. This place is called a city, WOW, it has a library in which there is no WIFI, also barely any study space. The standard of the Central Library is nothing as compared to what it should be keep in view tha this is City of Calgary!
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- I humbly request you to look into these issues.
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- For the reference Central Library, Mississauga is one of the places where you can take some motivational ideas."
- Grants for community building events .i.e socials and civic holidays gathers at community centres .
- Bike paths! Rec centers! Parks!
- A struggling economy, a growing population means it's finally time to doubledown efforts on important projects. The NW pool/rec centre has been too slow - let's power down!! Also, let's use laid off expertise to renovate their own community facilities - win/win. Summer students to do same.
- Should consider make more space in recreation areas in Me, road are so conjusted in neabour hood hard to drive around road . Should have some sort of no.resistance in area . Because I think ne is most populated area of city. So should have any cap on it.
- Amateur Sports Facilities have not kept up with demand or growth and yet their is never any focus by the city on this area.
- Community hubs that encourage community gatherings, directly related to community specific inittives
- Help bolster a sense of community by encouraging programs in communities.
- "" public spaces that support our cultural and generational diversity.
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- * better public acknowledgment and celebration of Treaty 7"
- "We are near baby boomers to retire there is going to be more and more every year health care doesn't cover enough
- Dentures dentist every year not 5 years seniors health changes day by day
- Seniors that work all their lives or most of their lives don't get enough to live on with the cost of life going up
- It is not the 5 dollars increase that is going to make them live better
- Retirement homes cost an arm and a leg
- They can't afford it and their families also
- Seniors are proud and you are degrading them
- These retirement homes are made for the rich not the everyday people"
- Need more before and after school options
- Calgary Multisport Fieldhouse
- We need service hubs in communities that have information and help with access to getting continuing care services such as home care, day programs, as well as other needed social services. More walkable communities are important for everyone - especially consider walk-able accessible communities for people with disabilities



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- I'd like to see use and promotion of community gardens to help provide healthy sustenance to and involvement of community residents.
- Traffic speeding & cutting through our community making it unsafe & unpeasant (also our outdoor pool should have money spent on it to become an indoor pool if possible-sooo many people would use it all year round then)
- Just more rec centers we dont need more social programs
- Affordable housing, social programs, youth recreation, and cultural comfort would lead to safer neighborhoods and manageable crime
- "I would like to see more prevention programs for at risk youth through our police force.
- - gangs
- - drugs
- - sexual exploitation (PSECA)
- - domestic violence"
- Arenas arenas arenas . More time for Ringette .
- Social Programs for the disabled.
- Community centres in every neighbourhood
- "Homeless individuals
- Drug addiction programs are pathetic
- Mismanagement of money by government officials"
- Support for a new facility for the Flames and Stampeders
- Areas for teenage kids to play - skate board parks or parks with exercise equipment or picnic areas - anything so the kids have wholesome places to be and aren't aching to go to crowfoot
- no explanation on rec and social programs... i think it includes everything the library hats offer...
- Closer coordination with community associations to align city needs/goals with those of the communities. (eg. if a sport field is to be refurbished, are there other enhancements that could be done at the same time, does the timeline fit with sports programs etc)
- Expanding Jimmie Condon to that of an NHL size rink and then using it for figure skating!
- "I feel that the city's rec. programs such as Park n play and the after school
- Programs are very valuable for the children in this city."
- Would like to see Jimmie Condon Arena expanded to make it a figure skating centre of excellence for Calgary
- Services and supports for families and children
- Better support of local minor sports other hockey and soccer. Ie. Football
- More rec services, especially skating rinks
- Focus on Family and Health from 1-101
- affordable programs and services
- I'm assuming 'Comunities' also means parks and pathways.
- New communities need to have sidewalks that are actually wide enough to walk on, on both sides of the street; more fitness facilities should be incorporated into the development of new communities.
- Updating old playgrounds in Ranchlands
- Low income support for under privileged kids
- More city run fitness and swim facilities in Deep South, Clean communities (weekly waste pickup), and safe community for pedestrians (crosswalks)



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Crime, Safety, and Police

- Traffic in communities as speed is always a problem
- "In Somerset, we have a terrible parking issue with large vehicles parked on the street overnight or on driveways. Reporting the issues has little effect. For example, a school bus was parked on a driveway which caused a safety issue. The driver now parks it on the street which is even more dangerous. We do not have sidewalks on our street so walking the dogs or going to the mailbox is now a risky venture.
- The City needs to address traffic noise."
- engage with local communities with safety and bylaw issues such as Dog Attacks.
- Existing community process works well. Many communities need better access and egress. Collector roads need to flow. Calgary pedestrian strategy needs to change - Pedestrians should NOT have right of way - leads to complacency and stupidity by all (myself included). Force them to be aware.
- The criminals are winning the battle.
- The feeling of "being safe" in Calgary's communities is on the decline. Numerous acts of crime and violence in recent months have made this a top priority in our neighborhood (Huntington Hills, which should be renamed Hill-Billy Hills if the are continues down its current path.)
- Safety should be on this list. Being safe is a need not a want. Every human needs to feel safe. Crime and all those things around it needs to be addressed when the economic outlook is the way it is.
- more police presence
- Would love to see improved lighting along the Bow River Pathway between Eau Claire and Crowchild. For example, I ran along the pathway yesterday evening as the sun was setting and it became very dark in some areas. It would be great to safely enjoy being active along the pathway at all times of the year with improved lighting.
- I am a dog lover/owner and property owner that pays my share of property tax. I am actually contemplating moving away from calgary, because it is becoming next to impossible to safely enjoy outdoor activities with my dog. I can't walk him around my neighbourhood anymore (huntington hills) because of too many uncontrolled offleash animals running around, and there are no safe fenced dog parks in the north where coyotes are not a problem/danger. Would really like to see stronger bylaws to punish people that have their uncontrolled animals offleash where not allowed. I'm tired of having my animal attached because of this and it means that I cannot enjoy outdoor activities and parks. Please consider putting in a fenced offleash park specifically for small dogs in the north central area of calgary. I pay taxes here just like everyone else, but the park plans never cater to my activity needs or safety needs ever.
- Most families live in Urban areas, they do not live down town where it is dangerous. Just pay for the basics and forget spending more money on downtown where families do not go. Maybe make leisure centres more affordable so kids and families and go there. Quit spending money downtown. Families do not like to go there, wake up.
- I felt safer in Calgary 10 years ago than I do today. As a pedestrian, inconsiderate/bad drivers create the greatest risk to me.
- Keeping communities clean and relatively quiet
- "Utilize local resources, knowledge, arts and culture, through all the aboriginal nations, build community cohesiveness, awareness, pride in our unique collective history. We are all Treaty people.
- Crime prevention is super important, but we are doing so well in this area that I do not need to prioritize except to say Calgary could be a wonderful example for other Youth Justice services across the country."



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- Recently, there was a motorist in difficulty on James Mckevitt. It wasn't a 911 issue. We called Station #8 but it wasn't open at 5:45 am We called the non-emergency City number and the only option that made any sense was to call Station #8. Ugh! A better system need to be adopted.
- Illiminate photo radar.
- A clean and safe city
- Calgary needs more police officers. Calgary has one of the lowest, if not the lowest, police officers per capita in Canada. This is something that needs to be addressed.
- There has been a spike in gun violence in Calgary which has been unheard of in the past! Why are we not investing more into our security and building plans to restrict guns and acquiries?
- Calgary needs more police officers. City council should re-evaluate the policy of keeping current staffing levels. There needs to be more police!
- Playground zones more monitored... There are so many people who don't pay attention in areas with lots of children
- Art! City wasting taxes on stupid 'art' projects, blue ring, lights on waste pump station...etc. City police used as overpaid tax collectors just writing traffic tickets, instead of crime fighting.
- Crime prevention is so important but I would like to see police resources concentrated away from minor speeding infractions. This is an absolute waste of tax money
- See my prior comments on safety and not being able to walk in my own neighbourhood with my dog anymore. With no alternate safe options for dog parks in the north because of a coyote problem in unfenced offleash parks.
- Remove Cash Cow Programs PHOTO RADAR. It does not save lives
- Clean up the downtown C-trains so there are not so many drunk people lottering
- we need to do more to stop bad behaviors from other cultures came and change the safety in out town, other rights end when my rights starts
- Safety in downtown as well as public transit during the night.
- Preventing harassment to make communities feel safe (especially downtown in the evenings)
- Living in Calgary is no longer as safe as it was. Our children need to be protected from crime and unacceptable moral behaviour.
- Street lighting needs to be maintained,light bulbs replaced when broken, sections of lighting needs to be checked more regularly to ensure avoiding lengthy outages
- I would just like to elaborate on community standards being enforced - something NEEDS to be done about the icy roads/alleys. They are DANGEROUS.
- needs to be more photo radar on the streets in the communities - example in panorama - everyone speeds, especially through playground zones. this needs to be enforced
- Safety of traffic and pedestrians
- Making community police liaison more accessible. We've asked for 3 years who McKenzie Towne is and have received the same answer - we're in the processing of transition... for 3 years?!?!
- crime prevention should be separated from crime enforcement
- "A community-engaging crime watch similar to the Hub, but similar to a forum
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- Have a look at Project NOLA, a program in New Orleans where citizens and businesses with surveillance cameras can amalgamate in a central location."
- Do something about drug gang wars and crime as innocent people are getting killed.



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- Enforcement of speed/road laws. Parking bylaws in communities
- a clean and safe community that we live in--it isn't now

Affordable Housing

- More housing fore lowe income
- Grew too fast based on high Oil & Gas prices ... without any affordable apartments for city dwellers! Another Fail Calgary!
- The City is proposing low income housing in our neighbourhood and I am not in support of that "mixed" community initiative. If there is a development, at least translate the high property value area into units generating additional tax revenue to the city, not a subsidize drain on investment.
- Rent support for low income and laid off families, cheaper bus fair and parking downtown. A downtown bus route....bus in the winter is always packed....Ctrain is far in cold wet weather
- No thanks. Please leave my community alone. I don't have any desire for the City to start pushing forward low cost housing into high value property areas. The poor city planning the lead to the urban sprawl is the City's problem, please don't make it mine.
- Please let us end homelessness. Not everyone needs a house or even an apartment. Can we not have buildings of bachelor suites for people though, at LOW cost for the poor and homeless?
- When i think of Calgary community, i also thibk about the thousands of Calgarians that can't find a place to stay when they are sent to the shelter. The shelter is always packed and people are transferred to churches, which isn't convenient for most people. Thw city of Calgary should expand and create bigger facilities to accommodate to Calgarians needing a place to stay during difficult times
- Housing should be a right
- What makes me wondering is always, How some one sleep on the street in Calgary, in where us talking of billion of investment. I know we are sraiving, working hard to grow but when Canada, Alberta, Calgary, helped unfortunately people around the world, it is unabomination when sick, elderly, women, men, children, sleep on the street & goes hungry. I know some one can say maybe mantale elnes or drugs but how created that, the economic system. To me more than any thing afordeble house is the most important issue. If you have roof over your head it is to recover from any thing, it also if you have where you can go by the end of the the day place called home. That is human dignity. Some have no place to go to by the end of the that Man, that Women, Child is robed of his or dignity. Tha is a total meantal deases which never hell.
- TOD and low income housing projects cannot be pushed through by the city without community consolation and support. I do not support either of these initiatives at Glenmore Landing. No consolation with citizens.
- If Calgary doesn't have better and more diverse jobs I will have to leave. This is why the economy is #1. As a city we need more arts, creativity, and intellectual events that are free around the city throughout the year and to get away from the red neck big oil and gas money hockey mentality that dominates the city and makes the rest of us hate living here. We need a real metro and to stop pumping money into an inefficient inconvenient public transportation system that doesn't let you get around in a reasonable time if you don't live in specific areas of the city and mayor Nenshi has clearly favoured the northeast of the city regarding the LRT. We need to be able to walk everywhere!!! There shouldn't be any roads that don't allow bikes or pedestrians. Plus when you have such horrible public transportation, it is unethical to charge the prices that are being charged for parking downtown and in the belt line. Affordable housing is also a major problem
- I'd like to see less time policing Uber and more combatting homelessness.
- Rental support so people do not have to live in social housing. These housing units breed gangs and violence. City of calgary should let more people aware of income support and cheaper recreation



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- Again, let us please end homelessness. Thank you.
- Affordable housing, social programs, youth recreation, and cultural comfort would lead to safer neighborhoods and manageable crime
- More financial support for those that "according to you" can work but are given 1 shift a week because of what it wrong with them
- Affordable housing for seniors, working poor and homeless who are well enough to live independently.
- Calgary Housing Corp communication and workflows need attention.
- "Homeless individuals
- Drug addiction programs are pathetic
- Mismanagement of money by government officials"
- Homelessness and poverty
- I just want to afford where I am living, we need to cut taxes. Also we need to have affordable housing for the poor, so they will not commit so much crime. Just spend money on the basics, that is what people use. All this other stuff is a waste of money. We are struggling to pay all these taxes and just to live.
- RENT CONTROL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! nobody can afford to live anywhere on minimum wage if theres huge wait lists for affordable housing and yet theres apartments sitting empty because people are charging 1300 bucks for a 600 sq ft apartment
- Rental properties not being kept up to look like the rest of the community and not being kept to code.
- Almost all housing (houses only) options are either too expensive or too far away in locations that do not go well with school, work, family, etc..
- As an aging senior nearing retirement who has NEVER worked in the oil patch, I have great concerns about whether or not I will be able to retire in this city due to the extremely high cost of living and lack of subsidies for seniors in this city/province/country who were born here and contributed to the country their entire lives.
- supporting those that are impacted by downturn or those that were financially vulnerable before downturn
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Transportation & Parking

- More expansion of the Ctrain, forget the not so rapid BRT projects, focus on road infrastructure & parking.
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- Also need to look at region. Regional economic development and regional transit/ servicing.
- More transit and dog parks



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- Creating bicycle lanes is great, but bikers should be required to have license plate, charged \$ 50.00 to help defray the cost of maintaining the lanes and to ensure that they are following the rules.
- Invest in new communities to encourage transit habits early
- Many roads in nw communities need repairing, especially those on common bus routes
- Add more entrances in and out of communities and shopping centers. Moving here from Ontario and seeing it from an outside perspective makes it look like city planners went out of their way to create bottle necks and cause traffic congestion!
- Reduce speed limits, make it pedestrian proof!
- Improve roads
- The cycling trails pilot project in the city is great. Hoping it will become permanent and keep growing
- Build roads for the volume anticipated in 10 years, not the volume experienced today.
- More walkable communities. Despite the rumblings of the single occupant car commuters - I do NOT believe tax dollars should be spent widening highways at the expense of viable communities - like widening Crowchild.
- Transit & road ways are priorities within economy, communities...
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- I appreciate the pathways that new communities are building. We need to make sure that there is pathways to access all over Calgary to bring communities together not just by roads.



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- Major work needs to be done on city transit. There are not enough going to the communities needing it the most. It's unreliable and far too expensive for what we get from it. I've lived in several large cities and other countries where transit was light years ahead of Calgary. It's just not adequate.
- Should consider make more space in recreation areas in Me, roads are so congested in neighbour hood hard to drive around road. Should have some sort of no-resistance in area. Because I think ne is most populated area of city. So should have any cap on it.
- Return the downtown to what it is designed to be, Remove the 8 avenue mall in entirety. make it a two street. Keep OLYMPIC park as it paid for and is necessary as an outdoor venue. DEMOLISH SILLY Hall and move it to FIRESTONE park and allow free parking to attend business and city council. at present it is near impossible to attend council and see the work not being done.
- transportation
- Strict driving speed to be monitored in communities.
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- Affordable parking or seamless public transit, subway to airport etc.,dedicated bus lanes.Big City transportation options like any other million people city has.
- road construction should be done during late night hours
- get rid of the bike lanes..not necessary
- Safety in downtown as well as public transit during the night.
- Traffic control in residential neighbourhoods
- Access to shopping and services without a car
- Truly walkable communities. I hate driving everywhere but walking is not an option a lot of the time.
- Safety of traffic and pedestrians
- Transit, that does not increase costs of users without expansion of services.
- Access to communities and transportation.
- Marked/ lit crosswalks in neighbourhoods. Not a crosswalk at every intersection but one every other that has lights to push to make it safer, especially on main roads that have 2 or more lanes in each direction.
- don't reduce speed to 40 or take out school and playground zones and make it all 40

Land-Use and Redevelopment

- All new communities should follow the diversified approach of Quarry Park. Also developers should be building schools at a much earlier stage. McKenzie Towne kids still been bussed to Acadia 17 years later?????
- Building communities that contain what people need...a grocery store, a pharmacy, school, community centre, library, a bank, a "main street" with independent shops and a place to gather (restaurant/cafe). I envision something similar to Britannia - NOT a strip mall. A place where people can walk to take care of their daily business within their community - seeing their neighbours along the way....
- building new schools in newer communities
- By making the communities we have already strong and vibrant we will be able to meet the needs of everyone who lives here already rather than trying to bring in new people and teaching them to love the city.
- Calgary Next



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- Calgary's communities are diversifying, and this -to be clear- is a good thing. But to build Calgary's communities, we need to inclusively support and advertise opportunities than bring these communities together.
- Choice to live where we want and have access to those communities.
- Climate Action plans for every community association that is developed by the diverse communities living in each area.
- Continue to work on building strong communities with local shops and markets (not box stores).
- Curious how it relates to schools; we moved into an older community and then got marked out of the walk zone so outlying communities could be bussed in. Doesn't make sense to then bus the kids that are a 5 min walk from school also.
- Development balance within communities. I understand the need for densification but as a consultant working on many condo projects around town the aesthetics and green space will never be considered by the private sector. Costs too much.
- Do not approve the sale of Harvest Hills golf course we need and love the green space
- Do not want City to force subsidized housing on developers
- Do not want mixed communities
- DONOT make anything as congested as UNIVERSITY CITY AGAIN !!!!!!! 4 bldgs and more cars merging unto little Brentwood Road. Traffic backed up to Charleswood trying to merge unto Crowchild North . That city plan should had 2 bldgs only
- Follow Bowness when it comes to inclusion
- heritage and community character, affordable housing solutions that don't negatively impact heritage like secondary suites and laneway houses
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- I am not okay with the hidden agenda of TOD's in my communities or surrounding communities. I like my community as is and do not support the City's initiative to bring in "mixed" housing strategies.
- I feel that certin communities were built and sold as single family dwellings. Secondary suits, and spaces built above garages will only hinder the amount of parking on streets and allie ways. If I wanted five or six families surrounding me I would have bought a apartment or condo..
- I have been trying to communicate with my councillor. He is not responding. What do you mean by safe, just and mixed.
- I have never seen such a useless statement. Of course people want a safe and just community, what do you mean by mixed? My neighbourhood is mixed race and it's great. Where in Calgary isn't it mixed?
- I like my community as is and do not need the city to social engineer alternate demographics
- I live in Renfrew. Please keep the density reasonable. We are zoned r2 and that means side by sides can be built. Some people plan to apply to build tri-plexus. I would not like to see that happen. Also some side by sides seem to be 3 stories tall, what's with that? I know there will be development. Let's keep it under some controls though. Thanks
- If you want the communities to be safer, quit packing them with secondary suits and rental spaces over garages. Just because some communities have less people doesn't give the city the right to over pack them with people. We paid to have our community the way it is. If the Mayor is used to living in a house like a rat in a with a large number of relatives does not mean everyone else should.
- in the Lynnwood Community the proposed Greenline LRT is coming to our doorstep, what is going to be done with the barren fenced off land where the old refinery used to be? this has been a longstanding eyesore to the



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community and will be the first thing transit users see entering the area. why can't efforts be made to develop this land into something like a golf course that would provide jobs and make the area beautiful again?

- Inclusion of low density housing as part of the Cities planning is important to me. Newer communities should have freedom to set their own density targets
- Invest in the inner city and inspire better new communities.
- It's time something was put in place to ensure schools are built in new neighbourhoods. Enough of letting a builder develop for 10 + years with no sign of a school.
- less basement suites in r-1 areas
- more diverse communities instead of concentrating ethnic groups (NE) or the poor (NE, SE, Bowness) into their own areas
- More socially engineered BS. I do not support the City's desire to mix income levels into communities. People who cannot afford to live in the inner city live in the burbs. We work hard to buy into certain communities and so help me God if the City plans on jamming in feel good projects using tax payer dollars to social engineer the community which I worked so hard to be a part of.
- Need for responsible development. Turn green spaces (golf courses) into housing is not responsible development.
- Need new developments to have a sense of place
- No more suburban sprawl!!!! It is ruining our communities
- No thank you. I like the community I live in as is. I don't want you forcing new demographics into my community or anyone else's for that matter.
- No to secondary suites in r1 communities.
- Our footprint is way too large
- "QUALITY SCHOOLING
- schools should be more consistent in their scoring, all offer full day kindergarten and options for after school care."
- Quit shoving your social engineering, increased density and transit oriented development down our throats
- Reduce urban sprawl.
- Secondary suites: GET THEM PASSED AT COUNCIL ALREADY
- Single family home neighbourhoods stay that way. There are more than enough high density pre approved areas already in this city. Why does the mayor and council feel the need to take away the choice of living in a one family to a residence (rc1) neighbourhoods?
- Stop building communities with no consideration for transportation and infrastructure. We have a lot of land, we need to be considerate to people's personal space, not be considerate of the developers profits!
- Stop claiming that fully developed communities need development permits when a building permit is the way to go.
- Stop letting developers build communities with minuscule lots and no community centres
- Stop rezoning properties in rc1 neighbourhoods to rc1s. Your taking away freedom of choice to live in a single family neighbourhoods from middle income families and making it exclusive to the upper wealthy. There are more than enough neighbourhoods already zoned for multi family/ suites. Your behaviour and attitude towards the many of us who feel you are rocking our neighbourhoods is extremely bigoted.
- stop the rezoning of existing green spaces. people buy into neighbourhoods with golf courses or other green spaces only to have them bought up by developers to build high density housing and we lose thousands of dollars in property value



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- stopping urban sprawl to reduce the infrastructure cost and preserving undeveloped green space.(or brown as it is much of the year)
- Strengthen all neighbourhoods. Stop the richer people from taking control of what happens in the neighbourhoods. They only start events that suits the other richer people.
- Stricter community development/aesthetics guidelines could make for more vibrant communities, especially in the inner city!
- The suburbs have no character to them. The city is a sprawling mass of houses where no one knows their neighbours. We are often critiqued as a cold heartless city.
- TOD and low income housing projects cannot be pushed through by the city without community consultation and support. I do not support either of these initiatives at Glenmore Landing. No consultation with citizens.
- TOD and low income housing projects need to be supported by the affected communities prior to the City approval. Our communities are being left out of these conversations and I am not okay with the City social engineering the community I live in.
- "Vibrant communities
- Distributed business sector
- Sustainable development"
- Vitality and small business development in neighborhoods / communities.
- We need more urban density in this city.
- We need to raise the standard of building and architecture in this city to be world class. Density should not trump quality.
- What do you mean by mixed neighbourhood? I bought into the community that I did because it's been the same since the 1960s and I like it like that. Mature, timeless, with neighbours I love.
- Would like to see revival of Forest Lawn area.
- You tell the mayor that just because he is not a sports fan he can just [removed] on Calgary next that's more important than his other interests
- Zoning. I did not like what you did about my community zoning. I bought into Haysboro forty years ago expect you to honour single family occupancy. I do not agree with basement suite made a forever property right. There goes the neighbourhood.
- We need to ensure that neighbours and communities are consulted about new development and have a veto over inappropriate development.
- Give Community Associations more authority to decide how they want their communities to develop. Stop letting city planners overrule the wishes of a majority of area residents, especially in regards to development. CAs deserve to be heard and consulted and their opinions should be equally important as those of city planners, not less important.

All Other

- moral educations to citizens
- "** public spaces that support our cultural and generational diversity.
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- * better public acknowledgment and celebration of Treaty 7"
- A clean and safe city
- A more even distribution of wealth
- A sacred gathering space for urban Indigenous people



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- "a. We have some great communities, wonderful, safe, non-commercial places to live, have your kids grow, seek local entertainment and specialty (low volume) shopping.
- b. We will all benefit as residents, and non-private concerns become more active community and civic life."
- Aboriginal people do not engage in much community life; perhaps it is not relevant as in culturally appealing. We need a beautiful, large spiritual gathering space appropriate for smudging and all other ceremonies and gatherings across nations to occur and collaborate and showcase and engage Calgarians.
- Accessible local businesses
- Affordable housing, social programs, youth recreation, and cultural comfort would lead to safer neighborhoods and manageable crime
- Affordable services in a downturned economy may mean civic cuts. Unless you hire ck consulting Inc. for painting I'd understand.
- All Clgry's communities should have microgrid, that will be resilient to severe weather conditions (flood, ice-storm, snow storm, lightning, tornados etc.)
- all the above are extremely important.
- Art! City wasting taxes on stupid 'art' projects, blue ring, lights on waste pump station...etc. City police used as overpaid tax collectors just writing traffic tickets, instead of crime fighting.
- Art, culture and vibrant suburbs.
- As an aging senior nearing retirement who has NEVER worked in the oil patch, I have great concerns about whether or not I will be able to retire in this city due to the extremely high cost of living and lack of subsidies for seniors in this city/province/country who were born here and contributed to the country their entire lives.
- Beautification of medians, boulevards and community entranceways. Comparing Vancouver's boulevards to Calgarys make us feel as though we live in a 'scorched earth' City. Please plant more trees, shrubs, etc. in medians.
- Bike paths in downtown Calgary is waiting for an accident to happen. We have more vehicles than cyclists but it seems cyclists are giving priority. The bike lanes are great in rural areas but not in the downtown area. Wait until the tourists come this summer, a cyclist is going to get hurt, if not killed.
- Building communities that contain what people need...a grocery store, a pharmacy, school, community centre, library, a bank, a "main street" with independent shops and a place to gather (restaurant/cafe). I envision something similar to Britannia - NOT a strip mall. A place where people can walk to take care of their daily business within their community - seeing their neighbours along the way....
- Building social capital, connections, and abilities through community groups and associations.
- Calgary is a progressive city
- Can we stop focusing on the East Village? There's the rest of downtown that needs vibrancy and as long as the EV has the drop in centre, its not an area I want to bring my children/family around.
- City of Calgary services in each community that correspond to the level of taxes in that community
- City workers hured to cut grass, do it
- Clean safe vibrant COMMUNITIES NOT JUST DOWNTOWN. walkable spaces with local cafes, grocery and bakeries.
- Cleaner areas where garbages are monitored and available to limit littering. Better attention to curb appeal of communities.
- cleaner communities...more maintenance keeping communities clean and attractive
- Cleaner streets
- Communites, should be just that "complete" communites, like a small town atmosphere



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- Community gardens and orchards - Food forestry for every community.
- Community hall survival
- Community spirit is more than infrastructure it is helping people identify with their communities as a place they call home
- Community-based groups/grassroots organization should have access to affordable and accessible spaces for meetings, gatherings and other activities.
- Cultural education that promotes inclusiveness and diversity
- Cut in pay for politicians
- Cutting taxes and lowering utility costs
- Downtown is not a place that you go unless you work there, lets work harder at making it attractive for people to work, live and shop
- Engagement plan to encourage people to contribute in their communities
- Every community should have energy storage to support citizens during severe weather's caused power outages. This technology is know as microgrid technology. There are 1000 microgrid projects world-wide. Clgry should use the microgrid solution in every community.
- experiment in our communities
- Fix the sidewalks in downtown - for a city this size - we must have the ugliest downtown I have ever seen.
- Flood Mitigation Measures
- Flood planning
- green space in communities
- Have Calgarians become more informed about our Aboriginal First Nations roots and origin.
- Having the sense of community restored within the neighbourhood from the perspective of knowing your neighbour
- heritage and community character, affordable housing solutions that don't negatively impact heritage like secondary suites and laneway houses
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- "Homeless individuals
- Drug addiction programs are pathetic
- Mismanagement of money by government officials"
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, i refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs to much.Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.
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- I am 3rd generation calgarian and I can't remember our city looking trashy we live in sandstone and drive up Berkshire Blvd every day the fences on the city side look like a ghetto the trees that have died get taken out and not replaced so there is big gaps between them I remember being very proud how are city looked and now it's shameful that millions of \$ have been spent on the peace bridge the big circle off airport trail it would



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be nice to see painted fences on the city side of properties trees replaced when they die maybe flowers planted in communities as they say beauty is in the eye of the beholder and this would be relatively cheaper to do tha 1or 2 single projects

- I am a dog lover/owner and property owner that pays my share of property tax. I am actually contemplating moving away from calgary, because it is becoming next to impossible to safely enjoy outdoor activities with my dog. I can't walk him around my neighbourhood anymore (huntington hills) because of too many uncontrolled offleash animals running around, and there are no safe fenced dog parks in the north where coyotes are not a problem/danger. Would really like to see stronger bylaws to punish people that have their uncontrolled animals offleash where not allowed. I'm tired of having my animal attached because of this and it means that I cannot enjoy outdoor activities and parks. Please consider putting in a fenced offleash park specifically for small dogs in the north central area of calgary. I pay taxes here just like everyone else, but the park plans never cater to my activity needs or safety needs ever.
- I am a proud Calgarian, am very proud of our city, the city of Calgary does an outstanding job to keep our city beautiful.
- I checked emergency management plans... because there are several developments being planned or seacking approval near railway tracks. I think that there needs to be a lot of scrutiny of these plans to ensure that people are safe, have very good evacuation opportunities, noise mitigation, vibration protection... Hopefully these are covered in this category.
- I feel there should be a greater focus on reinvigorating existing communities. A renewed commitment to the aesthetic and vibrancy of Calgary's middle- to lower- class neighborhoods would go a long way to boosting morale and engagement in the city.
- "i live in west hillhurst the city approved an infill and when the land scaping was done... their property drained in to my property the city came out from the building department all they stated was that it was built to code they are built about 1.5 to 2 feet above the rest of the neighbours. there was only 1 survey done of the land before the build was done there was no survey done after the build
- there were photo delivered to the mla in august last summer when we had the two large rains and her assistant took the photos and stated that would get intouch and that did not happen and the mal did not seem to care about what goes on her riding"
- I put economy first because without a sound economy nothing else can happen. And city council needs to get aligned on having money BEFORE spending money. Doing it with new taxes, new fees, new levys will not do it. Do it like your citizens do, redefine your priorities and make do with the monies available. ANYONE can tax and spend, thoughtful government works within their means.
- I want an accountable administration and council. No one is listening to us.
- I wish I could pick more than three
- I would just like to elaborate on community standards being enforced - something NEEDS to be done about the icy roads/alleys. They are DANGEROUS.
- I would like something done for the people in Midfield Mobile Home Park. They need to be able to keep their homes. Some of the homes cost around 100,000 dollars. A lot of the people are seniors and these are their retirement homes. This is my number 1 priority,
- I would like to see my community of Tuxedo Park revitalized - and i don't mean transit. In fact, i think the greenline will be terrible for Tuxedo Park. Let's focus on beautifying Centre Street. Extend some of the LED lighting enhancements made downtown.
- I would like to understand how the City works so that I understand how and why things are done and where to go to participate and do that properly and effectively.



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- If Calgary doesn't have better and more diverse jobs I will have to leave. This is why the economy is #1. As a city we need more arts, creativity, and intellectual events that are free around the city throughout the year and to get away from the red neck big oil and gas money hockey mentality that dominates the city and makes the rest of us hate living here. We need a real metro and to stop pumping money into an inefficient inconvenient public transportation system that doesn't let you get around in a reasonable time if you don't live in specific areas of the city and mayor Nenshi has clearly favoured the northeast of the city regarding the LRT. We need to be able to walk everywhere!!! There shouldn't be any roads that don't allow bikes or pedestrians. Plus when you have such horrible public transportation, it is unethical to charge the prices that are being charged for parking downtown and in the belt line. Affordable housing is also a major problem
- I'm assuming 'Comunities' also means parks and pathways.
- Increased support for noise barriers in communities with high traffic areas
- Instead of having multiple signs on every boulevard of every subdivision, provide a illuminated sign near the entrance or community centre that can be controlled electronically from each community centre. No more signs polluting our green spaces.
- It seems good now and like to keep it that way, sa
- it's difficult to appreciate our older communities when they're more and more being congested with renters who don't care about the appearance and neighbors - this applies to the landlords as well !! I am very passionate about this matter as the " broken glass theory " is not taken seriously. I have to say I am very disgruntled that a lovely older community, in some cases, are made to look sloppy and start a reputation of druggies/criminals/homeless people infiltrate the neighborhoods; case and point, Forest Lawn and surrounding communities or N.E. Calgary. The bylaws need to take care of their business so the caring residents are not feeling victimized or not being listened to because one has to constantly call for same matters; let bylaw be more proactive and reactive....thank you....
- Keeping communities clean and relatively quiet
- "Let's make Calgary communities a safe place for our children and future generations to grow and live with as the city is diverse.
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- Liveness
- Lower property taxes - decrease spending. Taxes increasing at every level and salaries/bonuses decreasing.
- Lower taxes
- lower taxes
- Make communities walk friendly. Restaurants, cafes, local groceries and bakeries
- Make each community a place people love to live with character and style -
- "Make public art more accessible and less expensive - no more blue rings
- Make Calgary a good place to live for everyone - especially those who live on minimum wage or uncertain jobs
- end homelessness"
- Making Calgary a community and not just a place to live and work.
- Many of our communities without HOA's are starting to look worn, with many residents refusing to be a part of a beautification program. Also, community associations should be more clearly regulated. Our community is a mess, and they are just trying to get it sorted, after 35 years!!!
- Massive increase in aircraft noise and possible devaluation of our property
- More Dog Parks



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- More Dog parks! I know that we are blessed to have many throughout the city, but adding more off leash space, particularly to new communities, would be so nice.
- More focus on activities outside the downtown core. Having more community centred programs will make the communities more lively and interesting to live in.
- More inclusion to the various cultures in the area, from the immigrant societies to our first nations. The Blackfoot name for Calgary 'moll-inistsis-in-aka-apewis' should be just as prominent as "Be part of the Energy". Maybe first nations people would be treated less like crap if we recognized and integrated the culture into the fiber of our city.
- More public art
- Most communities don't look very neat and clean, especially the lanes between two buildings are really hard to walk or drive through.
- Need money spent on parks for walking and pathways. Noise enforcement staff need to work past 5 pm.
- Need more intervention with council to meet residents concerns
- Need to proceed with flood mitigation
- New communities need to have sidewalks that are actually wide enough to walk on, on both sides of the street; more fitness facilities should be incorporated into the development of new communities.
- No
- None
- Not sure if Calgary participates in the Vital Signs Survey. The survey would be an interesting measure of how Calgary is doing.
- Our city is more of a multicellular creature than a single organism, but things that affect one unit ripple to us all
- Our communities used to be beautiful, now older areas are full, of beoken down cars broken fences old toys and mostly just a bunch of junk in peoples yards. Enforce the bylaws and make these people keep their houses in nice shape and tidy. Really ugly .
- Pathways to connecting communities to downtown.
- Promoting art locally thought local artists to make our communities beautiful.
- rebuild Harvie Passage, river access for boaters,
- Rejuvenate the original and forgot communities like, for instance, Queensland!?
- Return the downtown to what it is designed to be, Remove the 8 avenue mall in entirety. make it a two street. Keep OLYMPIC park as it paid for and is necessary as an outdoor venue. DEMOLISH SILLY Hall and move it to FIRESTONE park and allow free parking to attend business and city council. at present it is near impossible to attend council and see the work not being done.
- River/Memorial Drive cleanup. Looks disgusting. East Village River walk is amazing but the north side could do with some work.
- Safe, clean and beautiful community.
- See my prior comments on safety and not being able to walk in my own neighbourhood with my dog anymore. With no alternate safe options for dog parks in the north because of a coyote problem in unfenced offleash parks.
- seniors participation is highly recommended
- Spend more time cleaning and trimming city property
- Spend some \$\$ on older communities outside inner city.
- Stability of the inner city community dependent on flood control



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- Stop wasting money on Capital Cost Artwork that is over priced and over rated put the dollars into value into communities that is worth while
- Stopping the south west transitway
- Strengthening citizenship and collaboration within Calgary's communities
- Stricter community development/aesthetics guidelines could make for more vibrant communities, especially in the inner city!
- support and development of individual communities
- Supporting communities and their most vulnerable
- The City should needs to reduce its work force and privatize more like other cities
- THE COMMUNITY IS THE EXPERT
- The long term plan for the city with consultation with communities...
- The more I read in this survey the more scared I get that the current mayor and council is going to wreck our city. Inspired neighbourhoods, mixed and just, who comes up with this pathetic dribble? How about communities where the citizens actually feel they are listened to not told the way this mayor and some councillors Dream this city should be. Engagement my ass, every so called engagement meeting I've been to is been an info session on what has already been decided.
- The most important thing is to turf that fat bastard nenshi out of office.
- "There seems to be problems with the new LED light standards around the city. In my area I often see lights flashing, or entire areas without lighting. For example on Bow Trail west of Sarcee, those lights seem to always be having problems. I like the idea of moving to LED, because of the cost efficiencies, but I hope it's being done in a prudent and cost effective manner.
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- The City should encourage citizens to reduce overall power usage by providing incentives for installing and using energy reducing products."
- These options are
- These things are important not only to families, but as our population ages they should also be senior friendly.
- They aren't really separate issues.
- Toilets
- Traffic flow around the city.
- Transform existing inner city neighbourhoods into vibrant and walkable spaces.
- Two words, complete communities.
- Updating old playgrounds in Ranchlands
- "Utilize local resources, knowledge, arts and culture, through all the aboriginal nations, build community cohesiveness, awareness, pride in our unique collective history. We are all Treaty people.
- Crime prevention is super important, but we are doing so well in this area that I do not need to prioritize except to say Calgary could be a wonderful example for other Youth Justice services across the country."
- "Vibrant communities
- Distributed business sector
- Sustainable development"
- We have too many.
- We need a functional more controlled dog park like plenty of other cities and countries have. One for rambunctious dogs and one for docile small dogs in a large gated off area with benches and what not.
- We need to become more community minded. That is why I'll be running for Mayor.



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- We need to include First Nations in the naming of our expressways and places. I would like to see Treaty 7 languages and names for special places integrated into our naming policies.
- While a "clean, safe, vibrant downtown" is a great for all Calgarians and tourists alike, I feel a community-centric approach should be the priority. Revitalizing a park in the north east, extending the train to the south east, etc.
- While the private sector is dealing with job cuts and salary reduction, our home values are declining, how can the city increase property taxes, continue to employ over paid civil servants/not assess the current level of civil servant pay?
- Why isn't tax reduction plan on this list?
- Why just a vibrant downtown.
- Will anyone at the city of Calgary actually listen to these surveys if it does not agree with the current council agenda?
- Would appreciate community engagement and the City before approving projects without our consultation.
- You should attach descriptors to your options. "Community
- a clean and safe community that we live in--it isn't now
- better schools, facilities & programs & standards. Cut all these arts & music & sports & language schools and make community schools great.
- Bylaw enforcement
- Control spending
- Controlling costs where they matter. Reduce need for fire halls and increase range by advocating for residential sprinkler in the safety code. Develop less parks, consolidate them and maintain them better.
- Creating streets with businesses, help small businesses
- Dandelion mitigation. Parks in older communities look awful and are slippery for kids to run on. Unpleasant to sit and picnic too. It's really gotten gross
- Dog parks
- Eliminate community fees like in new Brighton and mahogany when we already pay pepper property taxes that should cover the user of community facilities.
- Enforcement of speed/road laws. Parking bylaws in communities
- Get City Hall out of the Arts and housing business: those should be up to local communities and/or groups to create and put on.
- Give Community Associations more authority to decide how they want their communities to develop. Stop letting city planners overrule the wishes of a majority of area residents, especially in regards to development. CAs deserve to be heard and consulted and their opinions should be equally important as those of city planners, not less important.
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- Low income support for under privileged kids
- Lower property taxes
- More city run fitness and swim facilities in Deep South, Clean communities (weekly waste pickup), and safe community for pedestrians (crosswalks)
- nice, quiet street to live on



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- NO SUBSIDIES FOR NON TAX PAYERS INCLUDING REFUGEES and other immigrant help small business
- our roadways must be maintained year round kept clear of snow and pot hole free. garbage pick up should be once a week and the cost of the garbage bins must be eliminated
- Poverty alleviation, reduction
- Reducing property taxes and fees
- Secondary suites approve it!
- Stop giving money to large "charities" like YMCA Calgary who don't pay their own employees living wages and unlike most other charities they actually have a major revenue source. United Way is another example of a large charity that does not need money or PR support; they are a major brand that takes a significant cut of donations to serve its own interests. Overall a re-direction of charitable funds to housing programs. The city should directly administer more social assistance programs. Charities are majorly inefficient and often lack the expertise we believe they have.
- Supporting local businesses in the communities in which they operate
- tax relief for over taxed citizens
- Use our \$52 million tax refund that you helped yourself to.
- We need to ensure that neighbours and communities are consulted about new development and have a veto over inappropriate development.



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Calgary's Environment

Within the Category of Calgary's Environment, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Natural Landscapes, Parks and Green Space

- Protect and grow park systems
- More assable parks
- I'm grateful past community leaders have ensured that parks & green spaces are set aside for public use. I'm sad to see the reduction in green spaces & dog parks especially when citizens were not truly consulted on how places like River Park would be altered - forever.
- improve the use of the green spaces we have.
- "a. This category relates to NATURAL environment, rather than for example, social environment or environment for investment.
- b. While the provincial and federal governments are responsible for protecting the natural environment (i.e. healthy ecosystems), the city has done an admirable job protecting and supporting green spaces. This is important for our health and well-being, and to encourage appreciation and respect for the natural environment in our youth and people new to our area. These green spaces also informally build community. Whatever happened to the developer or owner who removed trees that would block his view? There was a loud backlash initially with much chest-thumping. Was justice served? Why not? What has been done to prevent such activities?
- c. Manage dandelions and other such weeds on public properties so that they don't impact the enjoyment of public properties (e.g. golf courses) or private properties"
- Maintain City's Pathway and Parks
- Make every off leash park fenced!
- More parks
- I love all the green spaces and pathways in Calgary. But why are Calgarians so freaked out about graffiti? If a group of artists are willing to put up an awesome installation for free, let it stay. Reward the good stuff.
- All power plants, industrial emitters should have NOx and Sox scrubbers on their exhaust systems. Develop the parks that are earmarked on the Bearspaw Reservoir. Provide more access to the Bow and Elbow Rivers so that more people can enjoy the city from the water.
- Access to the environment via parks, paths, cycling paths, etc makes Calgary unique
- As Calgary grows it's incredibly important to maintain green in the area. Our air gets heavily polluted and we need a way to clean it out. We should aim to be the greenest city. It will be a much nicer place to live than anywhere else.
- Continued investment in parks and trail systems
- Keeping parks clean, maybe have community clean up days for local parks that get less attention. The park behind the 8th street LRT is usually full of litter and clothing. We need to change an attitude about where we dispose of garbage especially with garbage cans readily available.
- Please do more for both our flora and our fauna - non-human animals.
- Clean parks and pathwawys. There are a lot of homeless camps behind c-train lines/stations and in public parks. Especially in summer I get that they are down on their luck they are just people and they need help... we've all been there but at least they could use the garbage cans provided by the city.



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- Leave nose hill park alone! Spend this \$ on making more parks!
- Need more green spaces
- need to protect The Weaselhead from Ring Road pollution
- I want to see the green spaces near Glenmore reservoir protected and not removed for transit projects, TOD, or low income housing developments.
- Keeping more green spaces.
- Convert golfcourses to gardening and public green spaces .
- Parks and green space are important. Signage in these areas for people to pick up their dog poop would be appreciated. I have a green space behind my home, lots of dog poo is left behind. My husband goes out with a scoop shovel and picks it up, yuck! Kids also like to play, they don't need to be running in dog poo.
- Don't build highways over wetlands just to chop 30 seconds from someone's commute. More green space in downtown would be nice. Princes island is overused. Space for lunchtime soccer games and frisbee would improve health and make downtown more liveable
- Calgary already has great air and water, and plenty of park space.
- I think every Calgarian should have easy access to green spaces
- Environmental protection and sustainable living are huge priorities for me. I feel calgary has a long way to go with this.
- Want more natural areas. Stop cutting down vegetation; stop cross-fencing parks.
- How about not selling green spaces to developers for TOD projects that are of zero benefit to existing communities? Or jamming in extra lanes of traffic down 14th street SW? How can you say you care about the environment and yet push forward projects with negative environmental impacts?
- Stop selling our green space to developers for TOD and low income housing projects. Would be nice to see preservation of the few green spaces we actually have within the inner city.
- Our very future relies on us making good decisions for now and the future of our city. We must protect our water ways and keep our forests and park areas.
- "Going forward it's important to protect our natural and recreational parks. Conitued growth of Community gardens and related food security programs such as the Good Food box and Coomunity kitchens, provide connections and finical independence.
- Continued growth of gardening for all of our citizens to enjoy and thrive. Continued partnerships with the Horticultural Society.
- Involve youth and children in the process of
- how to protect our environment."
- Protecting old growth and fostering new green spaces
- Safet and security in larger parks (l.e. There is currently excessive damage being done in Griffith Woods by teenage parties at night - trees are being axed, large fire pits in wooded areas ..causing damage and safety hazzards.
- Maintenance of Calgary's naturalized parks is a major priority to me. This is a major quality of life aspect of living in Calgary.
- Low-maintenance urban landscaping.
- protect recreational green spaces from development
- Difficult to pick 3. Preservation & restoration of natural landscapes and reducing greenhouse gas emissions also rate the same as the ones chosen.
- Preserving the Paskapoo slopes.



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- Low impact development and integrating biodiversity and real nature into our communities. Metropolitan cities offer great public realm throughout enabling people to live compactly without sacrificing quality of life.
- Increase park space in older established neighbourhoods.
- Also, maintain access to trails in parks, such as Nose Hill or Douglas Fir. Trails are being shut off and replaced with paths.
- Many of the points listed above, other than the 3 I chose, are extremely important to me. Our household recycles everything we can, we value our parks and natural areas more than you can imagine and believe we must make every attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions if we are to have a healthy planet to live in and water to drink.
- Use the beautiful landscape and incorporate it into a boardwalk or public area where people can meet and get to know each other.
- Calgary parks and municipal golf
- more parks
- Calgary has a great start but there is a lot more to do. biodiversity, urban forest, solar, wind and low impact development are very important for our future
- Stop developing our green spaces
- We need to do more in regards to our natural spaces within the city limits, particulate in the north.
- concerned about ring road over the Weaselhead
- Sustainable growth and keeping nature in amongst all the concrete
- More large parks (ie. bowness) encouraging community and calgarian involvement with nature
- The green space and parks are incredibly important. I have a daughter and being outside in nature within the city is one of the very best things I can do for her. I love it and she loves it. Trying to create a city that encompasses urban living with nature is paramount.
- Don't pave through weaselhead
- Promote the planting of fruit trees and vegetable gardens to help feed the poor.
- Promote the planting of fruit trees and vegetable gardens to help feed Calgary residents and be an example to other urban centres. Promote planting of WAY more flowers. They are a balm to the spirit.

Environmental Education

- Keeping parks clean, maybe have community clean up days for local parks that get less attention. The park behind the 8th street LRT is usually full of litter and clothing. We need to change an attitude about where we dispose of garbage especially with garbage cans readily available.
- Promote solar and LED in a responsible way
- Green carts are another tax grab, Reduce gas emissions only works if everyone plays the game, we are told not to idle our cars but its ok if the cops can sit in Micky Ds for breakfast and have two or three cars running outside. Maybe it's for a quick getaway not sure. The city police should be given some environmental education. Growing city is true so in most accident situations city police block more roadway than most accidents causing grid lock, on a already backed up city, the planners of the Deer Foot should be flogged for the design, lets have a fender bender have the cops block all the lanes and then drop the lanes down to two and add a half a foot of salt to rust your car away while you wait to get through. With the fifty million you don't know how to spend maybe give it back to the people to wash the salt off there cars.
- Education on the importance of helping our environment
- Focus on cleaning up stormwater by educating public and using alternative to salt



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- Food Waste
- Empowering for citizen led pest management initiatives.
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- Educating on responsible use of water and energy
- Working with the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association to educate Calgarians about how their choices affect wildlife and fish.
- This also ties into public transportation and cycling routes...get people OUT of their single occupant vehicles.
- All the priorities above are important. Environmental education with practical examples of actions that can be taken in daily life and their impact will hopefully encourage people to show interest and act on these priorities.
- Limit citizen and commercial use of fossil fuel powered vehicles to one vehicle per household and reduce commercial fleet size by 20% within 5 years. Introduce a by-law making Calgary a 'No Idling' zone, with \$200 fine for each violation together with a permanent City-run 'No-idle/Automobile Use Reduction/Public Transportation Incentives-Education Program
- If our citizens don't have the skills to help the environment. How can the government? That's why I think environmental education is important
- Reduce new roads and get creative with helping people make different choices about how to get around. Lower speed limits in residential areas. Slow down Calgary.
- Teach children in schools how to garden
- Real cost accounting for development that includes environment and social impact.
- Need environmental education targetted at commercial businesses and industrial sectors - less of this out of sight out of mind.
- "I think our landfills are too accessible. There's far too much that goes in that could be re-used. Wood, metal, drywall. Focus on the commercial end. I think household compliance has peaked.
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- Environmental Education could replace one of these if it's known to be effective. I kind of think this is something we should all know about by now."
- It would be great if the city's goal was to become energy self-sufficient then sell those technologies/techniques to other cities. That way we would be able to be less dependant on oil prices.
- Inform people and do more about the possible high levels of radan!
- They are all important, but if we cover education, we cover all topics. And if we invest in new energy sources, we create more jobs. This doesn't mean leaving oil and gas behind.
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- All the points above are important. Starting from education to programs to city services. Thank you.

All Other

- Like our Blue Box, program am not sold on the Green as it is a waste of money and my time.



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- "1. using natural ecosystem based solutions to pest and ""weed"" problems - stop spraying parks and poisoning ponds.
- 2. same goes for flood mitigation - how does nature do it? Slow down the flow, slow it and spread it gently. Look at permaculture principles - learn from the beaver."
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- "Address errors of the past first
- Need to be consistent ie signage and speed limits
- Improve all areas"
- Air quality initiatives such as subsidizing monthly commuter tickets on LRT and HOV lanes, or 4 day work week for some public employees and tax breaks for employers who offer 4 day week or telecommuting options.
- All of the above
- All of the above.
- All of these are important. For me, it's about building sustainable communities: urban gardens, parks with a purpose, etc.
- All power plants, industrial emitters should have NOx and Sox scrubbers on their exhaust systems. Develop the parks that are earmarked on the Bearsaw Reservoir. Provide more access to the Bow and Elbow Rivers so that more people can enjoy the city from the water.
- Already well served
- Also, please do not put fluoride back into the water. We should not be drinking neurotoxins. Not to mention that there is far too much chlorine in the water. My bathroom smells like a swimming pool after filling the tub and I can't drink the water because it tastes like bleach smells. I've had to buy a water system. It's terrible.
- Arborists should be working year round and protect roads and pathways from trees and overgrown bushes.
- As we know one of the worst ... Failed Calgary!
- banning of pesticides
- Better off leash dog parks please.
- Better weed control on public and private lands.
- Billing already overtaxed Calgarians for composting when quite a few already do it is a waste of our money. You can not make people do things they do not want to do but the rest of the city must pay? This does not make sense to me.
- Builders to plan some amount of trees for each house they built.
- by the environment I was referring to the City vibe... is it safe to walk the streets at night, is it safe to ride transit alone,
- Calgary already has great air and water, and plenty of park space.
- Calgary has a great start but there is a lot more to do. biodiversity, urban forest, solar, wind and low impact development are very important for our future
- Calgarys changing climate will result in changes to the availability of water and require water use reduction practices to be used as water sources from glaciers shrink.
- change Bow River view in core city area(I mentioned once) by build immersed dams. Environmental should include sight-see of our resource.



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- "Check out this article: Intact nature offers best defense against climate change"
- http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2016-01/wcs-ino012816.php
- Clean air and water are essential to all aspects of life and the economy.
- Clean air, water and land are important as they protect public health.
- Clean parks and pathwawys. There are a lot of homeless camps behind c-train lines/stations and in public parks. Especially in summer I get that they are down on their luck they are just people and they need help... we've all been there but at least they could use the garbage cans provided by the city.
- Clean up and restore roadsides from gravel and salt damage
- Clean up around LRT station Southland all garbage
- Commercial waste and recycling the private companies do not come close to doing an adequate job of any of it compared to city operated waste and recycling collections for both commercial and multi family. Look at private waste areas around city to see it never gets collected etc this should always be an option for landlords and businesses alike to have option of city operated waste and recycling collections
- community gardens
- Community Gardens
- Composting in miles behind other communities
- Difficult to pick 3. Preservation & restoration of natural landscapes and reducing greenhouse gas emissions also rate the same as the ones chosen.
- Do not begin compost program as the bins are too small
- Doing a good job here.
- Don't forget to spray for dandelions
- Dredge the damn.....stop listening to idiotic, one sided opinions of environment. Like all third world situations you must find a balance between what the needs of the community are and its environment.
- Educating on responsible use of water and energy
- Everything listed is important; not possible to only pick three.
- Fair, we already have tertiary Water treatment. Take out every 2nd street lite in residential or further low power existing. USE more cost effective transportation. LRT is good in Rush hour- 1 way, other way is empty. That is 50% usage! Use Bus and save the monster Cap costs.
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- Flood control on the Elbow has to be a number 1 priority for anything else to work effectively.
- Flood mitigation
- Flood mitigation benefits a very small portion of Calgary residents. Public funds should not be used on flood mitigation - persons who choose to live on a flood plain are responsible for their decisions.
- Grass cutting kills trees that aren't being replaced.
- Green carts are another tax grab, Reduce gas emissions only works if everyone plays the game, we are told not to idle our cars but its ok if the cops can sit in Micky Ds for breakfast and have two or three cars running outside. Maybe it's for a quick getaway not sure. The city police should be given some environmental education. Growing city is true so in most accident situations city police block more roadway then most accidents causing grid lock, on a already backed up city, the planners of the Deer Foot should be flogged for the design, lets have a fender bender have the cops block all the lanes and then drop the lanes down to two



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- Green jobs
- Grow more local fruit and vegetables - need a greenhouse like SPRUNG once had in Ogden road.
- Guide ENMAX to deliver sustainable energy solutions.
- Hold off on the wind and sun craziness. Shift focus on to storage and carbon capture technologies.
- I am beginning to be concerned about safety in Calgary. Gang shootings and drugged drivers mean that innocent people are getting snuffed.
- I appreciate Calgary's animal bylaw that allows me to have multiple dogs in my home so that I always have a younger and good working therapy dog, even when I have three senior dogs that have retired from hospital visiting.
- I compost so I would want to opt out of the green bin program.
- I do not feel that the Green Cart program is necessary, Many Calgarians are composting already. also have no room for another cart.
- I don't believe this is a priority to the city at all. Current city plans in my community will have a negative impact on the surrounding environment, air quality, noise levels, and green spaces.
- I have noticed that some city sprinklers are on during rainy days! this should stop
- "I live in subsidized housing living with a disability and I'm a single parent.
- I think the our rent should go up by 15.00 a month if each family that doesn't recycle because they are to lazy.
- We have two huge garbages in back
- 1.) paper only
- 2.) foe all washed and cleaned recycle able things like food packages, cleaning bottles washed labels removed.
- Each time I go out to recycle everyone has everything dumped into one garbage like pizza boxes, cardboard boxes everything dumped in together only to go into our landfills.
- If they are to lazy and don't care about saving our earth they should be charged 15.00 to 25.00 if each one does not recycle and see if that changes there mind"
- I think flood mitigation and watershed management should be considered part of responsible use of water. We use the river's as the City's water sources and managing those watersheds appropriately goes hand in hand with responsible usage of water.
- I think moving into new energy sources, and composting will show that we are progressive in energy and more than just oil.
- I think the City is doing a great job.
- I think the entire list is extremely important and had a hard time trying to pick 3 important ones.
- I think there's a good balance now. Would like to see getting around the city a little easier.
- I wish I could choose more than 3!



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- I would also choose composting and green cart, specifically for multi-family/condo.
- I would also love to see green carts rolled out ASAP
- I would check them all off if I could. Watershed protection is huge, need to pressure prov and fed to protect natural watershed instead of focusing on dams and engineered solutions
- I would like someone to look at removing subsidies for businesses which are very damaging to our environment (animal agriculture for example)
- I'd like to see the city crack down harder on the bug companies downtown and their recycling programs. Up until recently a large number of them didn't recycle ANYTHING. I mean seriously, it's 2016 and they had no programs in place.
- I'm all for helping the environment but who gave the city the right to force bins down our throats and tax us to no end. I wasn't comfortable with the blue and black bins but now I see that they work well as far as the compost bins you can shove them or find a place to put them because I have no room in front of property for more of your bins. It is nothing but a tax grab
- I'm on tab 2 of this action plan which I am not going to finish because it is rigged for certain answers from the start what a crock of bs the people who put this together should be fired
- Implement grey water
- In reality, all of these are very important to combating climate change.
- "Install NOx and SOx scrubbers on all major emitters.
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- Allow better access to our lakes, canals, rivers.
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- Don't build on flood plains."
- It doesn't matter how many trees get planted for every purchase of whatever item it may be, trees should be planted any time and huge amounts for the sake of the world and how much we've ALL destroyed it.
- It's really our responsibility to do all of this as human beings dependent on living ecosystems as our life force. So I actually check everything off as a priority.
- Keep bike lanes in the parks not on the streets.
- Keep up the good work..in my opinion the City is doing a good job re our drinking water and keeping water ways clean, but never stop if there are more improvements to be made...thank you
- Keeping this in mind I am still in favour of MAINTAINING all the oil sands in order to bring back all the jobs lost.
- Key priority is new energy sources, the more we start to shift and create an equal playing field for renewable resources, the more we are helping to change our world for the long term. We need a healthy environment if we want to have a strong economy, healthy communities, and future for the rest of the generations to come. Let's stop allowing corporation (with short term lenses, and desire to make money) to dictate how we run our power system. As science has proven over and over again, climate change is an issue we can no longer put in the back burner. This impacts everyone around the world, this is a social justice issue! We need to focus on the longer term impacts of our actions.
- Let's mine our landfills to generate power
- Limit citizen and commercial use of fossil fuel powered vehicles to one vehicle per household and reduce commercial fleet size by 20% within 5 years. Introduce a by-law making Calgary a 'No Idling' zone, with \$200 fine for each violation together with a permanent City-run 'No-idle/Automobile Use Reduction/Public Transportation Incentives-Education Program
- local community green spaces with plantings, not maintenance-free materials



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- Local nutritious food
- LOVE that multi-family recycling is now up and running in my apartment, so recycling is no longer a future priority
- Maintaining clean communities via litter pick up and fines for litter
- Make environment pollution free
- Making accessible and using local produce and other local goods.
- managing dandelions
- Mandatory gardens in every school of Calgary.
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- massive increase in air pollution from the airport and new runway even worse on nights with big temp inversions
- More focus on animal welfare as well.
- More LED streetlights.
- More solar power and LED street lamps please!
- More support for residents to grow their own local food/gardens.
- More trees in the city
- more trees should be planted along Calgary roads, communities, and parks. I just visited Edmonton and it is amazing what they have done to green their city. Calgary is miles behind Edmonton and should look at edmontons programs to emulate
- New energy should harvest our landfills
- No glyphosate (round-up)
- No solar initiatives
- Noise barriers on heavily trav lled roadways, like Deerfoot. The noise levels in communities and parks that are nearby are unacceptable
- Not allowing dog owners to destroy the natural landscapes we have in the city
- Nothing I find important is on the list. All these issues are stupid.
- Officials misuse of tax money
- Organics recycling needs to be implemented to divert this waste away from landfills. Composting is a natural resource we are squandering, like many others.
- Our very future relies on us making good decisions for now and the future of our city. We must protect our water ways and keep our forests and park areas.
- People are more important than the land..



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- People who live in areas that could be affected by floods need to prepare themselves at their own cost. Those of us who can't afford to live near rivers and lakes are not responsible for those who can and none of taxpayers money should go to them.
- plan for
- Please explore a city composting program. One where folks can throw leftover or spoiled food in a bin that is collected by the city to use as compost.
- Please get the green cart/organically recycling started ASAP and please consider CoGen with it. It is an embarrassment that we do not have this service city-wide yet. Also seriously consider gardens in TUC and other public ROWs
- Please work on getting around without building more roads. We've lost enough livable space so let's get creative with pedestrian/walking/transit as a network.
- Preserve the community without bus lanes
- Preserving Calgary's historical buildings
- Promote active transportation
- Promote solar and LED in a responsible way
- Promoting local food
- "Promoting use of empty lots for gardening
- More small parks and community gardens"
- Promotion of urban food growth and biodiverse, ecologically healthy yards and parks. Enough with the lawns already!
- Put political pressure on the Federal Government and the NEB to revise the energy-extractive policy.
- Quit building in our flood plains! Anytime a developer says "oh we will just use fill to raise the height" just say NO! And start buying out the built up flood plain residential areas. Future generations will thank us.
- Reassess bike paths/routes, designated ebike parking and charge spots in the core, relax laws re ebikes on pathways, more buses w bike racks, renewable energy incentives, more free parking in the core
- Reduce new roads and get creative with helping people make different choices about how to get around. Lower speed limits in residential areas. Slow down Calgary.
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- Regarding energy resources, I am not a proponent of wind in the city. Solar yes. also power generation within existing water pipelines
- Renewable energy. Heating sidewalks through heat from buildings. Other countries have this. Create a business environment friendly to renewable engergy
- Residential solar power initiative.
- Rotate garbage and recycling pick up. No need to come each week for all bins. Reduce costs.
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problem from the wrong end. We need to tell manufacturers we don't want so much cardboard, we don't want so much plastic wrap etc. That is where we need to start. This will save forests etc.

- "Safety and security of Calgarians should be no.1.
- The numbers of death in crimes last year should be take an action or priorities. Police department must need a real action. Add some manpower. Its not safe anymore if this crimes will continue. Should be take an action before it will get worst in the city."
- See previous comment
- set up a program for both residential and commercial buildings to be as self sufficient as possible in energy, water/waste water, landscaping.
- Solar Systems where we have our own batteries to save energy.
- Still waiting for a question that actually involves the health of the people
- Stop building out and build/reconstruct upwards!
- Strategies around Flood Mitigation need some serious examining. Start talking about the health of the watershed and back burner all these engineering ideas that simply make the problem worse further down the system.
- take care of public transportation
- take control (use sophisticated methods to avoid those at early stage)of Dandelions in the city of Calgary property. That way household lawns will be safe and healthier. Please do not make all ground looks like yellow.
- Teach children in schools how to garden
- The City needs to do a better job diverting waste -- see City of Markham, ON. Otherwise, responsible Calgarians are subsidizing wasteful packaging and garbage.
- The city straddled the people of calgary with recygly bins that were not asked for at \$8 dollars bin,great tax grab. Now you want to straddle us with another one that most people don't want. the ones that are here now are blowing down the allie and tipped over with trash all over. The city has no feeling towards the people who have to place these bins in there garages and yards. I've always thought that when you buy a house with a garage you could put your cars in it and the yard would be for your childern to play in, not to house all the bins the city straddles you with with out you permisson.
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- The green space and parks are incredibly important. I have a daughter and being outside in nature within the city is one of the very best things I can do for her. I love it and she loves it. Trying to create a city that encompasses urban living with nature is paramount.
- The pollution that seems to be centred around downtown and highway 1 are very disturbing
- The protection of air, land and water
- The titles are very misleading.
- The use of glyphosate as pest control is concerning as lots of researching citing it as a carcinogen.
- There are days when being outside is not enjoyable at all because of the heavy pollution. Sometimes the river valley is thick with pollution and it reminds me of pollution pictures of China.
- There are more than 3 items on this list that are important!



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- They're all important actually
- This also ties into public transportation and cycling routes...get people OUT of their single occupant vehicles.
- This survey does not work mobile. The choices cannot be dragged only tapped on for info.
- "Tired of sprayed grass instead of native grasses
- More natural drought resistant plants
- Keep it natural
- Less mowers"
- transit needs to be more accessible...I'm sure in a perfect world this can be done in a perfect world, however, I believe if buses (maybe use only small buses in some instances) would come along more often, so one doesn't have to wait for very long periods of times at certain times of the day, perhaps transit would be used more often...
- Treed communitys should be standard. ,Bottle necks in tarffic,cause extra exhaust, for hours, let people go to work reduce bottle necks.
- Trees are our lungs
- Upstream mitigation for the Elbow River to protect the environment of all of downtown Calgary
- urban agriculture and food security
- Urban gardening
- Urban gardens on rooftops, balconies, front yards, transform grass bouvelards for food or flowers for bees
- Urban greenhouses, farms and markets in every community
- Utilize Mother Nature , keep natural, transform unused lawn areas to gardens for food to our homeless and working poor, allow people to grow flowers for bees on bouvelards and food that can be donated to the drop in Center, etc
- Vancouver set a cohesive goal of becoming the Greenest City. We need a similar goal so that everything falls within that parameter
- Waste management - there should be a limit to the number of bags ppl can leave for garbage, that will force them to use recycling and compost better
- water management is the most important environment condition followed closely by air management through clean air
- Water treatment plant at the bow river. Needs to be improved to reduce the amount of detergents flowing back out into the river.
- We are a clean city. Though I feel that we could be more accountable. The city does an amazing job with garbage and recycling, however we could be better. I still see people tossing cigarette butts (sp?) out of their cars and... i just dont get it. We are in this together, lets act like it.
- We have major health and safety issues with dogs (and cats). Over 100,000 dogs use our streets, parks and river banks as a toilet. This is a major health issue. Question: Would we tolerate 100,000 plus people doing this on our streets and in our parks. Of course not. Do something about.
- We have one of the cleanest cities in the world. While environment is always an issue, let's keep perspective please.



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- We have too many dirty air days for a city without major industry.
- We must maintain our leadership position and our quality of life in terms of the environment.
- We need more trees in NW
- "We need to make this city more accessible for people with disabilities, seniors, and parents with babies in strollers overall.
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- We also need more affordable and accessible housing units for people with low incomes and disabilities."
- we need to think in the future not for us, not for our kinds, but for our kids's kids
- We should be encouraging car pooling via hoa lanes etc.
- we should have more solar and wind generation than any other city on earth
- Westbrook LRT needs a parking lot. Maybe on top in that wide open space that the city has yet to do anything with.
- What does the CofC do with collected recycling? I have been told it is sent offshore. If this is correct, it begs explanation and transparency.
- why can't i choose all the environment ones? they are all more important than, say, more parking structures down town
- With the all the recycling cart programs in place why has the city not moved to alternate pick up blue cart/ black cart to biweekly. we never fill our bins. When is my rental charge for the carts going to end I should have choice to buy the cart I am sure I have paid for them 3 times over
- Would like to see an effort made to build blvds to plant more trees in existing neighbourhoods - any along 17 ave sw
- You should really attach estimated costs to these items so you can see how much support these ideas actually have. Everything is fine and dandy when it's free.
- 97% of your citizens do not want a green cart - that will be dumped into a truck and left with the bin lid open like your blue & black bins--doggie doo and used kitty litter are a health hazard and used kitty litter is a danger to pregnant women and those with respiratory difficulties -- e-coli in dog poop -- recycle this? come on. pick up our black box WEEKLY, like we are paying you to do! Thanks!
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- Absolutely do not need green cart program do all my own composting.will not pay for city pickup.
- All the bs green programs are as much of a waste of money as the mayors art program.
- basic sports programs at city facilities such as pools
- Calgary's environment is fine. Stop spending resources here. Make the green cart optional. I have my own compost. I don't want to pay any more money for this service.
- Cut the boulevards and spray for mosquitoes and dandelions
- Fines for people not recycling and composting ... Germany was doing it 25 years ago!
- fiscal restraint, effective public spending mon essential services only



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- Focus on air quality in residential neighbourhoods. eg. the long-overdue need to ban backyard firepits to protect the health of vulnerable citizens.
- Golf courses
- i am not satisfied any work you did. the fee is too high. should consider outsource your service
- I compost myself and DO NOT want a green cart
- Invest in electric vehicles as city vehicles require replacement
- labor efficiencies
- layoffs/solution/dipping into the City's rainy day fund. Thank you
- More led lighting in order to reduce electricity use
- None of the other categories above are important to me.
- Promote the planting of fruit trees and vegetable gardens to help feed Calgary residents and be an example to other urban centres. Promote planting of WAY more flowers. They are a balm to the spirit.
- Promote the planting of fruit trees and vegetable gardens to help feed the poor.
- promotion of urban gardens/greenhouses and/or backyard small livestock (or common livestock areas)
- Quit being influenced by radical and scientifically unfounded environmentalists.
- Recycling is a waste of money, where is the audit on how effective this has been? Two big trucks driving around instead of one for black bin? How much of the recycling bin goes into the landfill? I think a lot does.
- reduce electrical costs ; affordable solar panels
- Since property taxes are based on property value, suburbs get a better tax deal. Yet the suburbs require huge infrastructure investments such as roadways for all the single passenger cars. Could there not be property tax breaks for people that say bike or walk to work. There are externalities that are not being charged to the right people.
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- Stop using chlorides on the road for snow and ice control
- Stormwater management (quantity and quality) outside of the river valley
- WAGES AT CITY HALL/NUMBER OF PEOPLE FEEDING AT PUBLIC TROUGH
- waterways
- Weed control



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Growing Calgary

Within the Category of Growing Calgary, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Building in established communities & Densification

- Allowing secondary suites to encourage urban density
- Also not interested in the hidden agendas of TOD into whatever neighbourhoods the City wants.
- Although I agree with building new houses in established areas I have two suggestions: stop building two narrow, tall, monstrous houses on one property and instead build three on two. Yes, it is more difficult to get two properties side by side but would provide more realistically sized rooms within the house, also, not everyone wants a 1700-2000 sq ft house. I would also suggest that developers pay for repairing roads they tear up to put in extra service lines.
- Backyards for my kids to play in.
- Build "up" not "out". Let's quit expanding and start adding more depth to existing areas.
- Build up, not out! The expansiveness of this city is absurd, we don't need more cookie cutter suburbs, we need affordable housing closer to the inner city that doesn't require an hour long commute to get anywhere.
- Building up rather than out everywhere not just near C-train. Building our city so it is not heavily focused on being car commuting city, to being more walker, bike friendly. Situate resources in walking distances, and creating denser areas of development. Not destroying every open green space around our city.
- Calgary needs to grow upwards as well - stop the high cost of urban sprawl and revitalize our inner neighbourhoods!
- create a dense downtown to decrease the amount of cars on the road
- C-Train seems to be at capacity during rush hour already. Adding more users by building at stations seems like a good idea, but simply put, the ctrain isn't able to carry more people right now!
- Denser development around c trains is a good idea so long as parking and/or better connector bus service is available.
- Denser housing options. Fitting more people into less space, and then making use of the farm land surrounding the city rather than turning it into urban development.
- Density is wrong and only creates an environment for conflict.
- Disincentives to sprawl
- do not build dense development around bus stations
- Do not compact existing communities
- Do not continue to minimize the LRT parking available by further shrinking parking lots with retail
- Houses that is, not apartments, townhouses, or condos. Every family needs some space, and building those won't help in preserving personal and familial space for freedom
- How do we expand our city without increasing our environmental impact. We should consider growing our city up rather than outwards (tons of green space is being clear cutted to put housing and strip malls) as this will impact our health and well being in the long run.
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- I don't agree with any of the current mayor or councils ideals of increased inner city density. Can't wait for the next election to see a change of guard!
- I don't think we can continue the sprawl. Too many infill houses are 3 or 4 vertical levels unsuitable for elderly and infants. I don't think the city should support replacement of the Saddledome along the Bow or Elbow flood plains, including the new proposal from the Flames owners. I also am concerned about the high costs and high risks of building subway lines in the downtown core.
- Inner city revitalization would be encouraged if transit goals were not so far reaching. If people choose to live in the suburbs, they choose to drive a lot.
- Legalize secondary suites in all land uses, stop wasting time foot dragging on this issue
- "-Legalize secondary suites.
- -Upzone near LRT stations and near main streets.
- -Reduce minimum parking requirements."
- limit urban sprawl. inner city could use some sprucing up.
- Lots are getting smaller and smaller while houses are building closer to each other. That is bad thing.
- Make it easier to get zoning changes in older communities that will allow small co-housing or cottage housing developments especially for seniors but also others.
- "More high volume Roads. Only build net new infrastructure, meaning no roads are removed for transit or bike lanes. Bike lanes are to be built on fresh soil.
- Build out not up, this is not Hong Kong or Manhattan, we have space, housing should not be so unaffordable."
- More parking near train stations
- More sky scrapers please, like Toronto.
- more thoughts and concerns about the residents and less of cramming in more Condos /high rises in urban areas . If I wanted to live in Toronto I would have moved there
- New development and the high density idea around c-train stations has destroyed Hillhurst Sunnyside. It's almost too late to save the older communities, except, of course, in rich neighbourhoods such as Mt. Royal.
- No more urban sprawl! We are much too big for our own good and financing. Build up the downtown and core city communities. And pass secondary suites already! Stop bickering between council and just do what is best for your people and pass it!
- Old areas need uplift keep close to downtown
- Put a ring road around the city and don't grow outside of it. Grow up and not out.



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- Quit the sprawl. Grow inner city communities.
- "Relocate some business zone from city centre to reduce commute.
- Stop spreading the city.
- Sponsor people who want to build houses Eco- friendly."
- Responsible removal of aging infrastructure
- Stop building suburbs! Calgary's expansion outwards is ridiculous.
- Stop expanding CALGARY, needs to grow in HEIGHTS not in LANDAREA.
- stopping the suburban sprawl
- Stopping urban
- The answer here is sto STOP the urban sprawl and dence up the acres along MacLeod trail for example, 16th Ave. where there are lots and lots sitting there with nothing on them. Why? We can't afford to keep the urban sprawl going. The infrastructure is too expensive for the tax payers. Develop community infrastructure in the older well established areas and beautify them again. Help people who are replacing sewer lines (like me) because the materials used in the 50s andn 60s are wore out. Not all homes have to be removed, sold and rebuild the lot.
- The planning process needs to consider the distinctiveness and character of communities where independent local businesses are given priority. Also, despite the best master plans, if low quality developments are the result, the plan has failed.
- There are limitations to the size Calgary can grow to I think,,,, water resources are not limitless and there are lots of issues that come with being a very large city.... is there another way?
- There are some neighbourhoods that were new suburbs 40 years ago. Those areas should be focused on more. They are starting to decline in population. Putting in newer larger condo complexes can help. Acadia, haysboro, and areas around that are close to c-trains and could be built up. Acadia Manor would be a great property to expand on.
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- There have been projects approved that are out of scale to their existing neighbourhoods, spoiling the existing neighbourhood. The density could have been increased without screwing up the scaling of the community...planning and development need to check their priorities, which may mean mayor and council either need to check their priorities, or do their own erase arch and take less advice from their own self serving employees.
- This city seriously needs to stop growing outwards. It's ridiculous. We should not be allowing companies to build any further outwards, and instead be encouraging building upwards.
- Up, not out, is fine. Preserve, protect, enhance and add to current parks.
- Urban growth occurs in a way that fosters a more compact and efficient use of land.
- very high density mixed commercial residential and Calgary Parking Authority Parkades incorporated into the sites, and charging for C-Train Parking



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- "We cannot continue to kid ourselves that urban sprawl and serving this sprawl by public transportation mutually achievable goals."
- we have enough suburbs, we need denser communities and more shopping downtown.
- Yes, rip up the retarded bus traps on Center St. North, and triple wide the street in both directions clean to Airdrie! Do the same for the bus traps at Diamond Cove on Bow Bottom and into the other community on the West side! They are so totally retarded I can't imagine how the city can say it wants to go green when it's a 2 click dog & pony act from where that trap originates in Queensland, back to the light on Bow Bottom! Stark raving nuts! Abandon that bullshit Agenda 21 crap too! Let the builders build whatever wherever, and let the free market decide! Quit trying to social engineer! You're pissing us off! And don't listen to the uppity rich dummies along the flood plain river, who want the houses you bought out to be rebuilt! There needs to be a total ban on anymore building there! It's a known flood plane for crying in the soup! Not one cent of tax dollars should go to the fat cats stupid enough to build on that! That's what riverbanks are known to do - FLOOD! Now get the f&^k OUT! Any and all existing homes there are to be demolished when the current owners die! No transferring of title no how no way! The land and property must be sold to the city at fair market value upon their death, and turned into a rice paddy!
- DO NOT BUILD NEW SUBURBS. CALGARYS FOOTPRINT IS ALREADY RIDICULOUS
- stop the sprawl, the city can't afford to provide services the further out the city expands.
- Affordable urban housing downtown
- Limiting urban sprawl
- Building new housing in areas where the full complement of BOTH municipal/provincial services are already in place. Why build where kids have no public high school & have to bus >45min each way, or there is no health centre, no social services, people have to drive to get groceries as the transit is ridiculously convoluted, the rec centre is maxed out and very expensive anyway? Makes no sense.
- Denser development in general (building up, not out)
- Not in favour of basement suites in areas not zoned for them. We bought in Haysboro knowing there were no suites.
- more combined commercial/ residential buildinds, secondary suites & laneway housing

Building In New Suburbs

- There should be more expansion and creation of new communities in Calgary. Please stop limiting residential land development. I am concerned about whether or not the existing infrastructure in older communities closer to the core can actually support more "urban" housing developments as well as what upgrading or expanding existing infrastructure may cost in comparison to having homebuilders offset costs in new communities. Who pays when the older infrastructure is too stressed and fails?
- Disappointed to see urban sprawl continue as this is such a burden on the city budget; developers should be encouraged to set aside land for fire halls, schools & public transit instead of leaving new communities with gaps in services. A temporary house is no solution to fire fighting when homes are built side by side.
- Calgary needs to control the city sprawl. It is embarrassing that wealthy people here think they need so much space with a view of the mountains.
- Do not grow anymore!!! We need everything to catch up -- stop building
- Stop trying to force us to all to live in expensive High Rise Caves in buildings somewhat near downtown. Can not afford it and DO NOT want a Cave on the 2nd thru 50th floor! No elevators please. Facilitate Suburbia!
- We have a lot of land. Lets use it.



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- bill builders for sprawl
- Too much "densification" and not enough individual space in new neighbourhoods
- Tax new houses for cost of utility installation
- Calgary was built around the car 40 years ago, and little has changed. The time for building the infrastructure is with the communities, as they grow, rather than trying to play catch-up.
- Get more useable land serviced on the outside of Calgary. Don't tell people how and where to live in an urban social experiment. Your the city not some university experiment.
- When building new homes and areas stop putting street lights on every darn corner
- Developers need to pay increased development fees, take responsibility for infrastructure within the development.
- More sub-urban access to recreation facilities
- My view is Calgary should keep focus on community development as it grows. Family living should be the main focus when developing a community
- There's WAY too many multi housing units and not enough green spaces and roads. We need more smartly planned suburbs.
- No new suburbs!
- Building schools in new communities
- Ensuring new developments are organized as proper communities rather than bedroom communities - with shops and transit and pathways.
- Stop destroying communities and start growing outwards with new communities
- I think large scale subdivision development is too homogenous. We need more balance across the city in terms of places to work, live, shop, go to school and enjoy leisure.
- "Stop developing drive around shopping centers - pollution/traffic.
- Develop complete road systems in new subdivision."
- Stopping sprawl
- Stop unsustainable expansion please, focus on making established areas more dense, and providing adequate means of transportation for higher volumes.
- Stop building out, what is already here needs all of your attention
- Stop urban sprawl
- grow in not out, reduce our footprint
- Control better the endless spreadind out of the city!
- Build more housing developments for over 55 people in suburbs

Transportation

- Stop all this growth near airport and one day we will have an accident.
- "More high volume Roads. Only build net new infrastructure, meaning no roads are removed for transit or bike lanes. Bike lanes are to be built on fresh soil.
- Build out not up, this is not Hong Kong or Manhattan, we have space, housing should not be so unaffordable."
- Better urban planning. eg: on street parking in East Village. Narrow spots force drivers to exit vehicles in traffic. Snow berms in winter make this even worse and vehicles are often encroaching on the road.
- see comment of small traffic circles which are poorly designed and inefficient
- It is frustrating to watch the city try to design communities and force a pedestrian market that doesn't exist to the extent the city wants. Limiting parking, and increasing density does not manufacture transit use. instead of



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interfering, the city would be better served if you concentrated energy and funds on improving transit but not crippling the hundreds of thousand of drivers.

- "I have in mind 3 point to share:
- 1.- Invest in fluvial dumping areas before a flood came again.
- 2.- Take out the railway who is like a zipper into the City and an unsafe system to all the City (push it around the City).
- 3.- Make the C-Train pass underground in the downtown area ,and elevated the rest (like Sunalta Station)"
- Better public transportation for the city will get my support even though I don't usually use it. Public transportation will help with the environmental issues as well.
- We need to not only add BRT/LRT but must do this in a responsible way. Adding INterchanges to 14th Street and Southland & 24th St. and Anderson are necessary as they are designated as "Skeletal Roads". This should be done at the same time as construction for the BRT. It is already unacceptable to try and use these intersections at Peak times. Add the BRT but do it with the necessary infrastructure in place (Interchanges at the key intersections and built in conjunction with the BRT so as not to further disrupt traffic in the future.)
- Pedestrian/Bike strategies are fine but only if they do not reduce existing vehicle space or impact them with unreasonable policies like city wide speed limit reductions. I use four methods for getting around (bike, walk, bus, and car) and there seems to be a push to punish drivers.
- improve the road system before putting in bus and bike lanes!
- Put a ring road around the city and don't grow outside of it. Grow up and not out.
- Help fund growth related infrastructure.
- "We cannot continue to kid ourselves that urban sprawl and serving this sprawl by public transportation mutually
- achievable goals."
- We still see the roads constantly dug up and not repaired in the West Springs area due to poor developer and city planning.
- A good solid infrastructure is necessary for efficient business and personal functionality. Since we are a city that relies on both vehicles and public transportation a good, solid network that compliments one-another is essential.Ignoring one over the other creates a dysfunctional system whether it is to focus solely on the car or mass transit is a disservice to the citizens of Calgary. We must continue to build a world class LRT system and continue to invest and create an exemplary skeletal road network - as freight, transports, EMS, etc don't take public transit.
- Rather than adding roads, widening roads or adding BRT routes, make the roads more efficient. Better light timing with sensors rather than a fixed clock.
- New Green line CTrain being built - to allow for better commute
- Bus route to NW new Rec. center
- "Update and improve infrastructure
- le roads, sidewalks and sewer and water"
- very high density mixed commercial residential and Calgary Parking Authority Parkades incorporated into the sites, and charging for C-Train Parking
- Growing the C-train to future "Calgary Greater Area". i.e. Airdrie, Chestermere, etc.
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- How about getting the city to make new community roads wider and provide more parking.
- Building roads before communities that can withstand high traffic volumes
- Lighted pedestrian cross walks. All cross walks in the city should be lighted or have the ability to light up when needed. There have been too many incidents now.
- Re route the very long train that carries a lot of stuff.
- Bring in Uber
- Linking C train with more communities
- LRT to SE
- Skyview train station
- Properly sized roads and public transit systems, plan for future growth not historical 10 year trends
- Expand C-train around the city..we need more lines and better transport.
- Improve parking in downtown and inner city, reduce # of Car2Go.

All Other

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- A healthy balance between multi-family and single family homes. Not everyone wants to live in a condo.
- Access to Bow River for seniors - parks with places to sit near the River - right now - it's like the river isn't there and it should be accessible.
- Adolescent mental health support for family in their home community
- Affordable housing
- affordable housing and secondary suites must be a priority in this city...
- Allows suite rentals on basements
- An environment suitable for growth. Low taxes
- Attracting new business
- Believe it or not, more people prefer suburban living, not urban living. Families don't want to live in a shoebox downtown. This faux engagement action plan is so poorly worded.
- Big parks / places for hobbies / RC
- Building new shelters or housing for low income citizens
- Calgary has way too much urban sprawl. I think efforts should be made to make down town more interesting after 6 pm. At that time Calgary cleans out and everyone heads to the suburbs.
- Calgary is an international city and requires better snowrenoval/ landscaping
- Calgary is way behind with good sports facilities for the population
- Calgary needs to grow upwards as well - stop the high cost of urban sprawl and revitalize our inner neighbourhoods!
- Calgary Next



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- Calgary Next get on board with an IDEA. Not a decision. Invest some money into a struggling economy and start talking at the adult table with the Flames.
- Coming from the east where history is valued, it's disheartening to see old buildings torn down. Having said that, the new buildings going up will not survive the same length of time - maybe stricter enforcement of quality building construction should be considered. Not a politically popular choice, I'm sure, but one that will benefit Calgarians, such as myself, who've paid over half a million dollars for a poorly constructed home. That is not a minority group in this city.
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- Communities that are geared to 50 plus More bungalows villas and 3 car garages
- Community beautification. Help communities plant trees and maintain grass. Work with school districts to clean up around schools.
- create employment opportunity to grow Calgary
- Creating work locations throughout the City reduces traffic congestion, and provides for more work life balance. Having shopping close by and a variety of housing choices meets the needs of young and older citizen allowing for independent living. Parks, green spaces, sports facilities provides locations for people to exercise, enjoy nature, and time with family. It is important to ensure we have some indoor facilities given the weather conditions we deal with.
- Crowding of libraries and recreation like community pools in the SE.
- Develop another business centre outside of the core. Near new south health campus
- Develop more work-at-home programs (keep people off roads)
- Development of Calgary, leading to job improvement
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- diversify our city invite the film industry to make movies in Calgary. Our Mayor would be a great ambassador to help get the film industry up here ,
- Do not preserve heritage buildings, what a waste!
- Druh Farrell: Sunnyside LRT station is in need of a face-lift & the track barrier from the North-East end looks like it's falling apart. This North-East section along the pathway has had snow plows driven into the LRT barrier multiple times over the years. The barrier is rusted and in-dented... leaves you thinking that you've entered the ghetto. Riley Park is in need of some summer sprinklers. The wadding pool is not enough to accommodate all the visitors. Riley Park is always full of families & kid groups that are bussed in from all over the city. However, everyone always complains about the lack of a spray park area for kids to cool off & water fountain.
- End developer welfare that the rest of us pay for.
- Expecting more from the builders of new communities with sustainable and affordable housing. Community revitalization. More frequent and divers transportation options given more companies now how offices outside of the downtown core.
- Fix the underground services at Midfield Trailer Park for these people. Also look at more mobile home parks as these are very affordable and offer a community style living.
- Focus on bringing jobs back and our industry that's been feeding us



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- Focusing more on suburban community development and culture, and less on downtown.
- For the greater good of the city
- Found new opportunity/direction like sunlight (not solar energy) innovation use so that not just oil & gas.
- Funding / programs for community gardens and utilization of space for synergistic adaptation relating to biological diversity i.e. Native ecology , food production .
- "Growing Calgary
- More city pools (not YMCA(too expensive)) down south!
- More athletic parks! More jobs! "
- Help Calgaryans and small business first over refugees who will do nothing more than drain our economy.
- I also feel that there needs to be a focus on affordable low-income housing in our communities.
- I am tired of hearing about this downturn. I want Calgaryans to be the amazing people that they are and show some initiative and design. we are leaders. Lets step up!!
- I am very concerned about keeping existing green spaces and parks. I was an active member of the Save Paskapoo Slopes preservation team and I sincerely hope this type of development will not occur in currently existing parks in Calgary. We need places to recreate that is within the city as many families cannot afford to drive out to the mountains every weekend.
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- I don't think a 25 million for a bridge, and 4 million dollars for a street light was a good disson on the behalf of the city. This money could have been put out to help the people living on the street, and programs to help them back into the work force. The bridge we are having trouble getting glass for and the street light was built on a bridge so hookers cant even use it. The city is out of control. I think the bridge and the street light were purchest off the back of a nap[kin. 'I'm not laughing"
- I finally believe that city politicians and planners have the balance of growth opportunities right!
- I live in McKenzie town. I like and use the shops that are designed as a small town's downtown. When this community was built I thought it would catch on within the whole city. Even the ar nite true has personality. Why can't more of this be done for new communities. It contributes to community spirit, but is by Deerfoot trail for quick access to downtown.



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- I saw lots of abandon building around the city that would be worth preserving and transforming into community hubs.
- I think it is best to maintain what we have right now and make sure that it is in amazing condition. We need cleaner air. We need more green. It gets exhausting seeing concrete and metal buildings everywhere. So much grey. So depressing.
- I think it's important to increase the number of jobs and centres of employment throughout the city, especially near large residential developments
- I think we need to focus on jobs for our citizens, economic ways to get to and from work or to transport goods and services needed by our businesses and citizens. We also need to focus on growing our business community and then our citizen community. By growing our business community and creating good paying jobs we will draw new residents to Calgary.
- "I think we need to re-look at the spacing between housing and increase the footage between each newly built house. These are fire hazards waiting to happen. We desperately need to get this changed.
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- Builders should be forced to build more bungalows rather than 2 story homes which are impossible for the disabled or elderly"
- If were going to expand the city, it had to accommodate to ALL Calgarians, not just middle class and higher, or privileged people. Lets think about all, not selected few. And if there is enough money to expand, then we should have enough money to recreate and clean the NE area that has been neglected for years..
- Increasing the number of police officers to support a growing city.
- Invest in Calgary Next - we need it.
- Keep Calgary a energy character city but not necessary oil&Gas only
- Keeping a regulatory eye on all the new constructions making sure these buildings are safe and up to stuff
- Legalize secondary suites in RC1 land use districts, please setup a program like the key
- Less waste from builders and developers. More focus on Eco-friendly initiatives.
- Limit the dollars spent on artwork. Should be a max. No more blue rings.
- Live within in your budget enough with raising our tax.
- Living in ward 6 I would like know the status of the art along the west LRT tracks. I understand there is a 1% allocation on capital projects but don't see a lot of art installations along the track
- Local parks, green spaces, and fields should include things such as liesure centers, water parks, and other fun physical activity things that people living close together can partake in together
- Low income development
- Lower taxes and less bureaucracy at City Hall and lower spending by the City. Paying students \$25/hour plus benefits for planting flowers is completely out of the market. It is my taxes that pay those crazy wages.
- Make secondary suite legal
- Managing services and infrastructure in a fair and equitable way. Decisions around building schools and other public services need to be made not on emotion but on facts. Wasteful spending on community art projects to "beautify" the city needs to be curtailed. Pragmatic decisions around growing our city need to take precedence. School closures are another issue fraught with emotion. Mobs of angry parents want a school in every community but many schools are operating below capacity resulting in waste and duplication of services. These are just a couple of examples and I realize the latter is not entirely a municipal issue.
- more affordable housing
- More affordable housing choices (villa style) for those of us wishing to transition from our homes, either to rent or buy, without gauging 'condo' fees.



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- More affordable housing.
- More entertainment: aquapark, race track
- More help for people trying to keep up their older homes in older communities!
- More high schools in Catholic sector in se
- More housing for seniors and low income families instead of catering to the wealthy.
- More multi-use buildings and walk-able infrastructure for amenities like grocery stores. revitalize areas of growth ie. Erlton/ Mcleod trail north of 50 Ave.
- More public schools need to be built to accommodate growth
- More shops and grocery stores downtown
- more space for senior living. What about a tiny house community. Could look after one another and save money in the long run example senior living
- Need more affordable housing
- Need more city swimming and skating facilities. Not private facilities
- Need more Fire and EMS stations, need legislation for bigger lots and fire protected houses.
- Need to get back to basics in these tough economic times and focus on needs rather than nice to have. Come on folks we need to take care of our own.
- New hockey and football complex
- NO more refugees! They are abusing our hospitality
- Old areas need uplift keep close to downtown
- Open field full basketball court on every park especially at Pierry park near at my community. Open field workout facility.
- Our urban forest needs to be protected - including trees on private land. The urban canopy is being seriously compromised in the inner city. Negatively effects the environment, habitat, etc.
- Policy implementation to allow higher density in older single family dwelling developments. (Acadia, Cedar Brae, etc.). Rezoning trial areas that could be developed to include higher density Boston Row housing and Street level Business with housing on higher than street level, while incorporating green initiatives (trees, etc) would encourage people to walk more as they could work and have more options for leisure activities in these stagnant communities. Allowing people to move from a detached home to a condo or loft above a small businesses is a win-win as people do not currently have this option.
- "POOR PEOPLE NEED MORE MONEY
- I'm 25 years old and can't afford enough to pay rent each month
- I'm in debit with all of my friends of family
- And a few payday loans
- HELP THE POOR MORE"
- Potential to use green spaces for community gardens to grow enough food to help support struggling citizens and the food bank.
- Promote community activities in order to grow Calgary
- "Re-do our community pool (build a new indoor pool that we can use year round)
- invest in our community too PLEASE"
- Same as economy
- Schools
- Schools!
- Secondary suites in all Calgary communities.



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- Secure homeless campgrounds close to Calgary
- Shopping & Jobs is too simplistic. What about neighbourhood/community based amenities: groceries, pharmacy, rec/meeting spaces, transit hubs
- Speed up and make redevelopments more transparent to gen public
- The answer here is to STOP the urban sprawl and densify the acres along MacLeod trail for example, 16th Ave. where there are lots and lots sitting there with nothing on them. Why? We can't afford to keep the urban sprawl going. The infrastructure is too expensive for the tax payers. Develop community infrastructure in the older well established areas and beautify them again. Help people who are replacing sewer lines (like me) because the materials used in the 50s and 60s are worn out. Not all homes have to be removed, sold and rebuild the lot.
- The city does not grow with 25 million dollar bridges and 4 million dollar street lights. 29 million dollar could be better spent on better shelters for the homeless and programs to help get them working for a better life. It sounds like the mayor signed a couple deals from the back of a napkin as well, I'm not laughing. The bridge we are having trouble getting glass and the street light can't even be used by hookers because it's on a flippen bridge. I don't think most of the city population are very with the mayor's way of thinking.
- The City needs to have bylaws that reflect the needs and problems that arise in a community as the character of the community changes. And then the City has to actually enforce those bylaws and not just leave people to struggle on their own.
- The City needs to remain agnostic regarding high and low density built form and instead let Calgarians decide (less interference by subsidies or tax incentives to either type of developer)
- "The pilot program for bike lanes downtown is a waste of money and makes traffic worse.
- Please get ride of them."
- the travalation maybe a good oppotunity for Calgary.To create some infrstructions to improve the traval environment.
- There are some great spaces around
- There needs to be a better system for garbage in the communities. There is a shocking deficiency in the number of receptacles in the public spaces.
- These priorities sound valid and appropriate.
- Tiny homes , Cob homes , and new building rules and regulations . Build codes are old , draconian and don't permit eco friendly substitutes :(Such as Hempcrete , cob , strawbale , underground rainwater and graywater storage tanks ! Naheed Nenshi doesn't think about the future of living in Calgary
- tired of seeing low income being able to do everything but we have no money & cant
- "To encourage people to walk, cycle, and use transit is vital because it improves people's physical (and therefore mental) well-being, and reduces health care-related costs, as well as vehicle infrastructure-related costs. A big focus on walkpath and bike path connectivity as well as efficient transit will go a long way in improving our community.
- - an MD's perspective"
- Too fast and not well handled and/or accomplished ... Failed!
- Too many innocent victims of violence, especially with shootings. Need more cops to put these guys out of business.
- Up, not out, is fine. Preserve, protect, enhance and add to current parks.
- Using surplus school sites for affordable housing for all ages



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- Very vague. Being precise by mentioning who (which department) and how, would help us understand this category better. There are 4 categories that sound very close, and without clarifying who and how, it's impossible to prioritize.
- Walkable communities (sidewalks on both sides of the street in new communities), energy efficiency in new buildings (ie: solar, green roofs)
- Walkable communities where people are encouraged to be out on the streets
- We didn't want to be infested with more people in our community so you plug your ears when we say leave our community alone.
- We need a new stadium and arena. Calgary NEXT shouldn't be taking so long.
- We need to make housing accessible to all.
- "We need to make this city more accessible for people with disabilities, seniors, and parents with babies in strollers overall."
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- We also need more affordable and accessible housing units for people with low incomes and disabilities."
- We need to stay the course on this one. Decisions about how we make a city instead of just making communities are long term, they take commitment, and most importantly they need time to germinate. Changing our course right now is one of the worst decisions we could make on growth.
- We really need to stay the course on this one and follow our own advice. Citizens and government work together for three years to make a 60 year plan to deal with Calgary's exceptional rate of growth and change. Right now the city needs to stop questioning it and start following it.
- West Springs, Cougar Ridge and area has few reasonably priced grocery stores where families can purchase food in large quantities. We also need more outdoor and indoor skating rinks so we don't have to travel so far for hockey.
- What growth? We are in a recession, people are leaving the province, vacancy downtown is at 17% and growing.
- What growth?!? We are in a recession and people are fleeing Calgary.. walking away from their homes. We need to stop the financial bleeding within our City so that hopefully we can start to heal within the next 5+ years.
- When building low income housing, consider the area not for the existing residents but for those moving into the area. Putting such units into Glenmore Landing is the very best way to alienate the new tenants. It's extremely expensive to shop at that grocery store as compared to others on the same chain in different communities. Let's actually think before we make these important decisions.
- When looking at these items focus on the greater good not the squeaky wheel
- With regards to mobility, I've advocated for a long time that Council change the bylaw regarding snow removal on engineered walkways, yet there has been no action. These are extremely unsafe areas in our community in the winter, and in the summer they are becoming more and more neglected. With a simple bylaw amendment, the City can make the adjoining homeowner to each of these walkways responsible for the snow removal and upkeep of these areas. City Council is intransigent on this issue. It's a simple solution, yet the City chooses to undertake studies like the Walkability study to prolong the inevitable. Council seems to make simple issues like this one even bigger issues by delaying making a responsible decision for fear of offending those people who are too lazy to keep the walkways clean. What happened to keeping our communities safe for everyone? We should all be doing our part to keep our fellow citizens safe!
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- Affordable housing for low income families.
- Affordable urban housing downtown
- All of the choices listed seem to be slanted towards more spending. Let supply and demand determine all of need for the choices listed rather than the city trying to make the determination.
- Allow downtown communities to develop more grocery store options
- Build more housing developments for over 55 people in suburbs
- Building new housing in areas where the full complement of BOTH municipal/provincial services are already in place. Why build where kids have no public high school & have to bus >45min each way, or there is no health centre, no social services, people have to drive to get groceries as the transit is ridiculously convoluted, the rec centre is maxed out and very expensive anyway? Makes no sense.
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- Councillors take a pay cut
- Development approvals happen more efficiently with fewer ridiculous offsite costs
- Dog park availability
- Enabling diversified economy
- Focus on Calgary instead of meddling in neighbouring rural areas' affairs
- hold the tax line stop stupid unnecessary spending
- It seems all your choices given, support the councils idea of what the city should be, rather than giving some options that don't fit into your plans.
- Maintaining infrastructure



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- Mandate affordable housing equitably across the city & hold agencies (cf. Calgary Homeless Foundation) accountable for housing individuals instead of rewriting the 10 yr plan (expires in Jan 2018)
- more combined commercial/ residential buildinds, secondary suites & laneway housing
- Net zero home min in all new communities or in community rebuilds
- NONE OF THE ABOVE
- Prevent developers from building cookie cutter communities. All communities should be attractive to all income groups...no enclaves allowed for high-income groups...make all communities mixed-use, including commercial and low income.
- Reduce city government size by 20%
- Reduce taxes
- Reduced Spending and reduction in taxes
- SE infrastructure in new communities
- shopping close to home. Not jobs.
- stop the sprawl, the city can't afford to provide services the further out the city expands.
- Supporting our small businesses through reduced taxes.
- Who pays for the incremental costs of new suburbs?



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How The City of Calgary Works

Within the Category of How The City of Calgary Works, is something important to you not listed?

Comments related to:

Spending Efficiency and Cost Saving Measures

- Less agenda driven decisions, less social engineering more focus on finding efficiencies in all budgetary areas
- Focus on efficiency and not spending more
- Main comment relates to the top 3 choices of how the city works, the environment and the economy. The city should not consider the proposed combined hockey-football sports complex. Not only is the proposed area by the Bow River environmentally at risk, an influx of thousands to the area would have a negative impact on the area, construction in the area would impact transportation routes that are already heavy and in no way should the city or provincial government be footing any of the bill for the professional organizations wanting it for their for profit use. The city, citizens and province have already assisted in paying for the Saddledome and I don't believe funding this the best use of precious dollars that could serve the city and all citizens in better ways.
- How about fiscal accountability to tax payers versus just ploughing ahead with political agendas on nonse projects?
- Stop wasting tax dollars.. example ripping up sarcee trail this past summer was wreckless
- "During times of economic uncertainty, I would like to see
- The City exercise some fiscal constraint on unnecessary projects. An easy option is to delay the expenditure on the Calgary SW BRT line until the SW ring road is complete. Expanding roadways and adding underpasses are unnecessary infrastructure additions once the ring road is complete and traffic on 14th street is reduced. Save the money and spend it more wisely in a few years."
- Efficiency improvements both in labor, equipment and processes. Learn to do more with less. Exception police and fire.
- reduce debt, reduce spending, reduce taxes
- Start reducing taxes and trimming your workforce to meet that of private industry
- why don't you have an option for cut the budget, cut back on bike lanes, cut staffing?
- improve efficiency
- Please put resources on improving on our roads as top priority. Example overpasses on Crowchild trail to stop gridlock. Fix the roads rather than spending all of our infrastructure Money on transit
- Please consider finding areas to cut spending on administration and staffing.
- The City Of Calgary has always been, and remains to be, a highly inefficient organization. The organization needs to review all areas and introduce changes to reduce costs to the rate payers, eliminate deadwood, legacy builders and replace them with competent managers and supervisors who truly represent the interests of the residents of Calgary.
- We should be focused first on basic needs and if we have money left over then we (and only then) can spend on wants. We are wasting tax dollars.
- We seem to be in a mode of reckless spending. My road got cleared last week, but there wasn't any snow on it.
- Continued focus on streamlining/making services more efficient. Also, making sure services are easily accessible to the public



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- When the City of Calgary has a budget surplus, it must return that to the tax payers and not spend it on needless projects like the 7th St. bridge.
- Please stop spending excessively on projects and perceived services that are not needed.
- Pretty simple. We're in a recession, people are losing their jobs, and the economy is going to be slow to recover. Spend less and what you need to spend, spend responsibly.
- Need to keep spending under control I am sick and tired of having property tax go up every year and council not being fiscally responsible
- City taxes too high! City workers not efficient in doing the job for the amount of taxes we pay. Get rid of inefficiency and contract out most of what needs to be done! It will be done better and save money!!!
- You need to be more efficient particularly in your technology lapses.
- Council should concentrate on what needs to be done not what it wants to do.
- Continued emphasis on finding efficiencies. The added costs of recycling to multi-family rental properties is a waste of money. In my experience the tenants do not care enough to sort through their garbage and the green bin is just another garbage bin. The by-law requiring a building envelope inspection is an extra expense during an economically difficult time. It is of little preventive value as a visual inspection will not be sufficient to detect items of concern. The owners/operators of high rises will bear these additional costs at a time of rising vacancy rates and lower income.
- Run the city. Reduce costs for services. Cut out extra fees for services. Just do that
- The city needs to cut operating costs and get tough with unions when negotiating contracts.
- Across the board operational budget and salary cuts of 10%. Make the managers manage.
- We need to prioritize better the tax dollars already collected
- Stop social engineering. Focus on the city's necessities instead of council pet projects that cater to minorities.
- Tried to figure out what of this vaguely described list would lead to curtailed spending and reduced financial pressure on a beleaguered tax base. Do NOT attempt to solve the economy or employment through the proven to fail strategy of increased spending on gov. works.
- Ignore the ranting from Wildrose and Taxpayers Federation. A well funded city thru proper levels of taxation is necessary. As long as the money is being respected the believe the people will support spending. Repairing infrastructure should be priority number one, recreation facilities for the public second,
- I would like to see a focus on efficiency. That is clearly not a priority currently.
- Focus on cutting spending with minimum cut to services. Instead of council going through budget line items, council should TELL the departments to make their adjustments to meet YOUR targets. i.e 0-2% increase. Let the city managers figure out how to fulfill Council's directive.
- The city needs to look at providing services in a more cost effective manner or less service, outsource garbage collection
- Our Christie Estates Blvd SW center blvd looks like a disaster - irrigation doesn't work/ leaks and trees have black knot (come on there's tons of black knot in the Strathcona ravine natural area) - lets not replant the same trees so they remain sticks for the next 30 yrs! Pretty SAD
- As business and industry works to make their operations more lean and efficient, it would be nice if the City did the same.
- Budgets should be based on foretasted line items, rather than trends based on previous year spends.
- Snow removal from all city sidewalks (those the city is responsible for). in an efficient manner as the core and cycle track. Also, the removal of the cycle track as it causes traffic headaches and is an unnecessary expense.
- The City needs to decide on their core businesses. I am not convinced that the City should be in the education business, i.e., libraries



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- I'm extremely offended that one of the "options" is for "lower tax INCREASES". When I see statements like these I ask myself serious questions about whether or not the City of Calgary suffers from a widespread problem of corruption. One of the options should be for tax decreases, I strongly support lowering taxes and place it above all three that I have no other choice to select. With respect to spending efficiency - again, all City of Calgary employees should see 25% pay cuts.
- SW proposed transit bus - a complete waste of tax payer money when Calgarians losing jobs at a staggering rate.
- Stop Creating new issues in order to increase taxes every year start living within our Means. Start having partnerships from private sector in forms of adverts, capital projects etc... to reduce tax burden which you continually increase each year endlessly and it just being wasted ... endlessly
- The City needs to focus on becoming more efficient as there is a lot of waste within City departments. There is opportunity to lower wages and reduce benefits to private sector levels.
- council and COC must change the way they work - the citizens are tired of having decisions pre-determined without public input (the current system is a sham). Public wages/pensions are a problem. Wasteful spending is a problem.
- learn to live within your means, stop trying for tax grabs !!
- focus on BASE services, user pay for others
- if Council had a backbone, they'd realize that taxes are how things like roads get repaired, parks get maintained and infrastructure gets enhanced. We need to keep up with the infrastructure and we need to stop pandering to the low tax crowd. I'd like to live in a City that won't fall apart in the next 10 years.
- "In these tight times, spend less on 'pretty art', & focus on the essentials.
- Set a budget & stay under - do not spend money just to hit the budget. This reminds me of children being sent to the store to buy something & not coming back with change. Money under budget should be given to the few that have no control about going over budget...try to be realistic with spend at all times!"
- Decrease public spending and give the money back to taxpayers
- "NO new tax funding for the City, you already waste what you get. Highest wages in town and super benefits. But you only get a job if you know someone. \$40 million is a rounding error, lets feel good and give it away to someone!.
- City should stay out of debt, already have ~\$500 million in over taxation sitting in a bank account. Hold the line on taxes and improve arteries, they are clogged."
- More important to invest at this time rather than cut costs. Find efficiencies and invest in public realm to draw more business.
- Zero based budgeting has the potential to save millions. The current archaic budget method leaves no room for innovation
- No tax increases, not just lower, created efficiency to have a year of no tax increases.
- CALgary NEEDS to get its costs under control. Wage inflation via unions and DB pension plans are just not affordable in today's market. Outsourcing should be a priority based on market rates.
- Actual costs for inner city development to be payed by developers in the inner city. The cost of developing inner city is far larger than new areas and is payed for through property tax.
- It's really easy to spend other people's money. Let's create budgets that are in line with how most families would budget, rather than always looking for more revenue.
- "Reduction of inefficient bureaucracy
- Real input from and dialogue with Calgarians



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- Help Calgarians to better understand the implications of our old way of living/ urban sprawl so that they can contribute to a better and affordable life for everyone"
- Concentrate on core infrastructure services and let the private sector fund/sponsor anything frivolous. Issue bonds for major projects as a way for citizens to directly vote on what priorities should be. No more million-dollar pet projects so Councillors can shave a block off their walks or half-million dollar cock rings on bridges.
- Improve efficiency: roads shouldn't take so long to be repaired. Focus more energy on fewer priorities at a time to get work done efficiently.
- While others are unemployed it would be nice to watch your spending closely.
- Better and new services in Lew of lower taxes
- Spend less time studying current issues and more time fixing them
- As many of us calgarians are taking pay cuts or losing our jobs, it seems like the government is just starting to freeze salaries or not taking bonuses... From tax payers. We need to be more efficient and have some common sense
- Lower taxes and reduced spending
- Spending efficiency, and public consultation on spending. We need to remember that the people who are greatly affected by decisions are the ones who don't have the time to be vocal about it.
- we don't need to budget for so called art when the economy is so bad.it is a waste of money
- Not wasting \$500k on a useless blue circle. Hold a competition for local artists. Encourage community involvement and participation in these sorts of decisions. I'm all for public/community art, but it should be made by the community, for the community.
- You do not listen to people. You waste money on projects that are not well thought out and without talking to local residents
- Tough times for many folks, please curb city council on their wild spending.
- Leadership: given the nature of the human condition, the public will neither completely agree or disagree with decisions made by the city on our behalf. However, the city cannot support or reject ideas just because a vocal minority makes a case. Decisions should be made on best practices that are efficient and economical. In these times, the 'nice to haves' are insulting to the taxpayer who has lost a job or is trying to make ends meet. In the good times, if they ever come back, planning for future growth should be tempered with saving for those bad times which keep returning.
- Council should not go through budgets line by line. Council should INSTRUCT city managers to meet service and financial targets SET BY Council.
- Instead of lower tax increases, how about lower taxes driven by improved efficiency!
- Today's practices are not successful mechanisms and reflect legacy practice in a new world. An glaring example is the caviller way council dismissed out of hand the idea of outsourcing garbage collection despite the cost savings that would result. Another example are recycling policy and proceed refs which ignore economics and ecology (the practice of adding glass to recycling containers with glass resulting in poor paper quality and glass recycling is energy wasteful in order return melted sand back to unmelted sand, it must be for political reasons since it does not work on either an economic or ecological basis)
- "Focusing the City of Calgary on the efficient delivery of core services
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- Significantly reducing the number of people employed by the City of Calgary"
- Stop spending money on traffic calming fiascos and bike lanes when people can't get enough food at the food banks and they have to close programs in churches feeding people because of security concerns. I really think council is outa touch.



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- "I really think that the city needs to be prudent on it's spending - especially in this challenging economy. For example: putting that goofy looking blue circle on top of the bridge in north Calgary (visible from Deerfoot Trail). That is not art, it's a waste of taxpayers' money. Also, spending millions for the pilot project of creating bike lanes in downtown Calgary. I commute (when conditions permit) from the suburbs, & it infuriates me that this kind of money is spent on something like this. Pathways - great, but speaking as someone who owns a service company that conducts business in the core, I can really speak to how it has adversely affected our ability to conduct business in the downtown core. These lanes have minimal use during off- peak times, but we are forced to deal with them 24/7.
- End of rant :) !"
- The City needs to spend / work within the means of what they have, not increase taxes year over year by increases that surpass the increases of regular workers. Contract out services if you cannot get the Union's on board with reasonable negotiated increases.
- Fewer pet projects of from some of the ill informed elected Aldermen
- Revisit amounts spent on artworks
- I am a proud tax payer, and I'm happy to support the city this way. I also understand things cost money. My hope is that the city uses our money efficiently, fairly, and finds out-of-the-box ways to maximize returns.
- Needs to be more efficient. The crowd public input is excessive and taking way too long.
- The city needs to take meaningful action by lowering taxes and focusing on core services
- On this subject, I recently saw some of the salaries paid to city employees & was shocked by how high they were. Council has to be more prudent with tax payers' resources and stop offering top salaries for entry level positions. For example: something is wrong when a part time golf course administrator makes more to start, than a hospital unit clerk's top salary. Higher productivity has to be expected of your frontline employees in these tough economic times. Solicit ideas of how to improve processes from them, and if they save money - reward them. People doing the work often have great ideas on how to improve things. Empowering them to contribute often improves attitude and work satisfaction on the process.
- Please, administration needs to look at what is a need to have service, and what is "nice" to have. The Citizens don't "need" resident artists, we don't need lit up pedestrian bridges, or CalgaryNext. We need proper waste and recycling, road clearing and water services. All things I pay EXTRA for. Where do my property taxes go?
- The options to opt in and out of what you pay for as a tax payer. Lower or eliminated rates for garbage/recycling - these are things that were already covered in property tax and now have an additional user fee.
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- There needs to be a rollback of civil servant salaries
- less spending on expensive, trendy projects
- Tax cuts. Stop wasting tax money on pet projects
- Being shown how much contracting out services - and the corrections of those services - cost us!
- Stop wasting our money on special interest projects like the peace bridge and bike paths.
- Council needs to keep in mind they are employed to represent the MAJORITY of Citizens when deciding where to spend tax dollars. Only projects that will benefit the MAJORITY of Citizens should be implemented.
- "Zero based budgeting
- Fewer lunches for Councillors charged to expenses
- Zero alcohol rules for Councillors at functions
- reduce frivolous spending
- Cut taxes. Even lower tax increase is not acceptable. City has a spending problem.
- Zero bases budgeting - try a parallel program with current budgets to see how it might/might not work.
- Open the books on details so Calgarians can tell you where to cut.
- ZERO tax increases. YYC doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem.
- I cannot support any new funding sources for our city. Our city has a spending problem, primarily in negotiating salaries with their unions and their non-union staff.
- Stop adding new 'services' unless they are replacing older services. If something is new then something that is old needs to be decommissioned because the new is better, more cost effective, uses less resources
- Funding sources other than property taxes is another way of saying: allow us to rob you with both our hands! You have user fees for services that are user specific and property taxes for services that are overall population specific. You don't need more sources, you need better restraint in your current spending addiction.
- City does not listen. Spends too much and taxes too much
- Open consultation fair choice of contracts stop tapping into property tax, no need in additional bus services which are ineffective due to overloaded roads better ctrain
- Privatizing services and elimination of unions
- reduce property taxes on multi-family dwellings and increase on single houses, particularly in deep suburbs where they rely more heavily on access to new services and new roads
- Providing services at the most reasonable cost
- Public service salaries to be evaluated as part of cost saving measures
- Suspend all capital expenditures for next 3 to 5 years
- Outsourcing & privatization of services
- Tired of city response to any question of reducing spending to be only about nurses,mpolicemen and firemen. Never any mention of the extreme bureaucracy that exists at city hall.
- How about you don't clean the streets one day and through more salt and gravel down the next.
- I know how the city works. It's a lot of rainbows and butterflies through special projects and a lot of strategies that go no where with a lot of money behind them. Get back to core service and figure out how to do that well before jumping into nice to haves that can't actually be implemented because the base isn't there.
- Enhanced services can be accomplished without tax increase by improving efficiency - not standing around drinking coffee and watching other employees work



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- City can provide same service level by focusing spend on wanted or necessary items rather than those not needed or wanted (eg: green bins)
- Provincial Govt and City Hall employees NEED to cut back like they have forced every day people
- Streamline spending and wages (which are substantially higher than the private sector equivalents or other cities for no extra benefit), stop hiding taxes as user fees.
- I cannot support other funding sources until the City shows that it can manage its expenditures. The largest component is salaries/benefits and these have moved higher than the private sector.
- adjust tax increase/services base on economy
- Stop needless spending, i.e. single source tendered projects, privatize more services, eliminate artwork on infrastructure projects

Staff and Human Resources

- Hire more indigenous workers in every capacity. Create strategies beyond CUAUC, integrate the FCSS Aboriginal Brief recommendations for programs across CN programs and other BU's programs.
- More people to check on homes which have way to many cars/trucks or SUV.s to be a one family home and not an approved multi family residence.
- The entire payroll for the City of Calgary, Transit, Police, and the Fire Department - must be reduced by 25% across the board. The pay raises given to the City's unions were substantially higher then the rate of inflation, and the resulting 55% increase in property taxes is unacceptable and must be fully reversed - property taxes must be reduced by 50%.
- Far too many over paid staff. Trim back the unions' power and match pay with the private sector.
- I believe that, both the Planning and building departments are over staffed due to the sharp decline in the current and expected suburban housing development industry, and also some of the approvals processes are too cumbersome and "loaded" with too many admin staff.
- Start reducing taxes and trimming your workforce to meet that of private industry
- why don't you have an option for cut the budget, cut back on bike lanes, cut staffing?
- Please consider finding areas to cut spending on administration and staffing.
- The City Of Calgary has always been, and remains to be, a highly inefficient organization. The organization needs to review all areas and introduce changes to reduce costs to the rate payers, eliminate deadwood, legacy builders and replace them with competent managers and supervisors who truly represent the interests of the residents of Calgary.
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- Fix your labour problem. Wages and Benefits are high. Stop Defined Benefit program - move to defined contribution. Better manage resources and hierarchy: Fire, Police, private contractors for road clearing, etc."
- Huge fat in parks department. Tree department alone could be right sized by 1/2!
- Cut admin staff and lower wages for city of Calgary employee's to match the economic conditions
- "To many employees with to many perks.
- The city has zero clue how to negotiate a contract"
- Fix the city buses so they actually have air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter.
- Inspire innovation in your middle managers and hold them accountable. Re-org constantly if things do not move as the private sector.
- lower taxes, employee perks like parking, bonus, annual automatic increases until budget isn't in red



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- Break the unions. Why should a civic employee get paid more and have better pension benefits than the taxpayers who foot the bill? They hold all of us hostage.
- The levels of upper management need to be streamlined.
- Fix the roads, look long term, let go of unnecessary staff that are wasting tax dollars, hire more capable individuals
- Freeze or roll back salaries .
- Do not contract out city work.
- Reduction in overtime, less sick days used (and tracked) would help to see where inefficiencies are and reduce costs associated with the city workers.
- The city needs to cut operating costs and get tough with unions when negotiating contracts.
- Across the board operational budget and salary cuts of 10%. Make the managers manage.
- With all of the layoffs in the Private sector, the City should look to where they could make staff cuts to bring themselves in line with the Private sector....
- End the process of aldermen and alderwomen accepting political donations from any corporation or business . An alder person should be funded by their constituents
- How come CPS gets the most hate compared to other police forces in Canada? Somehow the police force should be seen in a good manner than not. Unsung heroes need more credit for protecting the city.
- I just saw a posting with the City of Calgary for an admin (level 6) paying between \$28-\$38/hour. This is absolutely outrageous! I know educated and skilled workers in the private sector not making this kind of money. Time to readjust public sector pay to reflect reality and the current economic situation.
- I really worried about the city's infrastructure being neglected for too long. Our Roads are in bad shape. Too many new managers misdirecting the Roads Dept.
- Need to consider more contract work (on demand) and long term maintenance versus hiring more and more employees
- We need to start looking seriously at privatizing some services and we must stop giving unions such lucrative contracts.
- I think the wages and remuneration are too high.
- I'm extremely offended that one of the "options" is for "lower tax INCREASES". When I see statements like these I ask myself serious questions about whether or not the City of Calgary suffers from a widespread problem of corruption. One of the options should be for tax decreases, I strongly support lowering taxes and place it above all three that I have no other choice to select. With respect to spending efficiency - again, all City of Calgary employees should see 25% pay cuts.
- It is important for accountability for Calgary employees. We have corrupt employees and there is no accountability
- Salaries should be frozen for management exempt and unionized employees. More accountability at the highest levels.
- More funding for the police
- The City needs to focus on becoming more efficient as there is a lot of waste within City departments. There is opportunity to lower wages and reduce benefits to private sector levels.
- A reduction in the size of city government headcount. 35% decrease would be suitable.
- Trim the City's workforce
- council and COC must change the way they work - the citizens are tired of having decisions pre-determined without public input (the current system is a sham). Public wages/pensions are a problem. Wasteful spending is a problem.



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- People working for the city forget they are spending our tax dollars so I feel a little more thought has to go into the amount different departments get. Again I will say Public sector spends money Private sector has to make money in order to stay in business
- "Way to many beaucrats running city hall manager managing managers and not enough front people actually doing the job at hand
- The building permit department is total out of control with managers that do not get what Life in Calgary is all about"
- City employee compensation is nearly 20% above the private job market. That amounts to about \$200 million per year. Council & administration's job is to manage taxpayer's money wisely. Unfortunately, it's not being done. Forget tax increase until spending, including on wages and benefits, is under control.
- Civil servant pensions need to be re-evaluated. Most businesses do not provide a defined benefit plan yet this is what the City does, its not comparable to industry. We do not want to be in a situation like Greece 20 years down the road where our children will be paying for austerity measures implemented.
- Changing the way City of Calgary employees are hiring, and hosting job fairs to attract new talent to City of Calgary jobs (for people over 25, as well as youth).
- CALgary NEEDS to get its costs under control. Wage inflation via unions and DB pension plans are just not affordable in todays market. Outsourcing should be a priority based on market rates.
- Need to freeze pay for civil servants, council, and re-evaluate union contracts and pension payouts
- All key departments should have productivity improvement targets that would net to cost improvements matching the rate of inflation as a minimum.
- "Citizens should be able to access the complete organization chart for the City on the website, not just department and business unit heads. Doesn't necessarily have to have names but salary ranges should be provided for each position. Taxpayers are paying salaries and should be allowed to see where their money is going. All out sourcing should
- d be posted too."
- We need to maintain a low debt level at the cost of services/employee pay. We should not have to implement austerity measures in the future
- Cut the bloat. You have some hard working staff, but way too many doing no-value-added white-collar work.
- Do not contract out city work.
- As many of us calgarians are taking pay cuts or losing our jobs, it seems like the government is just starting to freeze salaries or not taking bonuses... From tax payers. We need to be more efficient and have some common sense
- Investment in city staff, and also accountability.
- I would like to see politicians take a pay cut in tough times to help with the books
- How is our mayor the highest paid mayor in Canada with a city with the highest unemployment in canada
- "Smaller city government. Smaller payroll, fewer consultants.
- Perform core responsibilities, legislated duties, but no whimsical, marginal luxuries."
- Outsource more - everyone knows private enterprise is more cost effective than public organizations. We cannot, repeat, cannot afford public sector union employees.
- I have worked for the city and know many who still do. The inefficiency is legendary. The unions are far too empowered. It makes me want to avoid paying taxes when I know where the funds are going. Why does the city waste money on things like public recreation that could be better handled by a 3rd party?
- "Focusing the City of Calgary on the efficient delivery of core services
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- Significantly reducing the number of people employed by the City of Calgary"
- Government spending needs to be more accountable and efficient. Reduce the size of government
- The City needs to spend / work within the means of what they have, not increase taxes year over year by increases that surpass the increases of regular workers. Contract out services if you cannot get the Union's on board with reasonable negotiated increases.
- Top city officials should not be getting raises in such a poor economy.
- Current staffing levels at City Hall seem very high compared to the services provided. Do we know the ratio of staff to population and how we rank against other cities?
- Too many employees, driving too many vehicles (more outsourcing)
- buy locally, use smaller contracts to help out the little guy.
- There needs to be a rollback of civil servant salaries
- Renegotiate union contracts and privatize current union jobs wherever possible.
- too much city staff overtime.
- Stop bonuses. People work they get paid. If they go above and beyond bring in a cake.
- Reduce number of employees. Contract out jobs
- I cannot support any new funding sources for our city. Our city has a spending problem, primarily in negotiating salaries with their unions and their non-union staff.
- City workers need to be held much more accountable for their use of time and efficiency while on the job, I have heard too many stories of lazy workers, of workers being told to make a menial task that should take a couple hours last the day (or a day or two last the week) and I have countless times witnessed parks department workers and contractors simply sitting in their vehicles not doing anything (I am a cyclist and without fail I see this at least once and sometimes multiple times when I am out riding). To me this is a problem of either being overstuffed, complacency brought on by union protection, and a simple lack of accountability at all levels of both the front line workers and their management. And as a tax payer it is infuriating to hear about and witness these situations
- Cutting salaries of city employees
- Significantly reduced City staff, Nenshi has to go, so incompetent
- manage your labour cost
- Reduce gov't salaries
- Privatizing services and elimination of unions
- Public service salaries to be evaluated as part of cost saving measures
- Fire useless and abundant staff, be effective and efficient, stop bureaucracy.
- Outsourcing & privatization of services
- Tired of city response to any question of reducing spending to be only about nurses,mpolicemen and firemen. Never any mention of the extreme bureaucracy that exists at city hall.
- get rid of the bloat and duplication of employees. bring wages and benefits in line with private sector.
- Roll back wages, benefits, and pension plans so they are more comparable to private industry
- lower tax increases rather than city employees/management massive wage increases, bonuses and benefits. Follow the model of the private sector in reacting to the current economic environment.
- Streamline spending and wages (which are substantially higher than the private sector equivalents or other cities for no extra benefit), stop hiding taxes as user fees.
- Cut city employee wages to a level that reflects the current economic situation. Our cities costs are out of line with other provinces.



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- I cannot support other funding sources until the City shows that it can manage its expenditures. The largest component is salaries/benefits and these have moved higher than the private sector.

Lower Tax Increases Rather Than New or Enhanced Services

- the City does not serve us well by constantly increasing taxes
- lower taxes, employee perks like parking, bonus, annual automatic increases until budget isn't in red
- Need to keep spending under control I am sick and tired of having property tax go up every year and council not being fiscally responsible
- Tax increases are totally unreasonable. If the cause is growth why aren't developers paying
- Inflation + population growth has been the formula that has lead the tax explosion. Will that remain as the model in a slower economy?
- Need to control tax increases as it does have an impact on home owner to look after there home especially if they are retired.
- Not "lower tax INCREASES" but lower taxes.
- I'm extremely offended that one of the "options" is for "lower tax INCREASES". When I see statements like these I ask myself serious questions about whether or not the City of Calgary suffers from a widespread problem of corruption. One of the options should be for tax decreases, I strongly support lowering taxes and place it above all three that I have no other choice to select. With respect to spending efficiency - again, all City of Calgary employees should see 25% pay cuts.
- Not hiking transit costs to pay for services, even with the low income pass it is still barely affordable for some.
- Reducing property taxes
- Stop Creating new issues in order to increase taxes every year start living within our Means. Start having partnerships from private sector in forms of adverts, capital projects etc... to reduce tax burden which you continually increase each year endlessly and it just being wasted ... endlessly
- Not lower tax increases - I want LOWER taxes PERIOD! I also want to find a way to get that butthole nenshi out of office. And no city charter!
- how about no tax increases rather than 'lower tax increases' or basing taxes on services used rather than property value -- people in suburbs have cheaper houses but newer services and use more roads or transit to get around compared with inner city dwellers
- cut taxes
- Please lower our taxes.We do not need higher taxes every year.Quit increasing union workers wages every year.The rest of us do not get increases every year
- if Council had a backbone, they'd realize that taxes are how things like roads get repaired, parks get maintained and infrastructure gets enhanced. We need to keep up with the infrastructure and we need to stop pandering to the low tax crowd. I'd like to live in a City that won't fall apart in the next 10 years.
- Deal in reality! You can not increase taxes on people who have lost careers by layoffs and failing value in home prices, just to fund warm and fuzzy, social engineering projects like bike lanes. We can not afford to subsidize anymore!
- No tax increases, not just lower, created efficiency to have a year of no tax increases.
- The opposite of tax increase: a reduction in municipal taxes for all Calgarian's during economic slumps-no tax raises
- Lower tax increases?!? How about lower taxes!
- Decrease tax for struggling small businesses. Increase tax for huge foreign corporations.



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- Tax decreases
- We need to maintain a low debt level at the cost of services/employee pay. We should not have to implement austerity measures in the future
- Tax should be cut and more services privatized.
- Most people are trying to make a decent living and are already taxed to the maximum. Adding more taxes will almost force me to sell my home as I will not be able to afford to live in it anymore.
- Lower taxes rather than lower increases
- Lower taxes not lower tax increases.
- Affordable housing for low income, lower property taxes,
- Lower taxes and reduced spending
- Why do taxes have yo increase every year???
- I haven't seen fiscal management by the city. Until then to say "lower increases rather than new or enhanced services" is a red herring. First show fiscal responsibility, then I'll gladly take the tax hike.
- Instead of lower tax increases, how about lower taxes driven by improved efficiency!
- Increase in property taxes should not be such a yearly routine as it is now and monies returned by the province from our taxes should be returned to us or used to reduce our taxes no matter how small -even if it is less than the cost of a small cup of coffee.
- Why can't I put low property taxes in my top 3 items?
- Please, administration needs to look at what is a need to have service, and what is "nice" to have. The Citizens don't "need" resident artists, we don't need lit up pedestrian bridges, or CalgaryNext. We need proper waste and recycling, road clearing and water services. All things I pay EXTRA for. Where do my property taxes go?
- Tax cuts. Stop wasting tax money on pet projects
- "Lower tax increases" is a disingenuous phrase -- give Calgarians the option for meaningful tax reductions.
- reduce frivolous spending
- Cut taxes. Even lower tax increase is not acceptable. City has a spending problem.
- tax reductions, not lower increases, this is poor thinking
- find cuts in services! Take a look at the cuts in oil and gas companies, why do you imagine city employees and spending shouldn't face the same radical adjustments? You are taxing us excessively, back off.
- Shouldn't be lower tax increases. It should simply be lower taxes. The question is worded to approve of small increases. Where is the option to have tax DECREASES.
- It seems property tax increases have been higher than most salary increases. If this is so, I'm not demanding more services, just that we don't pay a lot more for them.
- stop adding additional fees i.e. make green bins optional to taxpayers
- ZERO tax increases. YYC doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem.
- Stop adding new 'services' unless they are replacing older services. If something is new then something that is old needs to be decommissioned because the new is better, more cost effective, uses less reources
- Stop letting special interest groups or pet projects running up the ever increasing level of taxation. Get some backbone to say "no" to such.
- Funding sources other than property taxes is another way of saying: allow us to rob you with both our hands! You have user fees for services that are user specific and property taxes for services that are overall population specific. You don't need more sources, you need better restraint in your current spending addiction.
- City does not listen. Spends too much and taxes too much



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- How about tax decreases?
- cut my [expletive removed] taxes
- cut taxes....lower tax increases not enough!!! Reduce taxes!!!
- lower tax increases rather than city employees/management massive wage increases, bonuses and benefits. Follow the model of the private sector in reacting to the current economic environment.
- Reduce taxes, not lower increases - pigs at the trough
- Enhanced services can be accomplished without tax increase by improving efficiency - not standing around drinking coffee and watching other employees work
- Streamline spending and wages (which are substantially higher than the private sector equivalents or other cities for no extra benefit), stop hiding taxes as user fees.
- adjust tax increase/services base on economy

Public Input for City of Calgary Decisions

- Two way engagement with the City and our elected representatives shouldn't be so difficult. Public Servants serving the public!
- The city has failed to engage the SW with the BRT project before they unanimously passed it back in 2011 and are complaining about having to spend money now to inform citizens. Engage the public in advance and you will have project support as opposed to project resistance.
- It would be nice if the City actually listened to citizens rather just going through the perception of listening which seems to be the standard operation right now.
- I am greatly disappointed by the lack of consultation the City has had with my community on the SW BRT project. This initiative misappropriation of tax payer funds and needs to be re-evaluated immediately.
- The city does not listen it dictates.
- The SW Transitway and BRT project illustrates how a project can be approved 'under the radar' with no community consultation and involvement. I am very disappointed that my Councillor, Brian Pincott, and Mayor Nenshi, speak of consultation but did not involve the affected communities in order to ensure the supposed benefits of the project could be understood. I feel ignored and treated as an unimportant individual by my representatives and look forward to the opportunity to vote for representatives who won't be afraid to communicate with constituents on proposed developments.
- Your engagement process is broken, or if that is the way you designed it then it is just plain useless. This is not a transparent government. They make decisions in secret and do not communicate with residents who ask questions.
- There is too much secrecy behind closed doors especially during Council meetings.
- We appreciate the transparency of how the city of Calgary works to help all Calgarians.
- "Transparency and involvement needs to become a priority for any infrastructure plan at the idea stage, initial planning and construction. Teams must be dispatched to communities not just for ""talks"" but"" walk-arounds"" and a question & liaison mentor on site.
- The city must implement Zero Cost Budgeting in all departments."
- Because of the SW BRT I have finally taken the time to see how the city operates. Transparency and consultation with citizens is left as an after thought while developers such as Rio Can and institutions such as MRU get all of the attention from Council they desire. Nice to know that citizens are of no priority to the current administration.



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- There are significant issues with the way City Hall works and how administration is engaging citizens. There is a lot of dissention between councilors and it does not seem to be any different than the previous council with Bronconnier and the Aldermen. This Council seems to be preoccupied by things that should not take so long to make a decision on such as the downtown bike lanes. Council seems to be very indecisive and not working as a cohesive group governing our City as they should be. Secondly, there is a disconnect with how the City administration engages communities on major projects. The BRT is one example (of many) of bad planning and using a flawed process for engaging the public.
- No one is listening to us. There is. No accountability and no true consultation
- hahaha....engagement? What engagement. Your engagement is after the fact and you don't listen to it anyway. I want proper leadership and accountability of decisions. I want projects planned and designed by local companies, not BC ones. I also want a city hall that doesn't foster a my way or the highway approach to governing.
- No new municipal tax powers
- inclusion of Indigenous voices that meet the needs of the external communities not just plans to assist the internal capacities of city staff
- council and COC must change the way they work - the citizens are tired of having decisions pre-determined without public input (the current system is a sham). Public wages/pensions are a problem. Wasteful spending is a problem.
- "Less public input. Hire the experts, consult a little, and get going on (whatever). Too much time getting input only to tell those same people that 'whatever' can't be done.
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- While not directly referenced, the 311 system is fantastic. Ever since it's inception I have used it somewhat-regularly, and it's great.
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- The City website, however, not so much..."
- Councillor engagement and accountability with the citizens in their Ward. They didn't even show up to the information sessions held on the BRT by their own constituents. Shameful.
- I feel the city doesn't listen to the public or put much weight into the public's opinion especially around decisions regarding increased density, secondary suites or new development. 14 years ago I bought and own a house that was zoned appropriately for my need and the city has now changed the zoning on my block to allow secondary suites. Not only that but the density has increased significantly by the building of university city and now new condo development on northmount. The process to object by waiting all day at a city meeting just to voice my opinion is unacceptable. And for what? Just so the city can approve the development by a fast track vote. The citizens' voices who disagree with the mayor and council members are not being heard. I doubt anyone will actually read this.
- Public input for City of Calgary decisions is a 4h priority
- Ensuring that vulnerable and marginalized Calgarians are invited and supported to provide public input
- Council has their own agenda and not the constituents they are supposed to represent.
- Although public input has some value the reality is that very few citizens have the time or know how to be properly consulted on city issues. Just because there is a bunch of twitter feed on a topic doesn't mean that it is a concern or want or need for all citizens (especially any over 45!! Demographic on twitter is young!!!). Ensure the vocal minority is not the only deciding factor in decision making. Councillors were elected to a role and we trust their discretion. That doesn't mean listening to the vocal minority, it means making a sensible decision in the best interests of most of the population.



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- Spending efficiency, and public consultation on spending. We need to remember that the people who are greatly affected by decisions are the ones who don't have the time to be vocal about it.
- the information provided on the SW Transitway & BRT project was non-existent until after city council considered the project, and from what little information has been provided, the project is not justified unless significant additional housing on existing green space is assumed as a future development, which is not part of the justification for the project provided to communities. Informing affected communities when a major project is being proposed would be appreciated, since I currently feel ignored and that I am being treated with contempt.
- You do not listen to people. You waste money on projects that are not well thought out and without talking to local residents
- Transparency and public servant openness and accountability.
- If you are asking for public input for City of Calgary decisions is there a need for a large council? I do not believe Councillors represent the interests of their constituents as councillors only talk to the electorate during campaigns other than the chosen few within their constituency.
- No one is listening to us.
- I am tired of being told what it is we need and want in this city without asking those who pay for it. Engagement means engagement so let's start being open and honest about getting out and talking to the people who will be affected. Get off your Twitter feeds and Be leaders
- Needs to be more efficient. The crowd public input is excessive and taking way too long.
- Transparency at city hall.
- There are significant issues with the way City Hall works and how administration is engaging citizens. There is a lot of dissension between councilors and it does not seem to be any different than the previous council with Bronconnier and the Aldermen. This Council seems to be preoccupied by things that should not take so long to make a decision on such as the downtown bike lanes. Council seems to be very indecisive and not working as a cohesive group governing our City as they should be. Secondly, there is a disconnect with how the City administration engages communities on major projects. The BRT is one example (of many) of bad planning and using a flawed process for engaging the public.
- Get taxpayer input into any new or "enhanced" services via referendum
- Open the books on details so Calgarians can tell you where to cut.
- Open consultation fair choice of contracts stop tapping into property tax, no need in additional bus services which are ineffective due to overloaded roads better train
- Public input for decisions that is actually listened to and followed, not just symbolic

All Other

- Two way engagement with the City and our elected representatives shouldn't be so difficult. Public Servants serving the public!
- Accessible health services, physical, mental, emotional, financial
- Accountability!
- All of the above, as they are all common sense concerns of the majority
- At election time schedule plebiscites. Like fluoride/no fluoride. Not a decision by a small group that happens to be in power at that time. Don't always need the latest and greatest
- Being shown how much contracting out services - and the corrections of those services - cost us!
- Better dog owner tagging, get DNA samples of dogs on registration and fine the owners for leaving their mess.



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- Budgetary information is currently only high level.. It would be nice to have more detail available
- Calgary falls way behind on sports facilities. Shouldice parking lots aren't paved and are a joke. People come from outside our city and see this and laugh. No soccer buildings, no indoor track or field house, Football stadium that is what 1950? Saskatoon has better facilities with 1/5th the population. Get with it. Our kids have old/poor facilities to play in. Better would let more play, keep them occupied and off the street. Hockey is so expensive kids cannot play. Really too bad.
- Can someone tell Sean Chu to read actual data before he opens his mouth?
- Can we not take strain of the public purse AND provide income opportunities to shelters/refugees by making a services for labour exchange??
- "Citizens should be able to access the complete organization chart for the City on the website, not just department and business unit heads. Doesn't necessarily have to have names but salary ranges should be provided for each position. Taxpayers are paying salaries and should be allowed to see where their money is going. All out sourcing should
- d be posted too."
- "City data is resident data. Make it available.
- Property taxes do not function as incentives to use or not use services. On my block infills have replaced single family homes; conservatively property tax revenues have quadrupled however no new or increased services."
- City needs to determine what business they are in. The City needs to clearly define core services, not provide a shopping list.
- City services are here for the citizens, not the other way around. Please ensure crews respect the right to peaceful enjoyment of their properties.
- Community over development, with all this space why do we need so many multi family dwellings in the already existing neighbourhoods. Traffic congestion creates a more dangerous environment for all.
- Cut the red tape is brilliant. Watching friends try to navigate opening a business in yyc this year (including ones who own other businesses already) has made it quite clear departments often don't train staff to know thier own requirements let alone work functionally with other departments.
- Cycle paths need to be dismantled. Do not want them on busy streets we have a bike pays system. Cars should be the priority
- Developers need to pay more for the infrastructure costs associated
- Economic growth and diversity drives virtually everything.
- Education
- Environment. Green spaces
- Excellent. The city of calgary facebook feedback is outstanding. When a person writes, and someone responds, this is excellent.
- Faster snow removal
- Fewer personal empires.
- Find away for oil company to make money in Alberta so they can create jobs
- Fine Dog Owners for not cleaning up their mess, seriously, it's getting out of control.
- Fire the idiot that forced Race City to close.
- Flood mitigation projects
- for example to sustain 15,000 affordable housing units that do not require tax support, Calgary Housing should invest in 30,000-40,000 units and generate revenue from 40%-50% of the portfolio to fund the remaining units as subsidized units. This may require a 1 time investment of \$1 Billion, and then going forward the supply of



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affordable housing might possibly be self sustaining without additional tax support. also a very good time right now to invest in housing as construction cost are substantially lower than even 1 year ago. also terrific economic stimulus strategy.

- "Full Survey results made public and not just the ones that the city likes to post.
- Negative feedback is a good thing"
- Generally lots of communication both ways, really great!
- Get campaign finance transparency laws to government minimums
- Get out of the Taxi business. Allow Uber and free enterprise to run the business.
- give back the 52million stolen for 30 yrs
- Give more help to those homeless people. Not only give them food and clothes, but give them job opportunities.
- Good governance is important here.
- Governance
- Great job, friendly people, clean Calgary, beautiful mountains in background, tons of off leash ! Beautiful parks! Great summer interactive activities
- Having my street plowed
- helping those with great financial and health challenges
- Higher tax increases for new or enhanced services
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, i refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs too much. Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.
- How about more user pays and getting away from property tax based revenue? In-fill inner cities blocks pay disproportionately relative to amount of services used
- How can we boot that sob nenshi out of office?
- I am a renter
- I think there's still a lot of work to be done in the area of good financial management of the City. I think maybe there are some ongoing roadblocks to better management that are not being addressed.
- I want the economy to grow because it's a huge challenge
- "I want to see the City of Calgary (and also Calgary Police Service) working more closely with all taxi cabs. Making operating rules for them, and monitoring them.
- I have seen far too many cabs driving"
- I am troubled knowing that you are ready willing and planning to rip up infrastructure along 14 St SW S of Heritage Dr to accommodate busses getting in and around traffic easier. However I live on Heritage Dr E of Macleod Tr and am unable to catch a bus from nearest train station after 6pm , which is unacceptable , there are low income buildings in the area , as well as seniors. In addition you have to wait a minimum of 45 minutes to catch the said necessary bus into this area during the very few hours of the day these routes do actually run. I pay for bus tickets and passes but am unable to get the same use out of it as the rest of the City. This is not a new area and there are indeed enough users. However the #3 bus runs about every 8 to 10 minutes on average and the extended busses they use on that route are seldomly full in the areas it runs. Why not space that bus every 12 to 15 minutes and make either the #39 or #410 a full service route giving the people in this area fair and equal access to transit. Walking from the train in winter is hazardous
- Improve the economy



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- It is time citizens of this great city took back power from the misguided personal agendas of long-in-the-tooth councilors! It is time city council paid attention to the citizens rather than particular councilors' whims!
- Keep maintaining the streets : asphalt ,sidewalks.
- Keep pushing for more citizen-focused service.
- Less passing the buck from department to department. No one seems to take responsibility for decisions.
- "Less public input. Hire the experts, consult a little, and get going on (whatever). Too much time getting input only to tell those same people that 'whatever' can't be done.
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- While not directly referenced, the 311 system is fantastic. Ever since it's inception I have used it somewhat-regularly, and it's great.
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- The City website, however, not so much..."
- Less red tape for community organizers to access resources/support
- Listen to the majority of Calgarians, don't just greasy the squeaky wheels to shut them up.
- Low-income...more support to deserving homeless individuals
- Managing the public expectations
- Mayor hates suburbs. That has to change
- More 311 operators that know there jobs better
- More access to park space and increased off-leash dog park access particularly in the deep SW where this is severely lacking
- More accessible services for low-income Calgarians.
- More decent snow removal in winter. Your to slow
- More density, less sprawl. Less concessions to developers building new communities on the edges of calgary
- Must do a better job of filling potholes throughout the city.
- N
- No CalgaryNext Arena
- No new municipal tax powers
- No political partisanship on council
- over emphasis on bike lanes
- Planning and Development needs an overhaul...top to bottom!
- Pu some extra taxes and levy on truck owner and drivers. trucks should be prohibited into downtown main core.
- reduce red tape
- reduced rather than managed city debt level
- Reducing regulatory burden
- Reduction in red tape for permitting
- "Reduction of inefficient bureaucracy
- Real input from and dialogue with Calgarians
- Help Calgarians to better understand the implications of our old way of living/ urban sprawl so that they can contribute to a better and affordable life for everyone"
- Revision of policies and implementation that are outdated to alleviate more stress on the truly vulnerable esp. ppl w/ permanent disabilities
- Science based policy (water fluoridation)



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- slow & slower
- streetlights are burnt out all over the place - deerfoot trail is atrocious, major intersections of glenmore and deerfoot and too many side streets to count, including my own - it's like driving down an alley in all of these places
- The City has been (and keeps doing) a wonderful job - it will be harder to adding new infrastructure with the economy in its current situation. I'm more interested in maintenance, rather than adding newer services given that I have a significant number of friends who have lost their jobs. (This wouldn't be the time to add the West Village project if we didn't know how much/who would be paying for that remediation, for example.)
- The City has not held up their commitment to engagement or transparency to communities in the SW regarding the BRT. Where are the updated project costs? Why is the City still using preliminary cost projections from 2011? Where is the data supporting ridership? What's the city's conversion strategy for getting people to switch to taking the bus? Where's the noise, vibrational and environmental impact assessment?
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- The infrastructure planning thinking is too short term. More longer term needed like 30 years out. When a community is developed it should already have the train corridor allocated. Overpasses built. Better designs by commercial developers for vehicle access and traffic flows
- the way Access Calgary works; to revise policies to make the lives of riders who need it most, easier...not more complicated
- "there are 2-3 people going through red lights and about 50% never stop at stop signs
- more cameras on major intersections needed they would pay for themselves very quickly through the fines
- commisionaires could drive around and ticket people for running stop signs freeing up police for other work and would cost less, like in Germany"
- There are significant issues with the way City Hall works and how administration is engaging citizens. There is a lot of dissention between councilors and it does not seem to be any different than the previous council with Bronconnier and the Aldermen. This Council seems to be preoccupied by things that should not take so long to make a decision on such as the downtown bike lanes. Council seems to be very indecisive and not working as a cohesive group governing our City as they should be. Secondly, there is a disconnect with how the City administration engages communities on major projects. The BRT is one example (of many) of bad planning and using a flawed process for engaging the public.
- There is still too much red tape.
- There is too much secrecy behind closed doors especially during Council meetings.
- This is pathetic. We get to choose from only choices? Useless survey nenshi can then use to claim he has support for his socialist crap
- This is very much needed. Why is Nenshi pursuing the building of oil pipelines? Has he got oil people giving him money now? We need to MOVE ON. Yes solar is expensive but it's a better investment in the long run. Stop allowing other countries to control our economy by relying on the petro dollar! Move on!
- Toll new roads. This is a no brainer. Stoney should have been tolled
- traffic flow and streetlights!
- Transparency and public servant openness and accountability.



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- Transparency at city hall.
- Transparency is not happening and needs to be addressed
- Tried a zillion times to move bars around. Got frustrate and lost interest. Typical city of calgary being cool instead of just doing an efficient job that might be boring but gets it done.
- Up to the mayor and city hall not the citizens
- Use user fees more often. Shouldn't we have roadway pricing by now? Get the streets budget from drivers.
- Using levers and leverage needed to help CED and others to support diversification and current industries, as well as lobbying of other orders of government to find new revenue sources
- Very vague. Being precise by mentioning who (which department) and how, would help us understand this ategory better. There are 4 category that sound very close, and without clarifying who and how, it's impossible to prioritize.
- Was frustrated this summer when roads choice to pave alleyway and clean street same time.tried to contact somebody from roads no one would reply using 311. Finally had to contact council person to get reply. No reply for weeks then one phone call and within half hour somebody contacted me. Then very aggressive talking to me. Was unprofessional but I believe he was angry being held accountable for not replying to me in the beginning
- We appreciate the transparency of how the city of Calgary works to help all Calgarians.
- We have had occasion to call 311 and the Parking Authority regarding parking issues in our neighbourhood. There doesn't seem to be any communication/co-ordination between the two groups. One says that school buses cannot park overnight and the other says school buses are exempt from being a large vehicle.
- What is Managed City debt level?
- Why dosent the city invest into city run businesses, open up those Kiosks by the train stations again, get some city revenue coming in by city run businesses. With over a million people in this city, how can the city not run their own businesses to offset tax hikes?
- "Zero based budgeting
- Fewer lunches for Councillors charged to expenses
- Zero alcohol rules for Councillors at functions
- common sense politicians
- dont ever allow this council to have more taxing power!!
- Forget green bins, and extra fees, only 10% want them.
- funding sources other than any type of tax
- Is there some way to get rid of Druh Farrell, her ideas seem to be costing the city a fortune and are not popular with many of her constituents
- Modern cities have uber, backwards cities don't
- No green bins!
- No pay raises for politicians
- Open consultation fair choice of contracts stop tapping into property tax, no need in additional bus services which are ineffective due to overloaded roads better ctrain
- reduce property taxes on multi-family dwellings and increase on single houses, particularly in deep suburbs where they rely more heavily on access to new services and new roads
- Responsible intelligent councillors don't need public input
- Significantly reduced City staff, Nenshi has to go, so incompetent



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- Stop letting special interest groups or pet projects running up the ever increasing level of taxation. Get some backbone to say "no" to such.
- The mayor needs to resign there is a huge savings.



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Your Message To Council

A lot can change in two years. We want to hear from you on if you think there is anything Council should keep in mind when working through potential Action Plan adjustments. Please share with us what you would like City Council to keep in mind when considering changes to Action Plan... I Want Council To...

Messages that contain info related to:

How The City of Calgary Works

- Stop bickering, stop micro managing, let your City Manager and staff do their jobs uninhibited.
- Pay attention to existing resources and encourage sharing. Limit duplications. To achieve this, need to inform, direct and communicate who is doing what and focus strongly on redirecting resources before investing into a new one. use internal talents, knowledge and skills before hiring external consultants, strongly consider local talents and expertise for senior management positions, increase a number of well organized volunteer programs, job shadowing, practicum opportunities not only for social workers, but in other disciplines within COC
- I do not want to see the City increase their debt but manage on what they have from taxes and other governments.
- REALLY transform government by allowing volunteer participation from the public to contribute to making something that is broken / insufficient in city services better. For example, why not open the clearly broken next CTrain prediction / presentation system to the public and let those with interest and skill help fix it?
- Work together for common good, not for personal and political reasons.
- focus on the long-term directions and plans for a great city, and not on individual items or complaints
- make things more efficient and save tax payers money.
- Is the change good for the citizen's of Calgary and not just a showy item that looks good but does nothing.
- I want city council to be business like, not patronize us. For example, the biking fiasco that is going on, it's costing MILLIONS and MILLIONS of dollars of less than .5% of the population of Calgary and yet they contribute not one PENNY or should I say 5 cents to the maintenance of bike PATHS. Further all walking paths and bike path should stop maintenance as of the 15 october each year and resume 15 April the following year, Amazing the amount of money that could be saved and or used for Snow control. Further, Transit should not repeat should not have any parking near their pick up point, however, should have service in all sectors of the city feeding collector point, So much tax dollars is lost cause the huge parking lots and the maintenance associated with them. Only a few councillors are business like and not SPEND Drift, most are gross, We need to stop them having these lunch meeting at our expenses, ~When I worked, the citizens of calgary DID NOT BUY ME my meals. I see their expense account and few are `ABUSING it, Where is the AUDITING of these COUNCILLORS.?
- Reduce taxes and city funds waste. Improve traffic flow. Stop environmental meddling...global warming is a myth.
- I want council to stop pushing ideological agendas that favor vocal small interest groups over average Calgarians.i want renewed focus on finding efficiencies in all areas rather than just better ways to spend money on pet projects and to stop pretending to engage then just listening to people who parrot their ideas.beyond that less power in the hands of unelected officials



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- Take into account the silent majority, don't believe that the people making the most noise about something are the majority. Take more time to find ways to engage with those who do not have time or believe that their voices and concerns will not be heard no matter what they say or do...the silent majority.
- Pay attention to the majority of Calgarians needs not the vocal minority
- "balance diversity and meritocracy
- balance quality city services with cost/taxes
- support nonprofit agencies that are providing services relevant to the current downturn in the economy
- collaborate with the federal and provincial governments to maximize the value provided by new funding, as emphasized by Jeff Fielding"
- I want council to pay attention to the majority of Calgarians versus catering to the small minority. (Cars vs cyclists). Stop punishing citizens that live outside of the downtown area.
- I want Council to take a balanced approach in face of this challenging economy. Focus on getting the big projects done - Greenline, Four cars on LRT, interchanges in SW where traffic is going to increase.
TRANSPARENCY.
- Stop being so excited about the word no, and try the word how. City council is like having to move back in with ones parents. Can't do this can't do that. Be Part of the Energy? Let's not flat line. CalgaryNext, Uber...
- Build all department budgets from actual foretasted line items, rather than previous years' spends.
- I would like the City to keep it's expenses in check, property taxes can't be growing every year with no end (due to future project commitments the city makes)
- I want council to keep doing the good job they are doing. Keep budgets in order and continue to support our citizens in their everyday life being safe and Keep a tidy and clean city
- Live within your means
- I want council to spend money wisely on priority items.
- Organize a gathering of communities to go over plans of changes, and determine if tax payer's are in favour of their money going towards these particular projects.
- make the average citizens lives better everyday, even with simple things that make it easier to do business and easier to get around. I like the pilot projects that they have done so far with lane reversals downtown, I think that could happen in other parts of the city as well. We don't need huge expensive fixes if simple idea's that were more cost effective work nearly as good.
- Independent committees with the expertise and experience to fairly evaluate quotations from reliable suppliers. Example, some of the fiascos we have had to deal with in traffic flow due to multiple road closures handling heavy traffic flow and changes to plans already approved.
- Stop catering to the minority in this city. We did not want bike lanes, we did not want 100K spent on little art projects and 500K for a giant blue lamp post on the outskirts of the city??? Pay freezes or even a pay cut needs to be in order for all city staff during these times.
- I want Council to ensure that transparency and accountability when building relationships with urban Indigenous citizens are at the forefront. CAUC is a great internal start; what are the plans for external relations?
- I want council to put Calgarians first before refugees.
- stop focusing on the little things. Understand what the City has as a mandate and the "power" to change and focus on those things. Provide the guidance and direction like a board of directors of a large corporation - be consistent in your messaging to administration
- give back the 52m provincial tax room the council hijacked and call it what it is, (a tax hike), get rid of most bike lanes, get more public opinion (not just select opinions) on projects or initiatives, less in camera



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- Provide an open channel for citizens to talk to The City and test City services.
- Instead of borrowing money. Don't spend what we don't have! Look at your services you provide and figure out better efficiencies. The example of 5 people managing 1 person working. Have 1 person managing 5 working instead! Also when spending on transit, etc we all know it can't happen overnight, so don't push it and raise taxes when it won't complete for years.
- keep in mind what the end result should be, if something is not going to benefit everyone in each community in the city maybe that plan should be rethought. Make sure it is something that is truly important not something that only a small amount of higher tax paying people will care about, all class levels and people should be taken into consideration. Also take into consideration how these things are going to effect the environment and those places around us.
- i want Council to ensure that any tax increases are tightly controlled and are tied to inflation and population growth.
- I want City Council to be accountable. The constant delays in promises is a waste everyone's of resources
- Ask the people
- Consider Calgary's current economic climate when making decisions for 2016 and beyond. Time to be creative with solutions that service Calgarians during challenging times.
- continue to lobby for federal and provincial infrastructure money
- I want council to start engaging with it's citizens in the community in modern ways - not door to door and not phone calls. Emails and texting options. Ask people what they want and stop speaking from your own opinions.
- I would like council to stop wasting tax dollars on areas like cycle tracks and unattractive art.
- I want Council to make educated budgetary decisions which take into account the cyclical ebb and flow of local industry (e.g. oil and gas, petroleum)
- Think before they spend our money.
- Stick to municipal administrative responsibilities, stay out of provincial and federal matters unless it relates to funding. Stop making uniformed decisions, use the knowledge and recommends of experts on policy decisions.
- I'd like Council to remember that "quality of life" must come before having the lowest taxes.
- Taxes in Calgary are out of control as is spending in the city. City has too many pet projects and needs to focus on the "bones" of the city
- I want city council to make the city more affordable and accessible to all Calgarians. I want regular bus service to happen in all communities including Inglewood where I live, and Rundle (where my family lives.) I want all c-train stations to be accessible. Currently despite the construction of at Rundle station- it's still not accessible to people who are ill, senior, and /or disabled. That bridge is still too high, long and steep. I want all Access Calgary Drivers to recieve the training that Calgary Handibus has done for it's drivers in the past. I want Access Calgary staff to be trained by service providers and people with disabilities as to how people with disabilities should be treated People with disabilities are citizens too. Their voice and opinion matter. They should be heard by city council and city staff, and treated by all with respect not just at Access Calgary but throughout all the city services and programs. This city should be a vibrant, welcoming and happy place for all to be in. That means barriers to accessibility in all city buildings, cabs, Calgary Transit and Access Calgary services should be removed. A city is only as good as it's weakest cittzen. If we can't help that citizen feel like they belong in this city- we need to do a lot better to make them feel that way!
- Support the plans they have previously approved.
- ensure a trusting and cooperative relationship with City Administration



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- do not overspend
- Put or tax dollars to better use instead of raising our taxes further. Especially with the price of oil and current job market in our city. Cut spending where we can.
- Truly listen to and follow the citizens of Calgary in their concerns and desires.
- I would like council to continue listening to Calgarians and making balanced dedisions.
- I want Council to include all Calgarians, including those on the margins
- Keep out of pocket costs low. Man families struggling financially and probably will for a few years
- Please listen to Calgarians rather than doing what you think is best. You aren't always right or don't always represent the majority. I sometimes wonder what exactly it is that you accomplish on yyccc so perhaps better communication is needed.
- Word towards to keep Calgary in top best cities of world from all aspects
- I want the city to consider everyone not just a selective few
- Ensure better regulations.
- "Jobs Projects needed
- Lower property taxes for seniors to age in place"
- budget as though it's your own money
- "Council needs to stand back and see the big picture. They need to act like project managers and look at issues from three perspectives, namely:
 - * price/cost
 - * service/schedule
 - * quality
- Low price or low cost should not necessarily be the #1 driver. We all do not drive around in the cheapest autos.
- They need to focus on policy not the implementation.
- They need to be more visible.
- To be frank, Council seems to have gone downhill since Ralph Klein left."
- "Stop wasting money on stupid laws. (Eg. Change speed limits in the community)
- Need to make the SE corner traffic better. This should Been started 10 years ago the traffic is terrible but no one in city council or our mayor cares about us out here."
- I suggest Council spend these next two very tough economic years planing how to spend fewer dollars and not micro-managing City staff. Let the managers manage and let Council provide direction.
- Council needs to be very cautious of implementing things that are not critical during this difficult economic environment. Eg. Public art instead of public transit.
- spend our tax money wisely...not on things we do not need... until the economy recovers.
- Reduce all spending and lower property taxes.
- spend tax money like is was your own money, value for spend
- To keep engaging the community to continually improve plans. Stop with silly distractions like the recent Sean Chi issue. Continue to prioritize based on needs and risk, not just financial requirements. Spend funds as if they were taking care of their family; make it personal and remember the people being served.
- Please stop increasing taxes. We're almost bankrupt due to the poor economy!
- Be fiscally responsible! Use common sense! Ask for input from Calgarians.
- I'd like Council to keep health and sustainability top-of-mind overall. This affects the design of our communities, our finances, and our environment. Take the longview and build what will support everyone (not



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just special interests or industries) best over the long-term. Please make outcomes-based, data-driven decisions and work more collaboratively to better city governance for us all (leave the egos and petty politics at the door please - we are adults and professionals after all). Look to good governance and design examples in the nordic countries especially. And thank you for your dedication and service to making Calgary great!

- Due to the economic situation to keep up with the necessities. Even as some of us are cutting back there are things that are luxuries and really you notice are not as necessary. Also I ask the council to look at city salaries and consider freezes until the city is in better condition.
- Consider the economic conditions and not to make changes that will further hinder economic recovery
- control spending we all live within our financial means and our city should be no different. There should be a clear understanding of what is essential and what is a desire. I think we have lost touch and often spend money on desires while calling for tax increases which are getting harder for many citizens to afford.
- If people lose their jobs it reflects badly to increase public servant salaries and the number of public servants employed.
- Spending should benefit the majority and not vocal special interest groups.
- "No Green Cart.
- Why have my garbage fees not gone down with all the success of the Blue Cart recycling which costs double the Black Cart Program.
- Stop trying to rip off ideas from warmer climates, we are not Arizona, Florida or Portland. We need to be realistic about walking and biking expectations when it can be snowing and cold the majority of the year.
- Get some talented people working for the city to fix some of these issues.
- Post clear ""success criteria"" for the public to see how decisions are made on all these hairbrained pilot projects the City undertakes time and again."
- I want council to be fiscally responsible and avoid public bickering or acting childish. Support changes with facts and communicate on multiple platforms to Calgarians.
- Stop spending money unnecessarily!
- Please do away with the bike lanes. They are a major expense that only benefits a very small amount of people. Also wages should be frozen until the economy picks up again.
- I want council to quit putting things off to committees (secondary suites/ring road etc) and make the decision(s).
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- work better together.
- Tax impacts on families hurting financially
- Stop wasting money on art projects like the big blue corcle on 96th ave.
- Strong leadership not just in fighting. That they model behaviours for the type of city we want. Think the long-term
- "To focus on the economical growth of the city.
- To focus on cost cutting methods
- Put policies in place to have corruption curtailed among the work staff and council and mayor if applicable"
- to make decisions that are in the best interest of the community not their personal opinion. Bad choices have been made in their own haste. I.e. Heritage sites. Is it their own personal (monetary) gain?..
- Be realistic in this economic downturn by focusing on only necessary spending. Also unions and other social services need their spending to be controlled as it is not fair the oil industry suffers while others get raises from tax payer money



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- Cut my taxes. By shifting utilities to smax my takes & utilities are around \$600 per month. Everything goes up. Blue bin up. Garbage up. Now green bins? Sigh. Pricing me out of my home.
- Remember that homeowners are not a savings and loan and that we cannot sustain the continued tax hikes that are well above inflation any longer.
- Make efficient use of resources and tax dollars. Smaller investments that yield the greatest returns both financially and in service to the public.
- "encourage opportunities that will get people back to work. invest in infrastructure
- Find ways to reduce property taxes
- Find efficiencies at City Hall. all companies seem to be on cost cutting measures except the City. If I don't get a pay increase, why should the City (and I don't work in O&G)."
- greater focus on municipal priorities, not issues beyond their responsibilities (i.e. no national nor provincial nor general social issues)
- Council should be doing what they can to bring up everyone's standard of living, and ensuring that Calgary is the best city to live and for people to visit and if they could find away to reduce taxes that would be great
- Taxes are unsustainable in Calgary, year after year of increased taxes in a growing environment and now that the bubble has burst, property values are decreasing, business revenues are down, and our city is planning on increasing taxes... ignorance is bliss
- "I want council to review its previous decisions on projects and look to see if it fits with the new economic realities. Focus on the key issues of:
- Is this the most effective and cost efficient way of achieving results.
- are the actions we are taking responsible in light of the new economic reality.
- Are we following the interests of our citizens or our own political agendas"
- Operating expenses of City of Calgary
- Quit wasting money. Stop making decisions that have long reaching consequences with no thought or foresight.
- dont waste money
- Keep involving the citizens with everything that you do. No surprises. Be honest and up-front about everything.
- I would like council to not raise taxes and to not spend lavishly. Residents of this city are having a hard time making ends meet....costs of groceries, utilities, and it seems everything is going up. I know our family cannot bare the burden of increased taxes. As a side note, when it comes to how tax dollars are spent, perhaps surveys for opinions should be sent in tax assessment forms to tax payers.
- Focus on the plans already in place. Don't veer off course looking for new places to spend when there's a lot going on already. Keep the city operating for now.
- I want city council to engage tax payers before approving major projects. I cannot believe that the City approved the Calgary SW BRT with only 181 feedback forms (no quantification of what percentage is actually in favour of the project vs opposed) and with no response from community associations. Spending public dollars on public projects without public consultation is not serving the public at all.
- Dont overreact to Calgary's current economic situation - continue to think of the long term. Keep building a great city!
- Be proactive not reactive. This city is going to continue to grow at record pace regardless of economy, especially when you have the Federal Government working their own agenda
- Focus on long term planning, not knee-jerk reactions to short term problems
- More clarity on how the recycling programs for business. Accountabilities
- be very conscious of the current economic situation and still look to what the future might hold



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- Focus on car and motorized vehicle transportation and lower taxes.
- Please consider future aspects of our city's economy keeping in mind the uncertainty factor so that during hard time, city can take necessary actions to spend money in more efficient way to help public getting jobs in new projects with no delay in the projects, hence overall growth and wealthy city.
- Keep my taxes in line with inflation, or below. Stop building cycle lanes and dedicated bus lanes.
- "Remain committed to the age-friendly strategy.
- Do better at explicit engagement of our most marginalized community: our aboriginal people. Be anti-racist."
- "STOP Taxing us Live within your means ... there is no need to increase taxes every year just because you feel you need to ... STOP THE WASTE STOP WASTING TAX DOLLARS
- Insert traffic sensing tech for stop lights at all traffic lights"
- Not waste money
- Thank you for listening
- I want Council to use our money wisely and look for cuts in running of City Hall. Stop tax increases EVERY YEAR. We don't get raises to cover that. Where are we supposed to find the money. Remember you are spending our money and you are spending too much. People on fixed incomes are becoming homeless through all these increases.
- Balance the budget and avoid more tax increases.
- I want council to lower the property taxes by increasing user fees, cutting overhead functions in city departments, and making police and fire services more accountable for delivering lower cost services
- I want council to be bold, forward thinking, and not to fear change.
- Reduce spending including negotiating more effective compensation packages; eliminating wasteful spending; delivering savings back to tax payers to reduce taxes (e.g. where are all the savings from fueling city vehicles going??); focus on big priorities that matter to ALL or the majority of Calgarians vs. special interest groups like cyclists, BRZ's, taxi drivers, an "art" committee, etc.
- I want council to be creative when thinking about the kind of city we can become. Social justice and development of an arts friendly city would make it a city that we could take pride in. A focus on a vibrant inner city that is welcoming and open would be a change from the current set-up. It would be nice to have several blocks together that encourage wandering rather than the isolated streets that are barely worth going out of your way.
- Hear from and respect voices of marginalized groups
- You do not have a right to my tax dollars because you are elected. You have to earn that right. Tax and spend is not a good philosophy but it is your legacy. .
- There are a lot of people appreciative of what the city does. Don't grease only the squeaky, negative wheel. Calgary is finally moving in the right direction regarding the environment. Let's keep it going and not be afraid to accelerate it!
- I want city council to take into consideration what the people have said is their priorities instead of changing things that don't need to be changed.
- strive to do the right things not the easy things for the best interests of all Calgarians
- spend less, save more, reduce taxes, shrink government
- spend our tax dollars wisely
- Be respectful of the money provided to govern the city. These are tax dollars that belong to the people, not government dollars that belong to you.
- stop wasting money on special interests (e.g. cyclists)
- wake up to the economic realities and live within a shrinking budget like people in the real world



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- Slow down spending, don't spend raining day funds. Things will get worse. If businesses can't afford taxes, remember people can't either!
- Treat tax payers money as your own. Do not waste it on projects with no ROI.
- To be true leaders-To put experienced people that have a passion to do the right thing. We talk about transparency, however it is not working.
- Fiscal responsibility.
- Focus on creating an efficient, lean organization that utilizes funding to the maximum benefit of the citizens. The City does not outwardly project a fiscal conservatism attitude and increasing taxes each year to accommodate salary and wage increases by municipal workers is not indicative of a good organization. There still exists significant waste in the system, focus on removing the waste and the excess people within the system.
- Reduce the size of government, reduce the amount of taxes I have to pay, sell enmax, privatize government businesses such as waste collection, transit, maintenance. I feel that there is too much attention paid to city government. The size of the city government is too large and creates unwanted pet projects to keep itself busy.
- find ways to do more with less, having tax increases in excess of inflation EVERY YEAR is not a sustainable practice. Focus on infrastructure (roads) before the "nice to haves" (programs).
- I want council to start spending my money as if it were money they were spending out of their own wallets. That means when times are tough, you need to focus on the priority items that allow us to function as citizens... that does not mean pet projects for the arts, cycle pathway expansions, and public art. Those are all things that can be looked at when we're swimming in cash again. But right now a lot of Calgarians and Albertans in general are hurting. We expect and demand that you do a much better job than you have in the past in relation to how and where you choose to spend out hard earned tax dollars. And, come the next civic election, we'll hold you directly responsible for those actions. Leadership isn't about selfies and social media self promotion. Nor is it about projects that have dubious merit and value (read bike lanes). Be economically responsible for everyone's sake. If you can't manage the city, there are others who can.
- Continue to focus on what the people, the electorate want. Don't make dumb political choices.
- "Continue to be open and honest with the public/thank you for the opportunity.
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- happy birthday NN"
- I want council to concentrate on reducing costs and taxes through reduction in staff costs and expenses by creating more efficient work processes and proper management. Concentrate on the business of the City. The City of Calgary cannot, and should not, be all things to all people.
- I want Council to focus on the core services municipal government is supposed to be responsible for, focusing on needs NOT wants. I want Council to be more respectful of taxpayer dollars, reducing taxes, cutting spending and reducing debt. I want Council to appreciate that citizens need to be more responsible and accountable for their decisions and actions, ultimately their own well-being.
- I want council to consider ways to improve mobility through Calgary to major business centres and to find ways to keep costs low.
- Stay the course on the route ahead. Think further ahead and with a larger picture despite potential frustrations. Short term solutions created a patch work of infrastructure and services in Calgary, be more wholistic in your approach.
- reduce taxes and trim the City workforce - amazingly everyone in the private sector has to take a hit except the City



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- stop spending, start thinking, don't let small special interest groups dominate the agenda. Mayor Nenshi - be more polite - you frequently look arrogant and impatient.
- Cut taxes and hold the line on wages.
- "Keep the search for efficient and effective approaches core to the process. For example, educate pedestrians and drivers rather than creating more restrictions and increasing permanent staff and costs.
- Be more transparent and factual on issues like the development of the west end.
- Close the loop on issues like problems building the Peace Bridge and the 2nd failure with new transit software.
- Continue seeking input from residents in this kind of simple survey. It supports discussion and community involvement. Don't ask for personal information (e.g. salary, etc).
- Thanks for managing and building our community"
- cut spending cut taxes
- I want City Council to live within there means, stop trying to raising taxes and stop trying to get taxes from other means ie. gas tax etc...
- I have a feeling that at present the economy situation in Alberta and Canada will not really improve till 2018, and this the council must keep in mind. Also the unions I realize they had a contract and I'm. ok with that but the next contract they must remember what the union got in past contract during the bad times and reduce the up and coming contract Also I feel at present forget the Art that is being built at present Let get back on our feet and then look at these projects
- Council needs to be absolutely fixated on running a proper budget. By that I mean that there should not be any increases to the budget; no tax increases. Plan your budget like any other business. Spend only what you have. Make some tough decisions on what CANNOT be included as an expenditure. If there isn't enough money to build a rink, a library, a community centre this year than so be it. Stop spending money for the purpose of re-election. Every councillor should be looking at the broader picture rather than whether or not their riding gets something new.
- Spend our money wisely.
- I want council to stop increasing my taxes well past inflation every year. This includes the rampant increase in user fees. This council is out of control with its wants and should look to backing off for awhile. Please!!!!
- Remember that Calgary is still growing and we have some infrastructure deficits to address. There is also a need for strong programming to support our youth and seniors. There is a need to be fiscally responsible but DO NOT forget about future generations. What we invest now is for the Calgary and our population of the future. Stay the course. It's not like we haven't be through this before.
- I would like City Council to hold property tax increases to 0% for 2 years at least. How is this possible? Due to the current economy, the private sector has seen massive lay offs. Why can't the City trim its labour cost?
- I want council to focus on core services, (road maintenance, garbage pick up and water/wastewater) and stop spending money on NICE TO HAVES, like landscaping the river walk and lighting up the entire (EMPTY) east village as bright as daylight. Stop building things that cost to install, cost to run, cost to maintain and don't earn a dime! (Ex., lights on Langevin bridge, cost for electric, hurts the fish habitat, is counter to City's own environmental policies, etc, etc.) Don't spend money on pedestrian strategies, ENFORCE EXSISTING LAWS for pedestrians and drivers alike!!!
- Manage the City of Calgary Operations efficiently as opposed to constantly focusing on Social Engineering issues .. such as bike paths etc. .. not everyone can bicycle to work .. Council spends way to much time and effort trying to promote social engineering rather then focusing on their mandate to run the city in an efficient manner



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- Focus on the big issues. Bike lanes, shark fin soup, fluoride and closing Memorial Drive monthly are distractions that prevent tangible forward movement. We need brain power focused on reducing bureaucracy to stimulate business, reducing waste at city hall and addressing infrastructure needs not just for those who take transit and ride bikes, but for the hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who must or choose to drive.
- I want Council to keep tax increases to inflation by cutting full-time ass-sitter positions.
- please minimize tax increases
- getting information out to the citizens is key for success
- engage with its citizens and stop listening to administration. You are elected to represent the citizens not administration
- Keep ideology out of decision making
- I want council to stick to a budget and not increase property tax every year! Even in a hurting economy the taxes keep going up but there was no rate freeze for city employees, they get a guaranteed increase in salary meanwhile everyone else took a pay cut.
- Stay focused on the long term plan. Even though things are not great in the Calgary economy today, I want the city to be very thoughtful about the ways in which it can and cannot help the situation. While some measures may have some political benefit, the impact on the broader community and the city's long term priorities must also be balanced.
- I want Council to remember that money don't grow on all Tax payers. Especially those employed in the not so good industry where most make just average like 40k or even less and take years more like 8 years to even reach to 60k...Aiyayo that's depressing, how could we stay competitive and affordable for all
- Be more effective with taxpayers money and spend less.
- If you ask Calgarians to help, remember, we're an amazing group who are ready to pull together.
- I would like council to look for areas to cut costs. Every time this is mentioned, we are threatened with essential services like police and fire. Salaries for the city staff, including benefits (pensions) should be in line with the private sector.
- Consistency is critical. Provide direction at high levels, allowing staff to augment programs and products to stay current. Fast reactions often cause more problems than they resolve.
- think like a taxpayer, treat the tax revenues as personal dollars not as god given right. learn how to do as much or more with less, and shrink unions and union costs. public sector costs need to be reduced.
- I would like council to consider thier actual role and act accordingly. I would like council to consider ALL Calgarians, they seem to discriminate against the suburbs which is absurd. Council should be able to balance interests of a vibrant urban centre while realizing most of thier tax payers live outside the city centre.
- Lower taxes and limit regulation. Limit government interference.
- I want council to live within its means, as individuals must do. Zero based budgeting, tax increases limited to real inflation, public employee salaries matched to comparable private salaries.
- I want Council to get in touch with their ward and discuss changes and plans. Vote according to what your constituents want, not what you think.
- Keep up the good work! Good luck.
- that taxes do not go up - a lot of citizens are already strapped for money.
- be great community leaders, not politicians
- consider keeping property taxes low, especially with the current economy as it is.
- Be transparent
- Stop seeing the taxpayers as a bottomless pit. Hold the line on spending.
- Reign in spending.



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- Stop increasing taxes, it appears that local self interest groups high jack agendas. stop giving special treatment to migrants/refugies, there are many local albertans looking for housing at a price they can afford.
- The CalgaryNext project will create tonnes of jobs, economic opportunity, and increase livability for all Calgarians and potential Calgarians. Invest in technology, bring in uber and invest in new ventures in new industries in Calgary. You guys are doing great and I think we have a great government in place.
- I would like Council to start listening to Calgarians. When concerns or issues raised, a dialogue should take place (not one-way from Council to citizens as is currently happening). Taxpayer dollars need to be invested wisely and not in "shovel ready" projects that do not exist. Thank you
- Listen to the people who live in this city, make good decisions based on facts
- Choose options that will benefit the largest population
- Take a pay cut and stop wasting city dollars so more money can go into building our economy and putting Calgarians back to work.
- To be open minded about the future and the changes forthcoming in the people and to be ready for the changes in the TRC call to action and the U.N.D.R.I.P.
- Get rid of Unions - they do not have a place in society today. They just hold our citizens ransom for their demands. Focus on protecting our people. Keep Calgary interesting and alive but don't tax us to death. Stop growing Calgary!!!!
- I want Council to actually lead instead of pandering to small bases. It'd be weird to have people like Sean Chu actually be knowledgeable about how a City works instead of spouting off his Manning Centre rhetoric.
- Consider strategies and actions that benefit the majority rather than catering to special interests
- I want council to continue their good work.
- Dear Council. Please learn how to lead. I know you're more concerned about getting elected and pandering to your base (yeah, that's you Chu), but how about looking more than 5 minutes into the future and seeing how we can actually develop Calgary? I know leadership is in short supply and ego's abound (that'd be you GCC) but perhaps you could work for all Calgarians, even those like us who want to get to work without a car, put a roof over our kids head and go to parks and rec facilities that aren't in danger of being condemned. Is that too much to ask of the 14 of you?
- Keep in mind costs and taxes while looking to maintaining Calgary fro the future.
- When you plan to invest surplus or taxed amount, take calgarians opinion, from all diversified people and also from all corners of city.
- I want council to aggressively find efficiencies in how services are provided to reduce costs. This has been my job in the private sector for many years, and opportunities are ripe in the City Of Calgary.
- Generally, except for Chu, I think council is doing a good job. Just need to find some way to fix Crowchild over the Bow?
- Keep in mind the people living there with limited financial leverage; Calgary is getting expensive with property taxes, and all other fees for water/gas/electricity
- keep up the good work
- "City goal s/be effective Roads, water and sewer, etc. Stop the monuments and Feel goodies to others.
- Fix 14 ST - Stop BRT segregated Lanes - attach to existing 14 ST
- Fix Crowchild Trail
- Fix 14 ST Anderson to Canyon Meadows drive.
- Fix Pension plan - move to more affordable Defined Contribution plan for all new employees.
- All City employees must live in City of Calgary to be employed by city.
- Charge for Parking @ LRT, more for Out of Calgary.



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- Remove downtown Cycletracks, and build Cycle networks on secondary roads (I cycle!). We are a Cold weather city.
- Adjust Hiring and Labour plans, city needs to follow the market not lead it up. We can not afford ongoing politician's re-election promises to staff.
- City work should be actively and ongoingly posted for private contractors to win and complete.
- Drop PArking rates.
- Empower Tow trucks in the City to move illegally parked vehicles without Bylaw officer ala Vancouver.
- Challenge Police & Fire Budgets. Every Firemen will retire as a Chief - that is the way it is structured so they max pension. Fix it.
- LAST - NOT least, my pockets are @ the lint, can not afford to give you more. Stop ripping me off."
- With the recent changes in Oil & Gas, we need to be actively looking for ways to diversify the economy in Calgary and Alberta. We also need to trim our City Budget. Every business in the city has changed their budget, the City of Calgary should be no different. Cost reduction has to be top of mind.
- reduce the financial burden on home owners and respect peoples hard earned money.
- "-remove bike lanes that are clearly not working. (tenth st. NW)
- -Times are tough and money is tight for many Calgarian's, yet taxes only seem to go one direction..."
- Think Carefully
- Lower taxes
- I want council to focus more on plans and ideas for Calgary as a whole and not just on niche areas and groups such as downtown and bikers.
- Stop wasting money on projects like the big "ring" and peace bridge - also use local and Canadian talent for projects not foreign companies
- "Please deal with economic reality not economic fantasy.
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- There is no need to continually increase taxes. Learn to control spending."
- Spend our tax dollars responsibly - spend wisely . Be more efficient in running our city.
- ensure the Public is fully informed and involved in the decision making process. I live in a community slated for major developments and just recently heard about it as it is set to begin.
- I would like City Council to watch every penny they spend and prioritize the money. Maybe less Circle and Chinook Arch art projects and more money for homeless, small business, road repair and sports.
- I want Council to make Calgary a strong economic city to live in again
- stop some the of the council persons from thinking like a small town - we are supposedly a large city but we are so far away from actually being so
- To continue asking for public input ! And for the mayor to keep smiling ! It's a great one !
- Let the citizens of Calgary vote on wages for council
- I want council to stop interfering with the market; taxis; development, and anything else. Public services such as garbage collection, parks and snow clearing should be put out for tender, contracted to the best bidder, including unions. And there should be no wage increase until city employee compensation falls in line with the private sector.
- look much further into the future than Council has been prone to do since incorporation. Please plan ahead so that infrastructure will actually match the needs of the citizens.
- We are in a long term economic downturn. The city needs to realign their spending to the new revenue formula which is way less than anticipated. Bite the bullet, the businesses have no money to give, people have no



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money to give, cuts are needed so the city doesn't run deficits. There will be fallout of public service but it can be salary cuts not people. People can live with less perks but they can't live with spiralling debt as then too much money goes to debt repayment.

- "I want council to allow Uber to operate without interfering with the rates as taxis are way to expensive.
- I want them to implement more dog friendly parks and areas.
- I want City Council to hold the CPS accountable for the citizens safety"
- Calgary is expensive. Rather than continually increasing property taxes, business taxes, and other fees, Calgary needs to look at the cost of services. The major budget line items would be the cost of city workers. How can the City get the best value for it's money, because is sure isn't getting good value now.
- I want council to focus more on practical concerns rather than on political concerns. I also want the public on their part start acting like responsible citizens (take pride in your home, your neighborhood and your city --- I want each citizen to do their bit to build and maintain a clean, safe and pleasant city rather than expecting someone else to do it). I also want the citizens of Calgary to let City Council do its job with out this endless micromanaging by the public. Too many cooks spoil the soup.
- Please consider how we are supporting the city's most vulnerable populations, especially during this economic downturn. The success of us all is dependent on every one have the skills and tools to succeed. Please consider rethinking the locking in of the 10 year FCSS plan as it does not reflect what the most current evidence is suggesting how low income and vulnerable populations need to be supported. Please also consider auctioning the CPRI more purposefully. So much amazing work went in to that - let's put it in to action. Also, thank you for the work you do to keep our city vibrant.
- I want Council to be mindful of all the people who have lots their jobs and to make staying in Calgary not a financial burden to them
- "Adress the amount of sick days your employees take.
- Every employee last year had one day off a month that they called a ""sick day"".
- You have a problem that starts with union contracts and we PAY for it."
- "Implement zero based budgetting
- Look for ways to save money
- Stop buying each other lunch snd expensing it
- Cut city staff levels by 10%"
- Council should be more interested in cutting on expences in the bureaucracy..."empire building" is not benefitial to the City. ALSO, ..it would be a positive move, if Council was not afraid to speak up in meetings...it seems that they fear the mayor.
- Civil servant pay and compensation needs to be re-evaluated and should match the City as a whole. Therefore, there should be salary reductions, lay offs, etc, the City should not be a safe haven for inefficient people. 20 years down the road, we should not have to look implement austerity measures.
- Smaller civil servant base, their all in compensation package is too high when compared to industry as they can never be reprimanded/laid off
- I would like council to remember to plan for the long term. Calgary needs services and to provide for others more than symbolic tax decreases.
- I want city council to take an immediate 15% salary reduction and the mayor to take an immediate 20% salary reduction. All city managers to take a minimum 10% reduction.
- "I want council to listen to its constituents. Reduce it focus on transit and focus more on efficient use of resources.



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- I want council to reduce its use of consultants, you say you have great employees, then listen and use their expertise. No more outsourcing.
- I want council to get more out of their employees and reward them for innovation and cost reduction."
- Start listening to Calgarians and stop advancing expensive and irresponsible initiatives that are the pet projects of misguided ideologically-driven councilors!
- council needs to ensure that efficiencies are being made at the city level to help residents access services easier, with less red tape and online.
- Change the way City of Calgary employees are hired, and host job fairs to attract new talent to City of Calgary jobs (for people over 25, as well as youth).
- I want council to start saving money and stop charging more and more for property taxes. Art projects are not that important. If people are doing this, then read and do some of the suggestions tax payers give to you.
- You must not assume it is OK to increase taxes every year. Only public employees can count on annual salary increases and what about the people on fixed incomes.
- Concentrate on fiscal responsibility. The city must learn to live within its means, not constantly raise taxes nor look for more from the federal or provincial governments
- Reduce spending on police, bylaw and other protective services.
- NO MORE BIKE LANES! I would like to see the City Council challenge the City Administration to reduce costs in all areas without reducing or eliminating services - this is something private companies have to do when the economy is slow, why shouldn't you?
- I would like council to keep in mind that Calgary as a whole is not just the rich and the poor, there are plenty in between and we are only as strong as our most vulnerable. All in all though, I am contented with Calgary city as a whole.
- stop increasing taxes. There are other ways to make money.
- People are losing their jobs, savings and homes. City Council has the responsibility to ensure that every decision they make meets the following criteria: 1) Is it necessary. 2) How can we do it quickly and on time. 3) Can it be deferred. 4) What do our own in-house experts have to say/contribute. There are people working for the City that can contribute their ideas based on their experience. They need to be heard.
- "I want council to be very diligent when considering development plans near railways. For instance a 30 meter setback is only designed to have derailed rail cars come to a stop before they hit a person's home. In slippery conditions that is an inadequate distance and of course it does nothing to mitigate against a rail car derailling and then leaking hazardous materials. I would also ask council to take a firm line on protecting our green spaces whether owned by the city or privately held. Densification as described in the MDP may have many benefits but it should not be done by allowing opportunistic developers convert our green spaces.
- In the current economic environment the city needs to be fiscally frugal and diligent. The city has continued to add costs to developers for city infrastructure and yet they also continue to raise property taxes (or keep talking about doing that)."
- Lower taxes, Lower overall city spending, greatly reduce funds for public art projects (let it be funded by private donations), and please increase lot sizes to create space for a suburban forest to cover and hide the sprawling monolithic suburbs
- Please remember that a majority of citizens do not get three percent raises, let alone ten to fifteen percent raises every year, to pay the yearly property tax and utility increases that have occurred every year for the last four or five years.
- I want council to think about the financial hardship of every household. Spending should be controlled. Property tax should not be increasing year after year.



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- Focus on reducing city costs - wages and benefits are too high relative to private sector and this needs to be addressed. Outsource more services to ensure cost effectiveness. The cost to live in this city is way too high.
- Remember that many people in Calgary are struggling to make ends meet. When reviewing the city spending remember the only way to increase revenue is by increasing taxes on the citizens.
- I want council to consider that people are struggling to pay bills and live within their means. Additional taxation is not the best solution for Calgarians in this recession. It is important to include middle class Calgarians in affordable ways to not have to dig deeper in debt. For example: Pavement can wait on our residential roads and a cheaper swimming pass or free parking at the zoo would be a good swap. Another thing is that our taxes keep going up. We moved to an affordable neighborhood in NE Calgary even though we could technically afford to live elsewhere because we wanted cheaper taxes so we aren't house poor and can enjoy more awesome things to do in Calgary. The prices are unbelievably high...We were told that they went up \$200 for this reason and that but one that stands out is for paving the residential roads. Well, our road outside my house was not paved. The sidewalk is still cracked and I chelled out \$2700 in taxes instead of \$1750. That is a HUGE leap
- I would like my Councillor, Brian Pincott, to represent the concerns of the tax payers in Ward 11 as opposed to pushing his own political agendas. I've lived in this City since 2008 and have never felt more misrepresented.
- Public policy should be informed by science, not superstition (i.e. water fluoridation).
- Reduce property taxes! Reduce the municipal work force and overhead; privatize services in the name of monetary efficiency;
- Whilst there are many things on the Christmas gift wish list, sometimes these need to be put on hold when economic times are tough. And times are tough right now. Pet projects and frivolous fancies should be delayed until more prosperous times, and only approve projects now that are critical to "keeping the lights on".
- Transparency, cut waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds. Cut wasteful spending. Salaries of public officials are too high.
- When considering changes to Action Plan, I would like City Council to keep in mind how many of these services and how much infrastructure could be paid for by a sales tax in the city. Please push this issue.
- Efficiency, accountability, responsibility
- Keep in mind that we are in a downturn and many have lost their jobs, don't spend tax dollars on things that are not necessary and only serve the needs of a few.
- Build flexibility into your plan to adapt to changing environments and be fiscally prudent adjusting priorities when required.
- be responsible and stop wasting money on stupid blue rings
- Concentrate on efficiency, Spend Money Wisely as if were your own money, Keep in mind there are people struggling to make ends meet.
- to live within their means like most families have to. Don't have the money, then don't spend. Cut costs, especially salaries. I don't care for the mayor and councilors getting high raises and then give the money away to charity. Instead, redistribute the money to another need area. I don't wish for my tax dollars that were given in inflated raises going to charity when I can't put food on the table for my family. I will give to charity from my own funds if I wish to. There should be a pay cut across the board for City staff like is happening in the private sector right now. I am fed up with my taxes going up and most of the money is going into inflated salaries/benefits for city employees.
- Listen to its constituents
- Stay focused.
- BE MORE EFFICIENT



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- In these tough economic times, we need to re-evaluate the pay of our civil servants and determine if they are comparable to industry. Rollbacks and potential layoffs need to be an option that the City of Calgary can play. It should not be held hostage by union contracts if the current pay levels mean higher taxes for its citizens or potential austerity measures in the future.
- actually reach out to their constituents and ask how they are doing and how they can help. Not waste money on some editorial and say what BS they are pretending to be working on.
- Don't expect wholesale change to occur in a short period of time. Always keep the long-term sustainability of your decisions in mind because what is decided today will impact the future of the Citizens of Calgary.
- bring public workers salaries including benefits under control and in line with the private sector
- As more Calgarians are losing their jobs, I think our elected officials should freeze their salaries and find ways to be as cost efficient in delivering services to the taxpayers. We should take advantage of the high unemployment rates in our city and province as well as low interest rates to do much needed infrastructures including the Calgary Next. We should set up a registered charitable organization to raise some funds to help finance this project and I, for one will contribute and help in raising some funds for this much needed infrastructure to attract international athletes to our city and further improve our reputation around the world as a destination of choice for tourists.
- Reduce tax increases, find City efficiencies, undertake major projects in small sections so full funding not required at beginning of project, reduce "slush" funds.
- Look at cost control measures for city services and look into cleaner transit options (i.e. more c-train development and a move toward electric and natural gas buses.)
- It has been said that we have some of the highest paid city employees in the country. Apparently we have to do this to keep talent and compete with jobs in the energy sector. Well the energy sector is in a slump People are taking pay cuts and losing their jobs while city workers get pay raises. There is something really wrong with this.
- Why bother, most councilors don't care what people think - so long as they pander to the ones that bought them, that's all they worry about.
- Get us back to base business. Be mindful of the struggles people are having in this city, and stop the escalation of taxes.
- What current issues and standards are at the time and try to keep in mind the future. Think ahead a little.
- "I want council to 1) stop raising property taxes beyond the rate of inflation 2) stop building bike lanes-way too expensive especially when only a fraction of Calgarians use them 3) stop with the 1.5% artistic funding - scrap blue ring as well..it's a total embaessment to our city
- 4) exit ramps, new strip plaza(s)...engineering expertise lacking"
- Decrease spending and lower taxes
- I want council to focus on creating a great city, not just running a city. I want council to rise above the politics of their role, and to stand up for exceptional projects and initiatives in the city.
- Council either needs better advisors or should rely on the ones they have if they are in fact 'better' when they propose/approve programs that are poorly thought out in the overall, and long term view. A current example is the 14th Street bus lanes. Poorly conceived, poorly planned, poorly communicated.
- remember this is our hard earned money, not monopoly play money you are dealing with.
- Consider that for every tax increase we are told ' its only a cup of coffee a day, month etc.'. All of these small increases add up and I cant continue to drink coffee at this rate!



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- do what you need to do (incl increase taxes, borrowing, etc) to make Calgary the amazing city it can be! We have so much going for us, don't pass on the opportunity to invest in infrastructure, improving parks, promoting the city.
- I'd like council to look more than 5 minutes into the future and actually plan for growth instead of running around like a bunch of silly nancies...
- I want council to concentrate on must haves and not spend our tax dollars on nice to haves. In our current economy some on council seem to think spending money on nice to haves is what Calgarians want. Not everyone is making near as much money as those on council and we want our tax money spent more wisely.
- Improvement of efficiency and costs in what ever projects/services that the city are doing and considering.
- Stop bickering. Be creative. Look ahead.
- Spend wisely
- i want taxes to be lowered to inflation rates based on canada's rate not one made up by council..art budget should be cut from projects to lower the project's costs
- "Council should explain beforehand any changes being
- considered to an existing Action Plan."
- Lose your "Cheapest bid" attitude where Infrastructure is concerned. Cheap labour isn't skilled and skilled labour isn't cheap. Make bidders prove certification of their Tradespeople.
- Quality civil service. Solid programs for families and seniors. The strong neighborhood program is great.
- I would like for council to keep in mind not only their constituents but also the overall best course of action for the city. In times like these, strong leadership and concensus on direction is required to move forward, and not political meanderings that slow the process and are a drain on upward movement.
- I want council to stop bickering about ideological issues. Nenshi, Pincott and Farrell stop using your ideological views to "justify" projects such as; Bike lanes, Peace Bridge, Secondary Suites, SWBRT. Use facts other than social media like your twitter account to justify your ideological ideas - ground your thinking in #1 economics and real engagement with constituents.
- "Stop looking at property tax increases as a norm and learn to work within a balanced budget instead of constantly asking citizens to pony up more money.
- Stop worrying about pedestrians and cyclists and turning the city into a giant playground zone - get traffic moving!"
- Make better, more responsible choices with our dollars!
- Spend less money. Period.
- City Council was not elected to be social engineers and try and control every aspect of people lives. The City should be run like a business and those that don't perform or try and push their own personal agenda should be terminated. Some City Council members did not win the popular vote in their ridings, so don't really have the moral authority to tell the rest of us how to live. Stop wasting our money on stuff like bike lanes, bridges and other pie in the sky stuff that does nothing more than stroke your egos. You might find it hard to believe, but a great many of us are fed up with the way things are going, and think we deserve better.
- Stop wasting money on bike lanes, blue and green cart, pedestrian bridges. Get rid of unions and privatize
- Don't be afraid to raise taxes. It costs money to provide citizens with what they want, and citizens need to be cognizant of that.
- "lower taxes
- the broad community, not just the urban elite"
- Remember they represent their constituents first and choices need to be balanced for the good of the city. Be smart with the money but not necessarily popular in your choices.



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- City Council needs to be aware of our current economic conditions when spending tax dollars. We do not need more money spent on unnecessary art. Public transit and roads need to be the focus, things that make a difference when commuting to work.
- Reduce the rate of tax increases.
- Priority should be to reduce spending and lessen regulations (make them more efficient)
- look to other cities in the world, do not think Calgary is the middle of the word.
- Continue with resident engagement and polls such as this quiz
- Efficiency in City Admin - fewer silos, and listen to Jeff Fielding!
- Re-evaluate the budget for the Calgary police. There needs to be more police officers protecting the city and the people of Calgary.
- Reduce its managerial personnel; renegotiate union wages and pensions; reduce its staffing. Public cannot afford the city's ongoing tax increases. Shameful that close to half the city budget goes to wages & benefits
- "Balanced Budget!"
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- Pay back Debt!"
- Efficiency
- I want council to continue the work that they have been doing.
- I want council to live within their means - like we have to live within ours. Only then can we have sustainable, feasible plans. I have seen taxes and user fees go up on a regular basis but not the level/quality of service. The same problems remain - don't get solved.
- Ensure that we spend the taxpayers money efficiently due to the high unemployment in the city. No tax increases, no expensive bridges or art. Do these when the economy is stronger.
- Spend tax dollars efficiently, rather than on bureaucracy. Invest in short term expenditure for long-term payback. Buy the best quality plan now to reduce recurring maintenance costs later.
- Be a unified, intelligent voice for Calgary...agile enough to discern & shift efforts/support to current & burning issues of Calgary. Educate nay-Sayers with real facts, promote our concerns to gov'ts. Focus on priorities for the many not special interest groups (e.g. Jobs & transit is more important than arts right now)
- Not spend my tax dollars like drunken sailors.
- keep being transparent
- I want council to really take a look at spending. There is so much wasted money in this city. Little cuts all over add up to big savings. Stop. Wasting. Money.
- Please stop raising property taxes. Use what you have and be fair to struggling calgarians trying to make ends meet. Stop raising property taxes!
- while I realized that changes can mean more money needed council needs to keep in mind that whatever is done, how the funds are allocated is reasonable.
- "I want council to actively seek input that is factual, strategically based and not 'flavour of the month'. It must focus on economic growth facilitation. A strong economic engine provides the means for the council to have access to the required revenue to provide the services required.
- Last, but not least, stay as far away as humanly possible from any subsidisation of any kind for that grand boondoggle, ""CalgaryNEXT""."
- Make sure to consider the money being spent is coming from the citizens of Calgary. Spend it wisely!
- I want Council to lower taxes, trim the bureaucracy, have more responsible spending, reduce salaries and stop spending money we don't have.



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- Listen.
- I want Council to keep a balance between working smarter (more efficiently) and providing assistance to our most marginalized citizens. We ARE a compassionate group of citizens - we don't need to be bleeding hearts. The City of Calgary must always be looking to improve its efficiency - but not at the expense of cutting down the recognition, compensation or fairness to the staff that get that work done.
- I would love for the Council to have the City switched over to a zero based budget system after a comprehensive audit of every department. A few years ago one department was audited and millions in savings were found. Imagine what could be found if this was done for the whole city. I would also like consideration on finding new ways to deliver services (e.g. garbage collection, street cleaning, snow removal) and how we are billed for some of them. There are many ways that savings could be realized given the change in technology and need of users. So basically, stop looking for ways to raise taxes and fees and concentrate on ways to reduce fees and taxes by doing a forensic audit of every operation. Attrition is just one way to deal with those departments that may be over staffed right now. Consolidating departments is another way of cutting costs. Does the city really need 10 new staff for a pedestrian strategy when there is really no problem that needs to be fixed (compared to other cities) Can't the extra bike strategy personnel do this too?
- Ignore the extremists, and be moderate.
- I want council to, first and foremost, do no harm. If a decision isn't required, don't change things just for the sake of change, just to be seen as "doing something", just for your own re-election.
- I want Council to pay attention to fiscal responsibility
- Think of the good for the whole city, not just their little private pet projects for their represented areas.
- cut back on the costs of management, studies, expenses, salary raises and benefits 'in house'. Make City Council 'leaner' and more effective during this terrible downturn in our economy. Set an example. What money we do have from taxes, consider and spend it wisely. Cut the frills till the good times are back.
- insure value for my tax dollars
- Spend the money wisely, we are tired of everything going up and still services are being reduced. When repairing a road , and digging a hole , get all the services in there to check, so you are not digging up the same hole again and again and again
- Listen to the residents and homeowners and not push through their own personal agendas.
- Aim for the lowest tax rates of any city in Canada. If you have a surplus in any tax year, give it back to the tax payers. Don't bite the hand that feeds you.
- Edmonton is going to get many benefits with current government...please be prepared to stand up for your voters and the ones who dont
- Stop wasting money on bad projects like the blue ring at the airport. The totally non local pedestrian bridge downtown. ALL projects must be locally designed and built in Calgary for Calgary. Keep the spending Local. Stop all out of city travel for the Mayor and his whole crowd.
- be more cognizant of the rate of inflation when setting its spending expectations. Tax rates have increased a rate that is hard to justify in light of income growth in the city.
- Cut taxes and slash spending. Privatize as many services as possible, and reduce regulations and red tape that hinder business growth.
- I want Council to make policy decisions based on the feedback they receive from Calgarians as a whole....NOT what they personally feel is "best" for their individual riding.
- I want council to simplify the applying for and getting approvals, reduce cost to apply for approval or licenses
- I want Council to spend less, be fiscally conservative with where they need to spend, and to consult/engage the public on initiatives that directly impact their communities



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- We are a unique city with our own strengths and challenges. We don't need to copy any other international city but we also don't need to reinvent the wheel if another city has something we admire.
- Control spending
- Not combine business tax and property tax
- Everyone just wants to be happy and live their lives. Enforcement and protections helps keep the selfish uncaring people in check.
- I want Council to think about the many Calgarians who are suffering financially and show leadership in how they are spending our tax dollars. Our taxes and user fees are becoming unaffordable especially in this economy but I see little restraint at City Hall.
- Involvement from public from the very beginning as opposed to after-the-fact
- "more responsibility in their work habits
- more fiscal working"
- Consider cutting bloated and overpaid city hall staff. there are contracts with employees that should not exist no need to be unable to lay off staff in the downturn like now
- I want Council to be more accessible to the public. Hold workshops for individuals who would like to bring their concerns forward and feel comfortable at town halls.
- Pretty simple. We're in a recession, people are losing their jobs, and the economy is going to be slow to recover. Spend less and what you need to spend, spend responsibly.
- It's a great idea to hold engagement sessions, just be careful that this does not turn into lip service.
- I want council to work as a team for the greater good of Calgary and less as an individual for the ward or interest group
- Find out meaningful ways to engage residents in process. This is a tough one but important. We need more people to care about our wonderful city and actively participate in process. Maybe creating opportunities to share highlights from what's happening at council that is easy to digest and details ways how residents can take part or find out more.
- Address short term concerns within the context of a broader long term vision.
- Please consider fiscal costs and a balanced budget
- I want to see more action plan from City of Calgary to improve their community services.
- Stay informed on action taken from survey
- strategic forecasting of market conditions in different scenarios i.e. growth vs. recession
- Please stay in the budget Control wastage in city departments too much waste
- don't create a 'recession era' in this Action Plan. Don't eliminate capital projects, and don't neglect public art.
- "I want council to govern. These men and women are the board of the City. Please stop administrating the City. Serve and attend to the larger purpose for the city and how it is manifested, addressing city's long term meaning. Why are we here, what's our shared passion, and what are we aiming to accomplish.
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- Shared purpose calls us together and focuses us, evolving as understanding deepens."
- Cut taxes at every cost.
- Focus on core city responsibilities, such as road improvements and maintenance. Constrain spending in non-core areas and limit tax increases to inflation.
- To work together for the benefit of Calgarians and not just their local constituents. Come together and agree and all the items most important to Calgary to lead us into the next 20, 30, 50 years. Tough decisions need to



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be made that won't be popular now (probably some councillors may lose their re-election), but will benefit future Calgarians.

- Not try to make Calgary into a different city - we're not Portland and shouldn't try to be just like Portland. We're not Vancouver either. We're a winter city that won't ride bikes eight months of the year. We're a city that doesn't need any more buildings covered in LED lights. We want city council to listen to Calgarians.
- With the Calgary, Alberta and soon to be Canadian economy in disarray adherence to budgets is essential
- Always remember that you were elected to work for us.
- I want Council to understand that every dollar they spend comes from my disposable income and to treat it like it was their own money.
- Be aware of the huge impact decisions can have on the public. The ring road, BRT routes, the Greenway... these initiatives have huge impact on the communities they go through and the residents need a chance to provide input BEFORE these go in, not just to be told that it is happening. Also, be aware that the public needs streamlined access to city services. 311 is an excellent resource but at the same time creates a buffer between the public and the business units. This creates a lot of confusion and frustration for the citizens and that gap should be made smaller so it is easier to get in touch with city departments with fewer delays. The response time for business units is quite slow and there needs to be direction for city departments to get back to citizens fast - even if just to say 'We heard you'. People are not always looking for an immediate solution but they do want to know that they are heard.
- Thanks for this survey
- To not waste money on stupid art example the RING also get rid of bike lane on 7th ave
- inform the people who will be affected.
- Be Transparent with a viable plan to sustain Calgary through this downturn.
- create jobs for the middle class and tax breaks. more taxes for the wealthy.
- Consider value for our tax money and financial stability. I reduce debt and only spend what we can afford. Don't invest in the proposed calgarynext project. Support local artists and designers rather than international.
- I want council to explore the option of contracting out services that are currently provided by the city and it's unions. Let's take a good hard look at the numbers and how we do things. I just cannot believe that a public sector union who competes with nobody can do work cheaper and better than a contractor who bids for the work in a competitive bid.
- No more money spent on libraries! A recession doesn't allow for a healthy art budget or any council raises. More construction will help stimulate calgary
- I want council to remain strong and independent from being bullied by business, lobbyists and the lure of economic cash cows over the citizens. Business rarely actually has the citizens in mind.
- Stop thinking any good or not bad idea needs to be funded and implemented. Your job is to keep the city running efficiently with the minimum of cost, risk, and delays to the residents.
- City Hall should run more efficiently, I worked TESA years ago and there was so much inefficiency and wasted money I hope things have improved but I really don't think that is true
- Never mind "lower tax increases". How about NO tax increases? People are earning less and the city needs to respond by cutting out waste and perks and making so with less.
- Put transit first, stop wasting tax dollars on public art, not waste tax dollars on small business tax rebates. Grow the city up, not out.
- I want council to focus on basic services of roads, pathways, transportation/efficient movement of people, policing and fire protection. They should limit cost escalation and growth of council and support staff. They should not feel obligated to provide sporting facilities for every community or sponsor local street fairs. My



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yearly increasing tax assessment frustrates me. Council should work hard to maximize service and decrease cost instead of considering my tax dollar an ever increasing pot of money to finance pet projects. Justify the high salaries by truly managing and planning for the future.

- Start thinking of cutting taxes and have a more efficient work force. City recycling system too inefficient and costly get it out of city workers and contract it out. Improve the road system and traffic follow and stop pushing bike lanes down on us! Have council roll back its pay raises and have the city taxes under control.
- To listen and honestly consider what Calgary citizens are saying.
- "Keep representing Calgarians well."
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- Also, lower taxes. People have lost incredible amounts of income and raising property tax at this time is really not a helpful way to stimulate the economy, allow people to provide for their families, and make Calgary a viable option for a lifelong city."
- move much slower. I know this sounds counter-intuitive, but I feel Council rushes things through too quickly. LISTEN to Calgarians!
- I want council to listen to public needs.
- keep in mind the hefty increases in property taxes
- Stop raising my taxes.
- Please do not be a tax and spend council. True priorities for the tax money you already have to work with.
- Focus on the needs of the whole not just the needs of the entitled wealthy communities or the inner city.
- I want council to make a prudent and realistic analysis and planning on I.e, job creation, diversified economy, support for local business, mass transport availability, housing dev., although all seems listed on the agenda, a more profound and diversified economy, so as not to be fully dependant on oil economy. If oil is to be fully process here in Alberta , then the full benefits will be realized and the Albertans and all of Canada will also benefit
- Please keep your Canadian values. Don't be bullied by transplants who move here, no matter where they are from. I say this as a permanent resident myself who moved here from the U.S and married a Canadian. This is wonderful country. Keep it that way! Also, defend public health care no matter what! The U.S medical system is barbaric. Don't be like the States! It's so much better here, even with the weather (although your drivers are insane).
- Think on perspective, do not rely on commodities.
- Listen to what calgarians are saying by getting their feedback. Including them with city and community plans.
- Please keep in mind current economic downturn, help the poor, Keep taxes low and let the owners of the flames pay for their own arena.
- I want City counsel to take a good look at our current state of the economy and determine what, if anything, the City can do with new business ideas or job training to those that may have been effected by job losses. Use those people in seeking guidance and assistance with new city projects.
- I would like to see City Council to work together to give what is the best for citizens based on the survey result.
- consider return on investments, taxpayers
- spend my money as if it was their hard earned money. I want Nenshi to be the fiscal conservative he said he was 2 elections ago.
- Reduce taxes. (Property, personally, business) Diversify our local economy by providing incentives for companies to come open up offices in Calgary. Allow foreign investment. Be more efficient with our tax dollars. Help energy companies lobby to get their product out to other markets either across Canada or internationally.



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- I want Council to spend less and in areas where spending is required, spend cautiously. Our economy is in a horrible place at the moment and we cannot continue to support all of these socialistic initiatives while we try to keep our heads above the water.
- Not all people work downtown and want to ride a bicycle. I do not want my tax dollars spent on special bike lanes that out the over 1 million people in this city will not use. I was already recycling at the local drops and you taxed me for the recycle program which is fine and convenient. I have a composter in my yard and do not want to pay more taxes for a city program. That money could be better spent building affordable housing for people especially since the city is taxing us out of our homes.
- There have been some recent changes in schools and with Canadian culture and community through the new government that are concerning. We are strong and resilient but please try not to take our hope away as we fight to be better citizens. Please use your common sense for the majority and create services for the minority that create sustainability for everyone in the long run. Not short term headlines. The majority wants the minority to be taken care of and safe but not to an extreme that it makes the majority unsafe at the same time. You have the hardest job in the city where you will constantly feel like you please no one. Keep doing what's the best for the city with common sense as your guide.
- work closely/collaboratively with Administration - they are partners in the same business
- Thank you for the great job you do. My family and I love Calgary. We hope that the City can recover from the numerous job losses and not cut too many City programs during this period.
- The most important things are to fire the Calgary Transportation Department. They are terrible. A complete joke. Also, eliminate the Calgary Plan-It document. It is terrible. Also, Calgary Next is a poor idea.
- consider our cost to tax payers
- Not spend money on public art.
- not spend stupid money on things like, the waste of money on that peace bridge or that Blue ring street light. Just stop wasting tax payer money on wasteful things including City workers e.g. Parks people working and getting paid over \$20 to cut grass and then go on unemployment for the winter, or garbage truck drivers getting large amounts of money to play with a joy stick and drive a truck with a large pensions, its just wrong.
- Govern for the citizens and not big business or special interest groups
- I want City Council to remember that you are supposed to represent all of us, not just the portion of Calgary that shops at upscale markets and has vegan sushi 3 times a week, but the Wal-Mart and Superstore shoppers as well. Calgary was great when we felt like a giant small town - but the way this Council is pushing us... well, if we had wanted to live in Toronto, we'd have moved there.
- Focus on priorities properly within the mandate of municipal government.
- Keep a long term focus. Just because things are bad right now doesn't mean we should scrap our long term goals.
- Look at making changes to improve not hinder Calgarians
- be careful with the public purse
- I want Council to focus on being more cost effective and maintaining property taxes, not increasing them all the time. Maybe if they focused less on lowering speed limits and more on making this city a pedestrian friendly place, with developers paying their way we would have a better city
- reduce property taxes and stop wasteful spending. Put a freeze/ roll back on City of Calgary wages, pensions and benefits.
- Work together as a team and avoid in-fighting.
- work with all levels of government and the private sector .



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- You are making all kinds of decisions that make life better for a MINORITY, and lower the quality for life for the MAJORITY. Cut the social engineering. Your job is to represent the people, not dictate to them.
- Time to stop worrying about all the "pie in the sky" ideas and focus on core values: controlling costs, improving efficiency, reducing taxes.
- I want Council to remember that public funds should be invested in projects that help the greater good, not into projects that help private profit.
- Use tax dollars as responsibly and efficiently as possible, keeping property tax hikes to a minimum
- We need long term solutions, not just quick bandaids. Please keep this in mind when planning and ensure that you are setting us up for future success as a city
- Healing the root of a problem is more sustainable than trying to squash it.
- Consider the long-term effects.
- I want council to show leadership and stick to their plan. This is not a time to overreact, its a time to show commitment to what was promised.
- I want council to ignore the news media and continue to make its own independent decisions that are the best decisions for the most citizens. Ridiculous lobby groups such as 'Ready to Engage' pop up all the time - council should ignore them and rely on the professional advice within City administration. City employees are very fair, unbiased and professional.
- Focus on the delivery of core services within the municipal jurisdiction. Don't take on responsibilities that other levels of government abdicate without funding transfers to support the ongoing delivery of service.
- Use a triple bottom line
- That they need to work together despite not always having a common goal.
- LISTEN TO THE VOTERS!!!
- There are many wonderful things about our city - green spaces, trail systems, good snow removal, bike lanes and an emphasis on transit use (despite it being unreasonable to expect people in the far flung regions of the city - AKA most of the city - to make use of it). With all that in mind, please remember the adage of Rome not being built in a day - the good things about our city have been part of its growth over many years. Please do not make any rash decisions or lean too far into one group's interests. Thank you for all the (mostly thankless) work you do.
- Continue transparency and focus on priorities. Rebranding Calgary and reorganizing The City should not be a priority at the current time
- I want Council to oversee the regulatory aspects of the MGA and the day to day business of City Administration. This does not mean that council should interfere. To the contrary, our council needs to demonstrate internal discipline to avoid political interference in normal regulatory activities. In particular, our Mayor needs to develop the skills of a statesman and shift his efforts into more effective and influential strategies. Regarding the Energy East pipeline, for instance, the Montreal Mayor will respond more effectively to an offer to meet when this doesn't come through the media. Our Mayor needs to restrain himself and develop influence and impact to achieve results. We are spending far too much time on talking points and are achieving relatively few results on items such as affordable housing, lower taxation, reducing city administrative burden on small businesses such as rental property owners, and providing an incentive for new industries and businesses to move to Calgary.
- Identify gaps between Calgarians' priorities and The City of Calgary Departments' capacity and priorities in light of their current capacity. Identifying the gaps will help us build a realistic plan, achieve success, and position us to achieve Calgarians' priorities.
- Don't raise taxes; regulate



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- Council should stop thinking and acting like this is a one-horse town. Regularly, the media reports the mayor or at least one councillor stating provincial and/or federal funds are available for this or that. The mayor and council seemingly forget public funds come out of the consumer / taxpayer pocket no matter what level of government is doling out the cash. IT IS NOT A BOTTOMLESS MONEY PIT!!!!. Please be more fiscally responsible.
- I want council and city administration to understand that top wages excuses of "we must attract top level talent" is not an excuse for the exorbitant wages we pay. This is our tax money that we just don't have in this economy.
- Debate changes like the adults you supposedly are! Stop behaving like spoilt children when you are sitting in chambers!
- Prioritize the environment because once it's polluted we can't get it back. We should be focussing on solar energy and jobs in that sector instead of always in oil. Water quality and sustainability is a huge priority to me. Where can I find info on the testing of our water and what is in it? This should be public knowledge. More green spaces and more trees please!!! When developers go in to develop an area like Weaselhead, they should be required to plant 2 times the amount of trees they remove for the project the help zero out the environmental impact they are going to have. All other housing developments should be required to do the same as well.
- "I want council to:
- Review the number of city employees it takes to do city work, i.e. I've witnessed 9 city workers around one pothole and garbage trucks, idling and parked with city employees sleeping in the truck. What is up with that?!?
- Implement registration/licensing for cyclists - it is not right and fair that a minority group gets to have pathways built and no user fees charged to them to build them.
- As well, when cyclists break the law as in not stopping at 4-way stops and almost riding over pedestrians, they need to be charged and their bicycles impounded. (Specifically look at the 4-way stop in Chinatown on 1st street and 2nd ave in front of the Chinese Cultural Center.
- Thank you."
- I want Council to make Calgary a more resilient and equitable City for not just the next year but for the long term. Council has an opportunity to set the vision for future leaders.
- I want council to stop spending money on cycling networks. In a richer time that may have been appropriate but in today's economy there are far bigger issues facing Calgarians.
- "I want council to work together collaboratively for the good of the whole city, not just for their particular constituency.
- I would like council to be vigilant about making the city safe and easy to get around for seniors.
- I would like council to put CTrain lines to the SE at the top of the list of transportation priorities AND finish the ring road."
- Keep costs low. Overspending to meet conflicting priorities just means tough decisions haven't been made.
- Recognize that Alberta is in a major economic downturn, and our taxes have already been dramatically increased provincially and municipally. Unemployment is at a new high. Please hold off on increasing taxes until the economy improves.
- hear our voices, do whats right, build state of the art buildings and roads to make us stand out from the rest of canada. next arena is a start.
- stop raising utility costs and taxes.. No one can afford these.



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- I would like Council to ensure that changes are assessed based on actual need and cost effectiveness. We all have things we would like to have but it's the responsibility of the City to act in the best interest of the residents. When Calgary residents are having trouble making ends meet due to significant job losses, it's time for the City to be tightening its belt and finding ways to reduce costs to residents. Demand efficiency. No one should have to remind you that you are public servants.
- Focus on amenities for liveability. Use user fees. Maintain things during the downturn.
- Work with the Province to find long term funding models for cities to enable them to build critical infrastructure.
- I want Council to spend less money on unnecessary social initiatives such as the BRT in Calgary SW, the bike lane projects downtown, and forcing low income housing into communities where they truly do not fit. You want to help stimulate the economy? Please stop pushing through tax increases during this period of economic uncertainty so we can spend what little money we have left within the communities we live in.
- To reduce the local government footprint
- People making decisions should be doing
- PUT A STOP ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS! THOUSANDS OF ALBERTANS ARE UNEMPLOYED & IT'S CRUEL TO PUT THIS ADDITIONAL STRESS ON US!
- Consider more ways of hearing people's inputs on these matters. Census is important, this survey was great, and I feel the City's social media use has amped up and is definitely getting more people involved! It's always important to consider whose input may be left out: seniors, disabled peoples, ESL, etc.
- The Council should really listen and reflect on the input given by Calgarians. We're not just a box on your checklist.
- Be fiscally responsible
- Control inner spending on wasteful things like moving desks around, hanging pictures, or deliberate damage to equipment because they want something new rather than cutting public funding or programs.
- This is not your cash spend it wisely
- stop adding programs at tax payers expense without looking at all options. Don't reduce speed limit in neighbourhood.
- Make sure people have easy, public access on the pros and cons of changing the action plan
- i want council to manage spending better. Our debt is a big concern of mine.
- Think of Calgary as part of a bigger picture.
- There are some things the city does really well but it seems like the push is for urban development but the funding for schools, transit and other public services do not keep up. It appears to be an after thought.
- I want council to pay attention to the public. The enmax bills are far too high, and the plans for the city are not necessary. Take care of what we have
- We are not the city's bank, when the city has lack of funds, we also are trying to get by. Make sensible decisions. STOP wasting our money on overpriced bridges and silly blue rings.
- That we're thankful for the work they are doing! Keep doing your best, there are some of us who appreciate it.
- Promote local businesses, use taxes wisely and do NOT use outside companies of this province to complete projects, you need to use local companies/ businesses
- Keep taxes down, the economy is hard for everyone
- I want City Council to stay out of debt, adopt a no frills policy during economic downturn.
- Continue what they are doing for the betterment of Calgary
- Please be wise stewards of our taxes!! Yes, we all want to improve Calgary, but I want to see the City utilize innovative thinkers that merge ingenuity with cost-saving/revenue-producing ideas, so that Action plans can pay for themselves and save tax payers money!!



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- I want council to increase their fiscal responsibilities, when you get a windfall, give it back to the people
- Stop messing around with pet projects like bike lanes and public art and do something productive that will actually make Calgary "world class"
- Reduce property taxes and improve roads
- I would like City Counsel to do their best to make this city beautiful in every area, not just in popular ones.
- to listen to those who voted them in and follow that agenda instead of their own
- Look for an alternative funding to annual compounding property tax increases . As it is going tax will double every 7 to 10 years . This is unacceptable to long term residents and hurts senior home owners on fixed income.
- I want council to remember that they work for us and they are not necessarily the smartest people in the room
- totally abandon Agenda 21. Restore the traffic lanes currently hijacked by the bike lanes you so ill conceived and shoved down everybody's throats! Don't even THINK of putting one cent of taxpayers' money into the new arena! And for the love of God, give people a say on how their money's to be spent in a binding referendum! And clear the frickin' streets of snow when we get hit! Above all, smarten up!
- I want council to pay attention to what people really want, not what they deem correct.
- "Get the job done as lean as possible.
- I think the decisions being made are good. Thanks"
- Would appreciate the city focusing on areas that benefit the majority of calgaians (e.g. improving public transit over any more funding regarding cycle/bike lanes)
- Transparent in their meeting to the public and no long contract for favourite companies
- be more efficient when meeting and have discussions before council sessions
- Budget spending
- set a goal for Calgary that unify's every goal in the Action Plan. If we want to be World Class we should have a World Class Action Plan.
- Work on effiecency of the city. It cost too much and takes too long for the to do anything, from simply replacing a street light to replacing a sewer line, the city is very inefficient.
- Position Calgary as a city of the future by embracing forward-thinking initiatives that demonstrate our innovation and leadership to the country and the world.
- Find eficiencies in the operating budget and stop increasing taxes to cover new or expanded spending programs. Less intervention & regulation would also increase and diversify the economy and create more jobs and better jobs.
- I want council to stop looking at ways to get more money out of calgarians pockets ie. Tolls on our roads, increasing property taxes, increasing ticket fines, gas tax etc. Figure out how to budget with the current revenue you recieve like the rest of us do with our paychecks. The city doesn't have a revenue problem they have a spending problem. If there isn't enough money for necessary costs then don't plan useless project like artwork, fancy bridges, bike lanes etc.
- Keep taxes as low as possible on new businesses
- We have budgets...you should too. The default to more tax grabs is not a solution. Please send more efforts in finding efficiencies.
- talk to the people..and listen. forget the double speak
- "A lot of people work hard for they're money. They don't wanted waisted on inefficient meetings and subcommittee. We want good action plans at a great cost. Make our money count.
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- We the people also do not have the nice pension and benefits city workers have. Keep that in mind."
- Stop or seriously reduce the "public art" projects that consume 1% of infrastructure project budgets. Find operational cost savings and freeze wages of city employees.
- I want council to stop spending on unnecessary projects, like the bike paths, which only benefit a very small percentage of citizens. I recently took public transit after avoiding it for many years, and it was so frustrating and inefficient. Spend money on improving this. Our money should be spent on the necessities in this terrible economy.
- Keep in mind that a lot of people in Calgary that work in oil and gas can not afford tax increases. As many of us are losing their jobs.
- want council to make decision making open to the public.
- When approving building designs, please make them more practical and functional rather than leaning towards expensive and artsy, for example, the pedestrian Peace Bridge. :(In other words, maintain our city services with practicality in mind.
- I want City Council to curb unnecessary spending!
- focus on creating more linkages between the operations of different City departments so that there is more knowledge transfer and less duplication. Also, make sure that you focus on placemaking and cutting red tape so that citizens, businesses and local organizations can contribute to creating a better city without having to deal with arcane regulations.
- Information and integrity
- We need to be mindful of keeping taxes low and finding ways to fund needs without impacting our citizens bottom line. Efficiencies, other income sources and making this city unique for tourism and new business attraction are key.
- Be selfless in your work and use our tax dollars on things that will make all calgarians happy, not just what makes city employees happy.
- Cost \$\$\$\$
- To actually listen to citizens, not the vocal special interest groups that do not, and never have, represent the feeling of Calgarians.
- spend money more effectively. also traffic on the deerfoot has been bad for 10 years.. we dont need another study.. we need action
- Save me money.
- To make decisions that balance the triple bottom line. The City isn't strictly a business.
- Reduce spending and taxes. Focus on core services, stop spending time on pet projects.
- Council needs to cut spending excess including pulling back on the expense of LRT it is and will always be a financial drain
- Listen to what a regular cross section of citizens want not a selected group of art lovers or trendy area residents with no kids or responsibility
- Reduce the cost of city hall. Cut staff, cut wasted spending, investigate fraud and corruption at city hall.
- I want council to stay focused and on task
- Public Radio and Locally Televised broadcast and community discussion. Reach the largest amount of the public before moving forward with decisions.
- Remember that business interests are not always the same as the interests of constituents. It's important to provide real leadership and ideas, and work to show the value of them to Calgarians before putting things on the table. I think council usually does a great job of this. Doing a great job of this is part of why Nenshi was



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sued, and I want to be clear that I have no issue with the City covering his legal fees. It's ridiculous that he should have to pay to defend what he rightly did in his service to the community as mayor.

- Continue to get input on contentious issues
- Nenshi is doing a great job at positioning Calgary - Nicely done and thanks for the great work!
- why is this mandatory? isn't answering this what this entire survey is for?
- I want council to reign in taxes. We are over taxed and over charged for services.
- Support the best mayor in Canada
- I want Council to remember that the budget increases are too high in this environment and that any excess should be returned to the taxpayers. I encourage Council to focus on budgeting for the basic services and then assessing reasonable user fees for non-basic services. There are many low cost alternatives available for all income levels.
- Consider the benefits to calgarians, be smart with the tasks we entrust to you.... It's hard to trust politicians and they give us zero reasons to.
- To make the city more affordable in these economic times, by not increasing our costs even if it means less policing or other nice to haves in our city departments
- Consider plebiscites on weighty issues that affect the majority.
- Keep in mind the Calgarians who are not part of the privileged and wealthy segment of the population.
- Lower Taxes
- Get Uber operating in this city, lower my taxes, and get the green line started.
- continue listening to Calgarians
- I would like City Council to be cautious with tax dollars. Ensure that every dollar spent is used wisely, and on things that the MAJORITY of Calgarians would approve of.
- I want council to make the hard decisions with an eye to the future. Decisions such as increasing taxes may not get votes in the short but maybe what is needed.
- ensure they put politics aside when deciding on what is best for the city.
- Quit spending like drunken sailors. Taxes cannot continue to go up and up especially in today's economic environment.
- "Reduce the pest known as 2 wheel bicycles. Also....registration and tax the existing bike paths, and REDUCE by the ame amount ""road tax"".
- Reduce and control the size of the bureaucratic empires in the municipal government"
- Council to get out of the tax business, mange their time better during council/committee meetings and for the Mayor to stop travelling around the world to do public speaking....that comes after you are Mayor!
- I want the council to use common sense, be prudent with spending, and look at the best interests of all citizens not just the vocal minority on Twitter!
- Many of us in the private sector have lost jobs or had major salary cuts. During tough times spending must be reigned in. During good times, that is when we build more parks, libraries and C-trains.
- Consider the long-term growth of the city. What people want now is not always best for the future, so keeping that in mind and communicating the Why and How more clearly to community members.
- Manage finances don't overspend .
- I want the council to spend it wisely.
- I would like City Council to think long term. What will Calgary be in 100 years.
- Make this feature more available to all Calgarians. I only saw this by chance and my voice in recent years has not been heard.



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- Forget their own personal agendas stick to the plan. Ensure that the federal and provincial governments don't cheap us on major infrastructural funding. e.g LRT expansion.
- Don't just ask and listen to our input, adjust your plans according to the input.
- Keep calgarian's lifestyles affordable while creating an accessible city.
- Consult the people of Calgary via Surveys who have grown up here and seen the way the city has already grown and changed. Stop seeking the advice of "experts" from other cities on what and how to operate.
- be realistic and understand all the options
- There's a lot of attention to property taxes, but much less to the compulsory fees and surcharges on utility bills which continually go up, but are mandatory - just like taxes.
- I want council to LOWER TAXES
- spend money intelligently. we know a lot of things are over paid for, and we know a lot of things we don't need.
- I want council to keep on listening
- The most important item by far is to reduce property taxes. Reduce the already bloated City budget. Make Calgary an attractive, desirable place to do business by working with local businesses on reducing tax rates and working with land developers to reduce development costs, which will make Calgary a more affordable place to buy a home.
- Remember to live within our means. We have a budget for our homes, and we prioritize our spending accordingly. Just because something seems important doesn't mean we must spend money on it. Prioritize and spend with a fiscally responsible manner that gets the greatest value for the dollar. Also remember that the people you want to consult are people who not normally available during regular hours, or who have time to respond to a survey. This is a good tool to get more feedback.. hopefully more people will respond.
- Stop raising my property taxes
- be more transparent and think of all Calgarians not just the more vocal people
- be mindful of everyone's needs.
- I want council to keep Calgary a vibrant and accessible city for all.
- Be more efficient in spending our money As a small business owner who employs 14 people all I see is the amount you tax me
- Quit renovating the interior of Old City Hall. The exterior needs fixing, yes, but the interior is already nicer than most other workplaces.
- Council should keep at the highest priority that the taxpayers of the City of Calgary are not an inexhaustible supply of funding. Incomes are growing at a slower rate than after tax incomes. The share of income the city is taking through taxes, fees and city owned utility operations is becoming a large percentage of personal disposable income. Needs to be brought under strict control.
- dont waste money
- I would like Council to vote responsibly, treat each other with respect, and do what is best for the entire City, not just Ward by Ward.
- Focus on core city services more.
- I would like to see Council quit spending money on artsy bridges and unneeded architectural structures. They should use it to build infrastructure that is useful. Also bike paths should be removed off of main roads because the little they are being used, it is not worth them interfering with traffic and businesses. Building bike paths is a big waste of money for such a small minority of people using them. This money could instead be used for infrastructure that is needed in Calgary. Thank you.
- stop spending money on stupid projects such as bikelanes and overpriced bridges



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- Stop catering to a vocal minority, make real progressive change (ie. Blanket secondary suite zoning), ensure developers are building much better communities.
- I want council to cut tax and quit raising tax .Live within there means tough times mean I have to cut back we cannot afford tax raises every year more then what I get at work for a raise. Enough already
- I want Council to quit acting like they can keep increasing city spending every year above the level of inflation. They seem to love spending other people's money -- while giving lip service to fiscal responsibility.
- I want Council to consider the city as a WHOLE, as opposed to concerns for specific categories, for example benefits to certain wards, or to developers, or philanthropists, or seniors, or poor...consider ALL.I
- Be fiscally prudent in your choices, today's decisions will affect tomorrow's citizens
- Lower taxes
- Be responsible with taxpayer money and make investments that provide a positive return.
- Stop rezoning family neighbourhoods from Rc1 to rc1s. There are more than enough areas already zoned for this, your taking away the choice of many, other than very upper class, to live in a single family dwellings neighbourhood, and being very bigoted about it! Oh yeah and while your at it shred the imagine Calgary document, which is full useless dribble. As for this ruse of engagement we all know Nenshi and company will simply fabricate whatever outcome they like from this façade of "consultation".
- Costs, efficiency, keep consulting the public
- In this present time think twice before rising property Tax. People are losing jobs and with taxes going high how to you think people going to pay for all the expenses and don't cut anything on Transit because recession time people more likely to take transit to save money in hard time.
- Slash the utility deliver charges is enmax . It's the same price as my consumption
- stop with any more bike paths and million dollar bridges and public art that just doesn't fit in. Do stuff that is needed, NOT nice to have. Seems as though our present Council doesn't understand that money is NOT available for everything. Just the important stuff please.
- Plan and discuss with Provincial and Federal Governments how to help Calgary grow and survive in this economic downturn
- to ensure that they take a holistic view of the impact to the whole City of their decisions on specific projects.
- Tons of people are unemployed. Some opportunity to work off their taxes instead of having to find cash might be beneficial to them.
- I want City Council to only hire local, Canadian, and if possible, family owned businesses for every project developed within our city.
- Raising taxes is unaffordable. Already the cost of living is very high. Government spending should decrease. Every dollar should be spent wisely. You should put accent on quality of services, consumer protection. For example to fly from and to Calgary is so expensive but the service is very poor... Absolutely unacceptable. I want roads to be cleaned even in winter, because breathing dust and getting my car damaged by rocks from the roads is very expensive. Create jobs, diversify economy. Make tuitions affordable. Punish those who don't deliver quality services like roads construction. Combat corruption.
- I the council to control their spending and reduce taxes
- Stop spend in money
- Find a way to provide services within the limits of the taxes collected. i.e. think outside the box. Don't automatically raise taxes and users fees as an easy way to increase revenues.
- Keep the budget balanced
- Stop over reacting to a vocal minority. Put value in clear and clean statistics that are collected and displayed as facts and not in ones collected to sway an opinion. Less focus on the city center and more focus on the



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entire city. Shift the traffic enforcement from profiteering to getting the bad drivers off the road. Keep people responsible for their own actions but don't give in to vengeance

- Reduce wait times for permits, cut red tape in all sectors of business, change electronic signage regulations to allow for smaller businesses to advertise.
- Keep costs low, better \$\$ management, attract new industries, do not bend to rich private entrepreneurs to use public \$\$ for facilities to earn them more \$\$!! Keep water, land and resources safe! Hello Flint USA!!
- Look towards Europe for solutions instead of the US.
- Realize that Calgary's economic circumstances have dramatically changed in the past year. We need to hold taxes, and be very careful on what those dollars are spent on. No salary increases for a mandatory 2 years, no more art purchases either...they are a nice extra but with so many people scraping by this is not a reasonable expenditure.
- Stop politicizing their issues and work together to ensure Calgary is a safe, vibrant and innovative City
- Continue with the transparent planning of the city, keeping us all in the loop as you progress.
- Lower taxes make Enmax accountable/ we use \$50.00 worth of services and our bill is close to \$200.00
- Maintain a respectful workplace at all levels of government including council and administration.
- Continue to push for greater public transit, curb urban sprawl, keep taxes low, help businesses grow and flourish, try not to raise property tax anymore
- Permaculturists have been forced into anarchy below the radar because our leaders have no platform for their voice. Our solutions are simple and small and work with the ecosystem but an enlightened civic champion could help us scale them to make a real impact. All it would take is someone influential and powerful to listen to us. I tried the public workshop method in Ward 13 but when the developer is also the facilitator, you know the cards are stacked against you from the getgo.
- Keep in mind what is good for the city as a whole, not just your ward. I care about every part of the city I visit, not just the ward in which I live and vote.
- I want Council to be mindful of spending no matter what the economy is doing.
- Support the oil and gas industry, lower taxes and protect our city and develop regular reporting on crime.
- I want Council to consider environmental health when making budgeting changes. This means being cognizant of the role education plays in maintaining health of habitat, citizens of Calgary, and the urban wildlife we share the space with.
- I want council to abolish property taxes and increase business taxes. Replace the revenue gap by introducing a tax on use of city facilities (including schools), inbound business travel use of hotels. Protect the lower income brackets by making the new taxes and levies progressive. Get rid of the downtown bike lanes, they are a nuisance. Expand the +15 network. Consider more overpass in the city to improve traffic flow.
- Calgary has enough systems and social programs in place. We need to maximize the efficiency of our infrastructure both in terms of use and costs. Live/work/play needs to be optimized locally. Stop wasting money on "blue ring" projects and anything without a direct cost or time saving benefit.
- Remember that we are not "customers" as one top City General Manager said, we are shareholders.
- I want Council to put taxpayer dollars a top priority, as always. Keep funding efficient and valuable.
- I want council to consider the changes the economic climate and make decisions based on needs of the growing vulnerable population.
- I want city council to stop being so partisan and obviously political, this is about the city and its people not the political ambitions of council members.
- I want council to work together for what is best for the City by focusing on the key issues in an efficient, decisive way.



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- Not develop tunnel vision in tough economic times and continue to keep Calgarian's quality of life and safety top of mind.
- Use more a common sense approach and be mindful of taxpayers' money.
- keeping taxes low, affordable accessible city services, affordable recreation facilities
- Keep making things better for all Calgarians not just the minority (i.e. Cyclists)
- Have open and honest discussions about what is going on at city hall
- I want Council to stop interfering with administration's role and decisions
- The cost to Calgarians.
- I want the council to remember that many in the city are hurting due to the economy. Making decisions with compassion for all would be a thing to do.
- Consider the needs of the citizens and plan for the future
- I just moved to renfrew from bankview. I hope my new councilor will be as forward thinking and passionate as the councilor of ward 8
- Focus on the needs of the majority, not the vocal minority (be they cyclists, inner city residents or dog park users). Clean up 7th Avenue transit corridor so it isn't a scary place to walk - even in the middle of the day. Make every train a 4-car train during morning and afternoon rush. Have a responsive plan ready when trains break down - and that plan isn't shuttle buses.
- lower taxes and reduce all the waste in city hall
- I want council to improve 311 service. Last month I slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk; the property where I slipped had a large wooden stake at the edge of the property. I landed on my right shoulder blade, dislocating it. It is extremely dangerous and yet the stake should have been ordered removed and it wasn't. When the 311 officer called back and left a message, the officer didn't even reiterate the proper address.
- Some decisions seem to have been snuck in like the speed limits on playground zones and the changing of all the signs, I never heard anything until it was a done deal, what a waste of money. I want more public consultation.
- Include all voices in identifying and problem solving
- I want City Council to keep in mind that times are hard and that they should stop spending so much of taxpayers money that they don't have.
- I want council to keep the people involved and informed of any changes and development in and around communities that are impacted.
- Hold course and don't make drastic change. This too shall pass.
- more open when making money decisions
- The human impact of the economic changes of the past two years. Social programming is still vital.
- I want transparency on municipal election campaign contributions and municipal expenses. In these tough economic times why is there no innovation in provision of city services?
- Stop wasting money on public art let art be donated by private sector
- Take into consideration of plans that'll benefit the city as a whole. Should it be more focused in certain wards then allow the decisions be made by the people within that ward.
- Reduce spending in luxury things like a expensive bridge design
- Be mindful of the changes in the economy. Costly items should be justifiable.
- Groupthink is a very real phenomena and ought to be avoided. Soem of the worst decisions seem based on an avoidance of conflict rather than an ideal of what things should be in the future, for those who are of concern to the decision at hand.



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- Focus on spending the money carefully to make Calgary a great place to live.
- transparency is vital.
- I want Council to take lead in fiscal responsibility and focus on needs rather than wants. Building traffic circles rather than bike paths is an obvious example. No financial obligation for professional sport arenas. Bring back fees for library use. Higher fines for vandalism. Allow Uber to operate and end the taxi monopoly. Staff building permits department with people that know what they are doing. Stop the insanity of play ground zones and teach kids the rules of traffic instead (like they do in Europe). Stop the insanity of putting signs in areas where they are not followed or enforced (e.g. Nose Hill). Tell developers to pave back lanes (should have been done decades ago). Stop blocking road sections for fender benders. Simplify First Response to accidents (check Reno Nevada approach). Scrap laws that are not being enforced (dirty licence plates, tinted car windows and stupid bicycle pinging).
- It's time to stop council's special interest pet projects and focus on keeping the city running. Clean our streets, pick up our garbage, bring business into the city and stop making me the root of all evil because I drive a car.
- always consider the people who elected them and not how the councillors feel about a subject
- Keep in mind the diversity of the people living in Calgary and ensure all Calgarians have a say in how their city is run
- consider the diversity of the city. People rely on transportation, business, environment, and so on in many different ways. The loudest are not always the majority
- Just be sustainable, transparent, and reliable
- Please keep in mind how many people are in desperate need of assistance. The current council seems intent on spending a whole lot of money to accommodate a select few healthy, young to middle aged interest groups of which I am one. But we are surrounded by less fortunate who are financially, physically and/or mentally disabled. Instead of spending millions on nice ideas for a few lets invest wisely in building into the lives of the less fortunate.
- Stop wasting money
- I want the counsel to work well together not apse one and other.
- Keep on making Calgary great
- Think of how future generations will be impacted by your goals.
- Think long-term.
- reduce wasteful spending
- Not panic because of the crumbling economy. Stand together and work constructively as a team to help our city adapt to the changes we face. We need unity and cooperation right now and solid leadership that is constructive and hopeful.
- stop wasting money just so your union workers have jobs - it is becoming embarrassing to friends who visit here
- i would love to see how council and the mayor can raise taxes yet again year after year for your pet projects while the vast majority of the city population suffers economically. The mayor and council has lost all concept of reality in his little bubble. Focus on what city councillors and mayor do, not go around the world and waste our money talking to celebrities and wasting our tax money on trips like the one to Switzerland
- We need to address food inequality and try to wipe it out. also, instead of purchasing useless art from non Canadians to spruce up the city try using local artists that will donate their time because of pride in our city
- Focus on the big picture and provide clear, concise, consistent strategic direction that can actually be implemented. Less talk, more action.



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- "To reign in tax increases, my merit increase (Fortune 30, in 190 countries in the world, not Oil and Gas) is 2%. Our CPI target is always double digits savings. We seem to waste lots of money, and then ask for more?"
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- CalgaryNext is too expensive. I would go the Sarcee band and work with them to create a hotel, casino, hockey rink, football stadium, field house, F1 track on their land. Then drag the LRT to the land, if the band liked the idea, they could fund most of the project and create a long term business for the band."
- Following up on projects and recommendations AFTER reports and recommendations are presented. When you ask for a report for the purposes of making decisions, use the information.
- "I want city to increase efficiency. Everybody knows that city workers are most lazy and work less than anybody else, city contractors are the most expensive with low level of performance.
- As money for all that comes from our taxes I demand changes"
- I want Council to manage its finances so that it can create a better city without having to increase taxes for property owners.
- Keep in mind the middle and lower class citizens who can't afford anything in this world anymore
- Be open and full disclosure on all public concerns. Sometimes a solution to a problem perceived by council as their own has an answer in the community.
- Stop spending huge amounts of money on things that only benefit counsellors
- Be more transparent about how much taxes have gone up.
- Quit overspending. Like all households, there is a limited amount of money coming in. Work within those limits and don't make it ok to have tax increases every year. Be creative, shock the population with a zero tax increase - I dare you!
- Fight the NDP in their proposal to change school boards.
- I would like my councilor and city council to provide information on major developments such as the SW Transitway & BRT project. not consultation with affected communities took place until the project was presented as a 'fait accompli'. Providing information to citizens who are affected by major developments would allow constituents to ask questions and be involved. I feel my councillor, Brian Pincott, the city council and city employees were trying to avoid informing affected communities for some reason. I can only conclude there are longer term undisclosed plans, such as using the rezoning of green space happening as part of this project for increasing housing intensity in the area, I conclude this since the information provided to date does not make a compelling case for the project - in fact there appears to be little if any justification of the project. I feel deceived and ignored by my representatives and am adamantly opposed to the BRT project, based both on the lack of compelling rationale provided by the city, and the reluctance of my councilor and city representatives to provide basic information about the project.
- I want council to find a way to make calgary not only ONE of the best cities in the world, But THE best city in the world.
- I want council to spend wisely. I want council to take their time evaluating the NEXT proposal with the mindset of need-to-have vs. nice-to-have. I want council to take the considerations of those in need during these hard times and find ways to help them get through this recession.
- I want council to keep doing what you are doing. I like the densification efforts and that recycling has been extended to condos. Also, I want to be able to contribute to producing energy for our city that is purchased from me (solar panels on my roof could be used by the city for electricity).
- work for the majority of Calgarians, not special interest groups. If Murray Edwards wants a billion dollar sports palace so he can increase is already HUGE profits, let him build it. The average Calgarian can't afford to watch his teams now....in a new facility, one can only imagine the cost. Let Gary Bettman help pay for it!



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- Really look at there Budget for all departments and see where expenditures could be made...
- Plan with the future in mind. Remove services that are of no value. Promote solutions that are environmentally friendly. Get rid of photo radar and red light cameras; they don't address the root cause and are a huge waste of money.
- I want council to be accountable for their spending and to watch where our city spends it's money - no more circle light posts for a million dollars
- Make sure it benefits all of Calgarians & not just where you live/work or a specific group or tax bracket.
- LOWER TAXES. Council, like the NDP is destroying us with high taxes and spending on things we don't need or want. Only the social engineers want them.
- Continue to invest in Calgary. I don't mind paying taxes if it goes towards building a great city.
- It would be beneficial if council to a larger than average pay cut to support the growth and maintenance of the community. That should be there top priority.
- Engage whenever possible with Calgarians
- Make sure that the focus is always on the greatest good and that of the community of as a whole not just a few people with load voices.
- Make sure that they considering what is best and right for every Calgarian. It's time to practice the golden rule and think of others rather than politics and what it will take to get re-elected whether you mean it or not. It's time to be honorable and remember you are accountable for your decisions and should be counted on and trusted. Be stand up politicians rather than run of the mill in it for yourselves.
- Recognize that the City is facing the potential of significant change in its economic base and that it needs to downscale ALL plans to reflect a smaller population with lower average family incomes.
- I'd like Council to be more realistic re. our home taxes. Calgary isn't the same city it was 2 years ago. There are more unemployed, forced- to -be pensioners in town now. So please keep that in mind next time you want to raise taxes.
- Start listening to your constituents. Start holding Adminstration officials to account instead of agreeing with them against the people. Stop wasting money on projects no one wants.
- The City Council should analyze the good practise from top 50 cities in the world and copy it.
- The people..... The ones that make this city home..... instead of working against us..... work with us!
- keep in mind that we must look after what we have before spending money on anything new.
- You are doing a terrible job! Start working for the public instead of a pay check!
- Do their best
- Remember the economic situation in Alberta.
- I want council to include and keep in mind the annexed more rural communities such as Lynx meadows, or watermark, or Bearspaw who enjoy limited city services, and frankly terrible road quality.
- Finish and expand on the rotary mattamy pathway. Focus on creating cycle friendly infrastructure and strive for bike usage like in Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Calgary is an amazing place to live and I appreciate the care put into receiving our input!
- Remember that we as calgarians should be ask if we keep want to take in refugees. Take care of us first
- I want council to...realize that we are in a recession and that we need to stop spending. Calgary is in trouble, people are losing their jobs everyday. Fire anyone who proposes another useless footbridge or bike route. We need efficient bus routes, a plan to increase foreign investment in the energy sector and less time on foolish art placed throughout the city. Buckle down and help Calgarians with the crisis they are living in. NOW.
- Add a bylaw which is to not to play loud music after 10pm Monday to Sunday
- Reduce taxes



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- Think about the long term, not just what you can do for the short term. While the short term is important, if we focus on long-term goals it will help the city of Calgary truly become even more amazing than it already is. Along with that you can also have your own short term items as well to lead to those long term goals.
- I want the city to become more efficient. Lose the redundancy (especially in upper management). Streamline city services, make it easier to do business. Start by cleaning up the development and building permit process. Calgary has become the worst city in Canada to try and get a project built. Empower people within the DP and BP process to make quick decisions without fear of backlash from upper city management. The process is broken: fix it!
- I'd like more recognition of aboriginal concerns and to hear aboriginal voices more clearly in planning. I'd also like more focus directed towards the opportunities we as a city and community can create for teenagers and young adults to engage in growing the city of Calgary for their future.
- Spend wisely
- Connect more with the people....more Open House's. Also have the CPS monitor more speedy in parking lots (20-40 km is not uncommon)
- To be focus, responsible and committed. Put a touch of love in your responsibility.
- I want council to reduce operating expenses across the board, reduce salaries of middle-upper management and the police, make user pay a priority and provide more assistance to the poor in housing.
- Consider the economic situation where thousands of people have been laid off. I would not like to see taxes hiked in a time where people have been out of work or have their salaries frozen for the last 2 years
- I want Council to play its part in helping Calgary diversify its economy by hiring local firms and service providers. Hiring an Italian architect to build a bridge (old story), or a storefront for a foreign firm to advise on water management issues (very recent story) are examples of exactly the opposite mentality needed in Calgary these days. Calgary first, Alberta second, Everyone Else a remote third should be mandated for CoC procurement practices.
- Communicate with a strong public relations campaign that clearly explains the changes proposed and the logic and rationale behind the decision making process.
- How is our mayor the highest paid mayor in Canada with a city with the highest unemployment in Canada
- Future planning and sustainability should always be given consideration when setting short term objectives.
- Please actively listen to the communities; seek out and study what other cities are doing to address these same issues and, most of all, have a very strong sense of humanity. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.
- Be progressive
- Stop wasting revenue lower property tax hold the line on city wages
- Long term quality of life knowing we will cycle economically, don't over spend in the good times and save some for a rainy day
- Consulting with people of the affected areas in any major project should be a priority
- Consider future generations
- We would like council to avoid unnecessary spending on frivolous projects.
- Please focus on controlling spending and stop the crazy ideas for projects that are really not needed. Seems to be lot of focus on reducing speed limits but pedestrian accidents have decreased and speeding has not been the factor. Please focus on pedestrian awareness/education and not lowering current speed limit please. Enforcement of current speed limits would be helpful as well.
- Be fiscally responsible while supporting the citizens if Calgary. Including the less fortunate and homeless



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- I want Council to be strong leaders and make decisions that are good for the City and economy and not about the votes. There is too much money being wasted on public consultations.
- Reduce taxes
- I want council to ignore everything Sean Chu suggests. Also, I want council to be progressive and not to bow to special interest groups only looking to put money in the pockets of developers.
- Reduce my tax burden
- reduce costs, save taxes for citizens who have seen large tax increases over the past few years. Al Duer was very successful in keeping Calgary an affordable place to live.
- I would like the city to keep in their minds issues concerning the environment, local debt, renewable energy and business diversity when making decisions.
- Keep tax increases at or below rate of population growth + inflation.
- I am fairly happy with the decisions my counsellor Druh Farrell makes. Keep it up!
- This city nice for Calgarians but not everyone is Calgarian and not a lot a Canadians aswell. Please take Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal as an inspiration and work accordingly in every aspect, PLEASE. Often I want to be called a Calgarian but when I look at this city, i just dont find any reason why i should be called a Cagarian!
- Reduce the staffing. We all can see the numerous 'employees' of the city that do little or nothing. They are in essence on a form of welfare by holding these 'jobs'.
- I want council to listen to the people of Calgary and what they think is important. I want them to give people a platform to share their ideas and opinions. I want information shared freely and openly. I want them to be honest, transparent and upfront. I want them to take the environment seriously (like not putting pesticides and other chemicals on our lawns. trees, etc) and to help us preserve our world, what we have left, including wildlife. I also want council to appreciate the dog and cat owners of the city and to give dog owners more parks for them to walk in, especially in the SE end of the city. As a family that does not have children but dogs instead, when my tax dollars go towards hundreds of playgrounds on every corner and on the schools, I wish there would be an option for people to check off supporting dog parks, instead of playgrounds all the time. I would appreciate that as would many others in the city. I would also like to add that I love what mayor Nenshi has done for our city over the last several years. We are very lucky to have him. Thank you for your time.
- remember there are now a lot of unemployed people, and people on fixed incomes or struggling with costs of day to day living, watch the tax increases but also the user charges. keep it available for people to continue on and not just the wealthy or people who have managed to hang onto their jobs
- As many have lost their jobs recently, please keep in mind reduced income and financial instability when raising taxes to fund unnecessary programs and road construction plans.
- Focus on public transit, live within flat or nearly flat budgets and commit to as small a government as possible.
- Find balance between driving economic growth and being fiscally responsible.
- City operations to become more efficient and city council to control spending and reduce property taxes
- Lower taxes - every time we see the Nenshi on TV, he only talk s about increasing taxes. Build a new bridge in Inglewood - Zoo, the old one is made out of wood. The bikeway system is a disaster.
- focus less on raising taxes and focus more on cutting expenses and wasteful spending
- Times are tough but we should see it as an oppritunity instead of a burden. Investing in growth, our spaces and keeping services when calgarians need them most is to me the most important way my council can make a difference. You shouldn't be thinking cuts, especially to services that are more vital than ever to those in need, you should be thinking innovation, creativity and how can we support a growing and vibrant calgary.
- "Quit looking for ways to raise taxes.



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- Perform real engagement with citizens, not these make work projects for communications staff"
- cut taxes
- Spend an tax like it's coming from struggling families. You have lost touch with what is important to the MAJORITY of taxpayers.
- Please keep in mind you work for the citizens and stop pushing for personal, agendas ... Particularly Druh Farrel
- I like to remind the authority that an extremely high percentage of Calgary's residents are low-middle class families. Changing the action plan to serve the betterment of the majority of the residents will inturn help the city grow, prosper, and live. Failing to do so and only applying plans that assist the 1% to become a tinier percentage will not only be hurtful to the majority of the residents it wil I also be catastrophic to the health of the city (since the city is the manifestation of its residents)
- Stand behind the bylaws they enact. When a building is a maximum of 8 stories or has to meet local guidelines, it is up to the city council not to vote against bylaws and up to council to ensure city staff are enforcing the laws and guidelines.
- Long term effects of decisions for the city's infrastructure
- I would like to see council shift towards gender neutrality; I still see too many older men on council and that doesn't accurately reflect this city's diverse population. How do we get more women on council?
- The municipal tax base is going to erode in the over the next few years. The City has to either come up with new sources of revenue or focus on cutting costs and reducing taxes to attract businesses here.
- Short term infrastructure opportunities need to fit in a greater master plan for the long term future.
- Lower taxes for property owners and small business and look for major effeciencies at city hall -- the burocracy needs to be reduced big time.
- I want council to continue to be oen and utilize public opinion. I like the services Calgary offers and I know there is an increase cost in taxes. However it is getting very close to the point where taxes are becoming too much. How does council plan to move forward indefinitely without increasing taxes indefinitely?
- Make responsible spending decisions....we cannot afford everything
- "Inform public more about the context of projects.
- For example, How do the cycletracks fit within the entire transportation budget?
- What will the downtown traffic flow look like in 30 years if we change nothing?
- If we improvement public transit?
- If we build more cycletracks?"
- I wish that council would remember that while seniors make up a lot of the dialogue, they will mostly be gone or irrelevant soon, leaving a potential gap in policy when that giant wave of population leaves. If you do make changes, remember that their front lawns won't be theirs forever, and that Calgary is getting younger, fast.
- I want council to keep in touch through surveys like these. I want a way for my voice to be heard, no matter how small.
- consider reducing the amount of employees and bust the unions.
- We're doing alright
- I want council to remember and celebrate the diversity of Calgary, and consider all of the needs of various Calgarians when making important decisions.
- I want council to put in place changes that are practical and sustainable.
- I want council to concentrate on providing essential public services efficiently and effectively. And, to implement policies based on what Calgarians need and want, rather than what is in Europe or Chicago. If the taxpayer is going to pay for something, it should be distinctly Canadian and Calgarian.



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- Focus on lowering costs, trimming services, and providing lower taxation to home owners
- I want council to focus on the sustainability of the city. We are growing and losing our connections to the city and to each other.
- Avoid inputting my money onto support for professional sports
- Wages and staffing appear excessive in some areas due to unions. Also have yet to pass a worksite where all city workers are active
- Keeping taxes to a minimum.
- Calgarys extremely limited resources when dealing with issues of access to justice.
- Consider sustainability
- Please be wise with you spending of money, I feel that most of it goes to waste for things that are unruly and even when actions plans are taken, there is hardly even an impact that is noticeable to citizens of Calgary. Most of the time and money is put to waste and USEFUL decisions should actually be made to improve things like the environment, safety. Along with improvement of education for children to become involved in understanding taxes, bill payments and all other regular adult responsibilities that i have as a young adult was never taught to understand when i had to grow up, move out and learn to have a stable life on my own.
- Transparency, a vision for the city for 50 years from now, how big, will we rely on a growth strategy with green spaces between cities and towns surrounding Calgary as a separation.... what draws people to Calgary? Life style and access to the outdoors, quality of life, not too big, volunteerism of the citizens,
- efficiently provide service without resorting to additional taxes or increasing the cost of services (e.g. transit passes). Calgary is quite an expensive city to stay. It should be made more affordable.
- Keep doing excellent work.
- I want City Council to listen to the average Calgarian. I also want City Council to take advice from other happy cities, and maintain existing affordable housing areas (trailer parks, etc) instead of bulldozing them and punting people out of their homes in the name of "progress"
- View tax increases as a very last measure for funding new projects. Cancelling the project should be strongly considered before raising taxes to pay for it
- I want COuncil to think of the greater good and look strategically at The City so that our executive and Board (so to speak) are working to the same purpose not working against each other because of ward need
- make changes and not just talk
- Council should remember that we are in a downturn and should consider what is in the best interest of the majority when making spending decisions rather than catering to special interest groups
- Review all City of Calgary expenditures and budget items with a view to minimizing costs.
- I want you to keep consulting citizens at every available opportunity.
- Economy, long term planning, concerted effort to diversify the economy, closer relationship with other levels of government.
- Stop trying to make Calgary what Calgary is not! We are not Amsterdam, we do not want to be Amsterdam, so stop shoving it down out throats!
- I want City Council to think long term when making decisions and keep the big picture in mind.
- Stop over regulating citizens. Too many councillors think they should control too many aspects of our lives. Stop it!!
- Plan to pay off City debt and convert city employee benefits to defined contribution (including Enmax). The private sector wages have rolled back - roll back or stop increases in city worker pay - councillors too.
- Stop re-orgs within Administration, The City has the right composition to get focused on priorities now and re-structuring has been happening for too long.



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- "Stop spending money on art projects like blue rings.
- Don't build overpasses to increase the flow of traffic and then install new intersections to slow traffic down again.
- Stop insisting in high density areas when we don't have the roads to handle the column of vehicles.
- Return the \$52 million back to the residents that they have over paid!"
- The well-being of citizens in both the short-term and the long-term. Working to maintain already obtained goals and not sacrificing them in order to further the action plan. Also understanding how changes in the action plan affect micro and macro levels of the city in terms of the individual citizens and organizations (while remembering that organizations are more resilient than the individual). Also seeking to understand how these changes will affect the city in the future to prevent such effects like the 30% increase in suicide rates in the past year. Consult experts in all fields in order to improve the action plan as well as setting the city up to be able to handle the event of negative changes in the pursuit of long-term positive changes.
- I want council to consider efficiencies within the City as a whole. I believe that sometimes there is too much time on presentations and less time on doing.
- I want council to focus on issues that Calgarians are currently facing. Do NOT spend time that has little to no value to citizens.
- Plan for the future as well as today.
- be visionary about our city.
- I want council to think of the city as a whole instead of just the area they were elected in.
- taxes should be lowered
- be more transparent. Work for the people and not corporations.
- Explain why the housing market is decreasing, the market is in a steep decline, however my property value went up \$40000 which will increase my taxes.
- lower expense especially on wages, do only projects that are required not nice to do.
- I want Council to be mindful of the changing economy. I want accountability on how tax dollars are spent, and tax dollars should be used wisely to serve the greatest number of people not "loud" small groups of individuals.
- I want council to take leadership and not pander to the vocal minority of idiots (i.e. Sean Chu supporters).
- You can't keep saying we want this and we want that. Someone has to pay and you can't keep telling the City to find more savings to offset increases. If you want more it is going to cost more.
- Keep tax increases no higher than inflation rate.
- keep spending within yearly inflation rates
- keep the economy and the people in mind, this isn't the time to raise taxes this is the time that money should be spent so that people are working
- stay strategic and focus on the longer term. Stop spending so much Council time on secondary suites and make sure to focus on how the city will grow and develop efficiently and sustainably in the future.
- I want Council to cut costs to taxpayers by 10% annually.
- "I want Council to remember that times are difficult right now. It's one thing to spend millions on bike lanes (a good but not necessary endeavour) but when faced with a strong economic downturn those funds should be allocated to something more socialist to help out those at risk of losing everything. Sometimes it seems that those that run this great city are out of touch with the everyday person, their struggles. Need to keep in mind what is really important to the public. A lot of unnecessary bureaucracy stifles innovation and advancement in both our economy and the daily decisions being made.
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- The newest trend is simplicity."



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- I would like to see a reduction in city management salaries in line with our current economic situation.
- remember that people are our most important resource and when times get tough building community is more important than trying to do everything for everyone. Communication is extremely important to get us (the citizens) on side with building a better city and maintaining our quality of life.
- "1.invoke zero based budgeting.
- 2, temporary subsidization of small businesses during low oil pricing
- 3. Continue and improve flood mitigation
- 4. improve and quicker implementation recycling services
- 5. No private motor vehicles in the DT core
- 6.Better snow clearance and snow removal plans in residential areas and cul-de-sacs
- 7. Open area offices in each quadrant for local liaison face to face, on site forums and individual responses improving transparency and planning overview to quadrants
- 8. Stop treating Enmax similar to a crown corporation, Enmax is supposed to save consumers money not foster added cost on consumers. Restrict Enmax to it's original charter which is transmission not production ensuring lower electrical costs for Calgary consumers."
- I want council to get costs under control since there is visible evidence that it even crosses the collective mind. Today's economic environment has legs and coasting through by increasing debt and business and residential taxes is not a viable plan yet that seems to be the only one evident.
- I would like City Council to undertake sound fiscal management, be frugal and practice restraint in this period of contraction
- I want Council to be more independent, accountable, and thorough in their decision making, taking the necessary steps to turn to experts for areas they are not familiar with, e.g. latest is fluoride in our drinking water. Not be pressured to go along with corporate initiatives e.g. proposed sport centre to replace current Saddle Dome.
- Revisit the decision on removing fluoride from our drinking water. Listen to the research. Quit advocating for change not supported by constituents like cycle track and bike lanes. Council is listening to the loud minority instead of the silent majority. Deal with the archaic procurement and supply policies the city has to procure professional services. Let calgarians get back to work for our citizens and deliver projects without the red tape. Respect competition and ensure value is obtained but it really doesn't need to bog down progress. It is now.
- The inclusion of a wide scope of Calgarians when making important decisions and for councillors to connect with a wide range of the residents in their riding (not just those that contact them directly or have time to show up to public meetings). I am somewhat frustrated with my own councillor who talks non stop about making decisions based on the needs of his/her residents (sometimes very controversial views) however is not very approachable nor does he/she have easy lines of access to provide feedback. The ability to provide feedback in person, and on-line is very critical.
- Please remain focused on higher level tasks: vision for city, mission of city government, and more intergovernmental relations. The council seems to do a lot of micromanaging instead of relying on city departments to fulfill their responsibilities. Council should provide leadership, maintain efficient and effective governance.
- I would like Council to take more care in considering providing services that are not needed or wanted in many cases. Also make better use of the limited dollars available
- spend less time talking about doing things and more time actually doing things



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- Municipal taxes are very high in Calgary and have increased exponentially over the past 15 years. City Council has to find ways to significantly decrease the level of municipal taxes. Part of this has to be significantly reducing the City of Calgary's staff levels.
- I want council to ask each time - would I use my grandmothers money on this - there's too many wild butt schemes - fancy bridges, 8th avenue bike lanes - traffic can't move! We're dyin' out there
- quit wasting time agrueung, quit over paying staff for poor work
- I want Council to lower our taxes and find more cost reductions at City Hall.
- I want Council to have the courage to make the hard decisions in creating a balance of growth and staying within our budget. We cannot do all things immediately, but have to set priorities and some things will take more time.
- I want to more support from council in energy sector. I want to get rid of useless green projects which are financing from all of our money.
- Please take a long term view when making or changing priorities.
- Remove waste at City of Calgary, we need to get the tax increases under control. There is no way our increases should be more than inflation. Manage the money we get and stop over spending.
- be fiscally responsible!!! Do not spend what you don't have....scrap public art from budgets...
- listen to the people, not big corporations
- I want Council to continue seeking input from the public.
- Especially consider how your plans will impact the majority of Calgary residents. We have a decent transit system, the Park Plus system is awesome, and we have a great mayor & majority of counsel. Just keep it simple, spend wisely, and don't get caught up in too much bureaucracy. If you are trying to improve a process - ask the front line people for input. The people that actually do the work usually know how to do it most efficiently. If you empower them by soliciting their input, they will be more engaged in their work because they feel like they have input & their opinions matter.
- Manage funds efficiently even though that means city employes have to take pay cuts. All industries are embracing job losses or pay cuts. At CNRL it was maximum 10%. Why City employees cannot take pay cuts.
- be mindful of the City budget and review inefficiencies and not just increasing staff but getting the work done with existing personal in an efficient manner
- Reduce city services, privatize services, reduce taxes
- "- Stop UBER from operating in the city.
- - Remove compulsory ""art project"" portion of capital projects."
- When spending tax payers \$\$ keep in mind the majority. For example, the bike-paths only benefit the few not the majority.
- With the current economic down turn, the cost of construction has been significantly reduced. Now is the time to focus on constructing the major infrastructure projects.
- consider change for the better and take the red tape out of city decisions
- I think Council is doing a good job. Not perfect...but nobody is. :) When considering changes, the question is do we NEED to change the action plan? Is it working? Does everyone agree with the changes? Just because we are in a downturn doesn't mean we should lose sight of the goals of the City; staying on target, but maybe adjusting timelines and saving costs would be better, if possible.
- Stop dealing with things that are out of scope. Wasting time banning shark fin soup when someone could just buy it outside of the city limits.



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- I want Council to consider the changes/adjustments based on the value to the city as a whole rather than a very small percentage of people. With the economic downturn, it is important to start projects that have been delayed to get people working.
- The business plan is a great list of what needs to be done and where Calgary needs to go. Lets not reinvent things. prioritize the capital projects to get people working, focus on what you control, try to get as much as you can from other levels of government and tourism Calgary.
- I like Council keep update about what City is working on spending budget on what type of service to citizen
- I want City Council to consider the low hanging fruit first. With the state of the economy we do not have the luxury of changing everything. The changes should provide the biggest return with the least amount of cost or energy to complete
- To allow Uber easy access. Control spending.
- "I want council to investigate other cities of similar size re:
- transportation, planning and citizen safety etc. on how they handled these issues. Adopt their successes and discard their failures."
- This council is a complete failure and the type of questions / options in this survey is a clear indicator of their failing grade
- I want council to listen to the input of all citizens and not let advocacy and single interest groups control things
- make the best educated decisions & be accountable for decisions made.
- I want Council to provide the services Calgarians want adding the necessary taxes to pay for front line workers while cutting administration, management, red tape, and the many unnecessary bylaws.
- Keep everyone informed of the city changes, make traffic a priority
- Stop inner city community taxes from subsidizing the suburbs.
- "Enough of the bicycle lanes. I think the City has take far too many liberties with the traffic lanes in the core and in some of the out lying communities. Believe it or not, there are a lot of commuters who don't use bicycles. Why are you shoving the bike lanes down our throats with little discussion from the rest of the citizens.
- There are far more important transportation issues than the bike lanes. Has anyone in Council ever driven on Crowchild Trail, over the Bow River during Rush Hour?
- What about the congestion on Deerfoot Trail from Glenmore Trail to Bow Bottom, during Rush Hour, is there a solution to the nightmare there?
- Basically, I am not happy with the effort put forward by COUNCIL! Have more consultation with the citizens of Calgary before you act on our behalf. Don't take knee jerk reactions to the issues, Think before you act."
- Look at our tax system, and not take what is not theirs like our \$52.00 given by Provincial governments, and used for things we the taxpayers were not asked for, like a tunnel to Airport, a Greenline Transit, which if asked can be done economically by an BRT, and not by an overly rich LRT system, which will be taxing on all of us as we go to our senior pension years. Listen, we are not the richest city, nor the biggest spenders nor are we overly impressed with Green box plans which lots do not wish to pay for. Ask us before these new plans come up and you will now know we are not impressed.
- remember we are all suffering in this economic downturn..raising taxes does not help anyone!
- Listen to the people. Your transportation plans are not always right and using unsupported and widely optimistic user numbers to justify transit plans are out right misinformation (lying) to the people. Get the mayor to tone down his arrogance.
- Work to keep taxes low, cut red tape, make it easier for businesses to succeed...as they are the engine for the city.



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- Cut expensive salaries and get rid of expenses useless bike paths. Or start charging licensing and registering bikers to offset cost of the bike paths.
- With the struggling economy and a lot of people not working it might be time to NOT raise taxes and look at more creative ways to keeps services in place. Maybe it is time to start cutting Staff and wages at the city. I am really puzzled why EVERYWHERE there are layoffs and wage cuts but the City of Calgary is exempt.
- Stop trying to engineer citizens to fit your personal priorities and listen to what citizens actually want.
- Please do not pander to any one group of people, you're never going to please everyone. Make well informed and smart decisions which will benefit the city as a whole.
- I want council to use science to make policy, not listen to fringe opinions.
- be mindful of the increasing costs. You can't continue to increase taxes and spending explaining it away with inflation and the rising costs of doing business. I am extremely lucky to still have my job however I haven't seen an increase in my income at all, and by increasing the city's take, you are making me change my behaviors where I choose the cheaper option rather than the more environmentally or neighbourhood friendly options.
- I want Council to review spending. Why waste money developing a SW BRT and spend the money on the SE leg of the LRT or just run a bus route versus wasting money on infrastructure that will not last
- forget about art programs, this city does not need anymore large blue circle, or the next stupid thing you will waste the tax payer money on.
- be honest and not corrupt
- be fiscally responsible. Check to see what your departments are doing and where they can improve on the work they are doing. There is a lot of waste that needs to be looked at.
- we need to be more efficient in all areas. Maintain what we have using resources available ...can't continue to do more with less.
- I would like council to stop beaking off about new ideas (i.e. Counsellor Joe on CBC re: Uber who made completely inappropriate comments). All Counsellor's should be required to go through media training so they stop making Calgary look like back-country red-necks. Councils' job is to steward the City, not impress their own opinion on the million people who live here. I would like Counsellor Demong to stop being the "no" to every suggestion that comes forward. I would like to see Council spend less and demonstrate increased initiative to make our city better and focus on things that matter to all of us like road work / transportation instead of getting caught up with isolating one new idea (uber). I think that Nenshi does a great job but we need some action, nothing new has been accomplished, roads are still crazy and transit costs continue to rise. Flood mitigation has not occurred, let's try to at least accomplish something in the next 2 years that is memorable.
- I want Council to remember to be flexible when considering things because there is no "one shoe fits all" scenerio.
- These are challenging economic times. Like many of us are having to do, the City should tighten their belt as well. More emphasis on cutting costs rather than finding new sources of revenue (ie. tax increases, levies, fees, etc.) would be appreciated. I would also like more emphasis on traffic flow and less on cycle tracks. The City's mandate of forcing people do abandon their cars has to change. Efficient traffic flow is good for the environment as well. Cyclists can still be accommodated without having to remove lanes of traffic. Also, stop gouging us with the parking rates and cab fares. If you're not going to make this City Uber friendly, then release more cab licenses so the rates are more reasonable. Finally, improve your public consultation. I attend many public consultations and they seem targeted for a specific demographic and a specific outcome. If more Calgarians for example knew that the Greenline will take out 2 lanes of traffic on Centre Street the



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majority would be opposed to it. If you think your planning is smart consult everyone and see the results. It feels like the City has an agenda and they're ramming it down our throats. One more thing, the red tape initiative was a disaster (contrary to how it is portrayed in the media). Every application, approval, etc. takes longer now than it did 5 years ago. This is not good for business.

- Be more transparent
- not consider cutting existing services, rather slowing down expansion
- Council needs to have a more realistic outlook on how much the average Tax Payer can afford to pay before they are forced to leave the city. Taxes can't keep going up at there current rate.
- I want council to clearly define what are core services. Operating golf courses should be the responsibility of the private sector not the city.
- To be more aware of the unnecessary changes Calgary Neighborhoods are making. At this time of the economic concerns staff changes to align with new ward structure should not occur. This has many detrimental and costly processes associated with it. This does not look good in the community's eyes as we have had a high turnover in staff already and to uproot more of our relationships at this time is not productive. Why take a knee jerk reaction to the changes and wait for the new election to take place, that way we have a better chance to provide sustainability, trust and unflivalus cost spending of employees moving offices and groups.
- Be more conscious about the overall spending. Decrease their salaries to be on par with Canada's average. We are not the wealthiest city/province of Canada anymore to be paying those high salaries.
- I want council to lower taxes, not constantly increase them. As house prices go up, city council will just offset revenue by upping property tax, we never get a break. Cut some services that are unnecessary. It would be nice to have taxes go the other way once in a while. This year we didn't have much of a winter, that money that was saved should be help in a high interest account and left for those winters that will hit us hard in the future.
- Is there a chance that Cllr Farrell can listen to a differing viewpoint without leaving the room?
- Focus on affordable living and tax reductions!
- I would like Council to focus on the programs and services that will benefit the majority of Calgarians and not cater to the will of well organized special interest groups.
- In difficult economic times, people can be reactionary and stray from a longer term goal. Make decisions thoughtfully and with the future in mind.
- Fiscal considerations.
- Reassess the validity of projects from more than 7 years ago as the economic environment has changed drastically. There need to be stricter rules governing funding for projects that are over budget.
- I want Council to have accurate measurement and concrete facts that says these are areas it should focus on base on the engagement from citizens.
- I want council to consider the hardships being experienced by so many due to the downturn in the economy and reconsider what is necessary spending versus what is ideal spending. What may have looked affordable and reasonable with \$100 oil, certainly may look different with \$30 oil. The ramifications of a low oil price are just beginning to be evident. Many Calgarians are soon coming to the end of their EI benefits, and many more Calgarians are sure to become unemployed in 2016. For most of us the "frills" have or will come to and end, and I would like to see council acknowledge, accept and act on this at a government level when budgeting. 3, 4, and 5% tax increases are no longer affordable or acceptable.
- Move forward with plans and not be railroaded by nay sayers



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- Keep services in the public sector where they can be openly monitored and accountable to the city and its citizens.
- Please keep in mind that with Oil prices so low that a lot of people are losing their jobs. Please try to keep taxes as low as possible and even transit fares, as they keep rising.
- CUT THE FAT NOW !!!!!
- I want council to be responsible with taxpayer dollars. To use cost effective methods of delivering services.
- I want to always be up to date about the news
- put resources on projects and programs instead of individuals
- Focus on hiring Canadian-- Albertan-- Calgarian! Way too many non-Calgarians work for the City!
- Calgarians are already overburdened by increased food prices and job losses. Don't increase taxes. The citizens are struggling as it is.
- That a lot of people don't have the finances right now for tax increases due to the job market.
- Help with unemployment and job loss. help the oil and gas
- I want council, ESPECIALLY the Mayor, to remember the way that the tone is set, will be how people react (i.e. with the public forums that just took place). The City Council is becoming quite negative and combative. We USED to have a great city with great people. Work with people and groups, keep an open mind, and leave the condescending attitudes at the door.
- The current economic situation! Many calgarians are hurting right now & the city needs to do its part to help our economy. When things are booming, the city takes its share & benefits. Time to help those who have made this a great city.
- obviously its hard to make large decisions with the expansive differences between Calgarians.
- Transparency is important. Focus on an upstream approach. Formative collaborative approach.
- Stop wasting my tax dollars.
- Focus on the needs of all Calgarians, not just those who live downtown or that council wishes lived downtown. Equal benefit for those of us who choose to live in the suburbs -- we're Calgarians, too!
- listen, lead and consider options
- They should give rebate to seniors in house tax whose children are more than 18 yrs or now they live alone with spouse
- Please keep in mind that often changes come with increases to taxes but are rarely reflected for in increases to our wages and corporate tax seems to get passed on to the consumer. Even small increases can bankrupt those of us who have a low wage. At this time we are all struggling, I think we need to make any changes more strategically and make sure we are not being wasteful with taxpayer dollars. Let's worry about more important things before worrying about how pretty the city is. No more awards for most wasteful use of taxpayer dollars!!
- I would like Council to not raise taxes. Support private industry, where jobs are created.
- Cut the red tape on both uber and secondary housing permits. Get an action plan new stadiums
- Do not raise taxes.
- I want council to respect my hard earned tax dollars. All spending should be as cost efficient as possible.
- I want council to show leadership and not take raises until the economy has turned around!
- I would like council to work to keep calgarians up to date on what is planned. I would like to see money spent where it benefits as many calgarians as possible and not paying for entertainment.
- I want council to live within their means ,no major tax hikes,no money for bike lanes



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- I want Council to stop raising our taxes. Reduce them even. Spending money on things like that red artwork thing by the airport is wasteful. Finish the Ring Road. Instead of creating new mixed subdivisions, offer people with no kids a new subdivision built for the over 50 crowd with things for them and move families into the existing subdivisions so you can stop building so many new schools. Better Urban planning please.
- ensure that citizens of Calgary receive full value for taxes paid - ensure all activities and services are delivered by the most cost efficient method.
- Create an action plan to aid Calgary through the present crisis and attract new industry and business.
- Adding new actions without taking any off; consider the economic downturn in consideration to raising prices and taxes ~ many people have lost their jobs and will move to seeking employment options; be kind to one another and administration in responding & prioritizing collectively as a whole city (not individual wards)
- Listen to its voters before implimenting plans that impact the users directly.
- Start listening to the people that voted them in. This is a democracy and your jobs are given to you by the people. So when people say they don't want bike lanes downtown, you should listen. I don't understand why this council is constantly appeasing the squeaky wheels.
- Reduce expenses and taxes
- Keep up the good job! Excellent survey and format. In these financially tough times, please consider the overall well-being of our citizens and impacts to spending.
- Expand the city composting program and stop increasing property taxes
- Cost! Cost! Cost! How can we be more efficient at meeting Calgarians needs. Bike path and other similar measures are wonderful ideas but not very practical. Let's keep common sense and practicality on the table when making decisions with Calgary answer money. It should be what the majority of Calgarians want not a few vocal special interest groups.
- Not spend money foolishly
- Continue to keep the public informed on new projects and allow input on major road/transit changes
- "be cognicent that we need to have an identity,
- be proud of our city, and keep lines of communication open."
- Get in touch with reality. This past year all school zones were changed to playground zone hours. I go through a school zone frequently going to and from home and at 3:30 in the afternoon the number of children I see in a week can be counted on one hand and from 5:00-9:30pm there are no children! If a driver cannot tell the difference between a school zone and a playground zone, they should not be driving. Has this knee-jerk reaction made a difference in the problem it was supposed to deal with or was it just another waste of taxpayers money. This survey forum might be a useful tool for seeking public input on decisions and choices that affect all of us. If this had been the case, would we have a ridiculous blue ring being called "art"?
- I want council to think long term. I want council to make sustainable choices by improving not only Calgary transit but rail transit partnerships with surrounding communities such as Okotoks, Airdrie and Cochrane.
- **BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE, MONEY WISE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR POOR AND SENIORS, TRANSPORTATION, ALL A GREAT CITY SHOULD HAVE, ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR POOREST, NOT YOUR RICHEST..... UNDERSTAND**
- Spend only when necessary and weather our the recession without increasing citizen taxes. If you can't afford it. ...neither can we! !
- I want council to lower taxes and reign in spending.
- Keep City employees accountable at all levels, from upper management right down to the folks that process permit applications and keep public properties clean and tidy.



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- I want city Council to ask before they build. Let people know that you want to build a library downtown to replace the old one, not just do it. I was shocked to find out about the downtown library when there are other priorities that need to be handled first.
- cost efficiency
- I want Council to listen to the people. Closing meetings due to a few riled up people is not listening. Learn to explain without dumbing us down. Also, hold contractors responsible for getting jobs done in a timely manner and question when a job has to be redone year after year. Put "City" staff to work and question the affordability of contracting out to outside companies that only have their own interests at heart.
- We're too heavily taxed and feel city is out of touch with what residents are suffering with during these economic times.
- Slow down the property tax increases
- I want council to keep in mind that in tough economic times there is very little room for tax increases for cash strapped citizens. Please prioritize needs before wants and nice to haves.
- I want Council to get some things done.
- The need to be flexible based on economic factors. I also think the green cart program should be rethought. If the city will benefit by getting compost, I don't think the cost should be passed onto households.
- continue building online presence and opinions, to let people feel more included!
- "Be smart, think through decisions, and worry about the big problems - I'm sure council will be able to pragmatically address issues if they keep focus. Fussing over public art funding while traffic gets snarled on streets means that the money towards the art is wasted.
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- Unfortunately, that will mean that some of the more vocal minority citizen's groups must be ignored, but as long as the reasonable majority is kept happy things should turn out just fine."
- Spend your constituents money in a responsible manner on things that provide the most benefit for the most taxpayers. Less waste, more efficient spending.
- "Long term solutions
- Meaningful change (not for the sake of it)
- More walkable, self-sustaining communities"
- Keep low the fees for Calgary transit and recreation the city offers, because now our economy in most of the families is not good, we have a tight budget.
- Rational and realistic plans. We cannot have bike lanes in a snow city or make being in the urban too expensive and poor access if they want to stop sprawl. Better transit that copies success - Europe as an example. We need low cost housing, industry growth, healthy tax system that does not punish those who do most of the work... we can add in pretty art when we have the money. If plans impact economic growth it is a mistake.
- Rethink priorities! Not only think of how the economy is right now but also what will happen for our future generations
- I want council to invest in programs and plans that are sustainable and address root causes/long term solutions - not just "flavour of the month" bandwagons.
- Work with other municipalities and the provincial and federal government toward common goals.
- Consider letting tax payers actually pay their fair share. Property taxes in Calgary are relatively low and I would be willing to pay more to get more. Cutting services just to keep taxes low is not the answer.
- Keep asking for citizen input and giving us multiple opportunities for engagement. Thank you!



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- Greenline lrt. Southeast rec center and high school. Lower taxes. Efficient use of money. Garbage system like edmonton.
- Long term stability to current services look at steady growth in emergency services and infrastructure renewal versus adding more facilities for ever corner of the city
- Stop catering to special interest groups! You are destroying our quality of life by doing so. Stop catering to whiney cyclists, the anti-car cabal, and inner city cry babies who are only interested in their own well-being. Start listening to the majority again and tell administration to stop treating us like a bunch of idiots. Just because we don't agree with their ideologically-driven plans doesn't mean we don't understand them. We do! That's why we're against them. If how council treats citizens doesn't change very soon you will be seeing a very angry electorate in October 2017.
- be very fiscally responsible. Fix the mess that is the SE traffic flow.
- stop pandering to people on reddit and twitter
- Keep us all well informed along with the Right to vote on the important things
- cost effectiveness, but also, long term sustainability for these programs and for the city, which can make these changes very cost effective
- Do more promotion of Action Plan reassessments such as this. I just happened upon this on Facebook, it would have been nice to know by seeing signs and ads.
- I want city council to start using the people in our city to build our new art, bridges, buildings etc. We should be giving our architectural, art, engineering, etc, students grants to build the city of Calgary. Bursaries and scholarships should be made for these students so we can enrich those seeking to further their education. Imagine a city built by it's citizens? We should not be hiring people from other countries to do what we can invest into our own communities. I would also like the city to put more dog poop bins around the city and parks areas as well as enforce the animals at large by-laws. It's not safe for cats to roam free and it's not legal yet no one cares.
- I want council to lead by making policy that continues to shape Calgary into a modern city. The type of City people around the world visit and think to themselves - "I wish my City did this..." as opposed to a city that struggles to stay a traditional city that want to preserve traditions for tradition sake, and not for the benefit of all citizens - a city where people go downtown just to go to their offices, go to shopping districts just to pickup what they need then head home, parks that merely break up the scenery - rather than being destinations that people flock to to recreate.
- learn how to budget the way the average citizen has to and to live within their means - not keep raising taxes to expand their means.
- Focus on necessary rather than nice to have. No deficits and no tax increases. Live within your means
- Acknowledge the deep SE! I don't feel like we are a priority at all.
- Focus on really important issues instead of wasting time bickering
- Confirm that every pain position at the city is required and that work is performed efficiently
- Please continue to lead in ways which improves the lives of all Calgarians.
- stop wasting money on initiatives that pander to special interest groups and reform the property tax system which needs to be transparent (taxpayers are denied the information which the city uses to create the assessment) and assessments need to reflect the changing values of properties in the Calgary market, not the value according to some secret formula that the assessor refuses to share with the taxpayer.
- I want city council to get away from making day to day operational decisions, leave it to city managers. Stop making by-laws based on how many votes it will bring
- stick to the basics, not waste money. People are really hurting and you are spending their money, not yours.



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- Our community is in a period of change and transition. During this downturn, I'd like Council to take the opportunity to think very long term about the future of our municipal community, and make decisions today with that longer term vision in mind rather than reacting to our short term immediate needs.
- I am totally against the 8th Avenue Laneway proposals in Inglewood. Why do we need to spend monies that the City of Calgary does not have to eliminate a beautiful green space and replace it with a "Laneway". The City of Calgary needs to look at ways to cut back on spending not spend in areas that are perfect the way they are.
- I want Council to keep within a budget. If we don't have the money don't spend it.
- Reduce spending, find efficiencies and reduce city taxes on homeowners
- Lower property taxes and cut wasteful spending. Live within your means
- Stop wasting money on ridiculous art projects and bike lanes. Get traffic flowing properly in this city - there is no way Crowchild and Deerfoot should back up the way they do. We need more affordable housing, projects that will create jobs and diversity from the oil industry. We also need viable options for the lack of taxis. Stop supporting the industry that doesn't serve the people.
- I want council to communicate effectively and regularly with citizens.
- Plan for the next generation.
- Quit trying to please only special interest groups. As a senior I see very little being done to assist seniors in staying in their own home for as long as possible.
- I want council to keep the everyday struggles, commuting, and economic of average working Calgarians in mind when instituting any initiatives. To show true empathy one must place themselves in someone else's shoes.
- I don't think our mayor is doing a good job. I'm upset that he caters to small interest groups. I'm especially insulted at how he did not condemn the actions of pro Palestinian protestors attacking Israel supporters.
- Safety, Quality and productivity
- I want the city to spend more wisely the surplus money in other than all those unnecessary light poll
- "Realize that silent majority doesn't mean they are not concerned
- Be consistent with moving forward by looking back
- Treat us with respect
- Keep it fair"
- I want council to consider to decentralize many of the services and programs so that they become easier accessible for the greying population. Maybe each quadrant should have their own "quadrant council made up by citizens of the various communities. The "quadrant council can then report to city council.
- Public consultation
- We need affordable housing to solve the homeless problem, and to encourage people to get better in life. Also some City of Calgary employees are taking advantage of the power/positions.
- Start listening to constituents. We have not been consulted on the SWBRT and you have a terrible plan. Please start listening to our questions and concerns. We need to have a reconsideration of the BRT. You need to tell us the price, and justify why it is necessary. Why not just put in a bus route on the existing infrastructure. Administration is unresponsive and disrespectful to citizens. They are unelected and unaccountable..
- I Want the city of Calgary employees to stop competing for Twitter space and start being and doing what you were elected to do. I don't care if you are the most popular mayor in the world, I want you to lead make good decisions. Empty buses behind cement barriers DOESN'T work. Ask those. Cities who have tried it before. And stop doing just what you as a small, insular group want to do. Start listening to the people who are affected by your near sighted ideas.



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- "Continue to be mindful of inclusion, diversity, food security and affordable housing.
- Continue to offer family focused affordable activities.
- Continue to engage the venerable in meaningful conversation in what supports they need to lead productive, inclusive, rich lives.
- Continue to develop partnerships that make kindness a part of our proud culture!
- Great work everybody, thank you!"
- Look for a long term and plan to the future not just for now and get ready for whatever might come good or bad.
- Keep taxes reasonable
- Be the voice of its people
- Continue projects such as this so that Calgarians are heard and their concerns can be addressed
- I want the city council to reduce or control the amount of fuel used. By doing so it will reduce carbon dioxide
- Listen to me.
- Listen to public input. Dont denigrate public input. Council and administration work for the public. Demonstrate that youve listened and taken action.
- Save tax dollars,expand transit where possible,consider later service...nighttime
- Keep tax increases as low as possible.
- City council should know what the majority people think about their project and how that effect the daily life
- I would like that city council keep in mind the actions they take and responsibility
- Obviously, we're in/approaching onerous economic times. My biggest thought is if you clearly and completely communicate WHY you make the choices you do, more people will understand and support you. It's okay to change plans... it's actually healthy... just remember to help us understand.
- Keeping the community informed with what is happening, providing easy community recreation
- Remember that the people are Calgary keep them happy and you'll have a happy city.
- Cost of programs maintained, reduce taxes
- Make sure that they are keeping to the plane and maker shur keep us informed
- Given limited dollars and resources, Council should make decisions that benefit the masses. I would caution against catering to the whims of minority groups and special interests (e.g. cyclists).
- I think it's incredibly short-sighted and ignorant the way Mr. Nenshi has completely disregarded the CalgaryNEXT project and could be something to spur the economy along during the significant downturn in Oil and Gas.
- Ultimately.. the largest thing I want to see is fair treatment towards small and medium sized businesses. The tax rate going up year by year is far too high, and does nothing but damage their profit ability which ultimately gets thrown onto the consumer.. which is a tricky tactic as it lowers demand and ability to hire and lower unemployment. Let's get people working and lets get a more vibrant economy. And lets get ways for the workers of this city to get around efficiently, and faster without forcing them to own a car. Of course don't discourage it, but lets find ways to achieve environmental performance that also includes an ability to contribute economically. CTrain, and BRT to every quadrant of the city TO every quadrant of the city. I've always thought that BRT from Tuscany to Saddleridge, Saddleridge to Seton, and Seton to Silverado to connect with expanded CTrain will connect people like never before. As well, look for efficiencies in every department, so we can keep other tax rates that go up as low as possible. We can't have a vibrant economy if our dollars in citizens' pockets are not being spent in areas that increase demand. Which taxes will always be the least favourite. Thank you. Mac Dobos



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- Build a city and respect ALL citizen input. The SW Transitway is a prime example of decisions made behind closed doors and disrespect for those who challenged this decision. Additionally if this decision was made in 2011 why was there wasted millions spent on intersections at Heritage and 90th. This is a waste of valuable tax dollars.
- Concentrate on more efficient spending of taxpayer money allowing the city to lower taxes as well as lowering the ever increasing water sewer and garbage fees.
- holding the line on property tax increases which have been higher than the inflation rate since our last mayor
- NO NO NO City Charter. You don't need anymore ways to take more money from us tax payers. Quit waisting our money on what some of you consider art. It isn't anything but a waist of money! No to the \$40 million being spent to put buses on 14 St. Anyone with any common sence, logic, or brains would put some buses on this route first and see if it is being used to see if there was a need first befor going and spending millions of dollars. Traffic on 14 St is terrible now and will be a nightmare durring construction. The ring road when finished will solve some of traffic burden taking away the need for this bus route. No more money waisted on bike paths. Bikers need to start respecting drivers and pedestrians! No to redusing the speed limit. In Ottawa there is one sign post at my grandson's elementry school with 2 signs on it. The top one says the speed limit 60 Km/hr the lower sign says no stoping to drop off students. At the playgrounds the signs only say it is a playground and nothing reducing the speed limit. In Sarnia at my grandsons elementry school there is one sign at the cross walk for students crossing the road. There isn't kids being mowed down, I guess kids there are smarter and are being taught to look both ways to make sure it is safe to cross befor crossing the street. No to
- Your budgets appear to have gone thru the roof, because my taxes have. I don't believe I got anymore amenities for it. My taxes have been in the 2k to 2.5 k for almost 20 years, now they jumped to almost 3k. A 50 % jump, I don't know what I got for it. A 'SPEND " Mayor and council we don't need. Please study you budgets diligently, I am positive you can do better, you work for us, not for your selves. Work for your public.
- Keep the long term in mind.
- This isn't Calgary's first downturn. Please make well thought out decisions that will serve us in the long run, not knee jerk decisions.
- This council has done nothing to rein in rampant spending and must learn to live within their means. Considering the size of the budget it's impossible to believe inefficiencies cannot be found!!)
- Decrease the bureaucracy and time delays in construction. Take the focus a little bit out of the downtown core when considering what a walkable city is - think of those who do not have the luxury of opting to drive a car or use car2go; their only option is the bus or bicycle - and if on a bus, their stop ends at a place where there are no sidewalks; or intermittent sidewalks and traffic consists of large trucks, faster vehicle speeds. Ensure our seniors living in the older communities close to downtown, e.g., Bridgeland; are not facing excessive property taxes when faced with a fixed income that is likely outdated in its ability to keep up with the cost of living standard.
- Council needs to review senior management and get rid of the bullying and poisoned work environment that exist in too many City departments, e.g., Community and Neighbourhood Services. Extremely talented and skilled people are being pushed out or are leaving because they are not respected, their skills and expertise is devalued, and they are bullied by incompetent management. I know this first hand (I left) and several of my colleagues have left or want to because of this. This has been going on too long and makes it hard to city staff who are committed and dedicated public servants to do there jobs and serve this community effectively.
- Listen to your taxpayers. If the majority don't want something don't do it. If they do want something like Uber then make it happen.



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- Think of what the average Calgarian wants. Stop pandering to the wealthy, the "notable" and the minority but very vocal local interest groups, like the biking community. STOP using the phrase "a world-class city". It is a very subjective term. What is it? Who is on this infamous list? What's wrong with just being Calgary.
- Be sure the jobs are all bid on the most recent set of Blue Prints so that this work can not run into COST OVER-RUNS . This has been a real problem in the past .
- If priorities have changed based on the responses to this survey, it would be good to provide opportunities for further discussion.
- Council works for us, we don't work for you.
- It's time you people understood this Province is in a recession. Higher water rates, higher property taxes and ridiculous spending such as bike lanes are the tip of the iceberg. The Mayor and City Council needs to get their heads into reality!
- Reduce spending! Spend only on "needs" not "wants". Stop trying to fund every special interest and start charging fees that recover costs - no more subsidies for transit, rec. centers etc.. Stop the social engineering and build what and where people want - improve roadways to better accommodate increasing traffic and please, please STOP with all the hiring of consultants - if senior management in City departments can't handle decision making and planning themselves, hire someone who can!!!!
- Is a change being implemented just a "band aid" ? Is it considering the impacts for the future? Which adjustment(s) will have the greatest value/benefit?
- The Mayor is doing a great job!
- Stop spending money on foolish art like \$450,000 blue circular light pole near airport. With our economy tanking, doesn't that look foolish now? Don't forget about the citizens over the age of 40. We weren't brought up with Twitter and Facebook and Instagram Stop leaving us out. Wish the Mayor would keep his opinions to himself about events happening all over the world. He is the Mayor of Calgary and that's all. Sometimes change is not good.
- With a slowing economy property taxes need to stop increasing at high rates.
- Just continue transparency.
- Make the green cart program available only to those citizens who want it.
- Fares based on what people have after all those bills!
- More transparency on finances & government jobs are making
- Please make city web page more user friendly / efficient
- Don't say you'll do it unless you mean it.
- Remove barriers & bureaucracy for getting support
- Surveys surveys surveys
- How can a citizen submit a written comment (not verbal through 311)to City Administration not my councillor?
- Reduce spending - no extra taxes
- Nenshi, stop your "Rainday" fund B.S. and put all projects through proper process. Those are my tax dollars too!
- Pincott! Another no show! Do what you say you will!
- This was poor timing (long weekend) and not advertised
- The SW BRT is not req'd! Listen to your constituents. Spend our tax dollars wisely!
- Pincott why aren't you here? Misinformation
- Brian, where are you? Three events, no show - your out!
- Brian Pincott did not care enough to come... some engagement



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- Brian there is a new sheriff in town! - [personal info redacted]
- Mr. Pincott we need to better engaged in projects.
- Brian Pincott do not build BRT. Refund tax instead
- City council needs to keep the people the represent "in mind"
- Big â savings
- B - Better R - Re T - Think! Listen to the public!
- Cycling planning --> using committees for the planning to capture a bigger voice
- City hall councillors needs to be more approachable and be present
- Spend \$ wisely, why are there 2 garbage men/truck & private does the job with one
- Focus on big ticket items, not nickel & dime items
- Don't use "Google-track" on City website for more privacy please
- Stay the course - stick to council long term priorities
- Fiscally conservative. Be frugal in spending & plans
- Councillor needs to inform/engage with citizens!
- Elected official pensions
- Don't use * utilities as an endless source of infinite revenue ./ no choice economize @ city hall
- Curtail travel due to economic situation
- Adequate funding for snow and ice and don't reallocate surplus.
- Why are my taxes in the south higher than the NE. It should be looked into?
- Listen to communities e.g. Inglewood Don't cut down trees.
- Cut frills and spend on roads.
- No special groups get special attention.
- Reduce extravagant spending when \$ are scarce. No skateboard parks. Plant trees!!
- In a time of a downturn no need to spend money on bikelines where communities say No, e.g. Northmount Dr.
- Do not overhaul the MGA where you (the Mayor) intends to leave out info re development news to communities
- Reduce property tax & better bus transit Better sidewalk snow removal
- Listen to people's concerns. Act on them. Don't over-ride their positive input!
- Stop increasing utility rates.
- Consider a new source of revenue from development of stampede in Vic Park. They - the Stampede - don't pay property tax, use city utilities. It's time for them to pay prop taxes. Investigate and act on this item.
- No raise to property taxes
- Being able to get bus pass directly from your account
- Less taxes for seniors
- Option to pay for composting or do it on your own.
- Too much paperwork for persons with disabilities
- Promote that the reports exist. Make it more usable & accessible
- Not opposed to tax increase but need to show us how it was spent (visual). Showing it on tv. The 1pg instruction on tax assessment - would be a great place
- Communicate Crowchild study like bypass/ring road. Not PowerPoint
- 311 App is great!
- Consider all mobility levels when making decisions
- Engagement needs to be sincere. Not if a decision has already been made.



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- Consider the needs of its citizens during the economic downturn
- Work harder at managing their budget around the levels of current funding rather than continually raising taxes, or as they seem to be doing now, not raising taxes as much but hiding fees in services (ie blue cart) and saying taxes are not going up as much. It would be great if Mayor Nenshi could instead of touting a potential massive tax increase and then coming in lower, which is more in line with reality and really what council was aiming for, spend the time in the early stages truly looking for efficiencies. Also, please step back from the whole bike lane fiasco and let's take a real look at whether they make sense or not. I think most people believe this is a 'legacy' project of the mayor and a few councillors and they will make it go ahead further no matter what. Finally make a positive change in the funding rules so that a set percentage of total cost does not need to be allocated for art as there are better places to spend money in some cases than on the atrocious art we have seen for the cost .
- Balance cost efficiency with needed services
- Look at management within City departments and ensure the tax dollars are not allocated to top heavy business units.
- Diversification of economy. Oil and gas is too volatile and we need to utilize better alternative power sources - solar and water. And teach people how to budget effectively to weather the oil and gas storms so they don't add to the economic problems.
- Consider what will bring true prosperity to more people. Get creative and don't be afraid to open the gates to more innovative techniques that have proven effective elsewhere. When problems strike opportunities present themselves.
- Put Fluoride back in the water and stop making unilateral decisions that contradict previous plebiscite results and scientific and medical evidence, otherwise harming the people of Calgary for political reasons.
- Keep doing a great job! (however less spending on expensive and over the top artwork would be nice!) happy to live in this amazing city!
- Stop being overly generous with tax funds. Please be fiscally responsible and do not leave the city in debt over dubious projects
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- Don't forget the long term views. I didn't vote for our mayor to be a pipeline advocate. I voted for him to make calgary into a better place to live and for the city to be a better part of the world.
- Watch the budget and stay away from unnecessary spending.
- Put the current people of Calgary first rather than some grandiose plan of what Calgary can be. It's important to have vision, but that vision must be tempered by reality...today's reality.
- We need to plan with future growth in mind, not just try to keep up with what is needed now as the needs will have increased by the time a multi-year project is completed. I think this is already improving.
- "
- Continue proactively communicating news and activities through social media, TV, etc. Community awareness and involvement is key."
- "No public debt.
- Constrain budget & tax increases to national inflation rates.
- No more unproductive and fixed ""art"" expenditures.
- Improve community access by increasing the number of roads and pathways into and out of them, not closing them off!
- Increase public park and open areas."



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- I'd love it if Cllr Farrell used her 'exceptional' outrage training to actually listen to what people have to say rather than her usual arrogance (she challenges GCC here) and walking away when people have differing opinions than she does.
- I want council to be clear on the compromises of changing funding between different programs.
- FOCUS on the fact that many, like myself, have lost careers during this downturn. I now have no job, so tax increases hurt. Perhaps we could look at ways to help people through this trying time. I've started a new business, and would like to have some help with that so I can be successful and support myself and my family. My husband is also in the oil industry so we're facing double job loss, and that's for long term careers. I had a niche position which gave me a good financial position, but there are ZERO jobs for someone with my skills out there, even CONTRACT positions. I cannot subsist on \$15 an hour with two kids in school and three at home.
- control their spending. Listen to constituents as opposed to promoting their own personal or political agendas. Serve the people who elect them not their favorite special interest groups.
- While I am not opposed to bike lanes, I really think we need a better solution. I support bike lanes in the summer but they are not used near to the same level in the winter so why not allow them to revert back to car lanes in the winter? Also, the property tax process of market assessments both residentially and commercially is seriously flawed. There needs to be more thought put into assessing market values in using just comparative sales. There are often qualitative factors assessing value that are not taken into consideration.
- I want Council to be more aware of what citizens want versus what they think we want. Also, if I respect by-laws as a citizen, why does the City bend for business that break by-laws and get away with pleading their case and have the by-law amended or changed. Perfect example - no smoking within so many meters of an entrance. Bar behind my house was allowed to change the fire emergency door only to an exit and smokers are allowed to smoke within 2 feet of the door. If I broke a by-law as a resident, I would be fined and I would have to follow the rules. When you voice your concerns, it always rules in favour of the business versus the residents of the neighbourhood so what is the sense of by-laws.
- Listen to it's citizens. Citizens do come out and want to be heard but it seems councillors don't want to listen to anyone else's ideas
- Keep in mind the downturn in the economy. This is the time to take a look at what the various City services are costing us, negotiate better deals, downsize the problems, not sweep them under the rug. Cost cutting doesn't automatically mean cutting programs, it means doing things more efficiently, more responsibly. Unfortunately as experience has shown us, pumping more money into services doesn't always improve them.
- I want Council to control City of Calgary's spending, including reviewing wages and benefits of employees. Do we need the same number of employees-- should there be a reduction in the number or reduction in the wages. The people of Calgary need to have lower expectations on services in this troubled economic time.
- Rollback civil servant salaries, reflective of the current economy, and abolish civil servant defined benefit pension and replace it with a defined contribution plan, this is more reflective of the industry and prevents potential austerity measures in the future
- Please accommodate growth with investment, and continue to advocate for The City with other levels of government to help manage capital funding, environment, flood mitigation and other dependencies. Thank you!
- Where will Calgary be in 10 years, 50 years, 100 years. Now is the time to set the foundation for a robust, resilient, diverse and and attractive world-class city.
- I want the Council to keep in mind low income Calgarians, the disabled, and seniors in planning. Affordable, decent housing and help for the low income with paying for skyrocketing city utility bills. The charges on my



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- I like the changes I see....engagement, move towards better cycling and bus routes, beautification of our concrete jungle....keep it up.
- Think about spending and how are these plans really going to affect our city. What are we destroying in order make this work.
- I would like Council to ask each dept to look at their spending & stop wasting money on the small useless things (like allowing their workers to sleep in their trucks while on the job).
- Lower property tax.
- local, community based solutions vs one-size fits all and a stronger voice and participation of local communities and their various organizations
- "If there is ANY money coming the Provincial Government if a form of a tax break on property tax, I want that money to go back to the people.
- Better roads, with BETTER traffic flow, please fix the flow on 12Ave.
- Just say no to the Green Garabge Bins, don't want it don't need it."
- I think the city should consider lowering or freezing the wages of city employees and make sure all decisions they're making will benefit the economy of the city.
- Cut taxes and size of government
- Actually listen to what we as citizens in this city have to say, instead of just wasting time and money on surveys only for them to do want they are planning to do regardless of what we have to say.
- provide affordable transit options for Calgarians, regardless of your 50/50/ split for taxpayer monies and fair payers. In other words, subsidise transit fairs that match the need of the people, and not the budget projections (50/50 goal). Unless you take the needs of subsidization in the context of actual people needs, you will only be shuffling monies around in order to meetyou budget projections.
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- Work together! You are the representatives of our city and we need leadership that can function as a team.
- I want City Council to take serious action on providing meaningful tax relief to Calgarians. The City has a strong financial position and polling indicates that citizens are generally satisfied with City services....time to address the cost side of the equation and cut taxes.
- Reduce costs and reduce the property taxes charged
- improve public input and access to ongoing plans affecting voters
- restraint with outlandish projects, consider the taxpayer
- Changes DO happen. Sometimes much more rapidly than in 2 years. But sometimes changes also happen during the course of implementing some of the changes. It's important to stay in touch with Calgarians through the gathering of priorities, but also during the implementation of any changes or projects. I know it's not



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realistic to do an about face all the time, but as we've seen since 2014, things have shaken up and we have had to press pause so some citizens can get back on their feet before charging ahead with long term plans. It's hard to think about the future when you are struggling to pay your mortgage, put food in your fridge, and keep the lights on. When creditors are chasing you down, you find it hard to think about what the environmental priorities for the city should be. All you really want is a job to go to every day! Council needs to keep in mind that citizens' realities are far from those of people in City Hall when they are making decisions, so try to think about taking care of actual people and not just the 'city' and what it is going to be like in 20-30 years. We have to live here and we have to live right now.

- Keep taxes as low as possible while fixing up what needs to be done within our priorities.
- listening to the needs of many and not of the few that are the loudest.
- I want Council to reduce spending in this downturn, freeze city salaries and wages until economy recovers and lower property taxes.
- I am tired of seeing contractors doing shoddy work, then the City having to pick up the slack. For example the shoddy work done on replacing my sidewalk. The company supposedly went under. So the City had to come and fix it! So how much did the contractor earn and how much did it cost to get it fixed AGAIN? Also have roads work with utilities - such as ENMAX, ATCO, SHAW etc the amount of times a road is fixed, then all of a sudden it is dug up for utilities is mind blowing!
- I want council to treat taxpayer \$ as if it is coming out of their own wallet.
- lower taxes
- lower property taxes, especially for seniors /and those on fixed incomes but still provide the same services for all the citizens of Calgary
- I want council to stop increasing taxes at far above the inflation rate. I want council to stop stealing money given back by the province, when it reasonably belongs to the home owners. I want council to stop charging extra fees for items that used to be included in property taxes, but now aren't (like garbage and recycling pick up), especially when taxes aren't even reduced when the new fees are added! I want council to approve a reasonable bylaw (not the one that was passed) that will allow Uber into the city. I want council to stop protecting taxi drivers, and creating an artificial market environment for taxi licenses.
- Consider the impact of the city's rising tax rate on the already stressed economy.
- Council should redirect police money to fire or other public safety initiatives around prevention and do what they can with the monies they have! NOT increasing property taxes on Calgarians when the economy is poor; hellooooo?! Thousands have lost their jobs, there has been an est. 33% increase in suicides, the NDP, and liberal governments have been increasing taxes, and now the city also thinks it is good to increase taxes?!?
- Let's make the changes to Action Plan for the betterment of the citizens of Calgary in the future.
- I want Council to understand that as a Tax Payer, all I want are basic (essential) services. Cut the fat, and there is a lot of fat, and get back to doing what we hired you to do, which is be responsible when using our tax dollars towards things that benefit the MAJORITY of Calgarians. Leave your pet projects for a time when I'm not paying for them!
- I want Council to save money
- significantly reduce spending in non-priority areas during this economic downturn - put projects and grants to the side temporarily.
- The future. More long term planning. Not just thinking about the immediate impact, if we want this city to be great we need to invest in it long term with large scale projects that make Calgary a destination rather than a place to make money and then go somewhere else.



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- The City of Calgary is one of the biggest employers in the city, if not the biggest. Loss of jobs for City employees could severely impact the overall economy. While City spending does have to be monitored and controlled efficiently, please keep in mind that the Corporation is only as good as its people.
- "implement zero based budgeting to get rid of the spend it or lose it mentality"
- spend time and money on important decisions, not \$400K to move a lion"
- Use of gainsharing programs to find efficiencies at City Hall so my taxes don't go up.
- Live within your means. Many have lost their jobs, being inefficient and asking for more when so many have so little is not right.
- I wonder if instead of using the phrase "what can we cut, what service can you do without," if instead we could focus on "how can we make ourselves more efficient." I have many friends who are lucky enough to gain employment at the city who have said their hardest task is to, "make an hour long job look like it takes all day." So I wonder if these employees could instead be given a full day's work: nothing would need to be cut.
- It is time to get City spending under control. There are too many employees in Police and Fire with crime and fires decreasing. Other areas, such as Communications and HR, should be trimmed. Also begin to contract out work to less expensive operators. Union agreements will be expiring soon and after the last round of exorbitant increases it is time for several years of wage freezes. If the unions threaten strike action, let them go because most of the services they provide are not essential (including transit).
- Stick to the business of running a city, stay away from boutique programs and services.
- Keep the total property tax hike (municipal and provincial) to 1.5%
- The days of unnecessary spending are over. Although many are optimistic that the oil industry will bounce back, the fundamentals have changed dramatically and it seems unlikely. That said, this environment should be thought of as the new normal. Which means, the focus should be on how to get people jobs. How can we create an environment where small businesses, and diversified businesses can grow and thrive. You've done some great things to the city over the last few years, which is what should be done when the economy is rolling. Now is the time to fall back on maintenance. There has been a dramatic social shift in the last 2 years, with new taxes added and existing taxes raised. Really not an ideal time to make these dramatic changes. I understand this is probably a tough time for the Council, but hey, I'm working 60hrs a week to make sure I keep earning my paycheck. Time to put the nose to the grindstone here like many others in this city are doing. Lastly, please, for the love of sweet baby Jesus, stop spending ridiculous sums of money on what some of you have coined as "art". Any "art" I've seen the city put up has cost a stupid amount of money and looks like I could have made it in my garage.
- I live in Edgemont. In the spring why are the streets cleaned twice? Cost saving measure = once should be enough. Does this happen in all communities? What does that cost? How much can be saved if you just do this once?
- Please lower or stop raising property taxes. Calgary has to stop saying it has low property taxes. The taxes Do Not Include Water or Garbage or Recycle or Composting. In BC all of the above is included in property taxes. Shame on you for false advertising.
- No property tax increases, especially for seniors, the ones that helped build this city over the last sixty years. I have paid my dues over and over again, my alley is full of potholes year after year no improvement. I do not want green kart pickup, do my own composting and do not expect to pay for something I do not need or use. Use that kart money to help restore the older communities to their former glory. Try to get rental properties to keep the properties looking good for the entire community.
- Economic conditions are bad. Zero tax increases should be a priority...willing to have less services as a result.



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- Fiscal responsibility, being able to prioritize the wants and needs of the city. Reduce or obliterate staff bonuses as many of the private sector have already done. Wage freeze or consider rolling back wages. Cut projects that are nice to have but are not absolutely necessary.
- STOP ALL OF THE TAX HIKES. WE ARE IN A RECESSION!!!
- Tighten our belts. There are lots of places you can cut as in snow removal (only as required). Hold wage increases.
- We all pay the same for garbage pick-up. Next year 3 boxes. I'm a single, senior and yet I pay the same as a household with multiple members??? How long should seniors pay school tax?? I've educated 2 generations.
- Live within our means. The City should be managed like any household. When income drops, expenditures must be reduced as well. "Nice to haves" must be postponed
- Have noticed many city parks with improvment (?) projects underway. These parks don't really need improvement. This seems like a "nice to have" initiative that should be shelved given the current economic climate.
- All work contracted by the city should only go to Albertans. No more overpriced international architects.
- This is a recession - stop spending money like there is no tomorrow!! Focus on job creation and no more wage increases for the city employees.
- Citizens have limited incomes, and more and more of us are losing our jobs. Remember you are spending other people's money and spend it wisely!
- No increased or new taxes
- Adding \$6/ month for compost services on top of already hiked porperty taxes may cause desperate financial times for many. I believe Calgarians should have the opportunity to have this as an elective service rather than a 'have to' service.
- Continue to increase property tax (it can't be zero because there is a price to pay in the future). Any city councillor proposing for zero tax should be turfed out of office because it is short-sighted and selfish. The citizens will always vote for zero increase (what do you expect). But think of the future--aging facilities and roads that continue to need maintenance. Inflation does exist and will continue. And don't forget the poorer communities like those in the NE because they are often too busy making a living to be vocal and organize protests (unlike certain sectors or communities with more resources).
- Waste of money sending belly scrapers and or graders down residential streets, which are not main routes does nothing but narrow the streets with the built up of ice and snow along the curb. Sanding and people learning to drive in the winter are all that is required. Public art is a waste of money worry more about keeping the city clean and tidy looking cut grass more than once every three weeks control dandylions
- Please reduce taxes.
- Why do you have a real estate department fully staffed that hasn't sold very much land in the last two years? Why are real estate development projects grossly over spent and caught up in red tape? Such projects are Anderson c-train station and Point Trotter
- City of Calgary cost increases are running ahead of private sector. Take action to reign in your spending now!
- The city needs to reconsider its expenditures for optional programs such as bike lanes, and public funded art projects. It's really nice to give seniors a bus pass for a low yearly rate of \$95.00 but in truth it is unsustainable. A rate of \$20.00 monthly is not exorbitant and would raise some much needed funding. Those seniors under a certain income level could possibly be discounted, but in today's economy the thought that we can give everyone everything is just not realistic. Wages and salaries need to be scrutinized and those earners who are



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making considerably more than industry standard need to be brought back in line. The possibility of contracting some services could also be explored.

- We need to focus more on infrastructure. More bridges and roads must be built as well as decreasing redundant bureaucracies. Someone has to go to Notley and destroy that carbon tax and catering to corrupt unions or Calgary will begin to look like Detroit.
- Priority and key focus should be on reducing taxes. There are many ways this can be accomplished without sacrificing essential services -- as contracts open negotiate 0% increases, as job vacancies become available leave them vacant, introduce a plan to eliminate pensions, outsource non-essential services, reduce art budget, if even temporarily, eliminate "pet" projects including new tourist signage, bike lanes, skewed surveys, etc., reduce councilor salaries and large Enmax management bonuses (for doing their job), eliminate green cart plan (and hence user fee) -- are just a few examples.
- YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SERVICES TO CUT....YOUR WAGES/THE NUMBER OF COUNCELLORS (THE MORE THERE ARE THE LESS WORK THEY DO THE BIGGER THEIR PAY RAISES ARE)...BONUSES FOR ANYONE IN THESE HARD TIMES. I COMPOST ALL MY GARDEN/HOUSEHOLD WASTE HAVE FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, BUT I WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR A GREEN BIN. MY FAMILY HAS LIVED IN CALGARY SINCE 1910/1912 (FATHER/MOTHER "FAMILIES") AND I AM LOOKING TO MOVE OUT OF THIS "CHARGE THEM FOR EVERYTHING" CITY. SMALL BUSINESS PAYS YOUR WAGES, KEEP THEM OPEN. LISTEN TO ALL CALGARIANS NOT JUST THE ONES YOU SEE AT YOUR COUNTRY CLUB/GOLF COURSE. REMEMBER YOU DO NEED SOMEONE TO BRING YOU YOUR DRINKS AND THEY DON'T GET PAID VERY MUCH
- Honesty and I don't see any or hear any
- Concerned about tax revenue being wasted on unneeded projects like sidewalk repair (where often not needed) and public art in parks where it is not needed. The city needs to focus on business development and critical areas only. Too much waste is apparent.
- The business of operating the city should not be immune from the severe belt tightening that so many private businesses have had to implement to survive. Focus on your cost efficiencies. Look critically at city employee salaries and numbers of positions. It's a tough thing to do but a very healthy thing to do in the long run. Set a big goal like being 10% more efficient overall in 2017.
- We are in a recession in Calgary, with no end in sight for at least 1-2 years. You need to implement a zero property tax hike. The tax hike this year is unnecessary, and you should lower services rather than hike the taxes.
- I think it's time to tighten the city's belt a bit similar to what the citizens are going through. I'd like to see focus on "bang for your buck" when implementing projects: for instance, pick and choose more bike lanes carefully. I've seen some very popular ones (12 ave) and some that hardly get used (northmount drive). That said, we need to continue making progress and not just stand still, good luck!
- Best way to save my money is to not have to help pay for union contracts that put a chokehold on the taxpayers. If my income has gone down significantly in the last 2 years, CUPE and other union members at the city should take a significant wage cut as well.
- Need to figure out what is need and what is want to establish priorities, however keeping in mind that people's safety and wellbeing should always be paramount. This could include things like transportation accessibility, Road maintenance/traffic flow, recreational opportunities and the ability to participate in an inclusive, diverse community.
- Cut all non essential programs and personnel, eliminate defined benefit peninsula plans and reduce public sector pay to align with private sector



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- Lower taxes. Live within your means and stop spending money on nice to have projects.
- eliminate your screwed 'survey' results- basing the thoughts of an entire city on a sampling of 2000 people is irresponsible. actually listen to all citizens , not just the select interest groups. Personal agendas need to be put aside, and please stop threatening to cut the essential services when there are other expenses that need a review - fear mongering has become the norm for the council - that's a sad sad picture.
- Time to reel in wages, staff levels and pensions. Stop spending on wants and pay attention to the needs. Special Interest Groups are small but vocal and should be looked at as such. Stop wasting everyone's tax dollars on satisfying the selfish wants of the very few. Stop wasting money on "spin doctors" to sell bad/costly policies/pet projects Stop wasting money on personal monuments (airport tunnels). You don't need to cut firefighters or raise seniors bus pass costs to get the budget in line you just need to stop wasting money on non essential things during tough times. Finally, figure out that "Social Engineering" is extremely costly and the results are NEVER what you expected.
- The decisions are not as simple as asking if people would rather have less police, less fire department staff, less road maintenance, etc. Don't insult the electorate. The City budget is comprised of thousands of smaller decisions, and these are mostly a the department level and in the field. We need to restrain basic City costs, such as staffing in all areas, union contracts and discretionary expenses, while still controlling expenses in basic services. Asking us if we would be happy with less police is insulting and implies that all that belt tightening that can be done has been done.
- A good city can listen to what people want, provide services people want, and keep a reasonable budget. A great city can give people what they actually need, have foresight to transition services to be efficient and effective for the future and be willing to do what is right, not what is popular.
- There are many areas of spending that can and should be cut. We have done very well as a City for many years with a lot less money. We need to go back to that.
- Stop the art and bridge to no were. Taxes are insane and the city can't stay out of out pockets.
- As I am on a fixed budget, please do not increase the property tax. It went up 60 dollars a month and now I gave to find a way to pay that even though my wage has decreased.
- City is out of touch with taxpayers and is taxing too much. It is a matter of time before voters give the mayor and his crew the kick out of city hall if things do not change for the better.
- - Persuade Enmax to give real incentives for installation of solar panels. - Consider driverless monorail/above-ground C-train along medians for future routes - also, when is a circular route planned to join hospitals and universities? We don't all work downtown. - Give single seniors a break on never-ending property tax/fee increases. Why are we paying as much as large and wasteful households? - Enough with the bicycle lanes!!! Concerned for the environment? Return to normal traffic lanes and reduce pollution from the traffic jams they have caused. - Contract out more work wherever possible. There are too many expensive unionized employees earning more than they could in the private sector. Indexed pensions too? This city is becoming unaffordable for many of us who have contributed to it for decades.
- Many Calgarians have reached a point on their fixed incomes that they can not afford annual increases in everything city taxes, utilities, cable services etc. etc. Council members need to get real that there is no magic pot to keep finding extra money in. It is sad that as a retired professional I am constantly asking myself "how much longer can I afford to live before I run out of money" ? I have lived a conservative life and managed my money well but others beyond my control continue to reach into my pocket for more as if by magic I can replenish it. Government employees at all levels of government are well paid with good benefits. I don't see many of them doing any "extra" when times are tough.



- council members are elected to represent the citizen on major decision and future vision....Bureaucrats runs the show.... make sure they are held accountable and responsible for their departmental budget.... it's always easier to ask for more money then to assess and work with the money given
- In my own neighbourhood of Altadore irrigation is being put into River park off leash area where natural grass thrived in spite of heavy usage. Concrete pads for waste bins, where gravel that they currently sit on is fine. Extra fencing also has been installed cutting off some trails. I would imagine that similar excess spending is going on in other areas of the City.
- - reduce or maintain existing property taxes during economic downturn. - importance of providing incentives for businesses to remain in Calgary and opportunities for them to grow. - crime prevention should be highest priority given rise in unemployment and crime rates.
- Please raise my taxes. I'm sick and tired of living in a city that's too afraid to pay for what it's citizens demand. I'd be happy to pay the national average if I though I'd get something like the average level of service. This is about economics and value, not waste. Taxes are not bad - they're not even inefficient; they pay for what we collectively have been asking for and could make this a great place to live if we'd only choose the right course instead of the populist one.
- Since 20,000 less people working in downtown.....no need for bike lanes, cancel bike lanes..... return/change back to car lanes so to solve congested traffic.....smooth flow. Cut bus services too.....because less riders. Cut library services....people find everything on internet or charge library fees!! Don't spend all budget money.....save surplus for "RAINY DAYS" Cut Taxes.....not lower "TAX INCREASES".....increases are increases....reduce TAXES!!! ARTS belongs to privately museum.....not at traffic intersections(like power boxes paintings, 1/2 millions \$\$ BLUE circle.....DRIVING DISTRACTION.....by-law !!!!!
- City Council must be mindful of the current economic conditions by not adding to the tax burden of citizens who have either lost their job or have reduced hours or have taken salary rollbacks. City Council needs to reduce property taxes not increase them. City Council needs to reduce their own spending including salary rollbacks. The city needs to stop fear mongering by threatening to cut essential services when discussing spending reductions but rather focus on reducing both labour costs and non essential services.
- During these tough times, increases in taxes should not be based on maintaining the status quo. We should be willing to give up some things temporarily (new approved construction plans, etc.) to ensure low- income and out-of-work folks can put food on the table.
- If City Council was run as a private corporation experiencing an economic downturn, each department would be seriously examining where changes could be made to decrease (yes cut!) spending. City Council does not seem to understand the fundamental message that Calgary's citizen's are seriously hurting economically, For example, if green bins are rolled out for bi-weekly pick-up, black bin pick up will be decreased to bi-weekly pickup i.e. no additional driver salaries, gas expenditures, vehicle maintenance, likely required. After initial start up costs, why the continued additional monthly cost to the homeowner in perpetuity. Another example - transportation - why not Uber? Doesn't it seem more convenient for someone to pick me up at my door and drop me off exactly where I want to go?
- The continued increases in taxes and fees is ridiculous. The city needs to get rate increases to or below the inflation rate . Give up that city inflation rate it is meaningless. The high priced managers that can't find efficiencies to contain costs go and get replaced by someone who will. In a budget as high as the city's for a manager to say they couldn't do the same job next year for the same money they have this year it is unbelievable. Union agreements are not an excuse.
- Common sense priorities, no more public art foolishness!!



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- Start contracting some services such as lifeguards, really \$30/hr? Contract out concrete sidewalk replacement and paving services. Why does the city have its own paving division? They are expensive and not good at it. Look at the paving job in Killarney. Terrible job and expensive.
- Too often the message from council is: "What services do you want to cut", implying that everyone is working at maximum efficiency and it is impossible to contract out anything. Those of us who come from private industry are used to hearing: "Do more with less!". Salaries and benefits of city workers are out of line with most taxpayers who have to foot the bill. Enough with legacy projects already! Public art is one place to start cutting. I'm OK if a company wants to feature their logo in return for funding this - but the Blue Ring is a ridiculous way to spend tax dollars. Contact out and get firm with the unions even if it means disruption and strikes. Workers who've been through a lengthy strike while surviving on union strike pay will get the message about what it's like to be a non-union worker who's actually lost their job in a poor economy.
- Lower taxes, let individuals choose what is useful e.g. The green box is a tax so the processing plant can be built.
- Reduce services. Reduce taxes. It's irresponsible of municipal government to balance budgets by raising taxes. Start privatizing where possible. Create "user pay" scenarios where people that want additional services pay for them.
- Cut costs, period--the default answer of "are Calgarians willing to cut police, fire and snow removal?" doesn't fly and is a lazy platitude. You cannot expect anyone to believe the city is run so lean and efficiently that the ONLY place to cut is front-line services. Cut programs, trim fat, compensate managers for being under budget on both Capital projects and operations. Say "NO" to union money--they are not bastions of efficiency as they claim, look at the recent Calgary transit report that stated there were significant savings to be had by outsourcing. You aren't sacrificing jobs--you are just moving them to the private sector. Ultimately, over a decade of tax increases in excess of inflation is not sustainable (as you are seeing now), Council was elected to make the hard decisions--yes people will complain when they can't get their free niche service from the city (like really, why the heck is the Public library loaning out laptops??) but if the people WANT those services, they can pay for them (you guys like user fees, right?). Also quit trotting out the speaking point of "Calgary has the lowest property taxes" Calgary also has Enmax, which is another tax tool (they are hidden as "Fees") add those to the property tax and we are nowhere near the bottom. With the economy not expected to start to recover until next year, you had better reign things in now or Calgarians will elect someone that will (2017 is an election year, is it not?)...
- Calgary mayor, be the representative of Calgarian, refuse to pay the property tax imposed on by the provincial government under the current situation.
- 1. Implement a hiring freeze. A reduction in labour costs has to be recognized as a Council imperative. 2. Follow-up on whether the assumptions made in business cases in prior years were actually correct. Example: Does bicycle track ridership warrant the continued existence of the bicycle tracks? 3. Always approve the least-cost alternative, every time. Example: The Green Line LRT route across the Bow River. If a tunnel is the most expensive option then don't allow the Project Manager to allow this to be approved.
- Whenever there is talk about lowering the tax it is always about cutting services. The provincial government also uses this. The talk should be about lowering costs or expenses. It should be how can we lower the cost of a service and not what services can be cut. As a business owner you need to lower costs and still provide great service or you will no longer exist. The city should take the same approach. With the last union contracts, the City workers are getting huge increases as compared to the private sector. Since Nenshi has become mayor my taxes have gone up 51% (this is low compared to many others). Cut expenses not services. Thank you.



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- If you want to save millions, cut some of the excessive police expenses (& sell off what can be sold off), such as: Horses; The whole fleet of Harley Davidsons; Both helicopters (which haven't cut high speed chases back); Any and all military style equipment they have (civilian police forces with APVs and assault rifles? This isn't Juarez); Issuing guns to every police officer; Cheapen their ridiculous fleet of luxury level cars (a \$16000 nissan with a gutless engine would work fine for about 95% of police work); Bothering with marijuana at all; Salaries across the board (cops earning > \$100,000 is completely ridiculous). Cops are a huge and obviously wasteful expense when you add up all of the unnecessary equipment, super high salaries, maintenance costs, etc. The necessary service they provide could be provided at a significantly lower cost to Calgarians.
- all perks to stop and only used when economy doing good. treat the city like a regular business and stop using our money like monopoly money. stop automatic raises. change fat pensions to be paid by employee's not the tax payers. pay for own parking, and claim on income tax like regular working people.
- We have a mayor and council that is "tax and spend"!!! But the spending is not for what is needed but what is desired Council does not need to cut services, just cut wages at City Hall...
- Keep my tax increases in-line with inflation. My tax bill went up 10% last year, and inflation was 2% or less. If that means fewer services, fine. Remember, it's not the city's money - it's tax payers money. Don't subsidize professional sports or other services such as public transport. User pay is better than tax payer subsidies.
- City government should be looking at how every dollar is spent and not just because times are tough due to the recent downturn. We need to do a better job of differentiating between need and want. Public art at outrageous prices is an unacceptable use of taxpayers money.
- Don't neglect our heritage, keep up in the present and prepare for the future as each holds a value to this city and it's citizens. Money is very tight right now so we need to show the citizens what a great city we live in and all it has to offer. Fish Creek comes to mind as an escape from the city without leaving it. How many people really know that value of this wonderful landscape in our own backyard? Promote what free (to the public) resources we have and show where our tax dollars go to support these free privileges that we are so fortunate to have.
- Lower taxes!
- Your job is to make decisions on how to deal with a bloated self serving out of control bureaucracy. It's not about what services Calgarians want but what services we can afford. Every other operation/business in Calgary is doing more with less - why can't the City. We always get the same answer- which services do you want reduced. Why should any services be reduced. The compensation levels for our civic employees are the highest in Canada and out of line with industry. Enmax gouges us on our electric bills. Why don't we start by either getting our employees on board or start outsourcing. It's time to step up and do your job.
- We are in a "no Frills" time financially. That means one makes do with what one has. For the City that means, no pay raises, no bonuses, no public art built into all public construction budgets. Since when did waste collection fall out of the City's responsibility embedded in our property taxes. If you are going to make waste collection, recycling and compost collection "user fee" based then they City needed to implement the bins in such a way that we were only charged when each of those bins was actually put out for collection purposes for each household. Our property taxes were not reduced by the anticipated user fees for waste and recycling collection. Which they should have been. If we were going to have to pay e.g. \$10 a month for that collection, which was previously part of our annual property tax bill, then we should have seen an automatic reduction in our property taxes of \$120 a year. Of course you know that didn't happen. Automatically charging "user fees" on our utility bill is assuming we put out bins every week. Some of us don't. I honestly don't see us using the green bins for more than a couple of weeks in the spring and summer. Why should I pay for that collection each time when I won't have the bin out to have waste collected. Calgary wasted money "re-inventing the



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wheel" on trying to get Transit fare readers. There are many computerized transit pass readers, in Canada, that operate quite well, but the City has wasted MILLIONS of dollars twice trying to make one unique to Calgary Transit (of course with the hopes of selling it to some other cities). If Transit and the City didn't waste all that money, how much money would exist to put back into Calgary Transit to make it better or go towards the building of another C-Train line. Perhaps, City Council should watch the animated Robin Hood movie by Walt Disney and see how constant tax increases affected that population. Why does ENMAX, a city owned utility and therefore owned by the citizens of Calgary, get to add fees to our water consumption that exceed 100% of the cost of the water we bring into our houses to use. This City needs to be affordable to live in in all areas (housing, transit, driving, user fees and taxes) . The general citizens of Calgary do not get cost of living raises each year. We are not to be considered an source for endless amounts of money, in good times or bad. We, in general, have finite money. So, if City Council needs to take pay cuts and the wages for City employees have to freeze, so be it. We are not Canada's largest populated city but I believe that Council's pay, especially our Mayor's pay put them at or near the top of the list. Time to be realistic. The Council should be able to react to downturns in the local economy quickly and not be bound by their 4 Year plan. It is nice to have an idea of where things are headed but right now they are headed in the crapper and City Council is threatening to take away basic services and charge the same or more for less service and user fees for what they take away but must be done. Please stop increasing our cost of living here and deliver proper services to make this City the great place we all thought we were living in.

- To reduce tax rates and burden on taxpayers, I am willing to accept cuts to City services. I am prepared to accept reduction to services such as: replanting of trees/expanding the urban canopy; reduction of maintenance schedules for parks/boulevards; increased City fees for golf/recreation/etc. so these becomes more user pay based; reduction in City "engagement" initiatives such as Councilor open houses, open houses, etc. (movement towards online or telephone engagement to reduce staffing costs associated with these events; so many events are poorly attended but costs to run are high); reduction in road maintenance projects; reduction in new construction projects designed to "stimulate" the economy as it only stimulates a very specific segment of the market dedicated to construction; reduction to City "support" services such as finance, law, supply, communications, consulting, IT and the like.
- I would like the first focus to be on the economy and in getting oil and gas jobs back for the thousands of unemployed. In my building alone (5 units), 2 units have had layoffs and they weren't even working in oil and gas, it's just tough for every industry. Cancel things like public art installations right now and cut taxes and offer incentives for industry and business. Our kids' parents need jobs - and well paying jobs at that - not high taxes and other costs in hidden fees.
- Cutting programs and services to help ensure a zero percent tax increase is desired. Calgarians constantly hear how Council can't cut any more money from the budget, but programs like arts funding and ongoing bike path development is expensive and out of alignment with what Calgarians want. Close to 70 million dollars for the SW leg of the BRT is ridiculous, massively over budget and questionable as to whether it will alleviate traffic or not. I live in Woodbine, and while I'm on the fence about the BRT line, I can say that 80% of the Woodbiners I talk to about the BRT are in opposition to it. So why are we spending the money? Council says they want to "engage" Calgarians, but any "engagement" that does occur seems ignored because it's in opposition to what Council wants.
- It is possible to make serious, meaningful "CUTS" to City taxes without firing police officers and fire fighters. It takes will on the part of ELECTED officials and firm direction to the people who are not elected but do your bidding. Look beyond your personal pet projects and agendas and do what is actually good for the City NOW.
- Overall review of city spending including salaries of council (does our council really need to be the highest paid in Canada), salaries of city workers (should be inline with non government positions, similar job), review



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overtime of city workers (we once saw a city truck trying to remove snow from Stoney Trail on Christmas Eve when the road was clear), review our snow removal policy (do the side streets in every neighbourhood really need to be cleared), tighten belt on spending just like we all do at home, give small business a break, they are the backbone of our economy. Quit threatening to reduce services when there are other ways to reduce costs.

- For the past 2-3 years, the private sector has not increased salaries and benefits and many have reduced salaries asking staff to take pay cuts or unpaid leave. Many of us have lost our jobs and our EI benefits. City Hall continues to spend - increasing salaries and benefits as well as continued hiring. WHEN will you wake up? Yes we are angry - I do not need to pay for a green bin b/c I will never use it!!! And where would I put it? In the street? I certainly do not have the space to store something I will never use!!!! There is no need to cut essential services - you only need to do a productivity analysis on each department.
- Boat launches are not essential, arts centres are not essential, more numerous and more elaborate parks and community and rec. centres are not essential. Dog parks are not essential. Hand the maintenance of trees on City property fronting homes to the homeowner instead of hiring expensive arborists to trim just a little every year. Reduce garbage frequency, which is now essentially twice a week; once blue cart and second black. Shut down the empty buses, privatize public transportation. Public "art" is not essential, nor are the elaborate, ever larger fire stations in an environment where fire is rare. Compare our police service to other good examples to see if we are over staffed (I have heard we are). Reverse the 30 km. 7 days/week speed limits around schools that have no activity and no human presence after 5:00 pm. Stop overreaching your mandate and jurisdiction. Our Alderman Pincott is a prime example. Reduce the number of wards and councillors. Stop government intrusion into "affordable housing"; stay out of the housing market and all business that is not a municipal essential service. As we see repeatedly, markets function and adjust themselves. Allow me to print my response to this so I will have a record.
- \$1.100.000 bonus for a CEO of a city owned utility shows the populus how out of touch city council is with the curent economics of this city. Big bonus's are ridiculous and need to be stopped
- I am strongly against another bin! I compost myself and will not be using the green cart. What a total waste of money and then a further usage fee for citizens. I am up to my neck in the City's wild spending, For instance there has to be upwards of 10 million dollars being spent at River Park and down at the trails at Sandy beach! 'No sign is telling people EXACTLY what they are doing. Brian Pincott has not answered my call or email which is [personal info removed]. The park was left in its natural state as per the Harvey Family's wishes.Now it is being tarted up and not necessarily for the better. I talk to a lot of people every day there. Now I see they are moving the poop dumpster up and closer to the foot path! What?? The wind carries that stench every day, this makes no sense whatsoever! Whose ideas are these pray tell.not a person familiar with the park users at all.Please rethink your strategy re- green cart and park improvement. What a waste of max payer dollars. I'm so fed up. [personal info removed] Calgary
- You asked what services to reduce in order to reduce taxes - that is simplistic. Reduce costs through increased efficiencies. If Mayor Nenshi is going to cut public open houses then cut those "communications" staff. Reduce salaries across the board - everyone !!! And cut 10 % of the administrative staff - make all city employees more efficient to get the job done.
- Quit trying to social engineer the citizens of Calgary. Quit 'declaring' how Calgarians and Albertans think. This is intended for the mayor. You dont know how I think and I don't appreciate you thinking you have a right to speak for me.
- City Hall continues to talk about services and cutting them if taxes are lowered. This is FALSE. There are many areas that NEED to be reduced. If you cannot manage your spending, then CUT services. If the Oil and Gas industry can cut expenses, WHY can't the Mayor and Councillors do the same. Administration fees on



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bills are higher than the actual usage. Example - electric and gas. I was recycling prior to the BINS. Now I am paying for something I did for free at City recycling locations. Why can't we pay ONE fee for the three bins (\$6.50). The Carbon Tax will only add to the burden of seniors on fixed income. LIKE MYSELF and others. Once again, we are being fleeced by both levels of government. The thought of increasing Senior Bus Passes is unconscionable. I find this City Hall is uncaring and unfeeling when it come to the citizen of Calgary. THEY are only in politics for their own personal gratification and power. For the past ten years, the taxes have gone up above the level of inflation. Even with the growth in population. Why is that? You have a broader base and are still increasing taxes above inflation. **MANAGE YOUR EXPENSES AND REDUCE TAXES. IF THIS RESULTS IN LESS SERVICES, SO BE IT.**

- I don't want any increase in property tax, I will only vote the people they want to help us.
- Please reduce your salaries and stop bonuses. It is ridiculous that we, the average tax payers, are paying such unbelievable salaries/bonuses like ENMAX while we are facing salary cuts and tax increase and tough economic situation.
- Costs for the citizens come in many different forms beyond taxation. Just one example is the proposed "green bins" ... They are unwanted in many (most?) cases and come at an extra monthly expense to residents. It is also my belief that building more bike paths in core transportation corridors is unreasonably expensive in both dollars and disruption and it panders to a small portion of the commuting population. If money is tight, let's get back to the basics... and do that right... Let's leave these "nice-to-haves" for the next boom cycle.
- You need to outsource many of the services now performed by city employees. The unions are too powerful and private sector does not pay the ridiculously high wages city employees are paid. Stop the big bonuses for management as the performance doesn't reflect any bonus at all. Stop all the useless new bins (green bin) that clutter up our streets. Something needs to be done about the crazy extortionate extra fees on our utility bills. Stop spending on public art. We don't need it.
- Cut the fluff - arts, recreation etc, implement a user-pay model. Focus on the essentials - Roads, Public Safety etc.
- Keeping in mind that we are in the worst recession in 30 years, the City should be looking to cut back on services, wages and benefits. Short term pain for long term gain. I see city crews almost daily where 2 people are actually working the others standing around chatting. And why are parks and rec crews mowing green spaces on weekends. Do they get paid more for this and why can't this be done M-F. Council needs to learn to say no to people's wants and just look at the necessities.
- Every department should be cut so that property taxes will not increase. Start with the planning department. I see wonderful bike path construction such as Northland Blvd where there is never a bike.
- You need to consider that money is not endless and you need to control your spending, just as the rest of us need to in our businesses and families.
- Stop wasting money on additional crap that's not necessary in lean times. Like the regulation you have to spend a set percentage on art for projects. During lean times remove that requirement or reduce it to a very min amount. Labour is to much. you need to stop giving unions raises every year on the 3-5 year terms. The only people who ever get a raise increase every year are unions and politicians.
- With less revenue your answer is higher taxes. Remind yourselves of the impact of economic downturn on people that live here. You are giving yourself pay increases without any accountability and not providing any additional services. Now you even want to reduce services. Get more efficient, better organized and ask yourself every day who is paying your salary. Alberta and Calgary are not the most desirable place to live in Canada and we don't need to have the best payed city employees in the country.



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- city council should stop trying to make names for themselves & just run the city as if it was their own household & not a bottomless pit of money
- Please keep in mind that we need to become an independent and diversified economy, we have to get rid of oil and gas dependency. All oil and gas revenues do not have to be part of a government budget needs to be invested or saved for future economy downturns not for waste when economy is going good. Also we need to learn and live in austerity inside the government and think that every penny that you waste it belongs to people, is not yours. Thank you [personal info removed].
- Stop bureaucracy, be effective and efficient, no more several people doing 1 single simple task, stop unions abusing the systems, stop developers and builders ripping people off, stop corruption, stop making stupid decisions.
- KEEP THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASES TO ZERO % FOR NEXT 3 YEARS.
- Cut property taxes and control City spending. Stop increasing taxes. Stop asking the question "which services should we cut". The question and thinking behind it is politically based and intended to pit different communities and interest groups against each other. This results in no cuts and taxes continuing to rise. Cut across the board - like Klein did. Everybody shares the pain.
- Reduce spending. We can not keep on having these increases over and over.
- No new capital projects until we balance our budget. Listen to citizens Reconsider bad projects which are simply not feasible in a debt ridden society Maintain current facilities rather than expand into new ones Maintain user-pay for recreation and other facilities Very low, simple parking fees at all transit locations
- Stop acting as if the citizens have bottomless pockets and find efficiencies where you can. Rob Ford would have
- Stop spending money you don't have, cutback on size of government. Eliminate pet projects.
- Citizens are on a fixed income from/for various reasons. We are not an endless pot of money to fund government whims. keep things to the necessities until things improve. Frugality should be the watchword for the next few years, and then some.
- I would like our Calgary Police Service to improve their willingness and ability to question why and how they do what they do. This includes CPS being far more willing to analyze their work processes with a the serious intent to reduce the acceleration of their cost structure.
- Get rid of 'pilot' bike lanes. Pay cut by all city employees. At minimum-a freeze. No increases. Postpone green cart Taxpayers are not a bank. Banks are banks.
- Freeze wages and contract out more jobs
- Look at what's really happening! Layoffs, early (unwanted) retirements, no short-term likelihood of a rebound in employment, higher taxes, new user fees (green bins, etc.), many rising costs..... If people aren't working, rising costs cause considerable financial stress, emotional stress and a depressing environment for all. Tax increases during trying times cannot be justified. Step into the shoes of a newly-unemployed citizen and look at these aspects through their eyes for a month of two. See what it's really like to get a much-higher-than-expected tax bill in the mail. See what stresses that puts you under before you approve of the next city project or fee. Stop suggesting there are no areas where we can cut back and stop using fire or police as the first example of what would have to be cut. I could definitely do without an expensive big blue ring, a Woonerf trial in Inglewood, and new fees for green bins when I already own 3 black recycle bins. Some projects might have to be delayed or even stopped. The Northmount Drive bikeway should not suddenly be rushed through because Northmount is due for paving. Delay the paving another year, delay the bikeway until finances improve. It doesn't need to happen right away. We can defer some costs without negatively impacting citizens. Check the efficiency of city staff. We've all seen examples where cutbacks can be made or



resources used more efficiently. (For example, at Bowness Park recently, during a weekday, there were 3 Parks staff manning a little table that featured a pelt and a few nature items. How much did this cost, and who would have missed it if it was not there?) A small example, but multiplied throughout the city, it adds up. Same with Roads: we've all seen roads dug up and repaved, only to have them dug up shortly after so that new pipes or something can be laid. Yes, a lot has changed in two years! BUT we are still spending and taxing as if it hasn't!! Please consider that not everyone has a well-paying City job with a good pension to follow. Please consider that many people are really hurting and every increase adds to their burden. Thank you.

- Make cuts where needed or put some projects on hold, but don't cut everything! Those who are suffering from job losses and have had their incomes halved, but aren't below the threshold for the cheap passes or free stuff really need support - they are trying to keep a roof over their heads and their families fed. They need that transit pass to stay below \$100 as it's cheaper than putting gas in the car (let alone the parking... man oh man). They need free events, in their communities, not always downtown, to take their families to, to help combat the depression of being permanently broke and tightening the budget every single month. Take a look at the Enmax bills please! Mine has gone up every single month for the past six months. I've cut back on everything, checked toilet seals, etc and nope, usage stays down, but bills go up. My grocery bill has also gone up. Everything is going up except my household income, which took a \$40k cut last Feb. That is a LOT to budget for. There is nothing left to cut, and we are a two-income family still, so god only knows how others are coping. Our savings are gradually running out, despite our huge change in lifestyle, and the time has come where if the billd don't start reducing, we'll have to consider selling up and moving. We don't want to, as we love our little home, and love Calgary, but what choice do we have? It's tough.
- I do think there needs to be a review of the services provided to seniors. For example the reduce price transit pass. Not all seniors need the reduced pass - if it is not means tested it should be. Low income seniors only should benefit from this pass. Seniors often say they are on a fixed income. The reality is ALL Albertans are on fixed incomes. Most working families have seen their income fall, not remain steady and it seems ludicrous that those who are being impacted by job losses should subsidize those who aren't.
- You constantly ask what services the people want cut. The compost bins few want but no one seems to be listening. Also the rest of the work force has been reduced so how about some cut backs in the City of Calgary staff?. We never hear about reductions in government staff and with doing less. Also we do not need expensive art or another Peace Bridge type of expenses that do little to ease the financial pain of Calgary residents.
- When we see four city workers coming to do tasks one could do we see tax dollars used poorly. Also city wages and benefits need to be controlled. The city is not transparent when major initiatives are being thought about. We hear when mega dollars have been invested and the communities get blindsided and input is just an exercise in frustration. I use as an example the loss of community green spaces. It gets a little tiring when there are unbendable rules until the city needs to bend them for their purposes.
- I was born here at Holy Cross hospital. I have 4 children, a wife that stays home to raise them, and a mortgage. Tax and fee increases are squeezing us more and more. Taxes are going up much faster than income, to the point where I have had to consider moving out of the city. Savings and cuts need to be made. The city cannot be everything for everyone. That is not the role of government. People need the freedom to live their lives, while supporting the most vulnerable. Buildings and infrastructure don't need to be fancy when that drives up the cost. Let us have a city that we can afford to live in.
- Reduce taxes, reduce the bureaucracy in city hall. Reduce staff. Don't tell me you can't find any efficiencies! Private companies have been forced to do so. The city should be able to.



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- Stop spending money on bike lanes. Pedestrian safety would be improved by people paying attention - enforce distracted driving rules and educate pedestrians that they need to pay attention as drivers cannot stop as quickly as they can step out on the road. City workers should be asked to take wage freezes or minimal (1%) raises for 1-2 years.
- As retired seniors, we are careful with our finances. Our property's July 1, 2016 TIPP payment is going up 17% from \$276 to \$313 per month. Our family's income increased just over 1% last year. Since we retired five years ago, our annual tax bill has gone from \$2666.80 to \$3528.32. This is a 32% increase. In contrast, Stats Can figures for Calgary's Consumer Price Index 2011 to 2015 showed an increase of just 9.1%. Stop taxing us out of our home!
- reduce wages & perks across the board by minimum 25 percent starting with mayor & council. reduce staff if necessary to achieve target.
- If you were to introduce members from the community to review your budget, I am sure they would find reductions. No business operates like the city, stop placing the burden on tax payers for everything. Businesses are closing, focus on reducing costs, or expect the result in the next election.
- Many initiatives undertaken during the past several years are "wants", not musts. I can't afford the "wants" in my household budget (disability income has not increased in 25 years). Yet, I am paying for others' "wants" through my taxes, which this year increased 19.75% for an unimproved property. The "wants" include: public artwork, festivals, pop-up parks and anything that does not provide a lasting benefit for the expenditure of money, snow clearing on residential streets when snowfall does not impede traffic, mandatory green and blue cart program (recycling depots worked fine), new Central Library (branch libraries more accessible for most citizens).
- We're working our way through the worst recession the city has seen in 30 years. The wrong thing to do is to increase taxes so we can enjoy amenities beyond our means. We need to cut back on the nice to haves as opposed to taxing the people of the city, who for all intents and purposes, are broke. Priority should be helping the city evolve (ie: encouraging major oil & gas company diversification to green energy, building denser communities with depth, weaning the city off it's reliance on the car, keeping crime low). Thank you for the service you provide to our city.
- cut where you think best but quit taking so much of my money in taxes.
- Calgarians are struggling during this economic recession and should not be put into a position to pay a significant increase in tax at such a difficult time. If anything, this should be a time to ease the financial burden on those in need. There are so many people laid off and raising taxes only hurts them more!
- It is important to have adequate staff to do the jobs efficiently. They need to be paid a decent wage. They must have decent job security to keep the good workers. Pay increases need to be the rate of inflation, although in these times they may have to "suck it up" when it comes to wage increases. The threat of contracting out more and more jobs is ridiculous. Contracting out eventually costs more money to bring it up to decent standards. The right leaning counselors need to do research on this. We do not need to have American cities standards. We are better than that.
- Please raise taxes to an adequate level to ensure the delivery of the services we now enjoy and to add to those services based on the feedback you receive from surveys and consultations such as this one. The American model of slashing taxes is a failure for most citizens there and I don't want it imported here. As a homeowner I'm happy to pay my taxes for the many great services I receive from the city.
- Contract services out. This would save a lot of money.



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- Please keep in mind that when the economy gets hit that raising taxes is not the solution. Yes, the government will have less money coming in but so will the people you are increasing the taxes on. You are crippling the average worker during economic hard times.
- When City Council ask for feedback, listen to it. Don't make decisions and then pay lip service to those of us who ask questions. Get various city departments to work together so that road repairs aren't followed up by a department that is going to tear up the road for sewer work, etc. Be mindful of the "nice to have" artwork, until the money flow improves. Delay composting rollout until the economy improves. Postpone the 14th Street expressway while money is tight.
- The Mayors position should only be for one term, I think the Mayor did a great job in dealing with the flood but is now far too interested in his own agenda and vanity projects. Uber would be a valuable asset in the City due to our poor transportation services. The Mayors arrogance and vanity projects don't work in our current economic situation. The city should be spending it's money on parks and recreation facilities for our youth instead of bike lanes that are only used by a few people for a few months of the year.
- New roads and infrastructure are important. Moving public funds into transitway developments that will increase efficiency and mobility are high priorities for me. Composting services are not. The fees for sanitary and recycling are proving of low value to me as tax payer.
- As someone who is scheduled to be laid off, I believe the true reality of Calgary's economic situation does not seem reflected at city hall. While a majority of companies in Calgary are cutting back and laying off... the City seems to be ramping up. The optics are bad. I'd like to see a focus on cutting back, while creating jobs through building the transit infrastructure and attracting new and diverse companies and industries to Calgary.
- When taxes are increased and I hear about grand new plans for the zoo and science centre I'm disappointed in city council. They are already awesome and is that really a priority in this economy? Green carts have limited use and where on earth will they be stored? We have a huge house and garage and are maxed out on 'bin' space. Also, community association liaisons have extremely limited value. Why is the city hosting 4 big stampede breakfasts and asking community board members to help when we are already planning our own breakfasts and gathering our own volunteers? Residents can attend CA breakfasts instead and please scrap the quadrant ones! Thanks.
- Priority one must be the reduction of costs. This can be accomplished through staff reductions in administrative areas. Corporations today are forced to reduce headcount due to economic conditions our City must do the same. Overall salary reduction of 2%.
- Instead of asking what services we want to cut, start with cutting future spending like 14St SW bus lanes, green carts, SE LRT. City Council keeps spending more money on new services and then says we have to cut services already in place to lower the taxes. We are not your ATM. We are in a recession you keep trying to find ways to spend more money.
- The city should not under in any circumstance have a new charter introduced to have more taxing powers! That just becomes a hidden tax, If the city needs more money Property taxes, has to be something transparent or cut services. The province should also step up and stop downloading costs to the City they are getting lazy and just trying to make it not look like they have a spending problem
- Please stop the cash bleed from City Hall. Help us.
- Before cutting services controlling expenses and spending should be a priority: - cutting or eliminating expense accounts - cutting back on cell phone usage, vehicle usage, free parking and other perks - limiting or eliminating overtime - flattening the management structure and combining departments - eliminating bonuses for just doing your job and meeting expectations - salary, wage and benefit rollbacks - contract out projects



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- You as councillors need to stop the ever increasing taxes and keep it to the inflation rate or less. Our purple clad mayor needs to think back as to why we elected him. He needs to put the brakes on his pet projects. We do not need projects such as green bins that force another tax on Calgarians in this time where people are loosing there jobs and homes.
- Decrease spending!!! You have lots of areas you can cut like excessive grants to arts organizations, specially designed bike racks (the current ones are just fine), bloated administration, silly plans like making 8th Street a "destination" or making 8th Avenue a pedestrian mall from Fort Calgary to the Armoury etc. These few examples are not services Calgarians would miss.
- Please have another look at things such as the arts budgets, bike lanes, traffic "calming" (substitute infuriating) blocks, unnecessary pedestrian bridges (if people are too lazy to walk one block to a crosswalk, what on earth makes you think they will walk UP to a bridge crossover, then down again to cross the road - notably Shagannapi Trail) foreign architects, foreign artists - we have a good art school in Calgary which I am sure is quite capable of designing fish in an underpass). We live in Brentwood, and are on Northland twice a day on most days. We have seen exactly 12 bikes on Northland since the bike lanes were installed - and two of those we on the sidewalk. The snow cleaning budget for these unused bike lanes is outrageous. Lets look local for our projects, and reduce the budgets for art while we are in such dire financial straits. How many businesses need to close, and how many people need to lose their houses, before the tax money that you seem to think is endless is re-examined and made to be realistic.
- The economy in Alberta is poor, and many have lost their jobs. Taxes MUST be reduced through less overhead, and greater productivity of City employees. The focus should be on reducing office jobs, and City layoffs. Time to prove that the Mayor and Councilpeople are running the Municipal Government, not the Public Sector Unions. We cannot afford this level of government, make cuts! Please!
- In this economy, council should be focusing on the core essentials and services....attracting and assisting businesses, developing and keeping infrastructure like roads current and maintained, keeping the city working well and efficiently. What council should NOT be doing in this economy is spending on "niceties" and trendy projects like bike lanes, environmental initiatives, green boxes. Its not the time to be pushing the "urban, modern, trendy" ideas on the city. Leave them until they can be afforded. Fewer committees and studies.
- Stop framing reduction in taxes by talking about cutting back fire and police services as you can cut bureacracy and management and stop introducing new nice to have services, especially as they never say how much they will cost.
- The focus now should be on maintenance of what we have and setting the stage for future growth , looking at how we want change to occur. We should also take advantage of other government funding programs to undertake infrastructure maintenance and possible upgrades.
- I have to disclaim that I like art. However, with the recession, there should be less focus on arts and "nice-to-have" items and more focus on the necessities. For instance, I find it ironic that City Council refuses to keep up with fluoride in the water - which will help lower income families and children, and instead, fund public works of art. We are in a recession and lavish spending is no longer an option. Instead, City Council should focus on issues that will have a positive impact on Calgary's economy and citizens.
- Council needs to find ways to reduce overall costs or running the city and providing the services required. This must include a look at payroll reduction opportunities for the public service - both in numbers and in pay rates/benefits (especially for union employees). It is not acceptable to keep increasing costs of the payroll for public services.
- Payouts to all City Employees, if it works in the private industries to get through tough times, it will save millions for the city. That is where it should start!!



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- Wages, benefits, pensions, etc account for a lot of city spending. Instead of cutting services to all Calgarians, the civil servants need their wages decreased and frozen, lay off unnecessary staff, less red tape and no bonuses for overpaid city and Enmax executives!
- Take in to consideration every penny that you spend. I lost my job in oil and gas and can't find anything, so I do not want my tax dollars wasted anymore. Look after US and not all the immigrants. I hope, to leave this city, as it is too expensive and our hard earned money is so wasted. The bike paths are a huge joke!!
- It seems that you do not represent Calgarians any more. You waste money on public art, bike lanes, and secondary suites. Tackle the tough issues, build roads and find ways to cut costs.
- City hall should not be immune to the economic realities of the city. Wage rollbacks, pension reform need to be part of the discussion at every level of city employment.
- Many people have lost their jobs. People already pay a lot in taxes and there is only one tax payer. The city needs to do more with the taxes it already receives. Presently the city pays 20% above the private sector for similar jobs when including pension costs. The city needs to get its cost structure under control.
- I've had enough of this city council spending our tax dollars on artsy projects and bike lanes. I WON'T be voting for Nenshi in the next election (nor did I in the previous two). Our city council is way out of touch with Calgarians and we need more fiscally responsible people in charge - Sean Chu please run for mayor in 2017, you have my vote!
- we need to cut the budget and reduce the burden of Calgary residents.
- Get realistic about what the average citizen wants, lower taxes and roads!! The average taxpayer does not want nor can afford the fantasies that city hall insists on jamming down our throats.
- You cannot have your proverbial cake and eat it too. This is so obviously, pre-election face-time with the media for City Council. To REALLY cut costs open up the Collective Bargaining agreements - that is the largest costs to The City but each time.... no one ever has the guts to really make a change fairly and equitably across ALL City staff and no one ever mentions that!
- Art projects are nice to splurge on in the good times, but they are not a necessity. I have family who work for the city and even they admit that the wages and benefits are outrageous.
- Remember it is Tax Payers money not yours that you waste on "high profile projects" to look good in order to buy a few votes. None of you were elected because of your intellectual ability or common sense. I doubt if very many, if any could ever make it in the real world and did not live off the salary and perks as politicians. Extremely tired of Nenshi, Wooley and Farrel constantly shooting their mouths off on every topic that comes along. When ever you open your mouth you just show how out of touch with the majority of Calgarians you are. Council should listen to homeowners who pay your salary, not some idiot on a smart phone who does not pay taxes. Realize that you are not the smartest person in the room. Quit putting down every one who does not agree with your comments. The next election will show you are not as smart as you think you are !!!!
- there is a lot more to look at than police and firefighters that is fearmongering. I am sure if you look at administrative side you will find a lot of duplication and redundancies. Also the nice to haves like public art should be looked at in times when there is plenty not when people are struggling to pay ever increasing taxes.
- Spend only on must have items.
- My message to council is the people of Calgary are at their breaking point with higher taxes, fees, art projects and other pet projects that council wants money for. The City of Calgary needs to look at how much they are paying in salaries, benefits, pensions and ask for everyone to take a pay cut and have a hiring freeze. I work in the private sector and I have not received raises the last few years and even took a pay-cut. I am grateful to still have a job but with all the increases in taxes and fees from both the City of Calgary and the Province of



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Alberta I am struggling. Stop the madness and streamline your operations - reduce your costs, don't always say what services do you want cut because you are not solving the issue at city hall and your run away costs.

- Keep in touch with the economy as it impacts Calgarians. Ensure cost are controlled and project schedules are adjusted as necessary to live within our means.
- Please consider lower taxes on housing some seniors already have trouble making ends meet . We want to stay in our homes as long as we can god forbid we have to go to seniors residents at the state they are in.
- You don't have to cut a single job or service. Just make a mandatory X% salary cut ACROSS THE BOARD. Every single city employee, from the mayor to the guy emptying the garbage cans at City Hall. In the current economic climate, anyone that quits over this can be easily replaced.
- Council has lost it's way, taxes out of control. Get your fiscal house in order, 1 million bonus to Enmax President completely off the wall were getting fleeced enough as it is. Mayor and council need to stop looking at large projects start looking at what the citizens of Calgary need, were being taxed to death and getting not a hell of a lot for our money. Council needs to show leadership you guys seem bored if you can't do the job resign and get some new blood and ideas. NO MORE TAXES.
- Cannot continue to raise property taxes in this environment. We elect council and Mayor to make good business decisions and balance budgets. This means prioritizing spend and programs and making cuts where needed in a struggling economy.
- City taxes are outstripping inflation. Please look at more efficient delivery of services.
- Consider what the city can do to support Calgarians in the pursuit of their goals. Be effective and efficient with the spending of funding from taxpayers. It has been disappointing to have services decline yet business and property owner taxes increase significantly above inflation. Evaluate whether unionized employees is the best use of funds. It has been an embarassment to see the mayor and councillor's act like spoiled children in their dealings with each other and the public. You have been elected to represent Calgarian's interests not your personal interests. Please be respectful and look after Calgary.
- Nix the green carts, beautification projects, a new stadium for the Flames, and bicycle tracks and use the money for projects that will benefit ALL Calgarians.
- More fiscal responsibility in all areas -- especially in the areas where you see 2-3 employees drinking coffee while watching the other 2 employees work. This scene happens all too often -- and is not being exaggerated. In good economic times, the citizens of Calgary can laugh and joke about it -- but in these times when many citizens are having trouble to put food on the table -- it is NOT acceptable and is a complete slap to the face. Garbage pick-up is another area that can be improved. There is NO need to pick up both the black and blue garbage bins every single week -- they can be alternated every other week for pick-up. A lot of money has been spent on the bike paths -- but very little on improving mobility for the disabled or those with special needs. It appears that the Mayor and City Council only like the beautiful people in good physical shape and do not have any time for citizens like my grandson with special needs, or the frail and elderly. Condominiums are being encouraged to be built with little to no parking spaces. How is my husband (who had a stroke several years ago) supposed to visit my daughter who lives in a Condo if he is not able to park close to the front door with the elevator? The beautiful people can all rides their bikes to the condo -- it is time to think of the needs of the other citizens in the City. Services to Access Calgary for my grandson have also been cut -- how is he to get around -- certainly NOT on a bike.
- Concentrate on the "need to have" not the "nice to have". Look at user fees so people who use the service pay the most for that service. Keep transit passes low so people without other transportation can get around reasonably. No raises and no bonuses. People are struggling so don't throw that in their faces. In fact, consider some wage reductions, as those in the private sector have experienced, as a show of solidarity with



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the rest of the city. I am tired of reading about one city employee making a repair and three city employees standing around watching. Send the three to actually work!

- It is an insult to every tax payer when you ask us to tell you "what services we want cut". Every council member is making erroneous assumption that the City of Calgary is running at 100% efficiency. What a joke ! How about, as a start, you ask the Departments to cut 15% from their operating budgets. For example, I saw a young city worker water the hanging basket along the river pathway. I have never seen anyone move that slow. It was clear he was working at a speed that would fill his day. How about cutting the staff levels and they can work harder!
- Please be more flexible with your plans to recognize the economic reality not when you make the plans but when you bring them to reality. Case in point is the green bin program. There are many for whom the additional required fee is a real hardship. I don't dispute the merits of the program, I dispute the timing and the option to opt out for those who are already composting. It appears to me as though Council has not listened to the citizens of Calgary yet again!
- The City needs to rethink its property management strategy. The City makes poor development choices because it is set up in a way that prevents it from freely dealing with the lands it owns (say, selling some of them in order to fund the purchase of a better site or pre-existing building). The City is also the worst landlord out there - the lack of maintenance on its housing properties and parkades is shocking. And then a brand-new building like the Westbrook station sits empty - but for a relocated library that now has no parking! There has to be a way for the City to better manage its properties, at lower cost. Simply jacking up property taxes is not the answer - unless the City actually wants people to leave.
- Please control the spending. Do not raise taxes. It is time to optimize city operation and spend carefully.
- When the private sector (and not just oil and gas) is suffering, and average people are receiving pay cuts, reduced working hours, and layoffs, the city of Calgary should be cutting their own wages and bonuses. Scheduled increases should be cancelled. Employees, Councillors, the Mayor, and management at the city need to understand that they must keep the city of Calgary competitive and run as efficiently and lean as possible.
- Get your costs down, especially with regards to salaries of union and nonunion employees. Get rid of unnecessary and low value adding positions. For example, the integrity and ethics commissioners. The logic of "paying through the nose to get top talent" is obviously not working. Also, when we see a city crew of 8 people and only 2 are working, we wonder where the other 6 add value. Concentrate on issues that individuals cannot accomplish on their own....police, fire, EMS, transportation and when all this is working efficiently with low tax rates, then spend on frills.
- Quit throwing money at useless projects like art around the cityscape (looking at a pretty sculpture does not produce income from that sculpture), increase profit of transit by attracting more ridership instead of increasing fares, cut back on financial sponsorship of festivals, put a hold on salary increases for City Hall and city workers, place a maximum refund on expense claims for city workers.
- Stop forcing unwanted or unrequired services. For example another \$6.50 for another container that will never get used by a great number of residences. If someone wants one, then take them one and charge them. I would rather have my grass clippings go to a landfill than have them sit in a filthy stinky fly enticing container. Less frequent Garbage pickup. Getting rid of a mayor who figures he is god's gift to Calgarians. We are currently getting less services for more tax. Lower all salaries of all government employees to be equal to the same jobs in the private sector. User fees should be instituted instead of all people paying for some peoples amusement and entertainment.
- Delay certain projects to cut cost



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- This is NOT YOUR MONEY - it is mine and I have never even heard of poorer management of finances on a civic level. No art - no festivals - no "special" causes - do the basic city infrastructure work and stop using tax dollars for your obnoxious social engineering
- Being financially prudent in tough times. Almost every Calgarian has learned to cut costs during tough times. The city has increased taxes and said its either that or cutting services. You can do both like private industry and individuals have done for year, you have to change your mindset and lead by example.
- Place more services up for bid by the private sector. Take better control of wages for city employees. Remember that 100,000 folks have been laid off in the private sector Forget the green box initiative. We do not need them. They are just another form of taxation.
- Treat Calgary like a large private business. All of city council (except Sean Chu) including the Mayor would be fired if in private business because of their lack of business skill. There should be some qualifications like owning a business etc before being allowed to manage the city finances. Brand new street sweepers, brand new bylaw officer cars, and a bunch of other brand new non essential equipment would not have been bought in these times in a business. You have well paid mechanics on staff, use them! Another city buys your hand me downs and uses them for many, many years after you dispose of them. Reduce out of touch union wages and eliminate pensions. Employees can save for their own pension from private sources. Look at Bankrupt Detroit,MI, California & Greece to see what happens when you are top heavy with public sector wages.
- It appears that city council has lost touch with tax payers. All I see is a Mayor and some alderman pushing for ideology and not thinking about what the costs are. On a fixed income, and at some point will be forced from my own home because of these tax increases. If the goal is to force older people to leave their homes and move to other places in this country then the current administration is achieving this goal. People who have been displaced will also have to leave, need to get spending under control and provide the basics.
- Keep in mind that it is not just the City that increases fees and costs, basic service companies do too, so does the Province, also the cost of food and the cost of gas and diesel. All of these things have to come out of people's pockets and they do so all at the same time. Keep in mind that the increases that people receive DOES NOT keep up with the cost of living and there are more and more people losing their homes and jobs and having to rely on places like the Food Bank and Red Cross to survive. This is not longer the land of the plenty - remember that you are there to help and to serve the people of the City of Calgary and that while we want this City to continue to be the best it can be, sometimes it is important to realize when to pull back as well.
- Stop wasting money on useless expensive statues and monuments and crap like that
- Concentrate on reducing spending and request departmental budget cuts from all areas. Consider bringing in outside auditor to help develop budget cuts. Reduce sky rocketing taxes and hidden fees on utility bills. Eliminate green box plan. Current garbage & recycle plan is adequate. There are no savings to collecting compost material. Most people are against additional fees and do not plan to compost.
- Few Calgarians, if any, will receive any increase in income within the foreseeable future. Council and City managers should likewise focus upon 0% increases to property taxes or user fees for facilities, etc.
- Please reduce the property taxes, and especially the way the sewage rates are calculated as a percentage of the water useage. For every m3 of water I use on my grass, I pay for sewage fees, which is not even going to the sewage treatment plant. The sewage should be a lower calculation, but not linked to water at all. Do not implement organic food collection at curbside. I have worked in great detail on this very topic for 5 years, and I can tell you it will be a big issue on a number of levels. Fruit flies, odour, food sticking to containers, lack of space in an already tight neighbourhood, etc. When Bronconier was mayor, the property taxes and utility rates (water, sewer, electricity) were substantially lower. I expected even lower now after the population tax base



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expanded here to well over 1 million, but this has not happened. The property tax assessments are much higher than even the time it was done last summer. It should be more realistic. How can an assessment be \$70k more than a list price of my home in current market? Do not let Alberta government force the city to collect additional taxes through the property tax avenue. This should be dealt with separately.

- Council needs to take into account the overall economy of the city and get off the concept of tax tax and tax again. As a retiree living in Calgary I am tired of seeing the big egos we have in municipal gov,t.
- Look first at City Hall expenses and cut where possible. Consider pay cuts similar to those that have taken place in the private sector. Look for cost inefficiencies - they are there. The reduction in pick up of garbage should be able to offset the cost of pick up of green bins. In fact many people don't want green bins and won't use them. Bring back the use of volunteers to water and care for community green spaces where they're being well managed instead of paying city workers to do this.
- manage expenses with what you have without raising taxes anymore. As a taxpayer i am now tapped out. Stop building new recreational centers and just manage buildings you currently have well. stop dreaming up new projects and just manage the current projects efficiently. NO to green carts and i am perfectly fine with the black carts being picked up every second week. manage salaries from top down. bring it to an average rate in comparison to cities in rest of Canada.
- I read that most people do not want the green bin. Do not call paying for the bins a fee as they are a tax. You have a choice with fees not taxes. Also putting money into "art" is not the best use of taxpayer money now. No one is getting raises right now so consider this with your staff. This money you have is ours, not your personal spending use. Think first and act second!
- Please stay within budget
- The City is completely out of touch with the economic conditions that are currently affecting the citizens of Calgary. Council needs to keep in mind that they work for the citizens of Calgary and should stop pursuing their costly and often misguided personal agendas and start to actually listen to the citizens/taxpayers.
- GROW UP. YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS NOT JUST SAY YES TO EVERYTHING. EVER SINCE THIS CURRENT CROP OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR WAS ELECTED THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE DONE IS INCREASE TAXES. NOT ONCE HAVE I HEARD THAT YOU REDUCED COSTS. IF THIS WAS A PRIVATE COMPANY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED BANKRUPT A LONG TIME A GO. YOUR JOB IS SIMPLE IN MY MIND. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH MONEY TO GO AROUND AND LIKE A PRIVATE BUSINESS LIKE MYSELF OR THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY WHEN REVENUE DROPS THEN I HAVE TO REDUCE MY EXPENSES AND DO WITHOUT. YOUR JOB IS A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED BUT NONE THE LESS YOU SHOULD DELIVER SERVICES EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. INSTEAD YOU JUST KEEP ADDING FEES. I GUARANTEE YOU THE MAJORITY WILL NOT WANT ANYTHING TO BE CUT FROM SERVICES BUT THEY WILL WANT YOU TO REDUCE TAXES. YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH AND YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE THE HARD CHOICE. DELIVER ON REDUCING COSTS WHILE DELIVERING THE SAME PRODUCT. PRIVATE INDUSTRY HAS TO DO THAT SO WHY CANNOT YOU. IN ADDITION, PRIVATE INDUSTRY WORKS A TRUE NUMBER OF HOURS NOT LIKE THE CITY SERVICES WITH BREAKS, TIME OFF, NO WORK FRIDAY'S ETC ETC. THINK LIKE A BUSINESS AS THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE AS THE CITY OF CALGARY A BUSINESS. MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF HEARING YOUR REASON'S FOR THIS OR THAT AND INSTEAD WANT TO HEAR HOW YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WHILE GETTING THE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE CITY POPULATION. OTHERWISE THERE WILL NOT BE A CITY LEFT BUT RATHER A SOCIALIST WELFARE STATE AND IF YOU LOOK AROUND THE WORLD THAT KIND OF ECONOMY DOES NOT DO SO WELL. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DO IT THEN ASK THE MANY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS'S THAT EXIST IN CALGARY AND YOU



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WILL FIND THE ANSWERS. GET OUT OF YOUR COCOON AND LOOK AT THE WORLD WITHOUT ROSE COLOURED GLASSES.

- Many City of Calgary services could be performed at a considerable cost saving by the private sector. We know that. A complete cost review should be conducted. There are probably many cases of fiscal mismanagement and waste of city tax dollars. The city is under CUPE which makes it difficult to reduce costs and staff. Property taxes should be held to population growth and inflation. As I have seen at the corporate level cost reductions up to 20% could be realized through review of operations. It has been done before.
- Stop, stop, stop paying these ridiculous salaries and bonuses to Enmax administration, freeze city workers salaries until such time as the Canadian economy rebounds, stop paying exorbitant prices for pieces of Art when they could be locally sourced and be just as wonderful and so much less expensive, ---in short find as many ways to give taxpayers a break during these tough times.
- Lower taxes and no new taxes
- spend effort in reducing taxes, concentrate on needs rather than nice to have
- Spend on essential services only while the economy is struggling. Bike lanes, public art etc are not essential services. Delay non essential activities.
- Make sure you have good managers not ass kissers find ways to do more with less have councillors held responsible for their decisions
- City council need to eliminate many of the upper management positions who are making far too much money. Serious cutbacks are needed. We need to lower taxes on individuals and businesses. Stop funding special interest groups. No more vanity projects.
- Forget the green bins and the monthly fees!!
- - lower property taxes - roll back salaries/wages of city hall employees, or reduce number of civil servants - roll back salaries of the city elected officials - garbage and recycling collection once every two weeks - outsource services for parks and Calgary transit
- there has to be savings found somewhere, how about council salaries, how about the rainy day fund. What are we going to use it for, isn't the economy an emergency now. We can always build it up again.
- Cut garbage pickup to ever other week. That's all my household ever needs sometimes even putting them up ever thirds week. If people use their blue bins correctly they shouldn't need more than that and could save on our tax dollars. And like many I know I do my own composting and am not willing to pay for another bin.
- My Lord. I'm sure you've read the letters to the editor. You are NOT doing a good job. Stop taxing us!! Taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, Taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, Taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, Taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes, taxes. I want to kill myself. Of course you'll have a wonderful insulting reason for my death.
- Open communication - open to input from citizens in a respectful atmosphere. A safe, caring community takes precedence of the frills - public art such as the blue ring
- Want to be able to opt out of some services that are forced on us like the green box
- Slow down unnecessary growth. City has gotten too big to handle present infrastructure. Need to do long term planning instead of knee jerk reactions. Maintain the green spaces, Calgary known for this and getting less and less every year.
- Cut the fat out of Council's perks. Councillors and City bureaucrats need to pay for their own parking stalls; taxpayers shouldn't be footing the bills for these items. Eliminate snowclearing of bicycle paths. The City does a terrible job of clearing snow in residential areas now; why should bike paths get preference? Get rid of management bonuses. Nobody gives me extra \$\$\$ for just doing what's expected of me. And Councillors



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should freeze their salaries too, despite what any study says about them deserving more money. If I'm not getting a raise every two/three years, why should Councillors be taking more money out of my pocket?

- In difficult times, choices must be made. However, each time some from council speaks, they say that citizens need to tell us what services to cut and mention the police, fire department, etc. Cuts can be made in other places. I am a supporter of the Arts community but truly believe in difficult times money cannot and should not be spent on art such as the blue ring. The city will, someday, be once again in a position to buy art but now is not the time. In addition, I expect to see reductions in costs in some areas. For example, when the green cart program starts and the black bins are collected less often, the fee for black bins should be reduced. Also, each department should ask itself how jobs can be done more efficiently. Each department should ask itself where small cost savings may be made. Finally, council should ask itself when considering expenditures "is this a need or a want?" People may want raises but are they needed? In a city where many have lost jobs and are struggling to get by, city employees at all levels should be asked to lead the way by not taking wage increases. They should stand in spirit with fellow unemployed citizens.
- That senior property tax payers can only get 1% on their savings and many younger property owners are struggling in this economy. Work with the Province to find alternate funding than property tax.
- Live within your means. Property Taxes should be frozen and city beurocrat should figure out how to manage within those constraints. Just like all of us have to. It is not hard to be considered a Good Leader by constantly spending more and more money. Being a real leader requires tough decisions when the money is not flowing in!
- Keep city expenses in line with economic realities!!!
- This year's tax increase is very high and creating difficulty for me. Please, no more increases like this one.
- Start being better stewards of the public's purse. Since 2008 (my last renovation) I've seen taxes go from \$3,300 to \$5,700 an increase of \$2,400 in 9 years. The increase is averaging 7%/yr. This is no where near the rate of inflation which is much lower. How do you explain this without coming to the conclusion that the current mayor and council are incompetent in their stewardship of 'public purse' obligations. A five or 4 year plan in a commodity based economy is a joke. Anyone in the oil patch knows this. Get better connected to the business community and you'll do a lot better at managing the annual budget. You're creating the Alberta Disadvantage. Why would young talented people want to move here? How are you going to attract the people that will transition us away from an oil and gas based economy and into something more diverse and sustainable? High taxes in times of massive layoffs (my estimate is 30% of the Downtown core) are a recipe for disaster. Start squeezing more efficiencies from existing services or start cutting period. You have a spending problem. Soon you'll have a shrinking population problem. Good luck with that.
- The comments seem to be an all or nothing point of view. There are day to day cost saving options that should be discussed, reviewed and explored before the automatic cutting of services. I have to cut my daily costs to survive on a revised budget with no increase of an income, surely the city can do the same.
- 1. Stay away from only increasing taxes annually. 2. Examine all other areas where revenue can be generated despite its unpopularity. Several Examples have been tabled earlier. Recap.... 1. Annually increase tax on Patterson Advertising that visually pollute the City. 2. Increase annually Tax the Paper Dispensers boxes that litter the city street. 3. Bike License Tax that is administered /managed like the Pet Taxes. Councillors, this very simple do not be gun shy! It will be unpopular. The City must off set the capital and operating costs for bike lanes. 4. Ensure that all commuters pay their fare on the LRT. 5. Create more City Parking Lots in under utilised city lands in the City Core area. 6. Drive inefficiently and redundancy out from all City Departments no exceptions. All significant projects must be ranked. 7. Some using consultants outside of Calgary and Alberta for City Art and parks redesign. For Example a Vancouver team was used for the



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redesign of Century Park. The ideas were useless and abandoned in the final decision. 7. VERY MANY Calgary citizens observe city workers at work sites. Typically there are two working and four or more hanging around. We must be more efficient. Deploy the excess persons to other jobs. Drive inefficiency out of the system. 8. Garbage collection in the City Core area There are Parks that collect garbage from the River walk area. Then there are City folks that collect garbage from the bins on the avenues and LRT stations and then there are Contractors that collect garbage from the express bus stops. The services can be reduced to one group/ department. There should be no turf protection or silo behaviour. Additionally the collection can be reduced from daily to every other day as these bins are generally empty. Put more bins in if necessary!

- I appreciate all the efforts and do feel everybody cares about our city! That said we need for scrutiny on ALL spending throughout the city by hiring more internal and external auditors. We also need for recreation facilities and absolutely need CalgaryNEXT to happen NOW. Thank you.
- Efficiency. Tighten your belts. Quite spending money on bike lanes in areas where they are not really needed. Forget about the green bin I won't use it. I can compost on my own. I was happy to take my recycling to a community recycling box. Our green spaces are full of long grass and dandelions. Our community parks and boulevards used to be maintained better.
- Just be fiscally responsible and use common sense
- Leave the current single residential zoning in place in older established neighborhoods!! Only those wanting the green bins should register for them, have them delivered and pay for them. Those who won't use them should not be forced to pay for them!!
- No cuts to police or fire. If necessary cut parks spending and definitely rethink the artwork on city projects. In the current economy they are an unwanted burden.
- Reducing spending by the city in order to eliminate the constant property tax increases. There are many areas of the budget that can be reduced without affecting essential services.
- Cut operating costs. Cut all department budgets. No more "art" spending until economy is back on track.
- Overall think they are doing fine. But believe the city is blind to the actual issues.
- Some what huger taxes are not the end of the word. I think its more important to ensure that low income populations won't be hurt by budged cuts.
- Sadly the tax payer year after year appears to be the majority revenue source for the city....what about reducing from within? Give the tax payer more bang for their buck so to speak. There are far toooooo many civic employees. Might be a novel approach for a change.
- Keep in mind this is a seasonal city, not a resort area and quit trying to make it one. Build the city on sound business decisions, and the rest will follow.
- I realize that we need to pay for our services. However, my taxes and all my Enmax fee's have gone through the roof. It is becoming more and more expensive to live in the city. It is not just "the province also" so don't blame them for the 10% increase in taxes this year. I'm tired of being nickled and dimed to death. Perhaps we need a cut in services. Everyone go and find 5% savings in their areas. Seriously you are starting to price me out of my own city. *sigh*
- Hold the line on taxes and create a favourable tax environment for new business including utility fees. Salary and hiring freeze and contracting out. The workforce must become more efficient. The unions want parity with the private sector but only want the upside not the downside! It is not a matter of lower taxes or enhanced services it is a matter of lower taxes and enhanced services and this can be accomplished through the above. It is time that the city is managed like a business.
- Council needs to get away from the rampant spending growth over the last few years. There are three possible ways to do this: tax increases, service cuts or cost savings. All should be considered. It isn't just the first two,



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the City needs to do its part by reducing spend in City Hall, reducing services and ensuring that tax increases are held to the minimum possible. Just like a family when someone loses a job, "nice to haves" should be cut. That includes pet projects, items which don't focus on economic growth and anything which will have a substantive cost increasing on the taxpayers going forward.

- My rental property taxes went up by 27% which is absolutely unacceptable! I would like council to work at reducing costs (like the green bins) and manage our money better.
- The city needs to act in a prudent manor .When funding cuts are considered it cant be services that directly affect the public safety .ie Fire Police &Ems .City hall has to look at inside and transit staff numbers and the pay benefits & pensions that city employees are given .All are way over the private sectors .Its a case of lower paid people in the private sector paying for high paid city workers but most do not have the benefits that they have .The mayor and city council are elected to safe guard city spending for the citizens of Calgary .If that is a problem for you please QUIT
- Need to recognize the out of control increase in the size and expense of government! get salaries/perks/benefits of civil servants back to the level of the private sector.
- Lower property taxes, and all taxes, cutbacks, control your spending.
- Times are tough and the economy is difficult for everyone so the City needs to make cuts. No more tax increases without first finding efficiencies and being direct about cutting services. Councillors threatening that cuts would involve police and fire reductions are just using scare tactics to prevent doing any real work. They, like all Calgarians, know that there are significant cuts available in other areas that will have a much smaller impact on daily living. This includes wages, salaries, benefits and other expenditures that exceed what is paid by the private sector. A full listing of services and their annual expenditures could also be made easily available to taxpayers can see the cost and determine if the value is there to assist in making decisions. This includes leisure facilities, park maintenance, etc. The addition of new services with additional expenses should be stopped until efficiencies are found in existing services. This includes the new green compost recycling initiative that is an additional increased cost on homeowners in addition to the annual property tax increases.
- I would hope that what is talked around the table in most households in Calgary shows up on election day. We are sick to death of Higher Tax's, inefficient managers getting bonus's and raises every year without any accountability. Every Albertan wants a smaller government, lower tax's on all levels and major spending cuts.
- Control your expanse, you can not increase expanse while citizens have decreased income, simple and straight. I don't care how you cut it. If a family have less income, the family has to cut expanses, why city can not??????/
- Stop subsidizing calgary transit. Riders need to know the true cost of public transit. If these riders are finding transit too costly, they should buy an affordable vehicle. Tell your city drivers to stop idling city vehicles. How many millions of dollars are directly/indirectly wasted because city drivers will not turn off the vehicle while working away from the vehicle. ie) while changing school zone signs to playground signs. Worker leaves truck idling while changing signs. The direct cost in fuel and the indirect cost of engine maintenance must eventually add into the millions over the year for the fleet. Why does the city insist on putting utility services under a road after the curb, walkway and pavement is completed? ie) 85 street SW between Old Banff Coach Road and 9 ave. Would any of you reading this comment build a house, install drywall and paint....two weeks later electrical is put in....next month HVAC.....the following week some plumbing. After each utility is completed the wall is patched in a most obvious crappy way. Just an example to poor planning, poor communication and in my opinion a conscious misuse of my tax dollars. This also disrupts driver and pedestrian traffic several times a year on this roadway.



- The City needs to remember that you are charged with managing tax payer money. You need to listen to what people want and need and plan, in the current economy, to spend on the required needs, not the nice to haves. There is no need for green bins but there is a needs to maintain the current schedule of black bin pick ups otherwise you will have certain people accumulating trash on their properties. I am against the green bins and the additional cost for the following reason: 1) I have no back alley and no place to store yet another bin. 2) Composting and food scraps stored outside in bins attracts mice and other vermin. 3) I mulch my grass and therefore not have an abundance of this material 4) By reducing the black bin pick I am going to be paying double for a service (green bin) that I will not use. TO BE CLEAR: Do not deliver a green bin to my home as I have no where to put it and it will remain sitting on the street.
- You run a very large business. Please find the financial waste within it. I am sure you will find it everywhere and in every department. It's time to run lean and responsible! Don't be afraid to cut jobs starting with the bad eggs that have been employed for years
- The City needs to reduce labour wages and administrative salaries. It should be privatizing as much as possible. That is the only way for the City to become efficient and effective.
- Put a stop to tax increases and learn to live within a budget.
- I would like them to look at older communities I have lived in the same area for 23 years and I the same house for 15 years my area is the same now as it was 25 years ago. The Huntington hills area has had NO improvements, NO new parks nothing it's not just new communities that pay taxes. My property taxes went up by almost \$800 for what we don't have a back ally, sidewalk, and I've only seen a snow plow 2-3 times in the last couple years the park down the road is a joke a swing and a slide wow big deal. I guess bottom line control spending that's the big one I think there is ALOT of waste and look at all areas of the city not just new or downtown.
- We all should always remember that system should work for the people not the other way around.
- I would like our City Council to get it's spending under control. Recent tax increases are not acceptable! Union contracts need to be reviewed - both my husband (retired City employee) and myself (recently retired RN) agree that present wages and benefits are no longer reasonable and a lot of abuse (waste) occur - this needs to be addressed. My other concern is an urgent need for affordable Senior housing for middle income Seniors; most of us cannot afford the luxury high-rises presently being built (ie. Varsity - across from Dalhousie Stn)
- to be flexible in their spending. When times are tough then need to draw back discretionary spending. Not eliminate it but postpone. Address the out of date unions and remove paid for life jobs. First responders are deserved it. City admin and elected officials are not deserving being paid for life. (their pensions!)
- Control union labour costs rather than buying labour peace and votes. Lead the Administration in seeking cost efficiencies and higher productivity from staff.
- Think more of the citizens who have built this city and remained loyal to this city. I have lost 3 close friends already to other provinces because they cannot afford to live here any longer. What a shame. The NDP Govt and current City Hall employees are killing everything this great city USED TO offer. I don't want my children having to deal with what is happening in Calgary/Alberta so I too will be looking to relocate so as they can build a better life without all the debt and things that don't matter in times of crisis. Thanks to all of you. Just think about the people, show you care. We're trying to stand by you but it has become too difficult.
- Keep tax increases to the bare minimum by concentrating on the necessities and not the nice to haves.
- Cost saving.
- Plan should be based on the needs of the community, council should be aware of external factors that may influence future planning ie provincial and federal agendas. Less poltices and grand standing should act in a



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more professional manner with regard to public debates and commenting on other strategies that the council or mayor may not agree upon. Should look at reducing the cities adm costs.

- The increased spending under Mayors Bronconnier and Nenshi has gotten out of control. The current council continues to spend taxpayer money as if the economy is booming. Council thinks they have a bottomless pit of money to draw from. Council needs to have the financial discipline to keep tax increases low (NOT ZERO) when the economy is good or bad.
- Streamline spending and wages (which are substantially higher than the private sector equivalents or other cities for no extra benefit), and stop hiding taxes under the category of "user fees". The private sector would in no way survive if business was run the way that this city is run. This doesn't mean a reduction in services...evidence of waste when it comes to wages and personnel is visible every day in this city.
- I believe the environment, balanced budgets, and good transportation are important. I also believe that Calgarians should share the costs of services received. I don't mind tax increases as long as there is good open documentation describing what we're receiving as a result.
- City Employees - Too many at one time on jobsite. Sign in at functions, leave shortly after, full pay. Distracted driving - still!!!! Speeding. Feet up while working citing 'I get paid by the hour'. Promotions based on time rather than capabilities. Systemic arrogant sense of entitlement. I would like to see more accountability of the people the citizens of Calgary employ. Many of the current employees would have been terminated eons ago had they worked for any other organization. .
- You have x # \$\$, stay within it. Give responsibility back to the people instead of holding responsibility for everyone.
- I would like council to stop looking at the "low hanging fruit" as the only option for budget restraints- such as constantly picking on the arts or social programs as ways to cut money. There are much larger sums of money that are being spent in "theoretical" exercises for planning and development, meaningless engagement and the provision of services to private industries that they should be paying for- all of which would add up to a much more substantial savings without impacting the beauty and vibrancy of everyday life.
- No more tax increases! We need well maintained and efficient roadways, weekly garbage pick must be maintained and please remove the charges for the garbage bins. Clean water and proper waste water treatment is extremely important We must also need a properly staffed and equipped fire department. the police service must also be well staffed and equipped to keep all of the city safe its time to get back to the basics and forget the nice to have's and certainly get out of the art business.
- The continuing waste of dollars on frivolous capital and operating spending including labour costs needs to be brought under control with the state of the economy in Alberta right now. We need some true leadership from city council to make the "tough" decisions to accomplish this and not just pass the blame on to the provincial government.
- stop wasting money, cut public service wages and watch benefit costs, like regular people, look for efficiencies. We don't need the nice to haves (bike racks are you kidding, watering parks big enough boon doggle) till economy back. new city lights couldn't be phased in when burnt out- way to bright, the glare)
- I would like to see economies right across the board. Cut costs, cut bonuses, hiring freezes, cut management, cut frills, CUTS CUTS CUTS. Make more efficient use of the available resources rather than increase taxes. We are taxed out to the max as property owners. Be responsible and mindful of job losses in the private sector and realize that homeowners' cash doesn't come from a bottomless pit.
- Keep in mind that our citizens are struggling to keep up with home payments, utilities that constantly rise in costs, taxes that have almost doubled in the last few years and incomes that have shrunk! It is very easy to spend other people's money on pet projects, the green bins, blue boxes etc, but these things can be a very



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large burden. The major problem is the very large salaries that our city pays, everyone from the mayor to the clerks need to take a cut in their income. Efficiencies must be found in every department, including Police and Fire department staff.

- You have to keep in mind that some of us have to manage on a very small fixed income, we have to do a lot with very little; in other words - the City has to be very careful how they spend our hard earned money in this very difficult economic times. Please make sure it is not wasted.
- Each year hold the city tax increase to no more than the National cost of living increase.
- There was a water line break connected to ONE house in our area and it took 18 MONTHS to finish the project. Cold weather did delay the start of the actual repair. Then two big trailers and multiple machines and many city workers arrived to start the project. It appeared to a MAJOR PROJECT so residents thought the city might be replacing the water pipes to many houses. If this is an example of how the city operates, IT WOULD BE COST SAVING TO OUTSOURCE THE WORK TO A COMPANY THAT HAS TO BE EFFICIENT IN ORDER TO STAY IN BUSINESS.
- Please reduce or at least hold salaries/benefits on union and non-union personnel for the next 2-3 years. This has increased above the private sector, and when job security is taken into account; most young people will want to go to the government sectors. This is increasing business and property taxes and discouraging small businesses. In future generations, who will pay the taxes?
- Our economy has eroded significantly since the Action Plan was developed. City Council should be focused on what can be cancelled, deferred or done more efficiently from what was planned 2 years ago when the economy was booming. Example: defer the green box recycling program for at least 3 years. City businesses and property tax payers are under significant stress in the present economy, yet the city seems to think its ok to keep increasing taxes. Tax payers are taking action to balance their books in light of these tax increases: business are closing, staff are being laid off, donations to charities are being reduced or eliminated. City Council needs to accept responsibility for reducing costs as well.
- The city has provided no incentive for people to reduce their use of energy or consumption of materials. Every month I pay the same fixed rate for my garbage and recycling collection regardless of how much I dispose of, and every month I pay effectively the same fixed rates for water, gas, and electrical access regardless of my usage of those utilities. The cost difference between very conservative utility usage and excessive usage is small since the fixed costs are so substantial and this is a big problem. Please consider moving Enmax to a 100% usage based billing model where I pay for every bag of garbage that is collected but I don't pay if I have no garbage, and where I pay for the power, gas, and water I consume, but I don't pay if I don't consume anything. The planet is in a bad state and Calgary is doing nothing to encourage people to use less and conserve more. We need to act on this sooner rather than later if we hope to stem the tide of climate change. Thank you.
- There is lots of bad spending decisions, which if identified, could save us all a lot of money. It is not about the millions that we can save outsourcing certain city jobs. It is the waste of money on Enmax executive bonuses. They work in the public sector and should not be rewarded for doing their jobs. Their salaries are already in the millions. All the reorganizations at city. All the FOIPP requests for how homeowners property assessments are arrived at. Instead of being open and explaining a complicated systems they make people go through this process. This takes up a lot of time which translates into nonproductive work. Transparency costs less. Council meetings that go into overtime at at cost of \$10,000 per meeting for all the staff costs. Show up prepared and work with the allocated time. Food served to Council for their meetings. Every other city employee brings their own food, why should council be different. Look at the number of supervisors and managers. I know that Parks often has 1 supervisor for 1 person. Ask city employees were else they spending



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that is wasteful. I am sure they have great ideas after all they are taxpayers as well. It is not about what services we can do without or whose job we can contract out, it is about HOW you spend money.

- The green bin program is another tax grab being forced on a majority who do not want it and will not use it .it should be a choice not a mandate. Try billing households that have overload garbage and recycle bins because of renting to multiple people. There has been no accountability for spending and that is criminal. This council will be held to account in the next election.
- Council needs to think about sharpening their pencils and finding ways to cut city expenses; that is what all of the people who pay your salaries are doing in this downturn. There are SO many jobs lost, and people being forced out of the Province to find work. Council talks only of spending, many would like to hear what you plan to cut; that is the question that is missing in this questionnaire.
- Please be extremely mindful of our hard earned tax dollars. The costs the city has spent on bike lanes is ridiculous for the few that use them especially when we have snow 7 months of any given year. It simply is not viable. The bike/ walking paths throughout our parks are wonderful and would like these to be our focus.
- Council has little control over the current economic misfortunes. However, please don't let short-term economic pain outweigh the past vision. In spite of everything, Calgary's taxes and utilities - as per Saskatchewan Premier Wall's recent tweet - are still the lowest in the country. Yes, see how we can get most value for our taxes and fees but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. I don't like paying taxes like anyone but we are paying the price now for decades of low taxes and letting the development community get away with paying little to nothing. (If the developers and builders were so concerned about housing affordability, why not return all the money they have donated to charity to the people buying their houses?) Maybe revisit some of the odd public art decisions, but please protect our parks and water resources for current and future generations while improving our public transit to get more people off the road.
- Your current budget ask has put a terrible strain on Calgarian's who have been hit hard by the economic downturn. Please figure out how to postpone some initiatives to bring down the increases for the next year or two - learn to be more nimble and adjust quickly!
- Work on the needs of the city and keep personal prejudices in check. Make plans that help the city grow, be effective and do not have to be altered in the future at great expense.
- given how tough the economy any money spent on bike paths is a waste of my tax dollars
- reduce taxes even if it means reduced services. Do your job and be more efficient with the money you are taking from the taxpayer.
- Reduce city property and other tax levies
- Eliminate spending on public art. Reduce taxes. Reduce the size of the civil service. Encourage the private sector especially small businesses and home based businesses. Facilitate the efficient movement of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and scooters.
- We should focus on basic services for now. We can add the "nice to have" when the economy starts to pick up again.
- Thank you for willing to adjust action plan. Lots plans/ideas are great, the reality is that we can't have them all. I do budget and planning for living, and we have to constantly adjust priorities, play scenarios, compare pros & cons. We can only do our best at the moment, if we made mistake, let's change it again. If nothing changes, we will always get same result. Thank you!!
- Reducing taxes, reducing public worker pay, reducing wasting. Thanks!
- I don't feel my Counsellor is representing me at all. They are catering to small interest groups. I didn't ask for green bins, bike lanes or raises in your salaries. This spending is not appropriate during the present economic situation.



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- Review every dollar the City has been used, see if there is any way which can be more effectively and wisely.
- People are very tired of paying taxes when they know a large portion of the money goes to benefit plans and pension plans for city employees. Reduce the labour expense of the city, contract out more services. I have heard councillors say that the fire and police budget is untouchable. There are ways to deliver and service in a more efficient manner. Fire and police should not be above a thorough scrutiny. Stop frivolous spending, perfect example the Peace Bridge.
- stop basing decisions based on the upcoming election. making smart decisions continually will get you re-elected. voters can smell opportunism and most Councillors are opportunistic.
- The biggest thing for council to concentrate on would be to stop funding art, whether it is for infrastructure or on the street. This city has so much god awful so called art projects that cost up to the millions of dollars. The city should not be funding artists, that is their job. If they create something that people will buy then they will be successful. Councilor's pet projects should also be eliminated. The majority of these do nothing to promote the value of the city.
- I would like to see more common sense involved in the decisions that council makes given the current economic climate. Spending on "nice to have" projects should take a back seat to smart choices for spending the taxpayer's money.
- As mentioned previously, cars are here to stay for a long time so stop making automobile traffic difficult. Don't remove automobile driving lanes to appease the cyclists because you will make vehicular traffic slower and the citizens will not be pleased. City staff should be reduced and not services. Most citizens have watched inefficient city crews around the city with too many workers standing around doing nothing. Do we really need all those people? You also should be able to reduce the number of bureaucrats and their staff.
- as the mayor once said council thinks taxpayers as a ATM
- Thanks for working hard for Calgarian! Wish the City will be more efficient and cost effective; lower the financial burden of Calgarian; provide flexible and relax policies to grow the economy other than spending too much money on political/policies debates.
- Keep the cost of city services restricted to the rate of inflation, adjusted for population growth. Ensure staff costs, wages and benefits, are no more than the private sector. Speed up traffic flow improvements to Crowchild and Deerfoot.

Getting Around Calgary

- Improve transportation both public transit and roadways. Diversify the City economy by attracting more business, big and small.
- I want Council to give serious consideration to updating transit stations. I feel it's a missed opportunity with so many people coming and going. I think the kiosks (convenience stores) should re-open-where people can buy transit passes, lotto tickets, milk bread etc. and there should be a 'buskers' stage either inside or in the bus turnaround area.
- I want city council to be business like, not patronize us. For example, the biking fiasco that is going on, it's costing MILLIONS and MILLIONS of dollars of less than .5% of the population of Calgary and yet they contribute not one PENNY or should I say 5 cents to the maintenance of bike PATHS. Further all walking paths and bike path should stop maintenance as of the 15 october each year and resume 15 April the following year, Amazing the amount of money that could be saved and or used for Snow control. Further, Transit should not repeat should not have any parking near their pick up point, however, should have service in all sectors of the city feeding collector point, So much tax dollars is lost cause the huge parking lots and the maintenance associated with them. Only a few councillors are business like and not SPEND Drift, most are



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gross, We need to stop them having these lunch meeting at our expenses, ~When I worked, the citizens of calgary DID NOT BUY ME my meals. I see their expense account and few are `ABUSING it, Where is the AUDITING of these COUNCILLORS.?

- Reduce taxes and city funds waste. Improve traffic flow. Stop environmental meddling...global warming is a myth.
- Ride sharing
- Council needs to focus on the needs of the majority who want to live in safe suburban areas. We need efficient roads unencumbered by bike paths and not slowed by C-Train level crossings.
- I wan to council to focus on mass transit, bicycle infrastructure and Uber in order to improve mobility in our city.
- Remember our money comes from one pocket, and seeing our pockey getting picked without consultation is bad for our welfare.Stop new LRT plans and move to BRT, to when we do start having new money and give back that \$52.00. DOLLARS YOU TOOK without our OK.
- We should continue to focus on the long game despite the short term pain we're experiencing. Investments in transport, communities and diversification are key to attracting diverse business and people to our city.
- Understand that transit does not work for everyone. I believe we should invest in transit but not at the expense of upgrade to roads and interchanges.
- I want council to pay attention to the majority of Calgarians versus catering to the small minority. (Cars vs cyclists). Stop punishing citizens that live outside of the downtown area.
- Focus on the big picture and stop getting bogged down in tiny meaningless details! 80/20 rule; spend your time where it has an impact, not on \$7M cycle tracks!!
- I want Council to take a balanced approach in face of this challenging economy. Focus on getting the big projects done - Greenline, Four cars on LRT, interchanges in SW where traffic is going to increase. TRANSPARENCY.
- I want City Council to respect that Calgary is large enough that the majority of people must drive to work. Dedicating all to cyclists and pedestrians does not work if we are not close to the downtown area
- Get behind the CalgaryNEXT project (the fieldhouse investment and potentially the CRL, not the fronting of the ticket tax), investment in public transit (especially a functional Smart Card system), less pandering to small interest groups when an issue would be broadly beneficial
- I want council to approve the cycle track pilot
- "More CHILD FRIENDLY pubs/bars. Under 18 (with guardian) should be the standard at all times of day.
- Put a limit on the expansion of the city boarders.
- Enact stronger Green Plans, eg. tax subsidy for 1. residence who have installed solar or wind, 2. businesses involved in Green Energy, or 3. any other Green innovative tech.
- Allow Uber or other new Apps/tech to operate,
- Bars to stay open longer."
- Please prioritize vehicle travel as this impacts the vast majority of citizens (either by personal vehicle or transit).
- "Continue to assess the traffic needs of a city this size to keep people moving in an efficient manner.
- Maybe don't plan projects that cause 2 of the major access points to a neighbourhood to be down to single lane each as was seen on old Banff coach road and 85th st sw recently. This caused significant traffic problems for the full duration of these projects."



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- Independent committees with the expertise and experience to fairly evaluate quotations from reliable suppliers. Example, some of the fiascos we have had to deal with in traffic flow due to multiple road closures handling heavy traffic flow and changes to plans already approved.
- I would like Council to have more art in the communities (And no, it doesn't have to be local artists). I also would like to see more scramble crosswalks downtown, and better timing for pedestrians so they can be safe from inattentive and speeding drivers.
- Growth of jobs, better transit system, cleaning snow more frequent
- give back the 52m provincial tax room the council hijacked and call it what it is, (a tax hike), get rid of most bike lanes, get more public opinion (not just select opinions) on projects or initiatives, less in camera
- ensure that proper transit fares are put in place concerning people's ability to pay. In other words, poor people, and people who cannot afford regular transit fees be given appropriate subsidies to travel on the transit system.
- Consider expanding the McKnight off ramp at deerfoot NB to the 64th off ramp. It's only a couple hundred meters and would extremely alleviate the start of the rush hour bottleneck.
- I want council to think about how long it takes to commute from SE Calgary to downtown. Deerfoot Trail is not large enough to support traffic volume and there is no LRT in SE Calgary. Prioritize Deerfoot/Glenmore flow and reduce bottlenecks and build a SE LRT to downtown. The BRT uses the already busy roads and is not an efficient alternative. The times I have taken the BRT from McKenzie Towne it takes over an hour and driving (even with congested traffic) takes about 45 minutes.
- Keep in mind that the older residents will require easier access to their needs in the future. As we get older, the dangers become more real. i.e. walking across to my mailbox is difficult during winter months as there is no snow removal, ice breakup, or even something so simple as applying "pickle" to the cul de sac.
- "Keep working to find non-oil based ways to grow Calgary's economy. Keep expanding bike networks (I appreciate what has been done already). Continue to manage the city in a financially responsible way.
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- Also, encouraging new residential and industry development to be higher density rather than sprawl is very important to me."
- The province is suffering along with Calgary. Meanwhile city council gives themselves raises and spends tax dollars on projects that add no value or return on investment. Actions speak louder than words. Instead of needless spending and pay raises why don't you lower taxes and do more for less like the rest of the city and province.
- Keep in mind seniors have limited income. Please keep property taxes reasonable and don't hike them for all residents just because some people have built expensive infills next to us. Please keep transit efficient and do not allow Uber to put taxi drivers out of business.
- Lose the bike paths downtown and for circulation lose the baby traffic circles in residential areas.
- I want city council to make the city more affordable and accessible to all Calgarians. I want regular bus service to happen in all communities including Inglewood where I live, and Rundle (where my family lives.) I want all c-train stations to be accessible. Currently despite the construction of at Rundle station- it's still not accessible to people who are ill, senior, and /or disabled. That bridge is still too high, long and steep. I want all Access Calgary Drivers to receive the training that Calgary Handibus has done for it's drivers in the past. I want Access Calgary staff to be trained by service providers and people with disabilities as to how people with disabilities should be treated People with disabilities are citizens too. Their voice and opinion matter. They should be heard by city council and city staff, and treated by all with respect not just at Access Calgary but throughout all the city services and programs. This city should be a vibrant, welcoming and happy place for all



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to be in. That means barriers to accessibility in all city buildings, cabs, Calgary Transit and Access Calgary services should be removed. A city is only as good as it's weakest citizen. If we can't help that citizen feel like they belong in this city- we need to do a lot better to make them feel that way!

- "I want Council to encourage & enable technology hubs in suburban areas as part of it's transit oriented strategy.
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- Encourage power suppliers to provide smart technology in order for power users to use energy more efficiently.
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- Work with the provincial & federal governments to make solar & geothermal energy more affordable through rebates &/or tax credits."
- Stop spending money on bikes paths. We are not Vancouver or Seattle. Putting bikes with cars in congested areas does not make things better. Put bike lockers at transit stations on the outskirts of downtown and make the free fare zone bigger. You can't make policy around a loud minority!
- "I want council to consider the diverse ethnicity of the city, educate more on environment. Reduction of waste and encouraging people on composting and Recycling would be a way to go. The way residents are being charged for the waste collection is just out of comprehension. Instead of promoting urban sprawl, we can focus more on population density.
- We can look forward to a more reliable and affordable transit systems.
- We can also look into a concept of Fruit green city (starting with apple trees plantation in the parks, or we can invite the residents to plant one fruit tree per household)
- Enable residents for ride share, car pooling to reduce the number of driver only vehicles on the road. I have seen a lot of seven seater vans on the roads with just a driver only (what a waste!) Provide something like green credit for ride sharing, that can be redeemed for some benefits on recreation."
- That the transit system needs to be improved on how it works (less complicated routes, buses being on time, late night bus service) before we start focusing on how pretty our vehicles are.
- "-Fast track the SE c-train line! It's the only quadrant that has no access to the C-train!
- -The continuous increase of Enmax utilities/fees (although, lower this year)
- -UBER is needed in this city. Taxis are a joke in this city: bad service, high costs, and horrible drivers!"
- maintain the existing infrastructure that's already in place..... example, Calgary roads are falling apart badly many roads have long out lived their life span and continue to fall apart patchwork is not the answer need total re-overlying
- "Stop wasting money on stupid laws. (Eg. Change speed limits in the community)
- Need to make the SE corner traffic better. This should Been started 10 years ago the traffic is terrible but no one in city council or our mayor cares about us out here."
- "To be listening you the changing field in technologies.
- To keep the legislation up to date and help smart ideas grow in the city.
- Please help guide the city's administration to be proactive to changes, to be open to new ideas, to keep up with technological advances. Too often conservative thinking had kept innovative ideas, new safe solutions. A culture of risk aversion from city's administration (specifically Roads) has stifle what could be new ways of solving the city's transportation problems. This is not about uber, but rather ideas such as cycle tracks, back in angle parking, interchange designs, urban growth, pedestrian safety accommodations. I would say Roads has done a great job at developing a road network that is very effective for moving cars, but too often the focus has been to moving cars on the road rather than to move people. The effectiveness of a road network should not



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be largely focus on moving the most cars in the fastest way but about moving people safely, through multiple modes. Yes multi modal accommodation is a luxury because we already have a safe and effective transportation system, but can we do more?"

- I want Council to focus on what the majority wants instead of catering to the whims of vocal special interest groups (e.g. cyclists). The work being done to implement bike paths while taking out roadways and increasing traffic congestion doesn't make any sense. it is incredibly frustrating to sit in traffic and look at empty lanes that exist with no cyclists in them while cars are idling for long period of time in congested roadways.
- Quit raising the senior's yearly bus pass. In fact, you should lower it! The max yearly income to qualify for the lower bus pass rate it set way too low for someone like me who lives on CPP & OAS. I still can't qualify for the Alberta pension and the Federal GIS yet because I just quit working at the end of 2014 but when I do qualify for them my total income will be too high to qualify for the lower bus pass but will still be difficult to afford the regular bus pass rate. Right now I'm living on \$1,322 a month! Would any of you like to try and live on that?
- Infrastructure development is critical for the city growth.
- I want the council to consider pedestrian traffic; it is quite dangerous for those of us on foot. Sidewalks are not cleared in the same way that roads are. There are no sidewalks in the industrial NE for individuals to walk on. Please consider more sidewalks, more enforcement of people stopping at stop signs, slowing at crosswalks, an awareness campaign to encourage drivers to be mindful of pedestrians.
- Calgary needs to be less car dependent, whatever options are used
- I want council to continue it's hard work to build and enhance communities around transit.
- stop wasting money on bike lanes, pedestrian bridges, public art, and blue / green carts. Give taxpayers a break.
- "No Green Cart.
- Why have my garbage fees not gone down with all the success of the Blue Cart recycling which costs double the Black Cart Program.
- Stop trying to rip off ideas from warmer climates, we are not Arizona, Florida or Portland. We need to be realistic about walking and biking expectations when it can be snowing and cold the majority of the year.
- Get some talented people working for the city to fix some of these issues.
- Post clear ""success criteria"" for the public to see how decisions are made on all these hairbrained pilot projects the City undertakes time and again."
- I feel council has done a very good job providing services for all (with the exception of the silly bicycle routes in the outlying areas - money could be used better for transit & available parking. Thanks
- create dedicated HOV lanes wherever possible and educate and encourage citizen participation
- Please do away with the bike lanes. They are a major expense that only benefits a very small amount of people. Also wages should be frozen until the economy picks up again.
- I would like Council to keep looking at projects that benefit all or most of Calgary, like the Green Line, and avoid ones that have huge and hidden charges (such as the remediation costs of the West Village) which will be aimed at only a portion of the population.
- Continue to focus on improving traffic flow and infrastructure.
- Get off Twitter and actually listen to various proposals, etc. Allow Uber or fix a failed taxi system that is far too expensive, difficult to et a cab, and terrible customer service and driving quality. Also reduce bike plans that service a community 4 months a year to a very select part of the city (I am a biker)
- Finish Country Hills Bld between Barlow and Stoney. There are next to no signs, no lights, terrible lines. Also there is no sign announcing Country Hills Blvd when driving north on Metis Trail. Only sign is a small one on NE corner which is too late if you want to turn west.



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- focus on public transport, the environment and new resources for Calgary that are not driven by oil and gas
- Safety, make winter tires mandatory
- "encourage opportunities that will get people back to work. invest in infrastructure
- Find ways to reduce property taxes
- Find efficiencies at City Hall. all companies seem to be on cost cutting measures except the City. If I don't get a pay increase, why should the City (and I don't work in O&G)."
- Petition the Alberta government to improve Deerfoot Trail in the South, which has not been changed to accommodate the large growth. Improve road construction signage with more time to alert on the lane change/closure and brighter at night. Current signage is not safe for drivers who are not familiar with the roads. It is the worst I have seen compared to other cities.
- I would like council to use tax payers money efficiently and ask calgarians first t before wasting hard earned money. Example - people that ride their bikes should pay a small license fee. They act like a vehicle. No concern for pedestrian.
- Think ahead more than 10 years regarding infrastructure and road systems. Build it before we need it so we are not behind the 8 ball and playing catch up when it so long overdue tensions rise with citizens b
- Build a Ctrain to SE Calgary faster than currently planned to reduce congestion on roads.
- To give the suburbs equal rights with downtown, less emphasis on bike paths and consider the majority
- Reconsider the bike lanes outside of downtown, they slow traffic flow and are not used by cyclists. Light all pedestrian corridors using solar powered lights. Extend transit hours.
- Be aware of the traffic woes in Calgary. We like our cars and will keep driving - taking transit for two hours every morning is not an option for most. Please start looking at bettering the flow of traffic- especially at Southland Dr and Blackfoot Tr.
- "I do not even own a car, yet this mandate of controlling the amount of cars/traffic has had a negative impact on car smog and road congestion.
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- Coupled with the fact you have TWO lanes (one traffic - one bike) with parked cars separating them to carefully cross. My 80 year old neighbor was hit by a biker going across the street to Safeway."
- Focus on car and motorized vehicle transportation and lower taxes.
- I want council to focus on communities and the safety of pedestrians. Speeding in neighbourhoods, especially near schools, is out of control. I live in an older community, people seem to cut through our neighbourhood to avoid sitting in traffic and speed to make up time. I have never once seen and law enforcement. They have however put up pedestrian crossing signs which is great but doesn't slow the cars down. I literally have nightmares about the amount of speeding that occurs in this residential community and the safety of the children (and adults).
- Keep my taxes in line with inflation, or below. Stop building cycle lanes and dedicated bus lanes.
- Since I have been lucky enough to travel alot around the world in the past 10 years, I really find our city pride is missing outside the core. Our welcome to Calgary signs and surrounding areas are weak and kind of say we are too rushed to be bothered to do something fun and unique. On a planting topic, I really thing that trees, shrubs, etc would help and assist not only with looks, but for eg, on Stoney trail, snows flowing across, horrific traffic noises to neighbourhoods beside Stoney (SE is where I am, near Seton, Riverstone), LOUD. but when you drive the whole route, it's unattractive, take a drive down a PHX freeway or in Germany, OR France, trees, gardens, rock gardens, whatever works for your climate. I would be happy to work on this, making things look beautiful is what I love. Thanks.
- "Whoever voted for Bike lane, you won't get my vote.



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- We have close to 8 month long subzero weather. I understand that City counsel wants to make the city look close Paris, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and etc, however Calgary climate and urban planning are completely different than those cities to become a bike friendly. Bike lanes in downtown cores? such a waste of money for enjoying 2.5 month long summer time."
- Approve Uber. The taxi monopoly has gone on too long. We need Uber to step in so taxi companies can no longer be so complacent.
- "STOP Taxing us Live within your means ... there is no need to increase taxes every year just because you feel you need to ... STOP THE WASTE STOP WASTING TAX DOLLARS
- Insert traffic sensing tech for stop lights at all traffic lights"
- If new homes and communities are going to be approved to continue being constructed in South East Calgary, then the highways and roads need to be addressed as well regarding traffic flow. The newer South East communities are lacking in Alternate public transit like the LRT. Why should citizens take transit if it is less than stellar and a real inconvenience? Lanes on highways should not have three lanes and then become two lanes. ie deerfoot near douglasdale. Our City planners need to focus on the future of transit and our commuting habits not just around short term solutions! Correct things that are not working and then begin something new.
- Remove or relocate the bike paths in downtown. They should never have been for 2 way traffic so that a driver has to look ahead and behind, before turning left. It is an unusual set up.
- I do not want to see a reduction of speed zones in residential area. I do want to see pedestrian& biker education, this includes when it is & is not safe to be using technology such as a cell phone & listening device.
- improve on transit's quality of service since it can be really poor, especially during the weekends. Remove old trains as they often break down and stall trains, and is very hot during the summers. Drivers should be more responsible with gas emissions from buses.
- Focus on rapid transportation, bulbs sustainable and diversified industry and strong economy rather than invite oil and gas only. Engage Calgarians in more multi-cultural events.
- "Amalgamate Libraries and the Arts Community. Four big buildings to hold books and art, paid entertainment, history lessons. Food for thought.
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- Interesting system I believe is being built in Isreal, basically is a pod style transit system on a small track between street lights. Seems like a neat idea to bring people to the C-Train stations.
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- -Steve-
- "Bikes are an amazing way to get around the city. Build it and they will come. I'm not strong enough to feel comfortable with cars, but fully believe the city is capable of matching the innovation shown by Scandinavia.
- I'm small, weak and have muscle pain, but commute every day for 30km up 20% grade hills, so 100% believe a full, functioning system is plausible for all."
- Stop wasting my money on cycle tracks that serve such a minute portion of the population. And don't give the Flames owners public money. The billionaire owners have all the money they need. Please fix Crowchild trail so there are no more intersections with lights.
- Consider the economic benefit of the development of a fast transit line between Edmonton and Calgary/ the green line.
- Upgrade and widen 17 Avenue S.E. It has been in the planning stage since the late 1970's. It is the eastern portion of 1A highway. It has not been upgraded whatsoever. Yet the western portion of the 1A highway has by millions of dollars.



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- Reduce spending including negotiating more effective compensation packages; eliminating wasteful spending; delivering savings back to tax payers to reduce taxes (e.g. where are all the savings from fueling city vehicles going??); focus on big priorities that matter to ALL or the majority of Calgarians vs. special interest groups like cyclists, BRZ's, taxi drivers, an "art" committee, etc.
- I want council to consider expediting construction of needed infrastructure like roads. I live in Evanston and we still only have one full access point into and out of the community. Many communities are dealing with infrastructure problems that should be top priority. With both levels of government wanting shovel ready projects, let's get some overpasses built.
- I want Council to put the SW BRT project on hold until a more cost effective solution with less negligible community impact can be proposed.
- Start acting like the progressive group the claim to be. The uber issue should have been sorted out before it even made it to Calgary.
- The personal automobile is a dangerous, dirty, inefficient way of moving people in a city of this size. We need to slow spending used to support an unsustainable mode of transportation.
- Please prioritize broader city and citizen interests ahead of special interests or lobby groups. Taxi operators and hockey teams may have loud voices, but their interests are not the same as the city or broader population.
- find ways to do more with less, having tax increases in excess of inflation EVERY YEAR is not a sustainable practice. Focus on infrastructure (roads) before the "nice to haves" (programs).
- I want council to consider ways to improve mobility through Calgary to major business centres and to find ways to keep costs low.
- "I want Council to do everything it can to maximize Calgary's investment for its future. According to the 2013 Infrastructure Status Report, there was a \$7.3 billion infrastructure funding gap *not* including RouteAhead plans, such as the Green Line.
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- That's not mentioning the status of Calgary's current capital stock. The Infrastructure Status Report suggested that 95% was in good physical condition, 100% was in good functional condition, and 98% met demand. When comparing this to national statistics, however, produced by the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card, Calgary's statistics seem almost impossibly optimistic. The national average is, that fully 1/3 of municipal infrastructure is in fair, poor or very poor condition - compared to 5% in Calgary. Council should investigate as to whether Calgary's infrastructure is really that much better than that of anywhere else in Canada."
- It would be greatly appreciated to get the Green line complete ASAP as most of the transit in the city runs north and those of us in the south have been consistently ignored. In addition to that to please figure out a solution to south Bound Deerfoot daily congestion at Southland / Bowbottom trail interchange. it is by far one of the worst traffic spots in the city
- Legalize Uber & continue the great work on bike paths. Both encourage inner-city living & less reliance on personal vehicles.
- I want council to start on the traffic issues in and around Calgary. The completion of the ring road would help a lot
- "Keep the search for efficient and effective approaches core to the process. For example, educate pedestrians and drivers rather than creating more restrictions and increasing permanent staff and costs.
- Be more transparent and factual on issues like the development of the west end.
- Close the loop on issues like problems building the Peace Bridge and the 2nd failure with new transit software.
- Continue seeking input from residents in this kind of simple survey. It supports discussion and community involvement. Don't ask for personal information (e.g. salary, etc).



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- Thanks for managing and building our community"
- fix our roads! (especially where the cycle tracks are). Also, extend the cycle track all the way to elbow drive as there a lot of cyclists travelling to elbow drive. next, look at how snow removal is done in this city as snow removal in the city of calgary is a big joke. Sidestreets are rarely cleared even after a city of calgary spokesperson says that they will be clear. crossing intersections are quite challenging to cross because the beginning and ending of a crosswalk is always piled with snow that rarely gets removed all over the city. the elderly, the disabled, strollers, etc.. have such a hard time navigating walkways/city sidewalks that are not clear. finally, there are so many empty buildings/storefronts that have been closed for the longest time, please do something about these eye sores around our city
- Expediency of C-train expansion to North Calgary.
- I want council to focus on core services, (road maintenance, garbage pick up and water/wastewater) and stop spending money on NICE TO HAVES, like landscaping the river walk and lighting up the entire (EMPTY) east village as bright as daylight. Stop building things that cost to install, cost to run, cost to maintain and don't earn a dime! (Ex., lights on Langevin bridge, cost for electric, hurts the fish habitat, is counter to City's own environmental policies, etc, etc.) Don't spend money on pedestrian strategies, ENFORCE EXSISTING LAWS for pedestrians and drivers alike!!!
- Manage the City of Calgary Operations efficiently as opposed to constantly focusing on Social Engineering issues .. such as bike paths etc. .. not everyone can bicycle to work .. Council spends way to much time and effort trying to promote social engineering rather then focusing on their mandate to run the city in an efficient manner
- Focus on the big issues. Bike lanes, shark fin soup, fluoride and closing Memorial Drive monthly are distractions that prevent tangible forward movement. We need brain power focused on reducing bureaucracy to stimulate business, reducing waste at city hall and addressing infrastructure needs not just for those who take transit and ride bikes, but for the hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who must or choose to drive.
- Diversified economy, small businesses incentives, more parks, better public transportation system
- Keep up the good work! I appreciate the care of naturalized park and snow clearing on the multi-use pathways which I use daily for commuting and recreation.
- Focus on all sectors of the city...it is not just what is downtown looking out city hall windows. And Improve crosswalk identification with lights and signs, more police visibility especially at night in communities, EMS continues to do well and bus services are improved.
- Begin construction on the greenline. Help with a struggling economy.
- "Fix crowchild trail they took the money for that and built the useless airport tunnel
- And left the inner city in grid lock"
- "Lower our taxes not increase them every year.
- Fix our roads,especially grid lock on Crowchild trail. Overpasses on 25th street n.w. Would help. Quit spending millions of our tax dollars on bike paths. Our existing roads require a lot of repairs too"
- Develop a new business centre by the south health campus in the SE so that pressure is taken off commuting to the core. Also, more transit options between communities, not just to the core and back.
- Would like to see the Greenline project move ahead. Work with the Calgary Airport authority to attract new airlines to our soon to be completed international concourse
- finish the SW ring road
- "Be better at cleaning snow and improving Calgary Transit
- Stop spending money on art"



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- The CalgaryNext project will create tonnes of jobs, economic opportunity, and increase livability for all Calgarians and potential Calgarians. Invest in technology, bring in uber and invest in new ventures in new industries in Calgary. You guys are doing great and I think we have a great government in place.
- In Ward 8 look at making the streets off of 17th Avenue S.W. one way ... too much heavy volume and large trucks etc. Want Evan Woolley to take a tour through his ward and see all the problems. Failed again Calgary!
- Stop spending so much money on bike paths. We have dedicated lanes for bikes on Northland Drive -these were taken away from car lanes and I have yet to see any bikes on them since the bike lanes opened.
- make crosswalks safer. no one bothers to slow down at 6:30 in the morning when it is dark and people have to cross the street. Keep existing golf course and KEEP MIDFIELD PARK OPEN to people who live there. The city screwed up as the money should have went back into the infrastructure and not other places. Not right to make people move out of their homes!
- First, thanks for providing leadership to our city on important issues. I'd like you to consider these things: 1. It's easy to get sidetracked by short-term issues. Focusing on long-term issues, such as economic diversification and environmental protection, are needed. For example, water management is a looming issue as our climate changes and our water sources are shrinking. 2. Economic diversification at the municipal level should include investment in long-term assets such as convention centres and arts centres/museums, which contribute to the cultural richness of the city as well as drive both business and leisure tourism. 3. Great cities around the world are marked by the effectiveness, reach, and range of their public transit. We need LRT to the airport to include Calgary in this elite group. We also need it for environmental and public access reasons.
- "I want council and the mayor to take a broader view on the impact of their spending decisions."
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- Examples:
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- It makes little sense to use City reserve funds to help small business with their tax burden. The small and temporary tax relief will not save marginal businesses from failure. The NDP government has likely sealed their fates with implemented and future changes to the minimum wage. The tax relief offered by the City will not even offset the increase in wages in this short term plan.
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- When council is considering mega projects and funding of these projects they need to consider that the monies come out of the tax payers pockets no matter whether it comes from the municipal, provincial or federal governments. There should be a user pay approach taken for the funding of municipal projects. Taxes should be considerably higher for those residences and businesses who have higher infrastructure usage. For example residents in the inner city have lower usage of roads, water mains and sewers than those residents in the suburbs. Also consider that the residents of Calgary subsidize those in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Okatoks, for large number of City provided infrastructure and services. Consider tolls or paid passes for entry into the city for non-residents. This has actually been implemented in other municipalities, Beijing is an example."
- Address the chronic traffic congestion on the Deerfoot in the south at Anderson/Southland. Provide more c-train capacity on existing routes and install the south east LRT
- The current economic situation has affected many Calgarians. Increased taxes have already been introduced provincially which has led to wage rollbacks and job losses. Personally, I have seen little to no benefit for the increasing property taxes in the past 20 years. But there is a pretty bridge which I will never use and bike paths in the core that have done nothing more for me than increase my commute time to work. And now there is talk of "revamping" MacLeod Trail, further slowing down traffic.



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- Generally, except for Chu, I think council is doing a good job. Just need to find some way to fix Crowchild over the Bow?
- "City goal s/be effective Roads, water and sewer, etc. Stop the monuments and Feel goodies to others.
- Fix 14 ST - Stop BRT segregated Lanes - attach to existing 14 ST
- Fix Crowchild Trail
- Fix 14 ST Anderson to Canyon Meadows drive.
- Fix Pension plan - move to more affordable Defined Contribution plan for all new employees.
- All City employees must live in City of Calgary to be employed by city.
- Charge for Parking @ LRT, more for Out of Calgary.
- Remove downtown Cycletracks, and build Cycle networks on secondary roads (I cycle!). We are a Cold weather city.
- Adjust Hiring and Labour plans, city needs to follow the market not lead it up. We can not afford ongoing politician's re-election promises to staff.
- City work should be actively and ongoingly posted for private contractors to win and complete.
- Drop PArking rates.
- Empower Tow trucks in the City to move illegally parked vehicles without Bylaw officer ala Vancouver.
- Challenge Police & Fire Budgets. Every Firemen will retire as a Chief - that is the way it is structured so they max pension. Fix it.
- LAST - NOT least, my pockets are @ the lint, can not afford to give you more. Stop ripping me off."
- I want Council to focus on making Calgary less industrial downtown, (city beautification), address vehicular choke points in the city. Provide incentives towards renewable energy.
- I want City Council to continue to find ways to reduce number of vehicles on roadways, especially those in city core. We cannot build any more roadways in the core, thus bike pathways, efficient transit and new transit routes (ex. rapid bus lines) will help decrease number of vehicles on roadways. Please, please continue current snow removal policy - much much better outcomes than previous snow removal policy. Finally, really like the idea of planning all key elements vital to new communities - pathways, commercial tenants, integrated public services, walkability factor, .. , prior to beginning construction.
- Plan for the future in terms of transportation- Public transit (i.e. LRT & BRT's) allow people to rely less on vehicles, therefore less pollution and congestion. Start to build up, not out (i.e LRT parking).
- Keep upgrading roads. Attract new business.
- Come up with a better alternative to bicycle lanes. Allow Uber.
- I want council to re-look at the SW BRT and TransitWay. I live in Woodlands and I do not want the added traffic, pollution and noise pollution from any of the buses running down 24 Street. It's a fairly quiet neighborhood and wood like to keep it that way. I also do not want to put up with any added traffic due to construction or congestion on 14 street or Glenmore Trail. Its an insane waste of money. With new communities like Providence coming up, this in itself will bring huge amounts of congestion to 24 St, Anderson, 14 St, Glenmore, Macleod Tr, and Deerfoot. Please leave our community alone. We enjoy having the wildlife come up and visit us on a regular basis, as well as the quietness of the community.
- "-remove bike lanes that are clearly not working. (tenth st. NW)
- -Times are tough and money is tight for many Calgarian's, yet taxes only seem to go one direction..."
- Stop the bike lane project and get parking back to normal, wasting money on snowplows for bike lanes is a waste of taxpayers money. Also Crowchild north needs to be fixed to increase the flow of traffic.
- Please consider making road capacities larger in order to minimize commute times.



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- I want council to remember that not everyone works downtown. I drive because transit around the city - not downtown - is useless. It takes me 15 min in rush hour traffic to drive from my home in Braeside to work at Foothills medical centre, or 2 hours, one way, by transit! I drive. Also remember families need to travel around Calgary, doctor appts, sporting facilities for children I would like council members to try travelling from a suburb to an appointment with a baby and toddler in hand. I would like council to think of all citizens, not just the wealthy singles or families or child free couples who have the time to use transit or the money to live downtown.
- I want council to lobby for implementing SMS parking, Vancouver public transit system and fencing off leash parks. Good luck!
- I want City Council to remember that we are going & need more viable infrastructure to all of the new communities that are going up - to include a train to Edmonton.
- I would like City Council to watch every penny they spend and prioritize the money. Maybe less Circle and Chinook Arch art projects and more money for homeless, small business, road repair and sports.
- Make a c-train line to the new south health campus hospital. My commute would be much better than 2 hours from NW
- Focus on reality not ideology. Make real improvements for Calgarians, not lobbyists. Car and pedestrian traffic is far more important than bike lanes and affect far more people.
- I want council to re-think the bike lanes taking over Calgary road systems. The ratio of drivers to cyclists, as well as the percentage of annual riding days in Calgary makes these a waste of much needed space and money.
- Make good investment in this economic downturn. It makes to invest in infrastructure like roads, water and wastewater treatment when labour and material costs are lower.
- Remember, no matter what you want, this is a car-based city. Cars should be equal with bikes and pedestrians when considering mobility around the city. And the bike lanes? Fail....
- "I want council to allow Uber to operate without interfering with the rates as taxis are way too expensive.
- I want them to implement more dog friendly parks and areas.
- I want City Council to hold the CPS accountable for the citizens safety"
- Improve driving standards, not have the police doing speed traps, but actual driving around and dealing with poor driving standards. Indicator, stopping at stop signs, moving over....just better safer driving.
- Forget about these ridiculous bike lanes
- "Improve road ways and build for the future and not just for short terms
- Improve snow removal so we can save money for accidents and insurance claims and bodily harm"
- Improve deerfoot
- NO MORE BIKE LANES! I would like to see the City Council challenge the City Administration to reduce costs in all areas without reducing or eliminating services - this is something private companies have to do when the economy is slow, why shouldn't you?
- I want council to look at the "Macro" view of our city and the economy. Stop focusing on the fringe issues, such as bike paths and look, instead, at the macro issue, which is getting people to move around the city in effective and efficient ways, including ALL forms of transportation
- Get the new LRT line underway, even if only the south section is built for now
- consider new C-Train line on center street
- Focus on vehicular traffic flow not just transit. This city needs to review traffic signals and those playground zones all over the city late into dark cold winter nights especially. Let's not get too focused only on one mode of transportation.



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- Another idea: Creating "bike friendly" carts on the c-train (i.e. remove seats and put in racks) so that bike commuters can use the c-train during peak hours
- Build the Green Line LRT immediately, and stop Calgary's landmass from getting any bigger.
- I want council to focus on diversifying our city economy, and encouraging green industries around the city. I would also like to see more green spaces, and city events that bring the community together. Also focus on putting through Calgary Next and the new arenas, as well as fixing crowchild.
- I urge council to actually create a feasible bylaw for Uber or ridesharing - NOT to regulate them out
- what impact changes to the road infrastructure has on traffic, example, bike lanes down 12th ave. Its so hard to drive on now!
- Consider how they would like Calgary to be known among its citizens and the world 10,20, 30 years from now; do we want to be just another city, or be one that can be a shining example to the world of how we can bring together sustainable transportation, continued growth, and smart community planning successfully?
- Stop the stupid idea of a 16 lane highway - or even 8 lane highway - on the SW ring road. What a waste of money!
- To increase infrastructure
- Big projects make news & increase taxes but do not necessarily lead to a better quality of life for us.City sidewalks are not cleared of snow & ice ,we suffer from a shortage of play fields for kids,
- I want Council to put the SW BRT project on hold until the SW ring road is completed. The shift in road congestion along with the public transit strategy can then be modified accordingly to provide enhanced transit options with less negligible impact to surrounding communities with lower project costs.
- Improve the parking availability at C-train stations, not just force or assume everyone wants to take a bus / shuttle. In the winter the bus service is just as slow, or even slower than driving yourself, however the C-trains get to where they need to go anytime (pending unforeseen incidents)
- I want Council to invest our money on projects that create jobs and expand infrastructure (like the Green Line).
- I like council to develop public Transit, grow culture, festival activities in Calgary
- Upgrade dam at Bearspaw to generate electricity for more than just it's own pumps. Install solar on all new construction. Follow the examples of Bogota and Copenhagen regarding dedicated bus and cycling roads. Encourage small business, home based business. Allow secondary suites. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Allow backyard chickens.
- "Please be wary of noisy self interest groups dominating the city's planning discussions
- Pet projects (like bike lanes and extensive reduced speed zones) make us reconsider living as retirees in Calgary"
- "As a physician, I interact with many Calgarians from all walks of life.
- A lot of my patients express a desire to be closer and more connected to other Calgarians. Elderly drivers who can no longer maintain their license are fearful their life will fall apart without a car. Children are not allowed to bike to their friends houses because there is no safe route.
- Investing in projects that make Calgary more connected and accessible for all will improve people's lives. From a health care perspective, I anticipate that improving connectivity will reduce rates of obesity, diabetes, elevated cholesterol, hip and knee osteoarthritis, and isolation (which has mental health implications). Thank you for considering this comment."
- Think about parking issues in inner cities communities. If we move forward with secondary suites we need to ensure communities can easily get permit parking. If we are going to close public parking lots near transit we need to ensure downtown commuters don't just dump their cars in inner city neighbourhoods for the day. That is what happens in my neighbourhood Parkhill



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- Improve the bike lanes on 12th Avenue. Existing implementation is terrible with lanes shifting to accommodate parking. Also, bikes in 2 directions on a one way road is hazardous. Both of these problems create risks / safety concerns for both motorists & cyclists (I am both). Consider relocating to 13th Ave or 10th Ave.
- Look at cost control measures for city services and look into cleaner transit options (i.e. more c-train development and a move toward electric and natural gas buses.)
- Calgary is a great place to live and I believe that our parks are some of the best things in Calgary (fishcreek, weasel head, glenmore, ext.) Some of these parks were extremely damaged during the flood of 2013 and haven't been restored. These parks bring in tourism and need to be looked after and maintained. Its devastating that Calgary still hasn't fixed pathways in these park especially in fishcreek.
- Stop the plans for the bus lane on 14th Street SW from Glenmore to Southland. This is poor use of \$41 million dollars, it will escalate road rage which is already high (it increased during the Glenmore causeway construction), will add unnecessary commute time to an already clogged artery, and the money and resources should be going into getting the Ring Road done while protecting the Weaselhead area. Once the ring road is done there will be no need for this ridiculous bus lane on 14th Street SW. So disappointed in the City and it's planners for this expensive blunder.
- Build a sustainable transit and comprehensive transit system used by the majority because it is convenient. Reduce greenhouses gases doing this get funding from provincial (and federal) carbon taxes. EVERYONE hates the commute in this city!
- that automobiles are not the enemy and that a microscopic percentage of the population rides bikes in this winter based city.
- Bus routes in communities - Nolan Hill !
- A better and more reliable transit system.
- I want Council to not forget that there is a future for this city and things change and grow! Our city lacks extreme efficiency with commuting. Transit is a joke! Transit does not work with the city - it almost works against it. 36th ST in NE is a horrendous drive. I choose to pay more so I can drive to the core and park, instead of making my commute three times longer if I took transit, and I live in Penbrooke! And who's bright idea was it to be one of the largest cities in the world when it comes to size?! You can't live anywhere in this city without a car, that is ridiculous. We have to build up and NOT out.
- Keep accessibility in mind - sidewalks, ease of access to community mailboxes, etc.
- Have a decent route to go east to west in Calgary, we have a lot of good north to south routes, but hardly and east to west.
- "I want council to 1) stop raising property taxes beyond the rate of inflation 2) stop building bike lanes-way too expensive especially when only a fraction of Calgarians use them 3) stop with the 1.5% artistic funding - scrap blue ring as well..it's a total embaessment to our city
- 4) exit ramps, new strip plaza(s)...engineering expertise lacking"
- Work with developers to ensure roads and schools are built as new communities grow. Support Uber and other new businesses/technologies that benefit consumers. Remember that cyclists aren't "more" important than drivers.
- Advocate to provincial and federal government for infrastructure and minimum income/affordable housing support.
- SW ring road asap please. Ctrain to Airport please. Calgary Next approval please. And for the love of Nenshi fix Crowchild please



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- do what you need to do (incl increase taxes, borrowing, etc) to make Calgary the amazing city it can be! We have so much going for us, don't pass on the opportunity to invest in infrastructure, improving parks, promoting the city.
- Complete the ring road.
- I would like to see VIA Rail in Calgary to provide Passenger Rail to Canada's 4th largest city with 1.5 million people in Calgary and the surrounding area. This would be a spur line to Edmonton as VIA Rail already services our Capital city. This would also promote public transit and help avoid the congestion of QE 2 and open up alternative options of travel to Calgarians that a majority of Canadians already have access to.
- I want council to consider the long range impact, not focus on the short term goals. We need to focus on infrastructure to 2 million people. Stop cutting things short and pay the bucks now so we grow into them instead of running out of room. Eg. overpasses, cloverleaves, roads. Thanks for asking.
- Really look into making transit more efficient and effective rather than concentrating on more roads ruining wetlands other natural areas.
- I want the City Council to allow the Uber driver system to continue regulating without any penalties. This will help bring down taxi fares and improve quality by introducing a competitor into the market.
- "Stop looking at property tax increases as a norm and learn to work within a balanced budget instead of constantly asking citizens to pony up more money.
- Stop worrying about pedestrians and cyclists and turning the city into a giant playground zone - get traffic moving!"
- We should focus on expanding the C-Train lines around the city. Buses are not sufficient enough. One suggestion would be to let all 4 cart trains run during the rush hours, then switch trains to 3 and 2 carts at other times of the day. It would save money to expand the C-Train system. There is no need to spend \$10M on one train station - make it functional, and simple. Also, run trains more frequently. On the roads, construction should be completed as soon as possible instead of lasting for months with no workers present. The streets of Calgary (not only major ones) should be monitored by officers and cameras. Since 2014, our city started to become not a safe place. Let's stop spending money on things that are completely useless and we do not need for example that ridiculous blue lamp post that can be seen from Deerfoot Trail while driving to the airport or statues in Downtown that nobody looks at because they do not serve any purpose.
- I would like council to continue to improve the way new communities are built to allow for more/better pedestrian and bicycle traffic. More sidewalks and pathways. Also, we need to continue to value green space in Calgary and protect it. Calgary's Parks team needs to do a better job of maintaining parks and caring for trees and shrubs. Also, council needs to continue to improve access to public transit and routes. More seating and covered shelters at bus stops to encourage more people to ride transit. For drivers, council needs to continue to improve traffic flow and add entrance/exit points for new communities and continue to improve traffic jams. I would also like to see Calgary not grow outwards as much. More upward than outward and smarter growth. Re-development of older areas. Also, council needs to make it easier for small business to startup and to succeed once in business. Also, I would like to see more promotion of tourism in Calgary to bring in more money to our city. Thank you.
- Focus on growing the city up, not out. Develop the new C-train line, and other green initiatives.
- Make meter parking downtown for less than 30 minutes free.
- Many of us want to use our cars less, but find it difficult to do so because of lack of transit routes and even sidewalks or crosswalks along major routes. Please consider pedestrians and bikers when making major infrastructure plans, including Crowchild Trail, those of us that live near it still like to get across Crowchild on foot.



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- Stop wasting money on bike lanes, blue and green cart, pedestrian bridges. Get rid of unions and privatize
- review the policies affecting pedestrians and motorized vehicles. Pedestrian right of way....ie. car proceeding through intersection should not have to yield or stop for a pedestrian unless it is at a marked crosswalk. Playground zones should be established at legitimate playgrounds and not just as a means of slowing speeds.
- do not ruin the traffic flow in the downtown core by adding more cycle routes. You have already messed it up by adding the extra lanes and allowing bikes on 8th Avenue (Stephen Ave)
- I want council to understand the priority in building the new proposed c train line
- I want council to continue its excellent efforts to make the city more accessible by public transport and bikes. It should strive to build a city that is resilient and innovative. I'd especially love Calgary to become a leader in sustainability - recycling, compost, green zones to control flooding/runoff, etc.
- Provide jobs ,fix roads,health and a good education for our children and also affordable housing
- City Council needs to be aware of our current economic conditions when spending tax dollars. We do not need more money spent on unnecessary art. Public transit and roads need to be the focus, things that make a difference when commuting to work.
- consider incorporating pay parking with large parkades at all of the TOD sites. LRT works well when people can drive and park at a station. this has been proven by the numbers of people willing to pay for reserved parking at current LRT sites, and the long waiting lists to get in. build a parkade and charge \$5.00-\$7.00 per day and the parkades may even generate revenue over and above operating costs. again the risk is one time capital investment, and right now is the time to do that.
- Imagine being young again. Out at the bar until 1:30am. How do you get home? Ctrain is no longer running, taxis are too busy, can't walk from 17 ave to any outlying communities. Start Uber!! Prevent people from walking down 17 ave (possibly intoxicated) causing mischief and maybe even drinking and driving because you can not get a cab. Allow Uber like Edmonton did!!!!
- Consider someone with no vehicle... It shouldn't take 2 busses and an lrt ride to get to work or post secondary educational institution one way. This travel time can amount to 2 hours or more for one way. 4+ hours for a return trip. Now consider that this person is a single parent requiring childcare as well. That's a 12+ hour long day for parent and child (children). Busses need to run more frequently and with better routes.
- Build better infrastructure before new communities are built not ten years after. McLeod Trail South is the worst. And a better system for keeping our roads clean in the winter.
- Less importance on bicycles.
- Remove all bike lanes and be realistic about how 75% of calgary's population commutes to work.
- I want council to get that ring road built. I tell everyone it won't happen in my lifetime, prove me wrong.
- I want City Council to dedicate funding to the Heritage Greenway, complete the walk way and improve our inner city quality of life.
- "• Crack down on excessive noise from overhead aircraft including the Hawks helicopters excessive circling.
- • Crack down on excessive speeders thru playgrounds and through crosswalks.
- • Crack down on vehicles with tinted windows all around ... they're obviously up to something to be hiding behind tinted windows."
- I would like council to remember the east side of the city, it seems like the west gets a lot more support for infrastructure and upgrades than forst lawn, for instance. Especially when it comes to pathways and cycle routes. I would like the city to work with the province on flood mitigation measures to get them in place sooner than later. I



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- Safety. The petty crime level is not acceptable (see: Broken Windows theory, NYC). Also, PLEASE STOP THE BIKE LANES! They congest traffic, and we don't live in a climate that the benefit outweighs the cost. Stop spending money on silly things like this.
- Please continue to find solutions to the daily commuting bottle neck called Glenmore Trail between 37th Street and McLeod Tr South
- Address parking issue of cost and space, parking at c-train is hard to find. \$ to park downtown is one of Canada's highest. C-train should have more cars like promised.
- Allow Uber to operate in this city. Seriously, get with the times. Also please go through with the BRT line to Mount Royal University. Those people who are trying to get it shut down have the most ridiculous excuses imaginable. I mean if you go their website and look at their reasoning it just sounds like a bunch of whiny children came up with them.
- Keep in mind that "everyone" is not well-suited to riding transit. My particular disability is back pain and I'm MUCH better off driving my own vehicle. But the cost and availability of parking can be a huge impediment to my mobility.
- I would love for the Council to have the City switched over to a zero based budget system after a comprehensive audit of every department. A few years ago one department was audited and millions in savings were found. Imagine what could be found if this was done for the whole city. I would also like consideration on finding new ways to deliver services (e.g. garbage collection, street cleaning, snow removal) and how we are billed for some of them. There are many ways that savings could be realized given the change in technology and need of users. So basically, stop looking for ways to raise taxes and fees and concentrate on ways to reduce fees and taxes by doing a forensic audit of every operation. Attrition is just one way to deal with those departments that may be over staffed right now. Consolidating departments is another way of cutting costs. Does the city really need 10 new staff for a pedestrian strategy when there is really no problem that needs to be fixed (compared to other cities) Can't the extra bike strategy personnel do this too?
- Use common sense. When school zones got changed to playground zones 7:30 a.m. To 9:00 p.m. So it is less confusing for motorists I felt like you were suggesting Calgary Motorists were stupid. I don't know of any other place in Alberta that has the laws. If one cannot read signs then should they be driving?
- Stop adding bike lanes on roads that are not even used by bikers.
- I do not feel safe on my train ride home. I have been in a pepper spray attack, harassed by drunk First Nations, and touched inappropriately by strange men. I hate how the city boasts about the transit systems numbers, we don't have another choice! The sprawl is huge, houses are stupidly overpriced, and parking rates... I have umpteen friends who relocated back east to work remotely because their employers know it's more cost effective.
- Provide better access to downtown by car for those in the SW
- Bicycle lanes are a good idea, but when it would be compromising already little parking spots there are, don't build a lane there. Top road priority should be for the majority car owners.
- We want council commit to accessible, affordable, safe and energy efficient housing. And safer ways to get around.
- (1)keep working on the "easy" ways to get transit going (like the south BRT). (2)maintain the dog licensing rules and allow us to house multiple dogs, as long as we treat our dogs well. Thank you.
- public safety, what ever happened to the pedestrian overpasses for major intersections such as Macleod and Southland or Heritage Dr?



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- provide a fast rail system to the airport and dedicated bus lanes in traffic congested areas, instead of cycle tracks, to get many people moving efficiently. Build a subway, and only then, try to copy New York's or any other northern cities bike lanes.
- fix the bloody roads. i can go offroading with less bumps,holes, masive grooves and rocks then driving around calgary. check your police. we all know photo radar is a money grab and is more likely to cause an accident then prevent one.
- Get rid of the psychopaths I mean cycle paths through the belt line and downtown. We have bike paths that are great use them and let the roads be used for primarily cars move bike lanes off main traffic areas all it does is congest traffic and the number of cyclists using these lanes are minimal
- Let's get the Stoney Trail completed. Bring on big projects to enable more people to find jobs in town who have been layed off. Try to keep our incredibly talented people here and show them our support
- "Stop spending on frivolous cycle tracks!"
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- I walk the puppy 4 times a day along Northland Dr NW - have yet to see a cyclist use it.
- 1) All the students are bussed.
- 2) Calgary is a winter city.
- 3) We need more \$\$ in libraries and recreation programs that benefit ALL Calgarians, not just the 1%.
- Especially with how dire the economy is right now"
- Protect our community from crime! It is unsafe to travel on c train at night
- Work on getting more overpasses on major roads in calgary. Crowchild. Mcknight and macleod
- Regarding pedestrian / auto accidents, it's time to realize that Calgary is unique in that it is one of the only cities in the world that the pedestrian has the right of way. I have traveled across North America, Europe, and Africa and the pedestrian is highly aware that traffic does not stop for you trying to cross. The speed limits are also higher in most places yet they do not seem to have the high collision rate that Calgary sees. They do not have playground zones and the school zone signs say slow down when children are present. It's time to admit that Calgary is wrong on these issues and have the numbers to prove it. Drivers are totally confused and frustrated with these nanny state rules.
- Please keep commuters to the downtown area in mind when considering changes. The red line of the LRT is packed during rush hour as it serves far more communities in the south east and north west then the blue line seems to serve. Make the green line a priority to alleviate some of the congestion.
- Change play ground rules and deemphasize bike lanes
- Focus on more LRT orientated development
- New highway overpasses should use the double clover design. All entrances and exits are from the right lane! No traffic lights are needed on overpasses. The lights cause traffic and cause accidents! Also exits should be from a new lane that begins and then leaves with the exit. It will stop people from going all the way in another lane and then cutting in at the last minute cutting people off and causing more traffic. Exit only lanes will help the congestion in this city. Finally remove the bottle necks across the city. Particularly over the river. Expand the bridges and let traffic flow! Look at Ontario highways as an example! Really! Have a look and see why Calgary highways are poorly designed. What is worse is they keep adding onto it with the same poor design in mind!
- Please do not compromise roads for vehicle traffic for more bike lanes that only service one demographic. We need more bridges over the Bow River eg (Crowchild Trail). Any new sports facility should not be funded by tax dollars. Rather put that money into schools so our children have access in their neighbourhoods to ice rinks, swimming pools, gyms etc.



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- I want Council to continue the positive direction towards making Calgary a safe, welcoming, inclusive community, a community which meets the needs of all income levels and in particular by providing much more (quantity and variety) affordable housing; affordable, efficient and convenient public transit; and support for local small business.
- Stop adding to the congestion of city streets by taking out car lanes and creating dedicated bike and bus lanes.
- "Pursue cheap and easy ways to reduce traffic jams. Specifically, wherever possible at intersections add or lengthen left and right turn lanes. For example, please add (complete) a right lane on westbound Glenmore between 14th St SW and Crowchild North. This would greatly reduce left merges onto Glenmore westbound for 14th St SW traffic heading NW on Crowchild. Glenmore westbound traffic would then flow much better in this area. The lane almost exists already. Just need to extend a pedestrian overpass and maybe ease a few feet more onto the golf course on the Glenmore westbound north side.
- Also make the Deerfoot southbound exit onto Glenmore westbound 2 lanes. This single lane exit sometimes backs up all the way to Calf Robe bridge, creating a huge safety issue, not to mention the traffic jam. (Please recall a truck driver died in a rear-end collision at this location years ago.)"
- Spend time/money/resources on more prevalent issues such and traffic de-bottlenecking, clearing of roadways BEFORE bike paths (most idiotic idea ever imagined), LRT development (I.e. Green line SE and other potential additions to our LRT system)
- improved transit helps not only transit users get around easier and with less frustration but potentially can decrease road traffic if more people can find public transit easily accessible.
- "Create better traffic flow during peak hours.
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- Create a safer environment downtown, especially near Victoria Park."
- Efficient transit (buses and trains). My concern is the buses late at night considering if you get to a train station at 10pm and miss the bus by minutes then the wait for the next is over an hour.
- Build more cycle paths and walking trails
- Reconsider the impact cycling has had on the city. Traffic flows and parking in the city centre has been negatively affected. I've had quite a few close calls (near accidents) on 12 Ave SE/SW.
- Focus on core city responsibilities, such as road improvements and maintenance. Constrain spending in non-core areas and limit tax increases to inflation.
- I want city council to relocate bike lanes to side streets so that car traffic is not impeded. For example, I would move the 12th Ave bike path either 10th, 13th or 14th ave.
- Think more about pedestrians
- Reduce urban sprawl, use what is here already, keep calgarians healthy with residential sidewalks, bicycling lanes in safe communities with parks for everyone, dogs too!
- I feel bike paths are something the city isn't working very hard on beyond the downtown core and as a biker who get honked at I find this frustrating
- I would like speed bumps and better traffic flow in prestwick of Mckenzie town, vehicles drive way to fast down the street ingnoring playground and school zones. Plus when the school patrols are out the disregard for them is unbelievable. It's only a matter of time before there is a death on that corner.
- Safer and more attention to facilities for the handicapped including transit with transit staff taking a greater role in protecting the rights of the elderly, infirm and handicapped. Better service on the transit with staff taking ownership of their roles and better customer service.



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- Biking and walking are the best ways that an individual can get around for both mental and physical health. The more the city can promote and incent these modes of transportation the more everyone will benefit! This includes both accessibility and safety.
- Improve look of roads like Macleod Trail with more trees and perhaps better footpaths and bridges or tunnels giving wider access to c-train users from further afield. Ie tunnel at Southland under macleod trail. Trees to make Macleod into amazing Boulevard that we'd all be proud of and enjoy more on foot.
- To not waste money on stupid art example the RING also get rid of bike lane on 7th ave
- Actually listen to their constituents and not call people "spoiled rich brats" because we don't agree with decisions and become vocal about them. The 14th street transit fiasco is ill conceived at best. Notifying a community association president is NOT community engagement. I will ask again, how will you funnel this traffic onto a two lane off ramp with an added HOV lane? What are the enhancements to the existing community bus routes that are planned and what is the purpose of this project if you already have Route 306? How did you come up with the estimated ridership? Why won't you answer anyone's questions?
- Push ahead with investments in infrastructure despite current economic downturn; now is the time to catch up to the population growth that has outpaced the development of infrastructure.
- Please consider improvement of Calgary Transit, and access to Deerfoot especially for the SE urgently, the new communities such as South Cranston, and Aubren Bay, Mohogany .Thanks
- the contaminated areas west of downtown need to be reclaimed, and developed into a vibrant residential and small-scale commercial community. these lands are currently marginalized from the downtown and beltline, and make a logical way to densify the urban core while providing greater waterfront access for the city. a sport arena is simply not an appropriate use of the land. this redevelopment would allow 14th st, and its connection to bow trail, crowchild, 17th ave, and memoria drive, to be rethought and optimized.
- please review transit use-it seems there is a lot of waste, especially on weekends when I see double-buses running empty. Also why are Rec facilities excessively fancy /expensive
- Put transit first, stop wasting tax dollars on public art, not waste tax dollars on small business tax rebates. Grow the city up, not out.
- I want council to focus on basic services of roads, pathways, transportation/efficient movement of people, policing and fire protection. They should limit cost escalation and growth of council and support staff. They should not feel obligated to provide sporting facilities for every community or sponsor local street fairs. My yearly increasing tax assessment frustrates me. Council should work hard to maximize service and decrease cost instead of considering my tax dollar an ever increasing pot of money to to finance pet projects. Justify the high salaries by truly managing and planning for the future.
- Start thinking of cutting taxes and have a more efficient work force. City recycling system too inefficient and costly get it out of city workers and contract it out. Improve the road system and traffic follow and stop pushing bike lanes down on us! Have council roll back its pay raises and have the city taxes under control.
- I would like Council to stop impeding the flow of traffic by wasting limited resources and dollars on dedicated bike lanes for the very few people (relatively speaking) that use them.
- I want council to reconsider the bike lane down 12th avenue South. 10th ave is a safer place to bike, and wouldn't require awkward lane endings & no-stopping zones like 12th ave has become. Also reconsider the lane reversal on 5th ave SW. The traffic lights seem like they're no longer synced until after 5th st, so travelling east-bound from 11th st to 5th st is constant stop & go.
- Rethink the bike path strategy , listen to the voters, most of whom don't want them
- Provide more low income housing solutions for our population and expand transit while keeping it affordable.



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- Hope the SE LRT will be built sooner. It makes daily commute from home SE to work NE safer n faster less traffic esp during winter. Deerfoot traffic will be lesser n less winter accidents.
- I want council to make a prudent and realistic analysis and planning on I.e, job creation, diversified economy, support for local business, mass transport availability, housing dev.,although all seems listed on the agenda, a more profound and diversified economy, so as not to be fully dependant on oil economy. If oil is to be fully process here in Alberta , then the full benefits will be realized and the Albertans and all of Canada will also benefit
- Look at other cities/ provinces to see what works/ doesn't work when creating new communities- access and ease to main transportation routes (roads and train), accessibility to community resources (recreation centres, retail, professional offices)
- When planning events like block parties and festivals alternate routes to allow better traffic flow for Calgarians that might not be par taking in events. This would include signage and warnings. As well Snow clearing should start when the first snowflake falls not after the snow stops. Your equipment should be moving constantly when snowing not start after! that ice melt you use is only good to minus 15 so find something else to use.
- The economic downturn may increase the importance of efficient and accessible public transit, combined with the need for affordable housing.
- Can we look at making parking free at hospitals? People who go to a hospital to deal with crisis or to visit sick family should be able to park for free so parking is not an expensive worry tacked on to their current stress. You can park at a mall for free, you should be able to park free at a hospital.
- I want city council to reconsider their proposal to limit residential speed limits to 40 KPH as well as no right turn on red. The cost of changing/adding signs would be in the millions and for what? Our streets are some of the safest streets in the world! Would it not make sense to first spend the money on trying to condense our city and focus on highrise development for residential purposes rather than needless signs? Maybe think that it is the city that has permitted our city to stretch far into the countryside and has not put enough effort into promoting a denser core? If we made the effort to have a dense urban core with services for people to have the ability to live car free, we wouldn't need the massive amount of streets we have, nor the current speed limits. It feels like you're putting the horse in front of the cart here.
- Not all people work downtown and want to ride a bicycle. I do not want my tax dollars spent on special bike lanes that out the over 1 million people in this city will not use. I was already recycling at the local drops and you taxed me for the recycle program which is fine and convenient. I have a composter in my yard and do not want to pay more taxes for a city program. That money could be better spent building affordable housing for people especially since the city is taxing us out of our homes.
- Focus on making sure when we build roads we think about the future. We have seen multiple expensive overpasses put in that just cause traffic problems a few years later. We are still making this mistake. A few examples of past intersections mistakes: Macleod and glenmore, cranston from stoney, chaparral access west bound from stoney. One intersection we are about to wreck: Silverado access via stoney - it will cause more issues with no real excuse for it.
- please fix Deerfoot. Traffic backs up at McKnight BLVD heading north on Deerfoot because the merge lane is not long enough, it just spits you out onto deerfoot backing up traffic. Please Fix Deerfoot and its many problems!!!!
- Build roads, add lanes to existing roads and increase parking at transit stations
- Remember that the current down turn associated with low oil prices is temporary. Use this opportunity to invest in infrastructure that will reduce our reliance on hydrocarbon fuels, such as increased public transit. People



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generally want what they had yesterday, not what they will need tomorrow. It is the responsibility of our elected leaders at all levels to take a long term approach.

- I have appreciated the direction of changes over the past few years. Transit and affordable housing are top on my list.
- "The priority for Calgarians is to have jobs, economical development, to save oil and gas industry and at the same time develop other and alternatives energy and industries. We need a better transportation system...please see Montreal and Toronto transportation system examples... Why Calgary could have a similar system? . And please
- Work hard regarding security for Calgarians"
- Get the much needed ring road completed as soon as possible.
- Focus on roads and vehicle traffic flow. Less to do with transit and bikes more to maximize car efficiency.
- Calgary is not immune to snow. Biking should not be considered as a green option. Several cars waiting for bikes to pass are adding significant pollution. I have a firsthand experience at 5th street and 8th avenue water mark tower. All waiting times for cars at city's web site are manipulated. Contact myself for actual story.
- I want Council to stop wasting money on bike lanes that impede traffic flow
- Consider pedestrians in development
- The new downtown bike lanes are important and necessary. If there are problems with them, please find ways to address the problems rather than removing them.
- approve the lrt green line
- The city is a comfortable size, much more growth and it would become too sprawling. Work on making Calgary more of a metropolis within city limits, with emphasis on a more modern dense city core with great parks, city attractions, community centres and transit infrastructure.
- Focus on keeping traffic flowing so that cars don't sit at intersections spewing fumes into the air. Forget spending so much money on the damn bicycle lanes that are used by a fraction of the population.
- I want Council to pass an idling bylaw. I also want them to take a role in educating the public regarding idling, recycling, and disposal of cigarette butts.
- I want Council to consider that 1 million people live in this city and putting in bike lanes to service on major thoroughfares to service 1% of that population without implementing the appropriate compensating transit or roadwork to service the other 99% is not an efficient use of our tax dollars. I highly doubt that full 1% uses it year-round. I bike into downtown in the spring and summer only, there are many hills in this city and I do not feel safe biking on them when they may be icy. I suspect many others feel the same. Rather than implementing infrastructure to create the city you think we should look like perhaps you should ask the majority what they want before implementing expensive infrastructure that is not being used to capacity.
- "I want council to:
- Review the number of city employees it takes to do city work, i.e. I've witnessed 9 city workers around one pothole and garbage trucks, idling and parked with city employees sleeping in the truck. What is up with that?!?"
- Implement registration/licensing for cyclists - it is not right and fair that a minority group gets to have pathways built and no user fees charged to them to build them.
- As well, when cyclists break the law as in not stopping at 4-way stops and almost riding over pedestrians, they need to be charged and their bicycles impounded. (Specifically look at the 4-way stop in Chinatown on 1st street and 2nd ave in front of the Chinese Cultural Center.
- Thank you."



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- I would like City Council to think about how the community is changing, what is NOT working now and keep in mind the majority of Calgairians work and live well outside the downtown core and struggle to get anywhere when they do not have a car.
- lower the crime rate, higher penalty to those distracted drivers.
- ck traffic flow and congestion . More importantly..... are the BICYCLE PATHS near major traffic routes !!!!! Cars need to move and now all these bike paths have removed another lane for cars to move. AND we have snow here for 6m and no bikes arehardly used in these major areas . Downtown use of bike paths are better THAN spending TAX Dollars on Northland Dr NW for bike paths when 2 schools need to be reached by parents dropping off students I know alot of people who were up set when this was done. 2- EDUCATE EDUCATE Bike users and PEDESTRAINS to NOT walk of curbs until a vehicle has stopped !! seriously they do not stop - look - and then walk. THE CITY has given the green light to pedestrains the right a way. BUT please educate them that accidents could be prevented if they also were responsible walkers. Drivers may honestly not see them I am sure you have experienced this as well if you drive.
- I want council to stop spending money on cycling networks. In a richer time that may have been appropriate but in today's economy there are far bigger issues facing Calgairians.
- Consider how the cycle tracks are actually being used. They are hard on local businesses, create danger for pedestrians and are very difficult to navigate safely for motorists (having to turn through them without being able to see behind you. 12 Ave is a nightmare now and the cyclists aren't obeying laws. I have had cyclists make contact with me multiple times as a pedestrian with the right of way in the crosswalk at 12 Ave and 5th st SW. More cyclists may be good for the environment but how it was set up isn't working well.
- "I want council to work together collaboratively for the good of the whole city, not just for their particular constituency.
- I would like council to be vigilant about making the city safe and easy to get around for seniors.
- I would like council to put CTrain lines to the SE at the top of the list of transportation priorities AND finish the ring road."
- Implement an annual, mandatory, transit tax payed by every citizen over the age of 14. In turn every citizen provided with yearly transit pass that allows unlimited access and ridership.
- Support a healthy, local, environmentally sustainable food system, prioritize walkable communities, safe bike paths and accessible public transit.
- Keep the traffic moving, upgrade the roads
- forget about bike paths
- I want City Council to invest heavily in the new public transit systems planned, as well extend current existing services.
- Take into consideration that PUBLIC transportation costs \$100 person a month, more if you need to pay for transit parking because of the hours you work in order to get a spot. If you are not in an economic class that can get a subsidy, that is a huge investment in something that we MUST buy in order to work downtown.
- Transit needs to be made more reliable. The times where buses have been late,with no reason as to why is very frustrating. I have been a transit user for over four year's and the system has not improved. I've lived all over Calgary and the only thing that is reliable is the Lrt. City council needs to really push for more Lrt lines, or they need to accept services like uber. The city has been so difficult with accepting uber that I've now purchased a vehicle and I am getting my license, just so I can be on time for work and not have to pay for a service that is not very functional.
- that when putting in bike lanes on bus routes it is dangerous and I am surprised that there is not more accidents



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- I want Council to allow Uber into Calgary and I want council to remove some of the bike paths to help traffic flow.
- I want council to focus on a pedestrian strategy that focuses on connecting walkable districts in a way that encourages foot traffic flow between them. For example connecting the Beltline to Kensington to Bridgeland to Inglewood to Mission to Marda Loop. I want council to continue to reduce sprawl and focus on TOD. I want council to invest in public transportation. I want council to continue to invest in bike lanes. I want council to continue to make our city vibrant.
- I want Council to spend less money on unnecessary social initiatives such as the BRT in Calgary SW, the bike lane projects downtown, and forcing low income housing into communities where they truly do not fit. You want to help stimulate the economy? Please stop pushing through tax increases during this period of economic uncertainty so we can spend what little money we have left within the communities we live in.
- Finish ring road
- Develop the c-train line to the airport!
- Re evaluate the road ways. Particularly the cycle routes on roads. In van yes. In California yes. In Calgary not full year round. Perhaps a seasonal cycle path. Downtown is great but reducing two lanes to one lane in communities is creating a travel night mare. Especially since these bike lanes see very limited use. We are not forward thinking we are backwards sliding.
- Not approve the Calgary NEXT plan with tax payer's money. Get rid of all of the wasteful bike paths and get the everyday traffic flowing (eg. I have yet to see a bicyclist use the path next to Northland Mall, downtown is ridiculous!) More conservative approaches to running our city!! Stop the wasteful spending!!
- I am a huge fan and user of the new bike lanes. My wife and I both use them for commuting, shopping and running errands. We also love that the lanes and major paths are cleared of snow in the winter.
- sustainable development that considers the economic and social needs of Calgary. We need less rhetoric and more action. For example pedestrian safety will require more enforcement of existing rules rather than changing the rules.
- Stop spending on bike tracks
- Reconsider the rights of pedestrians to cross whenever and wherever they want. It has given people an inflated sense of importance. Whenever i talk to people from out of town who drive here, their first comment is "What the heck, I' m driving and people just walk in front of my car"
- stop adding programs at tax payers expense without looking at all options. Don't reduce speed limit in neighbourhood.
- Actively accelerate completion of the ring road
- Please don't let the current economic downturn distract you from building the infrastructure Calgary needs, including strong transit, bike, and pedestrian routes, as well as environmental programs.
- Stop spending my money on bike paths, what a waste. Make developers accountable for infrastructure needs ie shawnee slopes. Libraries are a thing of the past. We need an updated sports venue for Flames and Stamps.
- I want council to ensure everyone has full accessibility, as our community still has many curbs not accessible. and we need crosswalks on Ogden road.
- Stop being short sighted and invest in the future of our city. Both the Green Line and Calgary Next should be started ASAP
- Reduce property taxes and improve roads
- I would like City Council to keep in mind that increased densities, and multi-dwelling construction near LRT means affordable and rental options, not just \$400,000 condos



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- Get rid of those bike pathways in already congestive roadways. When I'm driving down 12 Ave (11Ave) I see no one in the bike lanes but I see a lot of backed up traffic. What a waste of money!
- "Implement slower speeds in residential neighbourhoods. 50km is way to fast in many areas of the city.
- Examples:
 - Westbrook
 - Glenbrook
 - Roscarrock"
- Lobby province to increase flow on deerfoot trail and complete ring road
- The council needs to stop arguing, debating is more productive and have a time limit on the debate. We must have a consensus on changes that need addressed by both the council and the citizens. We are a great city but we need to work harder on making it safe downtown for visitors, encourage entrepreneurial businesses, less penalty for deciding not to drive, parking their vehicle and give people a break to return downtown and retrieve their vehicle, tickets only encourage people to drive when they shouldn't. Taxis are difficult and expensive, buses run sporadically late at night. I'm not sure what the answer is, but having the Go Car available beyond the city centre is a first great step. I understand the difficulty in the logistics but feel it may be a better way for people to move around the city safely.
- Urban realm improvements, get the Green Line going one way or the other, and continue to make Calgary a competitive economic center for O&G and other industry's.
- Be efficient and consider less regulations and more free market in the taxi industry. Keep safety paramount. Attract large investment fixed overhead industries. Become a world leader in industries outside oil and gas. Design effective roadways to allow Calgary's to drive without frustration.
- "I want council to go ahead with CalgaryNEXT. I think it will be a critical part of the community.
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- As well, parking downtown is outrageous. If we want to encourage transit use, then fares need to be reduced and hours need to be extended.
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- Uber needs to go ahead as well, increased competition against the taxis will be good."
- totally abandon Agenda 21. Restore the traffic lanes currently hijacked by the bike lanes you so ill conceived and shoved down everybody's throats! Don't even THINK of putting one cent of taxpayers' money into the new arena! And for the love of God, give people a say on how their money's to be spent in a binding referendum! And clear the frickin' streets of snow when we get hit! Above all, smarten up!
- Would appreciate the city focusing on areas that benefit the majority of calgians (e.g. improving public transit over any more funding regarding cycle/bike lanes)
- Clear sidewalks. Listen to local communities. As I said previously, you have destroyed Hillhurst Sunnyside as a neighbourhood and you don't seem to have finished.
- Look into implementing Variable Speed Limits on Deerfoot. This will help decrease accidents (~13% decrease when used in Washington) and help ease congestion during rush hour.
- Please focus on improving the current traffic infrastructure in and around Calgary. Remove playground zones, no child is out at 9pm
- "Prioritize main streets program
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- Push green line and TODs ahead
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- Work to diversify local economy and attract new industries"



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- focus on improving and expanding transit and roads in this city as soon as possible
- Fix traffic calming areas...they do nothing to calm traffic, only make drivers madder. Bet it looks good on paper though.
- I want Council to focus on density and not sprawl. I would like to see further traffic calming measures in the Beltline / Mission / Lower Mt. Royal area to combat residential cut-throughs. I would like to see Transportation make a bigger commitment to service (including the smart card debit system). I would also like to see safer streets downtown and in the Beltline area.
- I want council to seriously look at the infrastructure of the city.
- Accessible and efficient public transit to downtown from all areas of the city.
- Stop urban sprawl through tax penalties. Encourage density and better public transit to make our city a less "car mandatory" city. And keep it up with event and festival development
- Please focus on getting Calgarians back to work. Invest in infrastructure and building within Calgary.
- Speed limits in Calgary need to be reduced and enforced to keep the noise level down, it is so noisy day and night it is hard to relax. the bus drivers are the worse offenders of driving too fast through residential streets, followed by snow plow driver. 50K not 70K.
- I want council to stop spending on unnecessary projects, like the bike paths, which only benefit a very small percentage of citizens. I recently took public transit after avoiding it for many years, and it was so frustrating and inefficient. Spend money on improving this. Our money should be spent on the necessities in this terrible economy.
- I would like to see the city become more global in nature by bringing new technology and new services to our communities. More App based services, Uber, etc.
- Get Uber and the like approved as opposed to putting up roadblocks and get moving on our Hockey and Football facility. Be a forward thinking council we need these things to keep Calgary great
- Quit worrying about things like Uber drivers and concentrate on important issues like crime in our city.
- The impact of cars idling in traffic jams on the quality of air we all breathe.
- Give up on expanding bike lanes, under used for the majority of the year and not realistic for most people to use vs car use
- Consider accessibility. Older people and the handicap have a hard time getting around this city with lack of sidewalks around mall parking lots and not being given advanced notice when sidewalks are out for construction or about to disappear on their side of the street.
- Focus on local business development, maintain green spaces, improve public transit
- Get rid of the Cycle lanes and have the Car2Go parking somewhere else instead of using stalls when not in use.
- Putting sidewalks in newly developed areas in the NE near Marborough
- approve Uber immediately, stop urban sprawl, get a C train line to the airport like any other city our size has
- Stop spending money pushing through secondary suites and building bike lanes. Get your ducks in a row. I'm sure Calgary was known for their bike paths why punish drivers by cutting back on road lanes?
- stop blocking Uber and make it work. They have wasted enough time blocking it and its enough now. Edmonton can make it work why are we so behind.
- Stop under prioritizing cars. Roads bring value and wealth into cities whereas transit removes wealth. Think it through. How many big retail purchases are made downtown and brought home on the bus? Personally I have moved all my business out of downtown. Too hard to do it downtown.
- Quit spending money on bike paths and get traffic and goods moving on roads



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- improve the traffic flow around the city. Modernize the traffic lights, green left turn arrows that can be seen by the second and subsequent vehicles in the turn lane. Currently lights are blocked from view by the vehicle in front. Turn arrows that count down the time remaining. Traffic lights for pedestrians to cross the street but also allowing time for vehicles to turn. Improve street lighting, it's too difficult for pedestrians to be seen, particularly in residential neighbourhoods. Plow the sidewalks - not just bikepaths. I've witnessed people in wheelchairs struggling to cross main intersections (ie Macleod and Southland) because the city says it can't plow streets while it's snowing, yet plows are on bikepaths at that time. I've seen ice covered pedestrian lanes on a bridge, looked over and seen an immaculate and deserted bikepath underneath. There are more pedestrians and vehicles, and both are being underserved with the current focus on bikes. Stop allowing developers to reduce the amount of parking provided. It's not reducing the amount of vehicles per house, duplex or condo. Neighbours fight with neighbours over street parking, eventually they get tired of it and move out of the city.
- We will never get rid of cars so let's not make it harder for the majority of commuters
- spend money more effectively. also traffic on the deerfoot has been bad for 10 years.. we dont need another study.. we need action
- Control urban sprawl and promote a denser city , maintain infrastructure, further cycling infrastructure development and support and continue to be open and transparent.
- Reconsider the bike lane system on concentric zone roadways. Bowness road is really inefficient now.
- Council needs to cut spending excess including pulling back on the expense of LRT it is and will always be a financial drain
- Increasing quality of life rather than the size of the City. More green spaces rather than more high rises and new communities. More pedestrian areas with patios, arts, galleries, learning experiences, places to gather and share. Keep and expand the cycling/hiking trails. Do we really need to expand s much to the west? A great quality of Calgary is that there are no endless suburbs to drive through to get out of the city. Many people comment on that and love it. Let's keep it that way.
- Infrastructure lasts for decades. Please plan for the future needs as well as current needs. Thanks.
- Move away from car focus in planning
- Commit to funding the green line LRT all the way to Seton. Focus on creating livable communities (work, live, and play in the same area).
- Make busing quicker
- "install more left turn signals at places like memorial drive-at 29th st and 37 th st. as they get backed up by left turns.
- improve crow child trail./ safety first-pedestrian crossings are too dark."
- Develop schools and better roads into city, ie Deerfoot bottle neck at ivor strong bridge
- Work on more transportation options so we can avoid using cars to downtown
- direct Calgary Transit to evaluate bus routes and adjust routing to meet the needs of today's customers and best practice transit planning principles (example: high frequency connective grid)
- consider as many options and alternatives as possible. Transportation has gone very diverse, with high density in the core to encourage walking, safer bike routes, and improved transit. Can we apply these principles to other areas, like adding community repair and compost programs to our garbage/recycling. Add Uber to car2go & taxi options.
- Stop focusing on pet projects, like unneeded pedestrian bridges, and get on with critical road infrastructure projects



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- "I want to see the City of Calgary (and by extension the Calgary Police Service) working more closely with all taxi cabs to keep everyone safe. Make operating rules for them, and monitor the cabs and their behaviours closely. Find some way to hold them accountable."
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- I have seen far too many cabs driving erratically and dangerously, at all times of the day, endangering the lives of both the customers in those cabs and the other drivers on the road around them. (On countless occasions, this is not an isolated incident.)
- It would be a VERY worthwhile service for the citizens of Calgary if the City would find some way to govern and monitor the behaviour of cabs more closely."
- More trains
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, i refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs too much. Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.
- Get Uber operating in this city, lower my taxes, and get the green line started.
- Improve Calgary's infrastructure and cultural appeal
- I want council to think about what affect having EFFECTIVE transit would mean to our roads and by that I mean 24 hour transit that gets you to where you want to go, even if it's only the main routes. Like the route 1, 3, 9, 17, 24, 72/73, 201/202.
- "Improve things for pedestrians. We hear a lot about cyclists and drivers; pedestrians are being neglected.
- For example, the changes in Eau Claire improved traffic a lot but now pedestrians need to wait a lot longer to cross a street.
- Drivers sometimes don't give priority to pedestrians and cyclists use the sidewalk even when there's a bike path nearby..."
- Make Calgary an accessible city for those in wheelchairs and mobility issues, every curb should be accessible, no business should be allowed without accessible bathrooms, bus drivers should get out of their seat to help a wheelchair bound person on a bus, securing the wheelchair properly, yet to see this happen. Every retail business should have an accessible entrance and bathrooms, old buildings included, subsidies should be given to have owners comply, our city is a disgrace, so little has been done to make it really accessible.
- focus on initiatives that keep the city moving. Roadworks, LRT lines, etc. Build the city and keep Calgarians working.
- Keep stimulating local growth and diversity. Crack down on reckless driving. Looking into the ever increasing rent and possibly into some sort of rent control mechanisms.
- I want our city to thrive but in my opinion, we can take a break from promoting growth, we've expanded far further than our transit system can currently sustain. Roads, schools systems and private retailers are barely keeping up as it is. Let's improve what we have.
- I want council to listen to people and to companies less. I want Calgary to grow up, not out. I want streamlined services for city services. I want to pay for City Transit with an App like in other major cities, like Portland, or a card, like New York. if they can figure out how to implement a system in a monster like the MTA with 10 million people, surely we can do it with Calgary Transit with a population 1/10th the size. Oh, and there's too many barriers separating bike lanes and traffic. at the cost of making lanes smaller we put up huge concrete barriers when simple cement spikes would do.



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- Consider existing infrastructure - walking to work I see several sidewalks and roads needing repair - much more important than spending money on bike lanes and accessibility. Repairs seem to be done over and over in the city now - on the end of my street they have ripped up the ground twice now - presumably for the same issue - why wasn't it done correctly the first time?
- Invest in downtown and older communities, particularly things like improved streetscapes. Invest in the Pedestrian Strategy.
- "Reduce the pest known as 2 wheel bicycles. Also....registration and tax the existing bike paths, and REDUCE by the same amount ""road tax"".
- Reduce and control the size of the bureaucratic empires in the municipal government"
- Consider access and traffic infrastructure
- I'd like secondary suites to be allowed and I'd like Uber to operate in our city (within city rules).
- We need better road systems and more integration of high density near LRT stations. Park and rides are also very good to keep and enhance but underground or parade style (like Canyon meadows) are good options to reduce sprawl. Businesses, office complexes and residential complexes near LRT are where they make the most sense. Easy transit and increased ridership to all destinations, not just the core.
- Calgary is an amazing city, and planning for the future is important. As a city/province so reliant on the energy sector, we should be expanding what this includes. Encourage new development and research in renewable energy, attract private companies to do this. Plan for an ever expanding Calgary, but rather than building out, let's build up. Let's be a world leader in energy but respect the environment. Keep all the parks but build apartment buildings. Compost compost compost. Recycle! Actually design and build an EFFICIENT public transportation system. Create a tax to driving down town. Improve how we look on the world stage and show that energy production and environmental responsibility can coexist. And PLEASE PLEASE do not build Calgary NEXT. We will never see a single dollar and the so called 'benefits' will be short lived. Stand up for the city and the tax payers within it.
- Many of us in the private sector have lost jobs or had major salary cuts. During tough times spending must be reigned in. During good times, that is when we build more parks, libraries and C-trains.
- For Calgary to grow steadily it needs a diversified economy, support for local and small businesses and accessible public transit.
- Please STOP with the downtown bike paths - it's ridiculous! In these current economic times it's fortunate that there are less downtown drivers, but when things return to normal, traffic will be a GONG SHOW!!!!
- Forget their own personal agendas stick to the plan. Ensure that the federal and provincial governments don't cheap us on major infrastructural funding. e.g LRT expansion.
- loose the bike lanes, once the economy improves and the downtown core has ore traffic those bikes lanes will become a hindrance
- Please ensure you reach out to the citizens to get their opinions on items. One that I recently liked was moving residential speed limit to 40km/hr. Awesome idea and it should be a priority to help mitigate accidents in residential areas where pedestrians are found.
- Maintaining and developing clean water resources for the city. Developing an efficient and cost effective transit system that allows the efficient flow of traffic to and from the downtown core as well as directly to and from the airport. A city of our size should have a much more efficient way to get to the airport without having to use expensive cab services. More park and exercise services within the south east are needed to serve the large communities in these particular area. Flow of traffic south of fish Creek Park into the main downtown core can be very frustrating if any one of the 3 entrance points (McLeod, Deerfoot, or Stoney trail) is blocked.
- complete the SW portion of the ring road



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- remember that not every Calgarian is able bodied or drives a car. more emphasis on better transit not just in new areas but in the existing older areas
- Deliver on the Green Line, and focus on the right mobility priorities. Walking > Cycling > Transit > everything else
- Reexamine bike lanes that have taken up major arteries into downtown... le 10 street; I would like to see the actual roi on the whole bike initiative. Seems like a huge waste of money for a tiny % of population; please prove me wrong
- As a city we need to be progressive which to me is improved transit, densification, arts & culture, etc. Responsible green field development is fine but let's try and get away from a car-centric city.
- In an effort to remove intoxicated drivers from our roads, loosen the grip the taxi monopoly has on citizens and allow for hard working Calgarians to earn some extra funds along side hard working cabbies, I implore you to please make the effort to re-work the proposed Uber bylaw in order to better serve all Calgarians. Our neighbours to the North in Edmonton have found an amicable solution with the recent passage of their own ride sharing related bylaw and I urge the City and Council to adopt the same measures as our friends in Edmonton
- "Keep our streets and roads safe! Please try to reduce the speed limits to 40 km/hour or less in residential streets. It does not feel safe to be a pedestrian or cyclists or even a driver on many of our streets.
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- Please keep our pathways and trails safe! Please consider reducing the cycling/etc. speed limits to less than 20 km/hour on many of our pathways. It does not feel safe to be a pedestrian on the pathways as well as our streets."
- I want Council to start Southeast transit line.
- I want council to think about efficient traffic flow where cars are not stopped at empty intersections burning gas for no reason (smart lights) and building the southwest ringroad NOW. Part of a green city is moving cars efficiently. Less focus on bike pathways, we have enough
- One thing not in my questions is pedestrian safety. As a driver, I find it nerve racking driving on secondary roads, as I can't always see them. I strongly feel we need properly lit crossing points. Even having a streetlight on each corner would help. Thank you.
- Crowchild Trail in the NW should be a priority in terms of revamping. I don't think even the revised plan is sufficient considering the traffic volume. All signal lights should be eliminated.
- Consider the ratio of benefit to the population / cost. The waste of money spent on the bike tracks is an example. Small amount of people benefit compared to the cost per person using the track is ridiculous. It's all our money so the majority of population should benefit. The flow of traffic and pedestrian safety has been compromised severely because of the few people who use that track.
- I would like to see Council quit spending money on artsy bridges and unneeded architectural structures. They should use it to build infrastructure that is useful. Also bike paths should be removed off of main roads because the little they are being used, it is not worth them interfering with traffic and businesses. Building bike paths is a big waste of money for such a small minority of people using them. This money could instead be used for infrastructure that is needed in Calgary. Thank you.
- Finish the ring road.
- consider better transit system
- Improve crowchild trail it goes down to two lanes south bound by McMahon and then over the river. You need to address this by building another bridge ove the river
- keep building infrastructure



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- Take care of Calgarians who have worked hard here for many years and can no longer find work. And start ticketing wreckless cyclists....if they cannot be controlled for our safety, and do not have to obey any traffic laws, then the bike lanes ought to be removed.
- Expedite sw ring road and ease traffic in the sw during busy times. Update traffic lights along major routes to make traffic flow more efficiently instead of hitting every red light (ie Macleod trail and 14th st sw)
- Be more mindful of pedestrians walking and crossing roads than bike lanes that are used by yuppies who think they do not need to know the rules of the road!
- Maintain and repair roads, preserve natural areas.
- Focus on public transportation to make it a safe and reliable method of getting places. Right now it is unreliable and unsafe. I worry about family taking public transit to get places, and I don't feel comfortable taking public transit alone.
- Uber, 24 hour transit, cheaper/better parking, less green light cameras
- Approve Uber on Uber's terms.
- I don't mind paying taxes, but I HATE seeing money wasted. I'm thinking of snow clearing of roads in residential neighbourhoods in particular. The trucks show up when they are not needed and don't show up when they are. Someone needs to THINK before sending out the trucks. Also, the difference between how a private contractor clears sidewalks at the local mall and how the city work does the adjoining sidewalk is appalling. It's like the city guys don't really understand the basic premise of what they are trying to do (clear sidewalks of snow and ice).
- While the city has done admirable work on inner city development and re-visualizing urban development, and also on the viability of non-motor transportation, I'd like to remind them that there is a balance. Being pedestrian- and cycle-friendly shouldn't come at the cost of making the neighbourhoods hostile to drivers. And likewise, development is an excellent goal, but it must benefit the community and the city, not just the developers. Bridgeland, Inglewood, and Sunnyside have all been fighting several battles on these matters, where the city is supporting development that harms everyone *except* the developers and those they pass kickbacks to.
- Continue to push for greater public transit, Curb urban sprawl, Keep taxes low, Help businesses grow and flourish, Try not to raise property tax anymore
- Less sprawl, transit should be cheaper, and keep our green spaces green please!!!
- Get ride of useless and underutilizes bike lanes. We are not ready! You built it and they haven't showed up! Failed experiment, now return the parking and traffic flow
- Repair the main roads in this city particularly Centre St. in both directions. The front end of my car needs repairs from driving on these horrific roads.
- "to consider holding back on more cycles pathways and concentrate on getting taxes under control. I don't want any city owned companies to be sold or out sourced. time we started taking care of our own in stead of being an envy of other cities. dis graceful the way subsidy for housing is handled . do not want to be like the citizens of
- Calais France."
- Make Transit top priority
- I want council to abolish property taxes and increase business taxes. Replace the revenue gap by introducing a tax on use of city facilities (including schools), inbound business travel use of hotels. Protect the lower income brackets by making the new taxes and levies progressive. Get rid of the downtown bike lanes, they are a nuisances. Expand the +15 network. Consider more overpass in the city to improve traffic flow.
- I would like to see in time C-Train access into the Foothills Industrial Park down Glenmore Trail.



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- I want council to pay attention to Calgary Housing Corp and to stay involved and advocate moving forward a regional transit system. Also, stricter supervision of benefit abusers.
- Allow for new industries and alternatives to existing industries (ie. transportation) to be negotiated and welcomed. Remember that not everyone complains publicly about issues - it seems like 'he who complains loudest gets what he wants' in this city (often) so remember that for every 1-2 complaining people, there are likely 100's who are happy with the decision. Car owners/drivers should not have monopoly over decisions related to roadways.
- Finish ring road. Extend C Train to South Centre Hospital
- To quit spending money on converting roads to allow bike lanes. Focus on our pathways and growing them instead. To quit allowing secondary suites in originally designated R1 zones - I bought in an R1 zone for a reason. To have new communities have side walks on both sides of the street. Keep parking rates reasonable, especially during this economic downturn.
- I would like City Council to keep in mind that the flow of traffic impacts the entire city and should be top priority.
- "- don't cut down on education
- - traffic means not only cars but also bus, bicycles, pedestrians, ..."
- i really do wish the city would invest in a much greener landscape along our roadways and communities. thousands of trees could be planted along glenmore trail for instance such as what they have done in Edmonton along whitemud trail. how about instead of a portion of art funding with infrastructure funding we have green / conservation initiatives instead. planting hundreds of thousands of tree seedlings along major roadways etc. i am sure this would be a let contrivernal than the arts programs.
- Improve pedestrian accessibility on MacLeod Trail. Look at better bus access for residents asking MacLeod Trail in Elboya area around 46th ave and MacLeod Trail. Currently the number 10 route does not service that area late at night. I am worried about my girlfriends safety when walking home from 39ave train station. Also I find taxi service to be poor at times. With Checker Cabs I've had three no shows by the driver.. Without uber as a alternative I'm left paying to much and waiting to long. Also with the implementation of body cams for the Calgary Police Services I am concerned that there would be no accountability if the officer decided to turn the camera off. Maybe more public information can be given on the use of body cams
- Focus on the needs of the majority, not the vocal minority (be they cyclists, inner city residents or dog park users). Clean up 7th Avenue transit corridor so it isn't a scary place to walk - even in the middle of the day. Make every train a 4-car train during morning and afternoon rush. Have a responsive plan ready when trains break down - and that plan isn't shuttle buses.
- Calgary Next is a bad, bad idea. Let the flames pay for their own arena. It would also be nice if the NoseCreek pathway continued north to Coventry and East across the airport. There are not many east-west links across the Deerfoot for the pathway network.
- Some decisions seem to have been snuck in like the speed limits on playground zones and the changing of all the signs, I never heard anything until it was a done deal, what a waste of money. I want more public consultation.
- Cancel green bin. Cut city fat. Get rid of bike lanes down town. Quit buying green power. Stop taking in refugees.start supporting our major industries oil and gas.quit raising taxes. Cancel art works projects.
- Do something about traffic 14 St and Macleod-Trail are a nightmare
- "I want council to:
- - create jobs and provide a sustainable economy within the City of Calgary.
- - to build more recreation centers and facilities to support healthy living and sustainable communities within the City



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- - expand Calgary's transit system in terms of availability to all corners and across all communities, accessibility, affordable and reliable transit system
- - create spaces that supports jobs closer to home/communities"
- Fix Crowchild. 8 lanes. Controlled access. Freeway speeds. It's a no brainer... which is why nobody on City Council has identified this as a priority.
- Start developing plans to reduce the traffic.
- It is silly to put so much money into cyclists and changing roads to accommodate them. Our climate makes it unpleasant and sometimes dangerous to be cycling sometimes 6 months of the year. It would be a much better use of time and money to direct resources into public transit. More people can use it than would ever even consider bicycling in our climate.
- Toll roads. I would be completely in favour of using toll roads to pay for future development.
- Ensure that Calgary is as easy as reasonably possible to get around in as either a motorist, transit user, cyclist or pedestrian.
- I really don't like the decreased street parking down town due to the bike lanes. Other than that, city of Calgary is doing a really good job.
- I would like to see buses and trains start running earlier in the morning.
- for council to get working on the south east Lrt to serve communities such as mackenzie lake, and communities further south, the Deerfoot bottle neck is horrid at Anderson, Southland etc.
- I want Council to take lead in fiscal responsibility and focus on needs rather than wants. Building traffic circles rather than bike paths is an obvious example. No financial obligation for professional sport arenas. Bring back fees for library use. Higher fines for vandalism. Allow Uber to operate and end the taxi monopoly. Staff building permits department with people that know what they are doing. Stop the insanity of play ground zones and teach kids the rules of traffic instead (like they do in Europe). Stop the insanity of putting signs in areas where they are not followed or enforced (e.g. Nose Hill). Tell developers to pave back lanes (should have been done decades ago). Stop blocking road sections for fender benders. Simplify First Response to accidents (check Reno Nevada approach). Scrap laws that are not being enforced (dirty licence plates, tinted car windows and stupid bicycle pinging).
- Be progressive in planning for the future. Limit sprawl. Build up, not out. Keep adding train lines. Make developers completely for what is needed for new suburbs.
- The city needs to fix the major bottle necks on some of the major roads in this city. For example You have spent more than enough time studying routes like crowchild trail over the bow river but still have not even come up with a plan on correcting this horrible stretch of road yet!
- It's time to stop council's special interest pet projects and focus on keeping the city running. Clean our streets, pick up our garbage, bring business into the city and stop making me the root of all evil because I drive a car.
- to stop trying to change Calgary into a cycle friendly/anti car city. You're making things worse. Pedestrians need to be equally at fault when it comes to crossing the street, it's not always the drives fault when someone gets hit.
- Look at available parking and parking rates, this needs to change. We have spend millions for bike lanes regardless of the fact that we may only have 3-5 months of bike riding weather a year, while we need a 12 month plan for car traffic.
- Please make the public transport system more reliable. The buses are often late or just don't show up. The train's alright, but it could be faster and more expansive.
- Realize the micro percentage of cyclists and the waste of time and space it is to develop cycle routes in roads meant for cars



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- quit delaying and actually do something about traffic
- Make trains and public transportation top priority. We need to catch up with the rest of Canada's bigger cities in terms of transportation. We don't need to grow the city larger if we can't support it with fast transportation or businesses near communities.
- hire intelligent engineers to fix some of the problems with our interchanges - I have driven in cities across North America and Calgary has to be the most difficult - Ex: exiting on Anderson from Deerfoot North requires a minimum of 3 lane changes. Also Cranston Residents would like access from Stoney Trail without having to traverse through Seton and Auburn Bay - has anyone ever seen a hospital turnaround before!!
- I want council to really focus on increasing public transit not cutting it!!
- Please implement 24 hour C-train service. With Taxi fares through the roof it is impossible to get anywhere in the middle of the night. Thanks
- I want Council to make our city more pedestrian friendly, bike lanes and pathways, better transit, less car focused.
- "Get rid of bike lanes
- Decline request to develop golf courses
- Start the LRT north central line"
- Changing economy is a challenge, existing old infrastructure need to be addressed. The west vision of wealthy city need to be changed, we are struggling because of the vision of rich oil made city. Try to avoid the easy path of cutting short police and fire department, we live in a city where it's difficult to find housing at reasonable price. Increase number of housing for low budget. Parking at hospital and emergency should be reviewed and removed. Rethink venue for music show and spectacle to attract business north of the border and inside Canada. More communication between Canadian city and province for transportation (food.....) continue to work with mass transportation (brt, lrt)
- I want council to manage transportation projects better than what they've done before. Road blocks that are unpaid and running people into other roadblocks in the downtown area as well as traffic backed up due to major projects or even minor projects that are extremely poorly managed. Police should be used to direct traffic on some of these projects as traffic backs up enormous amounts and all we get from some council is please be patient. Existing infrastructure should be fixed before we deal with new projects such as shiny bridges.
- "Enable Calgary to be the Enterprise hub for Energy, by investing in alternative energy initiatives, that complement our already strong focus on Oil, Coal and Gas.
- Would also be great to have more stringent driving education and testing. Plenty of terrible drivers in Calgary. Examples solutions may include; enforcing ice driving education to pass driving tests, making it mandatory to have all new comers to take tests (not transfer in an international licence) and provide more awareness to drivers the basics e.g. Mirror, Signal then Manoeuvre."
- Speed limits should be raised! And our police force should be spending more time on gangs and major crimes rather than giving out traffic tickets. They should be embarrassed that gangs exist in our communities. Easy to stop if they focus their manpower better.
- Give support to above ground LRT up Center St.
- Calgary is a massive city and is extremely difficult to get around in a timely manner. If the city of Calgary does not want to support uber, it would be nice to have public transit after 2am. This would ensure less drunk driving. Also parking seems to be getting ridiculously expensive and hard to come by.
- Listen to what citizens want. The City says the SW Transitway and BRT will be built even if the citizens don't want it. This is wrong.



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- Have swift action in taking care of road maintenance.
- Forget about bike lanes ie catering to the few to the detriment of the many.
- Remove or decrease parking costs at hospitals
- I want council to prioritize safe, accessible pedestrian, bike and public transportation
- Mindful of managing spending. User fees for better transportation systems and systems is not a bad thing. It is fair and it improves our facilities and options. Stop the expansion of suburbs or at least ensure developers and investors pay their fair share for such projects
- Build better bicycle systems outside of the core. There should be a walk-way at Bow Trail and Sarcee Trail as there are many people that bike to the core from the west side and currently it's very dangerous
- "Focus on making calgary a enjoyable place to drive around, majority of people drive to where they need to go. Stop focusing so heavily on buses and cyclists and provide some much needed relief for drivers everywhere.
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- Reduce red tape and make running a small business easier and more efficient.
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- Legalize uber. Taxis are terrible in every single way and there is a very good reason uber is destroying them.
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- Faster and more fair Internet. The ISPs in calgary charge an obscene amount of money for poor Internet speeds, if we truly want to be a world class city we should have the infrastructure to support it. And part of that is fast dependable Internet. If the town of olds can figure it out why can't our city?"
- Make Calgary Transit more reliable and ubiquitous throughout the city!
- Focus on building the west leg of Stoney Trail (between Glenmore Trail and 16th Avenue).
- It is very difficult to live in this city when you don't work for a big oil company. I have two jobs and can't afford a vehicle. A city this large should have more transit routes and expanded hours to accommodate early morning and overnight work shifts. It would also help to have pathways and cycling routes deliberately planned to connect communities with each other and the downtown core. Thank you.
- I want council to continue to do a great job with the pathway system! It really makes Calgary useable and a great place to live. Let's keep pathway space, especially by the rivers, safe and user friendly and inviting.
- Start thinking about more than bike routes. These help a limited section of our population. Pedestrian traffic should have priority.
- Finish and expand on the rotary mattamy pathway. Focus on creating cycle friendly infrastructure and strive for bike usage like in Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Calgary is an amazing place to live and I appreciate the care put into receiving our input!
- Take a 'fresh' look at the original plan in light of the current economy to ensure that what is being created is necessary and has immediate impact on the city as a whole. For example, more urban bike lanes are not a priority, completing the roll out of the green bins for compost and recycle bins for multiple dwelling an building is - as is more affordable housing.
- Calgary has a lot of aging infrastructure the closer you get to downtown.
- Transit system
- Finish the green line and ring road. Allow urban practices such as chickens and beekeeping so we can feed ourselves.
- Invest wisely now keeping in mind the future of the city. A great city that has great infrastructure, green spaces, and community support will attract people even when economy is poor.
- Remember that Calgary includes those people already living in the suburbs that need better transportation option. Too much focus has been spent on the downtown with the priorities being the East Village and bike



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lanes. City Council needs to remember to represent the needs of all Calgarians just not those that can afford to live close to downtown.

- I want the council to keep in mind not to waste money on redoing bridges that don't need fixing in some complicated manner (Crowchild construction currently happening at Flanders ave...), and instead fix the major bottlenecks like crowchild across the bow and up until 24th.....
- Improving transit and diversifying our economy away from dirty oil and gas.
- The ongoing growth of the city and lack of transportation, parking and poor road planning leads to heavy traffic jams in certain areas that cause a ripple effect to the rest of the city. For example the off ramps on Deerfoot that force Deerfoot into a bottle neck at several spots. Or that horribly planned bridge on crowchild between bow bottom trail and memorial that merges 5 lanes into 2 and continually causes crowchild to back up for miles every day.
- "move the 12 avenue bilke lane to the 13 avenue greenway
- the bike lane barriers on northland drive are quite simply ugly -lets find a better way to integrate cycling in our communities."
- "Limit the spread of the size of Calgary and improve on what we already have here. High density is well and good but not without roads that can handle the traffic along with good bus transportation.
- bus transportation"
- No more Bicycle paths
- Spend wisely and take serious consideration of the impact in the future, rather than just what we can afford and/or what is the cheapest option now. Too many times a project falls flat and ends up causing extensive (and expensive) re-work in the future. I.E. The Stoney Trail interchange in the deep S.E. (where the new hospital is no longer easily accessible), expanding Stoney Trail in the N.W (because only 2 lanes were built), the Glenmore Trail underpass at Macleod Trail (ongoing infrastructure issues), In addition, where is the accountability for whomever approved and allowed these mis-steps to occur?
- Improve the bus routes, frequency, and reliability.
- Lower rent and hold public transit to a higher standard
- Light up all cross walks. I challenge council to drive by all cross walks at night, dusk, dawn and see how hard it is to see people
- I want city council to encourage the growth of this city. By this I want regulations discouraging small business from operating in their homes, the local business taxes and regulated taxi services to be eased, or better, eliminated. Uber is a great example of the taxi market being fundamentally changed by private enterprise. The city needs to get out of the way. Secondary suites are another. They will always exist and making extremely difficult codes in the interest of public safety does nothing to discourage their existence. Let people and consumers decide what they want and reduce the friction in this economy
- Please focus on controlling spending and stop the crazy ideas for projects that are really not needed. Seems to be lot of focus on reducing speed limits but pedestrian accidents have decreased and speeding has not been the factor. Please focus on pedestrian awareness/education and not lowering current speed limit please. Enforcement of current speed limits would be helpful as well.
- I think a key component to keeping Calgary viable is diversifying our economy. A diverse economy - large and small businesses, businesses within different industries, not focused on energy, will help ensure that even through booms and busts Calgary is still a viable place to live and do business. Bringing in other sectors, like technology, film, finance, design, etc., can help move us away from being so energy focused. Another thing to keep in mind is the importance of a good public transportation system in an ever-expanding city. If there were more options available, perhaps we would slowly start moving away from a multiple-car-per-household city.



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- Not ignore the importance of vehicle flow -- transit isn't a replacement for private vehicles. More affordable downtown parking. Incentives for businesses to relocate to the south.
- I want them to keep in mind that.. alot of people are hurting and need relief in some way , shape or form. ALSO be very aware of residents who live near the street access train stations... JUST PERMIT the area and make the whole thing actually permitted, not just "worthy of "permits. thanks
- Look at how our roads are cleared for snow. Stop dropping the sand rock mixture on the roads as it destroys vehicles. I'm from Winnipeg where they do not do that. Look to Winnipeg's snow clearing methods as a better practice than what Calgary currently does.
- City sidewalks are a complete disaster in the winter. They are mostly unsafe, unkept, and snow and ice removal standards are not enforced and in many cases willfully ignored by city staff when reported. It is very frustrating to half to stop my commute (which is by foot) to repeatedly report the multitude of houses that do not comply with the snow removal bylaw only to have the issue be ignored by city staff and remain unresolved for extended periods of time.
- Need to focus on traffic. How the city can design roads, intersections and communities to. Move people around as quickly as possible in personal vehicles. We need to abandon the plan to build inner city dencer, trying to lure people to walk/transit. It doesn't work. The people in this city want to. Move around in the their own vehicles, at their own pace. Stop pouring our resources into this when it could be used to move people around in the suburbs, where the vast majority of the population live.
- Keep in mind that public transport is predominantly used for commuting to and from work. When it comes to irregular, non-routine transporting, the private vehicle will always be the best and most often used mode. Seasonal modes like cycling needs to get far, far less financial backing in the future.
- Use taxpayer money on important necessary problems such as road maintenance and construction. Spend less money on recreation buying artwork etc. Spend more on getting low income people jobs and accommodation.
- Focus on public transit, live within flat or nearly flat budgets and commit to as small a government as possible.
- Larger roads. We're a big city now. Thanks.
- Sustainable practices need innovation. Convert bicycle lanes during winter months into efficient traffic lanes. Reduce spending at departmental levels with Limited or No overtime policies.
- Think about sustainability being the sweet spot where all actions consider societal needs, economic needs and the environment. Our current paradigm for getting around our city is not sustainable (mostly cars) because we continue to need more space for the vehicles that move us around. Roads and parking take up too much land and the city is getting to large to continue this accommodation. Make it convenient, safe and easy and people will make other choices.
- Traffic flow around the city, specifically Crowchild Trail Borth of downtown.
- Please look at allowing uber to create a competitive environment for taxis
- Lower taxes - every time we see the Nenshi on TV, he only talk s about increasing taxes. Build a new bridge in Inglewood - Zoo, the old one is made out of wood. The bikeway system is a disaster.
- I want council to reconsider uber, as taxi services in Calgary are over priced and unavailable.
- Safer public transit in the evenings
- I want council to bring back Uber, and have a more capitalist economy.
- revisit the issue of Uber operating in the city. Quit protecting the taxi commission aka mafia.
- Thanks for your continued hard work and dedication to making Calgary a great place to live -- mostly. But my life -- and the lives of many thousands of others -- would be drastically improved by better public transit access to MRU. Who's on board for a SW C-Train route?!



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- I want the City of Calgary to build C-train in North Pointe (green line) up to McKenzie Towne as soon as possible because the communities around it is growing. Also, shorter wait times during weekends as well, especially during winter. It sucks waiting for your bus to come during the winter especially if its not weekdays
- Becoming more sustainable through composting programs, efficient energy, water, and waste management, further integration of Calgary Transit (eg. the green line), and economic diversification.
- Focus on traffic flow management and roadworks to ensure that the already awful rush hour traffic doesn't become unmanageable.
- Seriously consider expanding existing roads like Deerfoot. We all know council hates cars, but you can't force everyone onto public transit by ignoring infrastructure. How many more years will we have to commute in psychosis before something is done?
- Parking
- Reexamine the BRT in the southwest. The southwest ring road should be completed before anymore changes are made on 14th street. There is still a concern of a bottleneck at the causeway with any more development on 14Th street.
- Diversify city economy and attract more business of various types, through regulations, tax incentives, create business friendly zone here. And expand the Deerfoot Trail please... this is probably the most important one!
- I want Council to make Calgary the most Uber friendly city on earth. Likewise AirBnB and similar efficient business models. This would show you "get the role of municipalities" in the modern economy.
- Infrastructure
- Show concern for the air pollution that is clearly evident in downtown and highway 1 corridor. That yellow and gray layer on the horizon looking toward downtown is awful. I would hate to work downtown and have to do the commute. Deerfoot is full of large passenger trucks spewing exhaust with usually only one person on board. Do more to discourage this and to encourage public transit and car pooling.
- Consider finally getting southwest calgary roads to match other quadrants!
- really focus on traffic flow - you build a new overpass...then put lights on it to stop traffic. Merge lanes away from exit lanes and keep the streetlights on - way too many are burnt out on major roadways like glenmore and deerfoot trails
- I'm concerned about Greenline. I think it is important top take a long term view of this, and not short term, and the cheapest option. Do not forget about the communities that the train will be going through. taking a long term he
- Make the C-Train awesome (Green line, 8th ave subway)
- Please take the environment as a high priority. This includes actions such as supporting renewable energies, not just in industry but for individual homes, keeping parks vibrant and lively, encouraging biking or public transportation, and finding ways to help the homeless off the street, which will help keep the environment clean. Please look to the city Cutitiba for some examples of how to green the city.
- Think about public transit. Think about climate change. Think about your neighbours.
- Stop controlling the cab industry. It is bad for a city to try to be in this type of business. Let as many as possible people buy a permit/license that is regulated and let each cab driver/company run it as a business. Let the competition rule. This will provide more providers and more cabs. Make Calgary Transit and actual service and not a random appearance of buses and LRT. We need a service you can rely on, just like they do in other major north American cities. Calgary Transit is a joke. It is a moving homeless shelter. Which also created by council by not getting more affordable housing.
- A lot of us who enjoy the outdoors and staying in shape like the running/walking paths and parks (Nose Hill, Etc.). Keeping these in good condition would be wonderful!



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- Consider opening easier transit access to south east communities around the Deerfoot & 130th avenue communities
- I want council to move quickly in allowing Uber into the city. The green line is an exciting expansion to the C train system, but expanding the C train to the airport should have been accomplished ages ago, and should be an absolute priority when talking about transit in the city.
- To keep services such as health, education, transport a priority.
- We can't walk everywhere. We can't all live near where we work. Please develop the necessary roads and infrastructure so that we can all spend less time in traffic. Bike lanes are not what we need.
- Make more jobs at the city and stable economy. Focus on your people, make more opportunities. And most of all safety and security of calgarians. Top 1 for me. Safety of the people. Focus also on motorist violators. When I came here it was better at the road now the drivers of calgary are even worst now. No. 1 road sign or rules violators.
- That a good way to keep drunk drivers off the road is to have transit run till at least 3am
- "Stop spending money on art projects like blue rings.
- Don't build overpasses to increase the flow of traffic and then install new intersections to slow traffic down again.
- Stop insisting in high density areas when we don't have the roads to handle the column of vehicles.
- Return the \$52 million back to the residents that they have over paid!"
- Take into consideration that there are many different groups of people that live in this city and that they all want their needs met. Many of us have grown up here and although it is great to see Calgary grow and change, as it should, City Council seems to want to stifle projects such as the NEXT project, community enhancement, office building development, etc. Sports should be a big part of any great city and our council just does not think so. Some things like UBER, that is available in most great cities across the US and Canada should be available here too. I applaud City Council for doing good work, but sometimes they just get too involved in our lives, trying to decide what is best for us - kind of like helicopter parents. (i.e. the 30km speed limit in playground/school zones from 7-9 or removing fluoride from our water. or wanting to reduce speed limits in communities....)
- Lower residential taxes, stop thinking of residents as on demand blood bags to fund any and every project proposed, stop permitting so many concurrent construction projects (makes getting around Calgary very difficult), improve roads and pedestrian safety (the bike lanes have added to driver impatience and put pedestrians at risk).
- I want council to take transit both ways to and from work for a straight month during the winter without the benefit of TV cameras following them to really understand how the system works and to see the shortfalls in limited parking and bus schedules
- improvement in emergency and also more see trains
- develop C-train, reduce cars, turn off street lamp during daytime.
- I want The city of Calgary should pay more attention about public transportation.
- Actually MANDATE that a minimum level of parking come with new developments. Do not allow zero parking for new buildings. Even people living in TOD areas will have visitors and needs for their own vehicles. When all Councillors take transit to work and to all their appointments for a whole year, then I will believe that the city can be 90% transit oriented. Cars must also have a way to get around and park in this City.
- "Consider investments made to our infrastructure contribute to Calgary's future. Invest in all communities, not just new subdivisions, widen roads, expand LRT capacity/ new lines, plant trees, invest in green spaces and planting Native drought tolerant plants/trees. Install Rain gardens to use rain water wisely. I contacted my



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alderman about having trees planted along Stoney Trail to block noise and beautify the area and was told it would not happen. I understand its a transportation and utility corridor. There is more than enough room to plant trees along the road without encumbering buried utilities, and in the event the trees need to be dug up, then we are not for worse. More likely than not, the trees life will end sooner than having the need to excavate the utilities or widen the roads. Development is fine, but development should include landscape features, not just grass boulevards..

- Inner city communities need to be affordable and accessible to keep them alive. Schools need to be built in the outer new subdivisions. All of this has been said before.
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- Instead of green cart composting material being sent to Calgary landfills, why not encourage community composting areas where compost can be taken home freely. Encourage community Gardening. Etc...."
- I have been very happy with the additions and changes to the transit system, specifically the LRT, over the past 6 years, and I hope it continues to be one of city council's focuses.
- Thank you for the cycle tracks - I commute all the way through winter now!
- "I want Council to remember that times are difficult right now. It's one thing to spend millions on bike lanes (a good but not necessary endeavour) but when faced with a strong economic downturn those funds should be allocated to something more socialist to help out those at risk of losing everything. Sometimes it seems that those that run this great city are out of touch with the everyday person, their struggles. Need to keep in mind what is really important to the public. A lot of unnecessary bureaucracy stifles innovation and advancement in both our economy and the daily decisions being made.
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- The newest trend is simplicity."
- "1.invoke zero based budgeting.
- 2, temporary subsidization of small businesses during low oil pricing
- 3. Continue and improve flood mitigation
- 4. improve and quicker implementation recycling services
- 5. No private motor vehicles in the DT core
- 6.Better snow clearance and snow removal plans in residential areas and cul-de-sacs
- 7. Open area offices in each quadrant for local liaison face to face, on site forums and individual responses improving transparency and planning overview to quadrants
- 8. Stop treating Enmax similar to a crown corporation, Enmax is supposed to save consumers money not foster added cost on consumers. Restrict Enmax to it's original charter which is transmission not production ensuring lower electrical costs for Calgary consumers."
- Emphasize their focus on increasind density near Ctrain stations and creating more 'walkable' green communities so there is less need to own/use a car in order to access amenties.
- Create a vibrant city with options for its citizens. A city that functions and is culturally endowed. Build interchanges on Skeletal Roads (14th Street and Anderson) as well as making it a BRT Zone. Create Cultural and Business HUBS that provide opportunity, jobs, and diversity in our city. Allow Rezoning and smart development of older neighborhoods while concurrently setting current and forward thinking planning on new communities. Oil and Gas are obviously important to our city but we could make our city so much more, Music "Music Mile" is a start, the Calgary Expo encourages the Pop culture arts, the Visual Arts sorely need a space for artists to live and work, Authors and Writers find the city lacking (it doesnt have to be), film production has finally got a start with the Calgary Film Centre, IT needs a cluster/Hub, Bio Tech, Clean Industries, etc. Calgary is a great city, we could be so much more!



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- I want council to ask each time - would I use my grandmothers money on this - there's too many wild butt schemes - fancy bridges, 8th avenue bike lanes - traffic can't move! We're dyin' out there
- improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks. too many pedestrians are injured and killed every year.
- I want City Council to maintain snow removal in NE of Calgary
- increase public transportation investment.
- I like City Council put up closer relationship to their community for improvement of infrastructure and Roads, sidewalk, and traffic safety
- The city needs to become more dense, including downtown. Accept more high rise condos downtown to increase the amount of people staying downtown after 5pm. Make the SE more accessible by ctrain to downtown to reduce congestion. Create more culture/arts to attract tourism.
- "- Stop UBER from operating in the city.
- - Remove compulsory ""art project"" portion of capital projects."
- "Add/change roads in SE Calgary to help keep cars moving (rush hour in SE Calgary - e.g. Deerfoot Trail - needs significant improvements).
- More recreational facilities in SE Calgary - swimming pools, etc."
- To allow Uber easy access. Control spending.
- "THINK
- USE YOUR BRAIN YOU WERE BORN WITH
- ive seen too many stupid decisions made, only to be negative, give people more input
- don't put hike lanes on already busy congested roads like northmount dr
- reucing community speeds wont stop accidents with pedestrians, education will, driving 50 km don't kill people, stupid afraid inexperienced distracted drivers do, immigrants from non snow countries should be made to take a winter driving course before allowed to drive"
- I want Council to consult with citizens before pushing through anymore BS social engineered projects based on out dated information. I 100% do not support the SWBRT project and my Councillor is failing to listen to the concerns of his citizens in Ward 11. Would be nice if he cared as much about the tax payers in Ward 11 as he does about Rio Can and MRU.
- I want Calgary to become a city where I never feel the need to take my car. Where getting around on transit becomes the most efficient option no matter where I work in the city.
- Stop building new communities without thinking ahead to the transportation issues and schools.
- Keep everyone informed of the city changes, make traffic a priority
- "Enough of the bicycle lanes. I think the City has take far too many liberties with the traffic lanes in the core and in some of the out lying communities. Believe it or not, there are a lot of commuters who don't use bicycles. Why are you shoving the bike lanes down our throats with little discussion from the rest of the citizens.
- There are far more important transportation issues than the bike lanes. Has anyone in Council ever driven on Crowchild Trail, over the Bow River during Rush Hour?
- What about the congestion on Deerfoot Trail from Glenmore Trail to Bow Bottom, during Rush Hour, is there a solution to the nightmare there?
- Basically, I am not happy with the effort put forward by COUNCIL! Have more consultation with the citizens of Calgary before you act on our behalf. Don't take knee jerk reactions to the issues, Think before you act."
- Council should consider to develop a plan and a start date for the construction of a subway system for Calgary and its surrounding area. Money is cheap now so its the best time to invest in a long term development for this city. Get the focus on connecting the capital of Alberta to the other popular and growing cities by means of



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getting the speed train project started. Toronto have it all so should Calgary. Subway Street Cars, Go Train, and Transit.

- Fix the roads, potholes and cracks are bad.
- Approve Uber taxi's, Get moving on the public transportation, Get moving on the new recreation and stadium plans for all Calgarians, get the cultural centres approved and implemented. Our medical services and quality of medical personnel needs a very serious update and overhaul. Too many mistakes are being made and access is severley restricted, causing preventable casualties/deaths
- Listen to the people. Your transportation plans are not always right and using unsupported and widely optimistic user numbers to justify transit plans are out right misinformation (lying) to the people. Get the mayor to tone down his arrogance.
- Focus on finding ways to diversify the economy so that the city isn't affected everytime oil prices drop and please help to improve and maintain our deteriorating roads and infrastructure.
- Cut expensive salaries and get rid of expenses useless bike paths. Or start charging licensing and registering bikers to offset cost of the bike paths.
- "I would like City Council to consider the needs of all Calgarians, particularly those with diverse needs: mobility/sensory challenges, ages, economic.
- We're making some great progress in these areas (transit is a successful example); can we expand this thinking to neighbourhood spaces - which may be small enclaves and not necessarily large facilities. Help people to stay in their neighbourhood of choice and connect with others there, as a means of informal support."
- The Green Line LRT should be looked at closely. Cutting costs should be a priority. An exmple is infrastructure projects such as the ring road. Many of the overpasses on the current ring road (Deerfoot/McKenzie area) and the proposed plan (McLeod trail overpass) are too complicated and must cost a fortune. There must be a way to simplify them. I also think projects such as Calgary Next are a necessity to keep Calgary in the forefront for tourism and events. I'm just not convinced they want to build it in the right location.
- I want Council to review spending. Why waste money developing a SW BRT and spend the money on the SE leg of the LRT or just run a bus route versus wasting money on infrastructure that will not last
- "Focus action on the effective and efficient city planning and management. Priotity on the basics such as transportation, policing, fire, infrastructure, etc.
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- With so many Calgarians suffering economically direct our actions towards reduced expenditures (result is reduced business and property taxes). Defer the optional--examples -- Defer more bike lanes, Olympic plaza and other cosmetic redevelopments until times improve. Avoid anything someone on council identifies with the statement ""it will make us like (name other great city)""."
- to really listen to the silent majority and stop giving in the noisy minority. Do we really need all of the bike lanes when a majority of the people in Calgary do not use them. I do bike but on the path ways (thank you) but if there was a better down town transportation system (like no cars) the bike lanes could be a thing of the past. Also some enforcement of the traffic laws for biker, I have almost been run down a couple of times by bikers running a red light.
- I would like Council to consider the long term effects of decisions they make for this City and area. ie if they want Calgary to grow, they have to have a better plan for roads/highways, make the transit system run well outside of peak hours and expand it so it becomes user friendly to all the City not just the core, I don't think city grants should discriminate against communities not considered 'high risk'



- I would like council to stop beaking off about new ideas (i.e. Counsellor Joe on CBC re: Uber who made completely inappropriate comments). All Counsellor's should be required to go through media training so they stop making Calgary look like back-country red-necks. Councils' job is to steward the City, not impress their own opinion on the million people who live here. I would like Counsellor Demong to stop being the "no" to every suggestion that comes forward. I would like to see Council spend less and demonstrate increased initiative to make our city better and focus on things that matter to all of us like road work / transportation instead of getting caught up with isolating one new idea (uber). I think that Nenshi does a great job but we need some action, nothing new has been accomplished, roads are still crazy and transit costs continue to rise. Flood mitigation has not occurred, let's try to at least accomplish something in the next 2 years that is memorable.
- These are challenging economic times. Like many of us are having to do, the City should tighten their belt as well. More emphasis on cutting costs rather than finding new sources of revenue (ie. tax increases, levies, fees, etc.) would be appreciated. I would also like more emphasis on traffic flow and less on cycle tracks. The City's mandate of forcing people do abandon their cars has to change. Efficient traffic flow is good for the environment as well. Cyclists can still be accommodated without having to remove lanes of traffic. Also, stop gouging us with the parking rates and cab fares. If you're not going to make this City Uber friendly, then release more cab licenses so the rates are more reasonable. Finally, improve your public consultation. I attend many public consultations and they seem targeted for a specific demographic and a specific outcome. If more Calgarians for example knew that the Greenline will take out 2 lanes of traffic on Centre Street the majority would be opposed to it. If you think your planning is smart consult everyone and see the results. It feels like the City has an agenda and they're ramming it down our throats. One more thing, the red tape initiative was a disaster (contrary to how it is portrayed in the media). Every application, approval, etc. takes longer now than it did 5 years ago. This is not good for business.
- The City should NOT promote cycling in winter, way too dangerous and includes only a very small portion of the population.
- Calgary's winter weather can usually be a challenge. Promoting winter cycling use is irresponsible, way too dangerous!
- Reconsider the SW BRT. Communicate with citizens whether they want this project. What's the real budget? Is this project really needed? Reducing the each traffic lane on 14 St by 8 inches is unsafe. Wait until after the completion of the SW Ringroad so that citizens have an alternate transportation route during construction if project is deemed necessary.
- Stop making idiotic decisions like removing fluoride and blocking uber. It's not 1950.
- I want council to lower taxes, not constantly increase them. As house prices go up, city council will just offset revenue by upping property tax, we never get a break. Cut some services that are unnecessary. It would be nice to have taxes go the other way once in a while. This year we didn't have much of a winter, that money that was saved should be help in a high interest account and left for those winters that will hit us hard in the future.
- A solid plan to improve transportation issues in Calgary, and accelerate developing c-train to the deep SE calgary communities.
- Remove bike lanes, fix traffic flow by synchronizing traffic lights, drop parking rates, approve uber like Edmonton, get deerfoot trail moving in rush hour.
- The future scalability of communities, roadways and environmental sustainability is paramount in sustaining this city. Aside from that, developing culture and an inviting economic and tourist environment is paramount.



- Get the Lrt for the south east before you worry about some bus lanes for the sw the brt 302 is not a solution for the se .how about increasing the lanes on deerfoot at anderson so there's no bottleneck from the 20 communities in calgary and all th traffic from outside of calgary example high river , okatoks all the rural areas it takes a half hour to get from 130 ave to southland some mornings it is absolutely ridiculous fix it !
- Upgrading infrastructure and roads. Some of the older communities need this as well as providing more access routes to the new communities.
- Look beyond their own wards and inner city development needs. The SE quadrant of Calgary has seen massive growth and population change and yet we continue to be challenged by lack of social and recreational services, not to mention a rail line to DT. The Green Trak does not fix that issue. The BRT tried that and it has to stop at all the same traffic lights and congestion that cars do. Stoney Trail didn't alleviate congestion on Deerfoot and the South portion of Cranston has one access/egress that creates safety issues and daily traffic congestion at the signal light into the community. The 2nd entry is governed by the province and isn't on their current action plan. The City needs to exert their influence here to correct the problem.
- Consider better transportation for outlying communities. This includes traffic flow and public transportation to downtown. First priority bring train expansion to south east.
- Weigh the choices available to them when proposing public transit projects that may not be supported by ridership in less dense areas of the city LRT is not always the answer
- I want council to think about a growing Calgary, one which provides services to protect and enrich our lives - please revisit water Fluoridation which I believe is well worth the money. Please work quickly to deliver on transport projects effectively and within budget.
- More focus on health through promotion of bike and walking paths
- "Go ahead with all transit plans.
- The green line especially, it is shameful that there is no easy transit to the new Hospital in Seton.
- Make this a greener city, not one so car reliant."
- Get rid of the bike lanes
- for long term planning, consider toll roads or lanes as a source of funding for major projects, such as the crowchild/bow/memorial bridge/interchange system (the tolls can be for traffic heading downtown as an incentive to use transit)
- GREEN SPACES. PERSONAL SPACES. WIDER ROADS. MORE OFF-STREET PARKING. C-TRAINS RAISED TRACKS AND PLATFORMS.
- Some current bike paths are dangerous and not used, ie, 10th St NW. 16th Ave & 10th St NW are extremely dangerous with the elimination of car lanes and replaced with bike lanes that are rarely used. Bike lanes at Northland Mall (in front of Walmart) are ridiculous and dangerous.
- It would be good to get Uber back.
- Create a workable system for uber, and stop trying to gouge them. It would create jobs and finally add some competition to the terrible, and brutally expensive cab service this city has.
- I want council to prioritize the needs of a younger generation. We deserve affordable housing, reliable and safe transportation, and to enjoy a quality standard of living while we work towards our educational, professional, and economic goals.
- I want council to address traffic conditions, monitor growth and support the arts.
- Work on traffic..roads and we need more pedestrian lights!!!
- I want Council to look at accessibility to our city and realize that we need to catch up with services to all communities not just a chosen few who are fortunate to have LRT Service. We need to be the world class city we tout that we are. Public transportation is key to those claims. Please do the right thing with the Green Line



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LRT. I have lived in the far SE for over 34 years to only see the population explode and still no action for complete access. We need all of your backing to bring this line to build. Thank you

- focus on diversifying business away from oil and attract other industries to calgary. Develop more pedestrian and cycle friendly pathway systems, and finally recognize that by funding the needy, we are not necessarily helping them get out of the trap that occurs. Overall, I think the city councillors have done a great job. Communities in the suburbs need to start developing pedestrian friendly areas that are fun to be in (East village is starting to take this shape), instead of big box sprawl, areas (for example) Crowfoot, could be developed to be a restaurant hub, a low key entertainment place etc.
- Work harder at traffic problems
- See better circulation within the city. The traffic lights are awfully timed on a good day. A lot of roads need to be widened by a lane (Deerfoot at all bottle necks, anderson and 14th where it is only 2 lanes, many exits off of the ring road need to be 2 lanes as well)
- I want council to stop building bike path and new stadium for hockey game instead focus on new LRT line, it's very important as many kids and students go to school via deerfoot which is safety concern.
- I want city council members to have a free bus pass, and not free parking so they have accurate experiences of the city's people and their experiences on City Transit (what they are like first hand).
- I want council to increase lanes for cars not waste them on bus rapid transit lanes. Busses would move faster if all the traffic could move faster. 14th street needs more lanes for all traffic, not just busses.
- I hope council will focus on developing and improving public transportation and alternate modes of transportation throughout the city. Especially under the current economic constraints, our family needs to be able to live with one less car but improvements to other methods of travel are needed to make that possible.
- I want Council to stop raising our taxes. Reduce them even. Spending money on things like that red artwork thing by the airport is wasteful. Finish the Ring Road. Instead of creating new mixed subdivisions, offer people with no kids a new subdivision built for the over 50 crowd with things for them and move families into the existing subdivisions so you can stop building so many new schools. Better Urban planning please.
- Look at life in our city while living on minimum wage, re housing, transportation
- SE leg of the transit line!!!!!! It's embarrassing that a 3rd of the city doesn't have a Ctrain. Push it through!!! And let UBER in yo cowards. Stop letting the taxi mafia run city hall.
- Think about all the young families in the suburbs and the increase in traffic in these areas and strive to invest in proper marked crossings. Maybe think about more roundabouts instead of 4 way stops to keep traffic flowing when it isn't a major busy intersection. Get proper infrastructure into new communities before/while building.
- Start listening to the people that voted them in. This is a democracy and your jobs are given to you by the people. So when people say they don't want bike lanes downtown, you should listen. I don't understand why this council is constantly appeasing the squeaky wheels.
- Find a better way to work with TNC's like uber, that will improve taxi service and not leave 3 companies with a monopoly. Better road planning and design and redesign of existing roads to improve current traffic flows and handle future growth. Better use of transit hours to provide longer service, perhaps less overlap of routes following the same roads with empty buses
- Abort expensive bicycle path expansion that will be used by few. Advance mass transit developments to the southeast.
- Continue to keep the public informed on new projects and allow input on major road/transit changes



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- I want Council to address the bottlenecks that still happen along major traffic routes. For example, where Deerfoot Trail goes down to 3 lanes. There is no point in continuing to expand the city out to the suburbs, only to be sending more people into bottlenecked traffic.
- The whole of Calgary to be very well interconnected by LRT. A direct faster and affordable super fast train line to connect Calgary and Edmonton should be a bold action plan. It will save lot of money.
- Get in touch with reality. This past year all school zones were changed to playground zone hours. I go through a school zone frequently going to and from home and at 3:30 in the afternoon the number of children I see in a week can be counted on one hand and from 5:00-9:30pm there are no children! If a driver cannot tell the difference between a school zone and a playground zone, they should not be driving. Has this knee-jerk reaction made a difference in the problem it was supposed to deal with or was it just another waste of taxpayers money. This survey forum might be a useful tool for seeking public input on decisions and choices that affect all of us. If this had been the case, would we have a ridiculous blue ring being called "art"?
- Start work on green line LRT as soon as possible.
- Ctrain in the SE. Traffic on Deerfoot getting out of Douglas Glen is terrible.
- Work on proper vehicle flow and stop punishing people for driving, for some of us that is the ONLY way we can get to work in a timely manner. We car pool, however since the bike lanes have gone in there is no way to stop and drop people along 8 avenue and 5th street or to stop and pick people up.
- I want council to think long term. I want council to make sustainable choices by improving not only Calgary transit but rail transit partnerships with surrounding communities such as Okotoks, Airdrie and Cochrane.
- BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE, MONEY WISE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR POOR AND SENIORS, TRANSPORTATION, ALL A GREAT CITY SHOULD HAVE, ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR POOREST, NOT YOUR RICHEST..... UNDERSTAND
- I want council to put a reasonable bylaw in place to allow ride sharing. I want them to stop their paternalistic attitude towards Calgarians and stop protecting the monopoly that they create for taxi companies
- Build the southwest ring road BEFORE the southwest transit way
- I want council to encourage new businesses like Uber rather than protecting entrenched business interests of the incumbents. Council should advocate for opening telecom industry to more competition leading to development of high tech jobs and businesses. This will help with diversification of the local economy. Urban planning should take into account installation of high speed fibre optic as a community/city owned or controlled infrastructure - or at least encourage more competition. Developments analogous to Google fibre should not be difficult just for the sake of protecting the outdated business models in the current established oligopoly of Rogers Bell and Telus. Information technology is the future and encouraging competition in IT infrastructure and services will foster development of new businesses and attract high skill workers.
- Improve & build public transport
- Start listening to Calgarians and not to select groups, such as making major roads narrower and more dangerous just for a few non-licensed bikes! Stop talking and build the transit lines we need, borrow if you have to, just do it!
- It is time to tend to aging infrastructure and transit. The old c-trains are deplorable. Train stations on the original lines are old and not inviting. Bridges are showing their age.
- I love the direction Calgary is headed. I've lived here 19 years and in that time the city has never been more vibrant and optimistic. But we need to keep thinking of the future Calgary, and to some people change is difficult. However, there are plenty of examples of cities to emulate to avoid, and for me, a city where walking and cycling can be done safely is one that will appeal to residents and visitors. I used to apologize to out of town visitors for various Calgary shortcomings, now I am proud to live here.



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- I want council to start thinking about the future. Have the c-train elevated instead of on the ground; therefore, talking up less ground space, no traffic interference plus you still can have greenery.
- Make Uber work and eliminate bike lanes in downtown Calgary
- "Long term solutions
- Meaningful change (not for the sake of it)
- More walkable, self-sustaining communities"
- Do a comprehensive (independent) study on the existing policy on the use of road gravel (pickle). The results of its use are far more detrimental than they are positive. We spend millions on applying it and millions on sweeping it up all for something that is horrifically inefficient and creates an absolute nightmare of filth that we have to live with from November to mid June. The Roads Department is supposed to assure that our roads are clean and safe and they actually do the exact opposite. We'll make sure to tell our kids after they come home bloodied up from wiping out in the gravel this spring that it's on the roads for their "safety ".
- Having been transferred from Edmonton to Calgary, I'm almost ashamed to say that traffic flows much better in Edmonton than it does in Calgary. We need to work on that! Lose the lights on Crowchild. Build cloverleaf over passes instead of whatever you're doing now which include lights for some bizarre reason.
- Rational and realistic plans. We cannot have bike lanes in a snow city or make being in the urban too expensive and poor access if they want to stop sprawl. Better transit that copies success - Europe as an example. We need low cost housing. industry growth, healthy tax system that does not punish those who do most of the work... we can add in pretty art when we have the money. if plans impact economic growth it is a mistake.
- Keep in mind that access to cheap and affordable carbon energy sources will begin to dwindle in this and following decades. The current price of oil doesn't reflect that, because in our globalized economy, price rarely affects true costs. We need to prepare for that inevitability. Investment in public transportation will payoff once citizens won't be able to afford the luxury of single-passenger commutes. Every system put in place today will pay dividends in a resource-scare future. Reference: Peak-oil
- I want Council to keep in mind putting a bandage on problems does not make a problem go away. Showing train times is useless when the train is "delayed". Putting flowers in neighbourhoods does not negate crime. Please focus on long-term solutions that benefit the majority.
- "I want council to allow backyard chickens, limit pesticide use in public parks, have on time transit with routes that make sense and local businesses, not corps, to get support to help our economy grow.
- Our transit is a mess, routes that overlap, areas that get no or minimal service and so many routes have huge areas that are the same as other buses."
- We as community in Copperfield, New Brighton, Copperpond are very deprived for not having any near sports facilities, LRT and public transit services. We have act now on the LRT and city recreation facilities. We need more libraries; not car show room in our in our community.
- Greenline lrt. Southeast rec center and high school. Lower taxes. Efficient use of money. Garbage system like edmonton.
- There's a lot of things that you could do, honestly. Because there's really not a lot of things to do in Calgary in general - other than go to a mall or hike around a prairie/mountain. Especially for older teens who are just under the age limit to do adult things. It's just a boring city to live in that many people want to get out of as soon as possible. Also, the transit routes are absolutely TERRIBLE. Poorly planned and inconvenient - no hospitals unless you're on a specific bus, no airport unless you're on another specific bus - it gets you pretty close to where you want to go/where everything is happening (when there ever is anything happening), but just never actually where you want to go. Disappointing.



- Stop catering to special interest groups! You are destroying our quality of life by doing so. Stop catering to whiney cyclists, the anti-car cabal, and inner city cry babies who are only interested in their own well-being. Start listening to the majority again and tell administration to stop treating us like a bunch of idiots. Just because we don't agree with their ideologically-driven plans doesn't mean we don't understand them. We do! That's why we're against them. If how council treats citizens doesn't change very soon you will be seeing a very angry electorate in October 2017.
- be very fiscally responsible. Fix the mess that is the SE traffic flow.
- Work on providing better pedestrian friendly streets. Very few people bike, but we all walk
- Continue with new LRT line
- I want counsel to start the LRT expansion and finds ways to grow Calgary's economy that does not rely on oil and gas.
- I want Council to keep investing in improvements to transit and pedestrian walkways
- "Improve transit connectivity. Expand Ctrain at rapid pace
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- Try those small improvements project with respect to roads and connectivity rather than the big ones
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- Make the city attractive to other economic sectors like banking finance or logistics."
- "Ensure that the SE gets better transit systems and options.
- All new parks should have washroom facilities to allow families to spend the day outdoors instead of being constrained by public facilities not being available."
- With the design for the north south transit line, have the line be above ground or metro- yes this is more expensive but paying extra to not constantly interrupt traffic is worth it
- Focus on LRT expansion and supporting the local businesses that are already here. Less focus on attracting new business or people from other countries.
- Please consider improving the backdated C-Train system based on modern available options.
- Stop wasting money on ridiculous art projects and bike lanes. Get traffic flowing properly in this city - there is no way Crowchild and Deerfoot should back up the way they do. We need more affordable housing, projects that will create jobs and diversity from the oil industry. We also need viable options for the lack of taxis. Stop supporting the industry that doesn't serve the people.
- More buses with bike racks.
- "Bike lanes on busy city streets create dangerous conditions for both motorists and bike riders.
- Enforce existing traffic laws for all users(bike riders running red lights etc.)
- Licence bicycles for identification purposes."
- I want council to actually keep building the SE let line and not forget about the south east
- Fix existing bike routes
- Improve public transit.
- City sprawl and managing roadways and transit
- I really like walkable communities and would like more developers to concentrate on this.
- I want council to keep the everyday struggles, commuting, and economic of avrage working Calgarians in mind when instituting any initiatives. To show true empathy one must place themselves in someone elses shoes.
- The northeast needs love too, ban uber
- "Sidewalks on 40 the avenue
- Centre to Edmonton trail had no sidewalks but now you've heard us - it's an improvement



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- Focus on infrastructure is water services sidewalks etc
- Quality is poor with external vendors being used
- Do you go with sole contractor or cheapest bid??
- Keep up quality of infrastructure up and budget for it
- Especial focus on older areas
- Focus on storm water systems as you develop more roads etc
- Environment is key as well when considering development
- Consider environment as we link to support regional areas and smaller neighbouring cities and communities"
- Place heavy focus on local community shops, grocery and cafes. Bring walking and socializing back to local communities. Provide tax rebates for residents who renovate homes and improve the 'walk score' of their neighbourhood.
- Start listening to constituents. We have not been consulted on the SWBRT and you have a terrible plan. Please start listening to our questions and concerns. We need to have a reconsideration of the BRT. You need to tell us the price, and justify why it is necessary. Why not just put in a bus route on the existing infrastructure. Administration is unresponsive and disrespectful to citizens. They are unelected and unaccountable..
- I Want the city of Calgary employees to stop competing for Twitter space and start being and doing what you were elected to do. I don't care if you are the most popular mayor in the world, I want you to lead make good decisions. Empty buses behind cement barriers DOESN'T work. Ask those. Cities who have tried it before. And stop doing just what you as a small, insular group want to do. Start listening to the people who Re affected by your near sited ideas.
- Make safe cost effective improvements to transit, but the SW BRT design must be reconsidered and use the money more wisely. A design more similar to Crowchild trail could be safer, cheaper, and allow better flow at intersections.
- Give back me back fifty kilometre traffic to elbow drive. Give me back school zones asapposed to playground zone speeds as no kids are there.
- Help create an inclusive city. Access to housing, all modes of transportation including transit, social programs
- That there needs to be accessible transit to new and existing communities it feels as if there has been so much focus on much of the new infrastructure and that what has been established has been left to rot so to speak
- Give Bow Valley College students the UPASS like other tertiary institution students. Why are they being punished for using transit in a city where council has made parking so expensive and scarce?
- Keep upgrading transit infrastructure, uber need to make a comeback lack of carpooling lanes and space for them makes this service so amazing
- Stop playing politics and listen to community concerns. Densification should be a priority along LRT routes both existing and future lines. Find a way to keep the traffic flowing, including adding lanes where traffic bunches (north of 32 Ave NE.). Improve the timing of lights. Don't forget this city is still car oriented, whether we like it or not.
- I would like to see more back road bike trails around the city of calgary
- It's the middle and lower class that keep the forgot communities alive.....why does the expensive communities get better roads,transit,shelter for transit,city support for improvement?
- I hope get job in this city us haigher technicien in industrial maintenance. If working in factories in calgary only for phillipinos let Uber came back i will drive in our city not only in Edmonton. Uber help drivers to make money and customers to go out.



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- Save tax dollars, expand transit where possible, consider later service...nighttime
- The current economy requires that more accessible, affordable parking needs to be available and public transit needs to be improved
- Keep in mind that a large portion of the city population is under employed and doesn't necessarily have the money to support large changes in spending which affects tax rates. Crowchild trail between 17th avenue and Kensington road needs to be fixed!
- Get uber here
- Uber
- "Transportation (bike, train, pedestrian)
- Environmental (recycling, renewable energy, composting)
- Community engagement (community hubs)"
- I want council to continue to fight for a renewable energy system in Calgary as well as develop the CTrain line. Development of accessible housing is an absolute must!
- "-clear the snow better from pathways
- - improve pedestrian safety in residential communities - and not just via relying on people changing their behaviours. Invest money for crosswalk signals, and slow speed limits way down.
- - invest more in rec facilities - we desperately need more ice sheets in the NW"
- Given the current economic environment, I think it is important for Council to focus on essential activities (capital expenditures, construction, transit) and cut all nonessentials.
- Ultimately.. the largest thing I want to see is fair treatment towards small and medium sized businesses. The tax rate going up year by year is far too high, and does nothing but damage their profit ability which ultimately gets thrown onto the consumer.. which is a tricky tactic as it lowers demand and ability to hire and lower unemployment. Let's get people working and lets get a more vibrant economy. And lets get ways for the workers of this city to get around efficiently, and faster without forcing them to own a car. Of course don't discourage it, but lets find ways to achieve environmental performance that also includes an ability to contribute economically. CTrain, and BRT to every quadrant of the city TO every quadrant of the city. I've always thought that BRT from Tuscany to Saddleridge, Saddleridge to Seton, and Seton to Silverado to connect with expanded CTrain will connect people like never before. As well, look for efficiencies in every department, so we can keep other tax rates that go up as low as possible. We can't have a vibrant economy if our dollars in citizens' pockets are not being spent in areas that increase demand. Which taxes will always be the least favourite. Thank you. Mac Dobos
- Build a city and respect ALL citizen input. The SW Transitway is a prime example of decisions made behind closed doors and disrespect for those who challenged this decision. Additionally if this decision was made in 2011 why was there wasted millions spent on intersections at Heritage and 90th. This is a waste of valuable tax dollars.
- Cyclists need to be educated and responsible in their travels. Licensing can generate revenues for pathways.
- Deerfoot trail needs to be widened.....bottleneck at memorial dr to 64th.....due to poor planning. Need Fire and EMS services in new communities. Legislation to prevent builders building too close so that when one house goes up...it takes out the ones beside it....this is ridiculous!
- NO NO NO City Charter. You don't need anymore ways to take more money from us tax payers. Quit waisting our money on what some of you consider art. It isn't anything but a waist of money! No to the \$40 million being spent to put buses on 14 St. Anyone with any common sence, logic, or brains would put some buses on this route first and see if it is being used to see if there was a need first befor going and spending millions of dollars. Traffic on 14 St is terrible now and will be a nightmare durring construction. The ring road when



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finished will solve some of traffic burden taking away the need for this bus route. No more money waisted on bike paths. Bikers need to start respecting drivers and pedestrians! No to redusing the speed limit. In Ottawa there is one sign post at my grandson's elementry school with 2 signs on it. The top one says the speed limit 60 Km/hr the lower sign says no stoping to drop off students. At the playgrounds the signs only say it is a playground and nothing reducing the speed limit. In Sarnia at my grandsons elementry school there is one sign at the cross walk for students crossing the road. There isn't kids being mowed down, I guess kids there are smarter and are being taught to look both ways to make sure it is safe to cross befor crossing the street. No to

- Decrease the bureaucracy and time delays in construction. Take the focus a little bit out of the downtown core when considering what a walkable city is - think of those who do not have the luxury of opting to drive a car or use car2go; their only option is the bus or bicycle - and if on a bus, their stop ends at a place where there are no sidewalks; or intermittent sidewalks and traffic consists of large trucks, faster vehicle speeds. Ensure our seniors living in the older communities close to downtown, e.g., Bridgeland; are not facing excessive property taxes when faced with a fixed income that is likely outdated in its ability to keep up with the cost of living standard.
- Listen to your taxpayers. If the majority don't want something don't do it. If they do want something like Uber then make it happen.
- I was very disappointed with the train parking changes. Most parents are running from the train to get kids from daycare and a 15 minute wait for the bus can make you late. The 14 bridlewood is so packed most days we can't all fit in it.
- Please use space more effectively (instead of endlessly spreading out the city borders), think more about pedestrians and try to reduce unnecessary car usage.
- Allow uber immediately.
- Build circle road
- Flood mitigation is the priority. We should never have to go through the horrors of 2013 again. Recycling is important, the introduction of compost bins and the residence of Calgary should be supported in their efforts, we shouldn't have to pay to recycle (cardboard) at the infill sites. Would like to see more large city parks with a portion dedicated to off leash areas available for dog owners.
- Reduce spending! Spend only on "needs" not "wants". Stop trying to fund every special interest and start charging fees that recover costs - no more sunsidies for transit, rec. centers etc.. Stp the social engineering and build what and where people want - improve roadways to better accomodate increasing traffic and please, please STOP with all the hiring of consulatnts - if senior management in City departments can't handle decision making an dplanning thenselves, hire someone who can!!!!
- Leadership is required to get us out of the single person/car dependency.
- Would love to see the S.E. rail expansion to douglasdale and beyond.
- Keep improving Calgary transit to expand ridership
- More HOV Lanes
- Connection between Heritage Station & Deerfoot Meadows Mall (11 St SE)?
- More pedestrian scrambles. Improved pedestrian safety
- #1 buses running every 10 min all day long
- More hours of transportation and cheaper rates
- More bike racks consistently on buses please +online!
- Agreed (with above)
- Have pilot bike tracks permanent. (They're awesome! Thank you!!)



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- Make signing Bigger street
- Transit directly into YYC like other major cities (ex. Vancouver, Toronto)
- Transportation infrastructure for all types of transportation car, transit, bike.
- Crowchild Trail bottleneck
- Complete the greenway bike routes.
- Crowchild bridge bottleneck improvements
- S.W. Ring Road
- Keep working on the bike system.
- More bike racks on buses
- Keep maintaining pathways!
- R = ? Not rapid
- Move accessible public transit
- Improve roadway infrastructure
- Buses to all parts of the city not just downtown.
- 1. Better road system
- 1. Transit buses peak hrs increases from 6 pm to 7 pm
- Safety for everyone, more routes in cold times. J
- Centre Street (from 72 Ave N., north) needs to be resurfaced
- Yes (to above)
- Greenline does/will not (+) affect Hidden Valley Hanson Ranch
- Raise / educate on being a conscious driver/"cyclist"/road user
- Traffic issue on Berkley Dr. before 3-ways stops - flashing light? Reduce speed limit
- Love that the pathway is getting extended in Hanson Ranch NW by the Creek - friendlier for pedestrians
- Calgary Transit should not treat High School passengers as "second class" clients. Bus routes should allow students to arrive more than 5 min to start of school to accommodate weather and traffic delays
- #3 bus is good in Beddington. And won't use or need Green Line.
- Proposed 40 km/h is questionable on streets
- Don't exclude cars from transportation. Transportation is more than bikes
- 40 km max in residential communities
- Reducing residential speed limits to 40 kph stupid. Trying to increase road rage?
- School zone safety
- Move red light camera to Hidden Creek Dr and Beddington TR NW to improve safety (from Country Hills BVNW & Beddington TR NW)
- Make walking a more natural inclination. E.g. sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- Build a 37 St SW causeway over the weaslehead
- Brian Pincott the SW BRT is not needed, we don't want it, you are not listening (but you will)
- It is not aesthetic. There is no project like this in residential community in any large city in Canada
- Brian Pincott do not build BRT. Refund tax instead
- We do not need the SW BRT with the SW Ring Road a go.
- Prioritize economic development vs. sustainable infrastructure (i.e. bike paths)
- The majority of Calgary does not want BRT. Why is it proceeding?
- The SW BRT is nowhere near ready to tender much less construct!
- We need electric bicycles permitted in Calgary!!!



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- Put the SW BRT on hold! The design is non-functional and the costs are out of control
- Speed limit for bicycles on combined pathways how we force that??
- Build a bridge over the Elbow at 50 Ave SW
- Parking planning - less monopoly & more affordable/ more reasonable profit to the owner
- Give me back 50 kmph on Elbow Drive
- Transit planning. --> better planning & underground.
- Give me back school zone speed limits versus playground zones
- More space on bus 72/73 & 38
- Transit ----> +1
- Transit --> no direct route to downtown. Have to go to Panorama.
- Panorama... Adds 1/2+ hour to commute. How about express bus?
- We (Kincora) need an express bus direct to downtown am & pm peak.
- More bike lanes!
- Don't close sidewalks for construction. Be pro-pedestrian
- More efficient transit in Ogden area
- Keep the good public transit in the Hillhurst area! & Thank you!!
- Pedestrian strategy - we are all pedestrians!
- More bike lanes
- More bike lanes
- Snow and ice removal on non--bus-routes and pathways
- Limit expansion of "bike-only" things from the lanes of road.
- 24 Ave is a main access to Crowchild Tr but has too much street parking because of density
- general increase of road maintenance
- More bus 52 on weekdays
- Just improve bus services on 14th Street. More #20's don't waste \$100 million+ on that 14 Street project
- Cyclists should be charged for a licence. There are no free rides!!!
- Transit to support aging in place?
- Re-classify residential roadways
- Focus on paving & road conditions
- Increase walkability, wider sidewalks
- Acadia - accidents are a concern - need traffic calming / bike lanes on Fairmount Dr, Acadia Dr, etc.
- Dedicated snow and ice approach. Not relying on chinooks. Spend the money as allocated.
- Snow and ice contributes to social isolation
- Better bus service south of Anderson Rd to LRT at Anderson. There is your solution now pay me!
- Speed reduction in playground zones
- Adequate funding for snow and ice and don't reallocate surplus.
- Gaps in services for seniors who don't/can't use transit
- Cut frills and spend on roads.
- Long bus trips and no public washrooms??
- Do you need to plan transit buses to always go to LRT?
- More paving & focus on quality of work.
- In a time of a downturn no need to spend money on bikelines where communities say No, e.g. Northmount Dr.
- Reduce property tax & better bus transit Better sidewalk snow removal



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- Look at turnstile on new LTR lines. Will prevent crime!!!
- Transfer points are far from washrooms
- Tunnel access Crowchild to downtown (2 or 3 lanes)
- Speed bumps on residential streets - 48 St / 19th Ave SE
- Takes bus everyday. Serves my needs well.
- More sidewalks and for them to connect
- Maintain C-train services
- Great transit
- Love to see a circle C-train that connects the whole city
- Road clearing from black ice on 24 Ave NE
- Better lighting at the NE C-train area to see pedestrians better (street lights) and at-grade sidewalks
- Road maintenance - potholes
- Focus on getting the 4 cars to get it done!
- Buses are nice, air conditioning is nice
- Better bus service in Mayland heights
- More transit development that is better spread and more frequent
- More buses and more frequent bus service
- Another transit route to industrial area
- Pedestrian crosswalk safety - including police presence
- Make a circle line (c-train from Saddletown to Country Hills. Loop it right past the airport
- Road conditions - very narrow in parts need to be widened
- LRT expansion - 69th South
- More transit - more routes in SW
- Less bike paths
- Transit is good. User for last 10 years, service is working
- City needs several thousand signs 'Right Lane exits 1 KM'
- Communicate Crowchild study like bypass/ring road. Not PowerPoint
- Better posting of signs at intersections (Note: commenter drew picture of a diamond with two side-by-side up arrows in it)
- 70 km on North Crowchild @ 17th is crazy (south is fine!)
- Make new communities walk friendly sidewalks on both side of every street.
- Bring back old #6 route through to Westhills - not all want to go to C-train - want to go shopping or to theatre by 1 bus, not downtown.
- Can't cross 36 Street at Deerfoot as a pedestrian & bus routes go long way round to get across.
- 1 km lane for merging
- Calgary Transit App is great.
- 14th Street project not going to help traffic flow
- Better crosswalk Paint the lines so they're seen better
- Traffic flow and lights (timing & more lights)
- 1. Pedestrian safety in residential area. This can't be done relying on driver behaviour change alone. - Slower speed limits. - Invest in crosswalks
- 3. Better snow clearing on walking paths in residential areas.
- Lights at crosswalks are awesome



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- I like the new traffic pattern on Bowness Road
- Bike lanes are not a top priority!
- We are in an economic down turn and it is effecting everyone in a different way. Offering different options for employment, affordable entertainment and programs, and more affordable modes of transportation around the city is key. Thank you!
- Work harder at managing their budget around the levels of current funding rather than continually raising taxes, or as they seem to be doing now, not raising taxes as much but hiding fees in services (ie blue cart) and saying taxes are not going up as much. It would be great if Mayor Nenshi could instead of touting a potential massive tax increase and then coming in lower, which is more in line with reality and really what council was aiming for, spend the time in the early stages truly looking for efficiencies. Also, please step back from the whole bike lane fiasco and let's take a real look at whether they make sense or not. I think most people believe this is a 'legacy' project of the mayor and a few councillors and they will make it go ahead further no matter what. Finally make a positive change in the funding rules so that a set percentage of total cost does not need to be allocated for art as there are better places to spend money in some cases then on the atrocious art we have seen for the cost .
- Remove bike lanes and consult citizens on transportation plans not present them as fait accomplis. I have already stopped using services near bike lanes as they make it impossible for me to access them. Nobody on council seems to fight for handicapped access, and all the plans are being made for healthy twenty year olds to bike or walk but zero consideration is given to Antoine with mobility issues.
- Keep/make public transport cheaper than driving
- Green line green line green line oh and green line
- Accept uber. It will build jobs where as of now people have lost jobs. Its really hard right now for a lot of us.
- Find ways to make transit faster and more efficient, with many fewer breakdowns and delays.
- I want council to enable uber!
- Help Calgary small companies make it through this downturn. Make driving easier by timing lights better.
- Stop protecting the criminal enterprise that the taxi service in Calgary has become.
- Please realize how very difficult it is to get out of the Southeast corner of the city. Public transit takes forever to get downtown. 130 E of 52 is awful, and getting to Stoney from there takes way too long.
- When building new communities plan schools to be built sooner so that kids don't have to travel so far to get to a school miles away from home. This will surely ease the transport burden on the city at the same time.
- Please get Uber in this City. It is a necessity
- Get rid of bike lanes taking up roadways. 12th Avenue is a nightmare to drive with changing lanes.
- "No public debt.
- Constrain budget & tax increases to national inflation rates.
- No more unproductive and fixed ""art"" expenditures.
- Improve community access by increasing the number of roads and pathways into and out of them, not closing them off!
- Increase public park and open areas."
- I want council to work on creating an inclusive, accessible, equitable, and environmentally friendly city. I want the city to provide more resources for low income people & families as well as for homeless people. In addition, I want the city to reduce the police sweeps and end the criminalization of sex workers. Furthermore, I want safe injection sites available in every sector of the city. More low income housing, and accessible and affordable after school and summer programs available to children from families in every income bracket.



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- I want council to get rid of the bike lanes - the city's traffic is congested enough as it is without removing additional spots on the road for cars
- Put an emphasis on transportation and infrastructure especially leisure and sports complexes.
- I want council to remember the south east/west portion of Calgary!! We feel like we have been forgotten about.....no ring road, no Ctrain. Traffic is a nightmare
- While I am not opposed to bike lanes, I really think we need a better solution. I support bike lanes in the summer but they are not used near to the same level in the winter so why not allow them to revert back to car lanes in the winter? Also, the property tax process of market assessments both residentially and commercially is seriously flawed. There needs to be more thought put into assessing market values in using just comparative sales. There are often qualitative factors assessing value that are not taken into consideration.
- Overall focus should be on sustainability. This creates a city that flows well and grows together, and attracts outside interest. Helping Calgarians to take public transportation, compost, reduce utility usage/costs, etc. provides more money for the economy.
- The SE is desperately in need of improved public transit. The c-train line is needed today and can't wait!!!
- I like the changes I see....engagement, move towards better cycling and bus routes, beautification of our concrete jungle....keep it up.
- Review snow clearing policy (previously mentioned in my comments). Cease plowing only the middle of the street and begin plowing to curb so swales can drain properly, people can access their mail safely from roadside mailboxes and cars will no longer get stuck backing out of their driveways.
- "If there is ANY money coming the Provincial Government if a form of a tax break on property tax, I want that money to go back to the people.
- Better roads, with BETTER traffic flow, please fix the flow on 12Ave.
- Just say no to the Green Garabge Bins, don't want it don't need it."
- consider the long-term value of investing in tightly knit (walkable) communities where citizens can trust and depend on each other without having to travel large distances; diversifying our economy to reduce dependency on traditional industries; and pay attention to citizen and environmental well-being that will last centuries, rather than only the next decade.
- We need to be leaders. Building healthy cities means taking opportunities to construct our built environment in a manner that enhances public health. The new cycle track is a great addition that exemplifies this, but we also need to cut back on sprawl, increase walkability, and invest in green infrastructure and technology. Let's NOT be the city that people look back on in 200 years and say "they really fell behind during the green revolution."
- provide affordable transit options for Calgarians, regardless of your 50/50/ split for taxpayer monies and fair payers. In other words, subsidise transit fairs that match the need of the people, and not the budget projections (50/50 goal). Unless you take the needs of subsidization in the context of actual people needs, you will only be shuffling monies around in order to meet your budget projections.
- Encourage variety of transportation choices/ Transit, Car, Bike, Pedestrians to share same transportation network.
- Work co-operatives to achieve goals that collectively make Calgary a better community. Spend money once - overbuild interchanges in new communities in anticipation of them reaching maximum capacity. That way you don't end up spending more over-all, in the future, when you have to expand capacity. It saves money long term & greatly reduces the inconvenience to the community caused by traffic congestion.
- I want council to stop increasing taxes at far above the inflation rate. I want council to stop stealing money given back by the province, when it reasonably belongs to the home owners. I want council to stop charging



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extra fees for items that used to be included in property taxes, but now aren't (like garbage and recycling pick up), especially when taxes aren't even reduced when the new fees are added! I want council to approve a reasonable bylaw (not the one that was passed) that will allow Uber into the city. I want council to stop protecting taxi drivers, and creating an artificial market environment for taxi licenses.

- I would like public parks (& parking in parks) to be open to public in the evenings (i.e. open to later hours)
- Make bus passes (discounts) income based not age based
- Leave seniors' bus pass alone!
- increase the quality of transportation and put more room so transportation can carry more passengers
- Seat belts just in case of a bus crash
- Safety of LRT stations
- more frequently running LRT and buses
- LRT Park & Ride availability vs cost per month
- Senior bus passes should not increase \$
- Putting heated bus shelter in Shawnessy Station
- Better & more park & ride to ensure people can use LRT
- - Deerfoot Trail North merge from McKnight to 64th Avenue is an accident waiting to happen. Traffic flow reduces from 100km/h to 60km/h almost instantaneously on weekends. Put yourself in the shoes of citizens and imagine yourself or child being killed at this bottleneck. - Memorial Drive East onto Deerfoot North. This is another accident waiting to happen. With traffic flowing at 70-80km/h on the right side of the road to Deerfoot South or continue to Memorial East. Traffic to exit is backed up to the zoo on weekends, with vehicles stopping in the adjacent lanes to enter the exit lane. Suggestion: Have a set of lights that allow continue exiting while having the two lanes of traffic from Deerfoot South onto Memorial East traffic flowing at the same time. Like the CEO of any company, the Mayor and council are accountable and responsible for the safety of its citizens. Each are elected to represent the citizens. Please make the decision to focus on this.
- Improve transit trains to avoid train breakdowns and delays. Transit parking availability and costing. More off leash dog parks in ward 13. Thank you for checking in Diane.
- You folks are doing a great job in tough times. Don't let the haters like the ready to engage group keep hating. The SWT plan is definitely the best for my area.
- Ranking of infrastructure projects. Traffic on Crowchild past Kensington was a problem 40 years ago and is worse now. Yet there is a new overpass being built at Garrison Greens and the Peace bridge. All this before fixing known issues, what is the priority process. It might need reviewed. Hopefully we do not have the Montreal project ranking. Review current services. Everyone I chat with agrees that recycle pickup could be every two weeks versus weekly. And the new green bins, wow most people are not impressed.
- The question asked what services do you want cut? I have to believe how can we do more with less like many Calgary businesses are having to address in the current economic environment. I don't think the city of Calgary should be immune from these types of decisions. Secondly, I do think the city has made some intelligent decisions re: bike lanes. However, these may be coming to an end e.g. Bike lanes on north mount drive. It seems to me that there really isn't a need to add formal bike lanes and incur the cost. I travel to work on north mount drive and feel this would be an unnecessary expense.
- Do not build the SW BRT as planned. If you must, add a bus on existing roads to get to MRU and the hospital
- I think we need to rethink our priorities and adjust our focus on essentials. Many projects that were once a good idea may need to be parked - transit to downtown and downtown infrastructure would be number one on my list to remove from the list. Downtown is a significantly different place than it was 2 years ago. I also think



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that property standards and safety are becoming more of a concern as the city deals with the economic issues it has not seen in a generation.

- The city needs to seriously reconsider bad spending decisions. The planned work to reroute the Glenmore bike path and disrupt Earl Grey golf course is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars. The people responsible should sit down in the area for a day and see how many bikes actually come through? Please Don't bring us more carts. I don't want a green one. It will sit in my garage collecting dust not compost. This is a bad idea. The garbage pickup can occur less frequently but I don't want a green cart. The SW BRT plan is also wasteful. Wait til the SW ring road is complete and then consider the SW needs.
- Please stop "finding" ways to spend money by continuing to create bike lanes and "revitalize" streets like 20 St SW and 50 Ave SW when the city doesn't have the money for luxuries. Focus on necessities, not ripping up streets to accommodate the 1-2% of users that cyclists make up.
- We have an incredible city with beautiful views, vibrant people and strong community. However there are parts of our city that aren't keeping pace. We need a plan for how to deal with a continually aging McLeod Trail and 16th Ave. McLeod Trail, north of Heritage is not an accurate representation of the city and could be a much more effective use of real estate. Kick out the vape, sex and pawn shops and add green space, coffee shops, local retailers and inviting lighting. Increase the tax revenue and pedestrian traffic that uses this major artery of the city. Similar strategy can be applied to 16th avenue. Thank you
- The bike lanes do not work. Bikes do not use them and the lanes take away from access to business around the lanes
- Eliminate wasteful art spending, eliminate compost bin collection, control utility pricing, reduce property taxes, bring in Uber, embrace free market principles, reduce municipal spending on non-essential services, manage lazy municipal workers...the list goes on. Extremely unhappy with the City of Calgary's performance. :(
- More time should have been devoted to public feedback and the cost effectiveness of recent bike lane development. Overall, money would have been better spent if it was devoted to public transit than some cyclist routes that will generally only be accessed during warmer weather by a limited population. For example, the 20 St SW bike lane project was pushed through with very little notice to residents and a small window for public feedback. The timing of the 20 St SW road changes was VERY poorly selected since residents are already struggling with reduced road access and ongoing traffic issues due to the lengthy Flanders Avenue closure. Little consideration was given to homeowners who will likely have their property values affected by reduced on street parking. Residents had to wait about 6 months to hear about the final approved route, which was installed soon after. At least public transit improvements could benefit citizens around the city on a year round basis! Consideration also needs to be put into the cost effective nature of public artwork. More money needs to be put into maintaining our roads during the winter and improving them in the summer (i.e. Re-paving and fixing potholes). Snow removal has been below citizens' expectations in recent years. There are several major roadways in a state of disrepair like 14th St SW, Crowchild Trail and Glenmore Trail. They require re-paving in the near future. I appreciate the improvements made to the online 311 platform.
- With less people using city transit, cut those services in half. Every 45min for example, people can show up a little earlier to work, if they are fortunate enough to still be working. The saving would be huge not only in paying less income for city transit workers, but in fuel and maintenance in vehicles. Utilize the busses and fill them up by running them half the time, rather than bringing 100 half loads to the train, bring 50 full loads.
- Cut the fat, non-essential expenditure and industrial action avoiding salary increases given as no one has the guts to say no to the unions. Focus on essential services (police, fire and life-essential services maintenance) and stop wasting money on transport systems that were once a good idea but will not longer fit the purpose



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due to changes that have come about since decisions were first made. Stop pandering to the minority groups (art, cyclists, etc.)

- Reduce costs right across the board. Get rid of bike lanes and all art costs. Ridiculous! Stop grading the streets when there's no snow! I can't believe how many times the dry roads have been power in front of my house in the past four years; all you guys do is waste my money.
- Shift funding from major road interchanges and freeway upgrades (Crowchild/Deerfoot) to the Green Line LRT. This is the most important project right now in YYC. If anything invest staff, money, to speed it up. With Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal leap frogging us (who knows what will happen in Vancouver) on readiness to build rapid transit, we could face a shortage of LRT specific contractors/expertise. Put LRT funding into the greenfield land developer's development cost charges. If they're paying for freeway upgrades they can pay for LRT that goes right to the city edges too. It's not fair to have the current set up to automatically fund only one transportation form. Add a 4.5 cent per litre city-wide gas tax for Green Line funding via provincial share and just get on with it instead of waiting even longer for a city charter. Does anyone even mention the 4 cent per litre gas tax Jim Prentice put on? No. Reduce, or stop until the economy recovers, the un-necessary sidewalk and curb replacement as is going on right now in Brentwood. Does a flat, cracked sidewalk panel or chipped curb really need money spent on it compared to other things? Fat to be cut there. Make the cycle tracks permanent. Reduce risks to the taxpayer from higher carbon taxes. Plant more trees for a tree canopy along Bow River, Nose Creek, and other unused green space. Do less impermeable surfacing to allow water infiltration and mitigate storm water run-off. Simplify the zoning rules with fewer zoning categories, change zoning to match the ARPs, station plans, etc (people can still comment at DP stage) and put time limits (6 months) on engagement and development approval process, so infill developers have more certainty. Charge higher fees if you have to, to get it done faster. Freeze infill development on green space like golf courses-putting Confederation Creek in a culvert under a road through Highland is a travesty when just west they get parks. Get RouteAhead done, even if the SW BRT is replaced with construction only for the South Crosstown BRT. NW has West Campus, Stadium, new Cancer Centre, SAIT expansion, Green Line, infill, etc-16 Ave will need better transit. Is there anything YYC can do to shed its (and mitigate Alberta's) bad image (conservative, regressive, small-minded) to attract high potential industries such as IT, finance, or medical-related? Don't waste tax money on Flames/Stamps facilities.
- Some services are not needed. Snow plowing residential streets causes more harm than good (burying vehicles parked on street in snow) and are often ill-timed and this not necessary. Snow plowing residential streets should be eliminated. City of Calgary employees and members of management, unionized or not should not be getting raises in this environment. Nor should they get a consistent 2/3 percent a year. Private sector wages don't rise that fast or that consistently even in good times. That is not what my experience has been anyway. People that use transportation (public and infrastructure) should pay for it. People who use Deerfoot should pay for upgrades, not the entire populace. Toll roads should be instituted. User pay. If I pay a premium to live in the inner city where I can walk most places, I should not have to pay copious amounts of money to subsidize other people's commutes. I pay through increased rent on a monthly basis.
- Please stop spreading salt on residential streets. It is harmful to houses, cement and the watershed. Higher density is fine, but consider what things will look like in 10, 20, 50 years if you go down this route. Nobody wants their children to ride a bus for an hour each way to go to school.
- Reduce traffic congestion, crime reduction
- Cut down on public transit, there are less people commuting these days with the economy. I don't think the average Calgarian gets the value out of recycling program. No one will say this though because it isn't a very politically correct thing to say. I think many of these programs are put in without considering the total environmental benefit/cost. TWO trucks driving around, now there will be up to 3 (with the compost).



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Everyone rinsing milk jugs and bottles? How is this anymore environmentally friendly? All we're doing is sorting the garbage for the dump.

- I would like to see a Hays evaluation completed and proper wages paid at the city. The city should not be paying at par with oil and gas. These employees are paid for potential instability of jobs. Furthermore part time workers are horribly over paid such as lifeguards making 30 dollars an hour compared to other recreational facilities in town. Finally our Councillors should take a wage freeze as they too are over paid and should have better planned not forcing this ridiculous reassessment. Please spend less time being trendy ie. Bike lanes and neighbourhood days and focus on essential services like roads, transit and parks. We are spending too much money in the wrong places like wages and think groups and not focusing on tried and true methods already in existence in other cities. We don't need to be special not in an economic downturn.
- I'm sick and tired of bike lanes and pandering to bikers who ignore the law, driving through red lights, zipping through crosswalks without dismounting, and the blocking off of roads for these idiots to have a lane that can't be accessed in the winter anyway.
- Why are city costs going so much. Cut your own salaries and negotiate better contracts. Cut the bureaucracy. Cut the red tape. Consider factors other than property value when assessing tax. Such as how much households use road infrastructure. I mean how much money has gone into the Crowchild study over the years just to figure out how we can get more one person vehicles on the road.
- You must control costs and not have tax increases in tough times. Unions are driving costs up and they must also share the pain if everyone else is suffering. If you do not know what people are using and where to spend your money most effectively, then you have a problem. Just because people say they want something doesn't mean it is important to spend money on it. If the data shows they are not using the service, stop spending money there. If money is to be invested in a service, clear KPIs must be shown to ensure value is being driven from the investment (e.g. if we are to spend more money on police, what will be measured to show the investment was worthwhile to drive future decisions on investment). Stop doing make work projects such as the Sarcee/Stoney interchange upgrade and 112 Ave upgrade. There are no traffic issues there and yet there are traffic issues on Shaganappi and Stoney interchange every day now causing safety issues that are not being addressed. Get rid of the bike lanes or do them better. I have now given up going into downtown because of them and the lack of parking. Even in these slow times, I cannot get a spot near my optometrist at 6:45 am in the morning and am forced to either walk many blocks or pay for parking. That is unacceptable and this is more than once that this has happened. I will now need to look for someone else closer to home as it has become too inconvenient. The lanes on 12th are confusing and the lanes in the suburb areas (e.g. Northland Drive) are ridiculous and causes chaos during times when the schools let out. Playground zone changes are also ridiculous because all the playground zones I have gone through have very little pedestrian traffic. Spend money on teaching kids proper road/pedestrian safety. The Edgemont Drive playground zone is the worst, there is no park/school around except up a very steep and long hill so while it meets the definition of the word for a playground zone in terms of proximity to a school, you are so far away the risk is so low for any incident. There is more risk with poor driving and parents breaking traffic laws when dropping off kids at bus pickup zones that those should be monitored and enforced more.
- Transit transfers need to be longer than 90 minutes as it takes min 2 hours on a Sunday without buses to get across the city
- Stop the BRT in the SW until ring road is complete. It will give ATCO time to move pipeline. Use the money on other Bus lines that NEED it. I know 2 young people that live in the South and the buses are always empty except in the early morning



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- Parking for families and students should be a priority. Some families work hard to be able to finally get a vehicle for their small children, but then realize that there's no parking where they need to go or that they need to pay for parking and sometimes only with a credit card. This needs to stop! I'm a single mother of 4 young boys and I go to school full time, and parking is so expensive and is impossible to find at times. Social programs are also a problem. For someone to have to go get help that is usually caught up on bills, I've been turned away because I'm not being cut off. This is really sad. Help should be available to everyone down and out. Not just homeless or having services turned off.
- We don't live in a fantasy land and can't create one by spending more tax payer dollars. Services like composting or recycling for small apartment/ condos that don't get used and cost residents more money are just another waste and inconvenience. Bike lanes that add to congestion and compromise safety are another waste of time and money in a city our size(area). No common sense applied when placing a roadway then a lane of parking, then a bike lane, then sidewalk. Bikes travelling at high speed are hidden from line of sight by parked vehicles are asking for an accident when vehicles turning right. There is a reason vehicles don't turn left from the far right lane cutting across traffic and vice versa. It causes accidents. Please give your heads a shake and rethink this.
- Our economy is not currently equipped to support the "wants" such as bike lanes and green carts. People who want to compost already do. Unless the city is going to actually step up and enforce that people actually separate their garbage and use the bins properly, this is a waste of money all around. Bike lanes are seasonal and best, extremely expensive for what they provide, and they do not prevent a hazard they create one as those who use them are widely uneducated, don't obey the rules of the road and are not/cannot be properly monitored and controlled. Taxpayers cannot currently afford to continue paying tax hikes to support the needs of very few. In this economy if a service does not apply to/service the majority, or cannot be properly controlled, then we can't afford it.
- I think council should think about how they run their homes. How do they budget? Where do they cut back when they need to save money? Run the city like you run your home. Consider your wants vs your needs. Suspend some programs; don't cancel them, but suspend them for two years. Change the way the tax assessments are done or evaluate it. Right now there are many inequities. What blows my mind is that there were talks and sessions about increasing transit ridership a few years back or so, but then more roads got built or widened which means we are back to worship of the car. Take out all the parking from downtown and see how your ridership increases! This city back then seemed to be giving lip service to transit only. And now ridership has decreased. Lower population or more cars? More cars more pollution. Decide which you want - a clean city or a car city.
- Remove bike lanes. Cut non-essential services. Invest in renewable energy and electric vehicles. Those countries that have invested in renewables are providing electricity to their citizens at reduced cost and even boosted the exporting of electricity. Germany, Portugal, Chile, Denmark, Norway have generated impressive results in 2016 alone. All businesses and households require electricity so investment in renewables benefits the economy. The technology is already available and very competitive to fossil fuels and benefits future generations.
- I support a sliding scale bus pass for seniors. Those with higher income can afford more. Continue the multi-purpose planning--combining services such as the new Library at the Westgate(?i always get that name wrong) C train station.
- Forget green box program. Forget bike path development. Do not allow huge development like Currie barracks that just compound traffic problems on already busy streets.Listen to the concerns of the citizens is the Southwest Transit plan.



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- I would like to see the rest of the ring road built. It was promised but I haven't seen any work being done on it. Are we going to wait until we can't afford it? We need it before we need to work on the LRT. Now you are talking about improving Crowchild trail. How is this supposed to help people that have to travel across the Glenmore causeway? I say no to the Crowchild plan and yes to the ring road.
- What is going to have the greatest impact on the city? By creating jobs by doing things like fixing roads maybe that would increase the economy.
- Drop the green cart program. There are already enough bins in alleys and front driveways. Ensure that city facilities are on a user pay basis with the costs recovered through entrance fees. Salary considerations for city staff - in a challenging economic environment, city employees should also take cuts in compensation. Better coordination of major road projects. Both the Iver Strong Bridge and 162 Ave SW interchanges should not occur at the same time. Analyze whether road repairs are "nice to have" or essential.
- From my responses you may have guessed I am disabled. I've been in a power chair for 16 years. I've seen some changes such as more Handicap parking stalls, power buttons to open doors to a venue. Oops, no ramp, no handicapped bathroom, sidewalks not cleared, I go to several medical appointments in a month. New buildings with no power doors, hospitals that have been renovated with stalls so small the door has to be left ajar, paper towels and soap too high to reach, no power door on a bathroom that has an accessible sign. New communities that have given no thought to what it really means to have mobility issues of any kind. City Counsel should be insisting on having every new building fully accessible. When renovating accessibility should be a priority. You spend a fortune on art work to make Calgary pretty for new investors yet can't even repair sidewalks. You give yourselves raises while cutting services. Do you really care about The People who actually live in Calgary? If so, give the "glam" a break for a while.
- When you are trying to cut costs you always focus on the necessities and eliminate the "nice to haves". We need to maintain and focus on roads and transit so people can get to and from work; we can hold off on bike lanes, green bins and particularly ART. Finally, it is very clear that a number of you on council are jockeying for position in regards to the next election; please make decisions based on what is good for Calgary, not what you think will get you elected. Thank you.
- be prepared for a long term increase in unemployment. halt projects that are designed to accommodate population growth. start projects that provide long term self sustained employment opportunity. invest in transit expansion while reducing fares. get people's cars off the road so we don't have to spend money increasing capacity of the roads.
- My #1 priority is getting around Calgary. Traffic is terrible at times - sometimes due to too many cars at once, other times bad condition of roads and lanes. Why wait for a roadway to fail before fixing it. Why not fix the potholes & broken pavement before a road fails. Example, for 5 years, street in front of our house is missing pavement beside curb. Every winter water seeps in, freezes, and crumbles more. Yet pothole crew comes by, never flags it or fixes it. Why? Why aren't supervisors actually supervising employees? Ex: Office people playing games during work hours (I've seen this). Waste of \$\$\$ in my opinion. Other than the above, this city is a pretty great place to live.
- Stop wasting money! Do not cut services but cut the things we don't need. Like blue signs instead of the existing brown signs. Fix our streets not paint murals on walls.
- Quit using general topics so that you can frame results. 1) stop building roads and start building transit, toll roads and make transit free - and if you want to slow traffic, instead of reducing speed limits you can build raised crosswalks and put stop signs in 2) we can't afford more property tax increases - start by reducing salaries where you can, reducing offerings you are not obligated to provide (such as translation into languages other than official languages) 3) stop cramming density into the furthest suburbs which creates traffic



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nightmares and does not help the environment - density belongs in the central areas and if you keep cramming it into the burbs the traffic gets worse, you have to keep building roads etc. 4) DO NOT put public money into private businesses in any way shape or form 5) finish what you start before moving on to a new project - why is the Seton Recreation Centre not finished? and there seems to be no questions about it!

- Keep taxes low. That means cutting service like I said in the last survey which you ignored. One way, stop new suburban expansion. It costs way too much to service and provide services to. Encouragement for builders should be to established communities. If builders want to build on the outskirts it should be funded by other municipalities. Second, outsource more transit services. The rates are unreasonable and the service sucks. Cut your losses and realize we are too big to encourage widespread use of transit. Factoring in the soon to come park and pay, and outrageous ticket price, it is literally cheaper for me to drive AND more convenient. If you focus on my first suggestion maybe transit effort will become viable in a decade. Third, you can cut your costs by factoring in the property tax increase you took a few years back and never gave the provincial rebate back to CALGARIANS. And the fourth suggestion is cut the "extras", quiet frankly other than essential services like fire, police, roads, and park maintainance. Those extras are for when we have money and are not essential. I truly hope you listen to this survey rather than ignoring it like all the others... or the public forums... or mass public opinion....
- People are struggling. We do not need, nor want another blue ring. Or stone fish that cost 10k a fish devorating our overpasses. If you want to waste money, make transit more reliable and safer.
- I am questioning the value of the bike lanes that are being/have been installed. I see very few cyclists using them now and, in the winter, the usage is even more limited. Traffic flow has been negatively affected by these lanes and I don't think citizens were adequately consulted about the installation of these lanes. I am also opposed to the new composting/recycling bins that are being added. These bins take up too much space, are an eye sore on the streets, and most households don't have enough wastage to fill these bins. In the summer, households would have more items to recycle in these bins due to yard maintenance, but in the winter months, there's very little. Perhaps establishing one central recycling location in each community would be a better idea and save all of us a lot of money.
- NO more bike lanes. Enough already we do not have the climate for it to make sense. Your data is not believable. There are MANY MANY areas where waste in city staffing could be eliminated. STOP Approving bonuses for the city manager who just does what's expected ie. Finding savings and cutting waster
- new downtown BIKE Route are way too expensive to built and expensive to maintain and the SIGN confusing to read especially if you seldom drive downtown.it seem many people drive the route but if you look closely these are the same people using it back and forth back and forth and the weather this past year is easy on the rider because of el nino. add a small transit bus that CIRCLE the downtown core passing through where business are high leaving every few minutes.We cannot afford that bike route. One more Stop Urban Sprawl.
- Personally I think the tax burden is reasonable in Calgary, but I understand that many residents are concerned about costs right now. If there's a desire to reduce taxes below MPI + growth, consider increasing or implementing more user fees for certain services instead (e.g. toll roads or HOT lanes on major roadways). I also think that the seniors transit fare could be increased, since discounts should be based on income rather than age.
- People cannot afford the steep property tax increases. Parking at train stations, especially ones near the end of the lines is a disaster and increasing fees will only drive more people to drive downtown. There also needs to be a consideration that people in bedroom communities support Calgary economically in many ways and they should not be a target for increased fees to use Calgary services simply because their base property



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taxes, a significant portion of which are education directed to the province for redistribution, are directed toward another region. That is a small portion of funding generated by this portion of the population.

- Green Line.
- Don't spend money wastefully on things like big blue circles. We can't afford increased property taxes along with increased food costs, gas costs and other fee increases. Times are tough, people are hurting, we need some relief. Keep things simple and status quo for now; maintain the roads, clear the garbage, maintain good emergency services, keep the dandelions under control. Don't spend more on bike lanes or transit ways. If anything, better recreation facilities are needed (soccer fields, gym complexes).
- Plan ahead. Avoid urge to be popular in the short term. If we improve public transit it solves congestion, environmental problems, and helps those in lower incomes. Expand c train line and avoid developing it where it must stop for traffic lines. The c train should be an attractive alternative.
- quit wasting money on expensive bike lanes. I have sat downtown during rush hour and seen all of one bike in two hours on the bike lanes and same on a Saturday at Northland Mall. lots of traffic jam but one bike in two hours.
- Calgary Municipal Development Plan: Stop trying to herd people into cookie cutter housing. Get rid of bike paths, and upgrade roads so people can get around.
- Citizens don't like to be treated like an ATM. It's frustrating seeing large tax increases year after year, especially when there is a large sentiment that large portions of the tax money is being wasted. City departments across the board should see some funding cut. Transit in this city is terrible. I've traveled to other major cities where the transit system is both far superior to our own, while also being cheaper. If you want people to take transit you need to do two things. The first, lower the fare. Why should it be expected for someone to decide on taking transit to an event, where it will cost them \$6+ and take them two or three times as long to get to and from the event when they can park for almost as much and complete the travel time much more quickly? The second is we need the transit system to reach further than it does. The LRT needs to make its way out to the deep SE. To take the bus from that area can sometimes take 30-60 minutes just to get to the LRT. The LRT is not reliable, particularly throughout rush hour and the winter. The area through the core is far too congested with transit, public traffic, and pedestrians. Traffic flow in the city is pretty bad. There are numerous choke points on major roadways - i.e. Crowchild/Glenmore, Deerfoot, Stoney Trail, etc. with lanes ending randomly and for no real reason. When building new roads, or upgrading existing roads we need to keep in mind that as the city grows so will the demand on these roads. An echoing sentiment among my peers is that road construction is planned for the now, and obsolete by the time construction is complete. It's extremely frustrating seeing road work being done to upgrade an existing road shortly after its completion because it is exceeding capacity. Getting the west leg of the ring road done should be a priority as it will open up another avenue to relieve congestion through the middle of the city. Also, roads being built in new communities are a joke. A flat out joke. By the time cars park on both sides of the road, usually almost bumper to bumper, there is space for only one vehicle to get through, and no space for a second vehicle going the opposite way to pull off. All neighbourhood roads should be able to accommodate vehicles heading in both directions at all times. It may be done for safety, or space, or whatever reason, but it's stupid. It's going to lead to more backing collisions and congestion when people are trying to leave their neighbourhood on their commute. The turning all school zones into playground zones, and the discussion of 30 km/h speed limits in residential areas are another rant for another day.
- Our road system was designed by a pack of [removed]. Everyone who's ever touched it needs to be fired. The existing roadways need to be torn down and reconstructed competently.



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- DUMP THE BIKE LANES!!!! They take away too much parking needed to support downtown businesses. Enforce traffic laws for bikes. Too many cyclists think they have the automatic right of way no matter what. Reduce council salaries. If councilors have other employment along with their council position, they don't need much more in the way of salary.
- Taxes need to be lowered not raised. My property taxes have gone from \$950 per year in 2000 to \$7050. That is an increase of more than 730% I can assure the value hasn't risen anywhere near that number. Businesses are closing because the business tax is even worse. Put the brakes on "public art" \$25 million foot bridges, automatic council raises, more and more unused bicycle lanes, and tell the mayor that when a survey reports something he doesn't like don't choose to ignore it. Stop the SW green line until the ring road is complete and quit wasting money. If this council and mayor needs a ethic's officer to tell right from wrong then we have the wrong council. The mayors behaviour has been totally unacceptable I got a traffic ticket which was all of my own doing can I ask the citizens to put up the money to cover my mistakes. He owns real estate tell him to mortgage it and be responsible for his actions. Now his behaviour in Boston and we need to hire the ethics commissioner. Let me save the City some money, he was wrong his actions were totally unacceptable and were he the CEO of any private sector company he would have been forced to resign
- The LRT lines should be first on the list of needs. Widening Deerfoot Trail - should also be a priority.
- Stop shutting down traffic lanes for bike paths. Can some of the staff at city hall be cut? Industry seems to be doing more with less people. Why not city hall?
- Stop trying to be everything to everybody; prioritize & focus on the important issues; improve consultation with stakeholders the south transit way is a good example of how not to proceed; charge higher fees for businesses located outside the city like Airdrie etc. but rely on most of their revenue from the city populace & businesses while using our roads & services; offer privatization to money losing ventures like golf courses;
- 36 ST SE 17th Ave to 8 th Ave. City has ruined the community. City owned homes. Run down, weed infested, no maintenance, upkeep. City owns many EMPTY lots. Street is open to heavy traffic 365. City need to get out of the low cost housing, not be landlords. Demo their ugly homes, sell ALL the lots and other homeowners can buy build, live there. Get traffic off 36 ST SE. City has ruined this once nice, quiet street.
- Traffic needs to improve along with the LRT. Use tunnels for the LRT Green line. 36 Street with the LRT at the surface is a disaster.
- Hold the project spending and say NO to special interest groups and developers for the next 2 years. Focus on just maintenance of roads, parks, boulevards, etc. No more so called art attached to projects. Do not build your BRT, green line, cycle tracks, bike paths, now with Calgary's economy tanked. No green bins. Focus on where your dollars are coming from and hold the line as your citizens are having to do. HOLD the line on bonuses for Mayor and City Councillors and deal with cutting back city employees raises and cut the number of city employees through attrition. Just hold on and governing this city like you realize we are in an economic downturn - recession - and listen to your citizens without the attitude of only pretending to but doing your own anyway plus Council must stop meeting behind closed doors 1/3 of the time to develop their very own spending game plan - heck with the citizen's purse, thanks.
- Keep your constituents in mind when your thinking of grandiose ideas, Most of us cannot afford one more thing on our plates. Also, please rethink seniors buss passes! For most of these folks this is the only way they get around in our beautiful city, they can't afford any increases and it will force them to stay home. Mr. Pinchot, perhaps some of your retired friends that make \$250,000 a year could share that with some of my friends who never made that kind of money.
- Keep the Cycle Track - its amazing! And it would be great to have it extended to directly connect with the wider dedicated cyclepaths (eg Elbow River Pathway system from the South)



- It is shameful that roads are not adequately repaired in inner city neighbourhoods which are undergoing rejuvenation. The developers build new houses which increase property value, tax revenue and population density and yet they damage the roads and alleys from upsized water lines and heavy vehicle traffic. The repairs to paved roads are done hastily and sink after the first freeze-thaw cycle. Alleys are left unrepaired and unpassable by normal vehicles. There has to be a better way for citizens to have access to safe roads while the city is renovated around them.
- Control spending! Contract services out to third party contractors. Stop spending funds on bike lanes and start building roundabouts for safety; Stop the insanity with Green Bins as we don't want them. Start synchronizing traffic lights: the city of Eindhoven did that in the 1970s what is keeping Calgary from doing this? Start checking for LRT tickets.
- Please stop butchering up neighbourhoods and streets with bike lanes that are barely used out in the suburbs! As well rethink the green bin you are forcing on us, it's not needed in all areas. I agree with collection every 2nd week but don't make me take and pay for a bin I won't use, I don't need a rotting bin beside my house. Get a handle on or cap city employee salaries, I know they are union but they're paid very high wages that use too much tax dollars. Don't let that secondary suites idea of the mayors go through, it's ruining our crescent, the renters come and pile way too many in one house and clog the street up with five extra vehicles for one house and all of their junk on the driveway. Please finish Bowness park once and for all it seems like you have one guy rebuilding the park it is taking sooooo long. It's the only nice park in the NW. Open the concession there also.
- Public transit is critical to many citizens of Calgary and requires significant funding to continue to operate effectively. I believe now is not the time to be providing deep discounts to any transit group. Notably I do not support the action to give seniors large discounts specifically because statistically if you look at seniors as a group, financially they are actually quite well off compared to the younger generations.
- Calgary has always had and continues to retain great amounts of talent and potential in its citizens and infrastructure; in my mind our priorities should be to ensure the city remains amenable to those people and services which have been hurt by the ongoing economic crisis, while remaining innovative and finding new niches and developments for the city. Job retraining and easy transportation access for the workforce and younger citizens are a priority.
- I think a good area to save money is to get rid of and stop producing the bike lanes downtown. I am down there daily and do not see them being used much, and those on bikes are riding wherever they want anyways, I have almost been hit a couple of times as I walked on the sidewalk and the cyclist zipped past me instead of using the lane that was there. Parking has become harder to find, the streets are more narrow now, I find it challenging when I am downtown.
- Real bikeways - not token lane markings
- The SW BRT is completely ill-thought, especially within this economy. The priority should be economic stabilization, not creating huge monetary deficits and alarming traffic congestion along 14th street.
- I have seen lots of unnecessary sideways replacements in the last month. Not sure why Kensingtons are being replaced - the old ones were way nicer with the red stonework. And the Quarry Park ones - brand new (a couple years), hardly used and you're replacing them? Both look and feel like make work projects for city workers.... Also get rid of the 2% art requirement from construction projects - the Big Blue Ring - a constant reminder of a BIG waste of taxpayer money.
- Look at projects that are absolutely essential and cancel the rest. Downsize and consolidate public services. Salary freeze for now and no city bonuses. Our streets are a mess most of the year. We are lucky to have snow removal once in a winter..this needs to change as we pay high taxes. The green cart is not wanted here.



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Just another money grab..the tax payers are doing the work and have to pay for it to boot! Coordinate traffic lights to keep traffic flowing. Relook at bike lanes. They are not used by many people and are idle all day taking away valuable parking. Look at seniors issues..isolation..tax breaks..health. New Canadians must begin within a year to contribute to our society through taxes..no more hand outs.

- For me personally, the cycle tracks have brought a huge improvement in my quality of life. For my community, the priorities include flood mitigation and continuing to have affordable housing in densifying inner-city areas. For the city as a whole, leadership in environmental protection and education will help position us for sustainability in the post-carbon era.
- Development of new facilities and transit stations must include adequate parking for users, as I don't feel this has been done to this point.
- Maintain rather than start new costly projects - postpone SWBRT until after SW Ringroad constructed then reassess the necessity of the SWBRT. Then ask the questions- Can regular Calgary Transit do the job of moving people? Also, will adding lanes to 14th ST SW make that vital corridor more of a bottle-neck mess than it already is right now.
- Every area I lived in (Three so far), CTS had two buses go by, one clockwise, one counter-clockwise. Both left at the exact same time, both arrived at the transit centre at the same time. Why are there two routes? Both buses had sufficient space to easily accommodate the passengers from the other bus. I suspect there are many of these if someone would look closely.
- Diversifying our oil based economy by finding and promoting local technology/inventions and businesses. Also, a compromise has to be reached with uber and same with the taxi industry. The regulations are holding back tons of unemployed Calgarians from making extra cash part time on their own schedule. Also, the flames need a new arena badly, a plan b needs to be worked on from both sides.
- -fed up with existing roads being converted to bike lanes; -tired of having tax increases when my wages get 0% increases; - are all city departments run as efficiently as possible? Look there first for efficiencies rather than hiring replacements for retirees; - privatize transit or get the union in hand for example, over how they won't allow anyone to even touch a tool until the exact minute their shift starts. Treat tax money as precious, to be carefully managed not squandered.
- Introducing tolls on Glenmore, Deerfoot & Crowchild is a non starter. Drivers pay for our roads, bridges, tunnels, infrastructure and maintenance through fuel taxes. Roads ARE user pay by the motorists every time fuel is purchased. The government collects more than enough to upgrade/maintain our roadways, it is local governments job to ensure the funds are received and used for this purpose.
- Look for ways to curb spending on nice to have projects such as public art and Bike lanes in order to keep our taxes low. With our current federal and provincial governments in place, The people of Calgary will not stand for further tax increases from our municipal government as well. Keep the city clean, enable efficient movement of people (which includes personal vehicles), and keep our inner and outer communities safe. Avoid trying to satisfy fringe movements by investing in costly programs. Also, enable diversification by lobbying to get head offices (mining companies for one) to move here from Toronto and Vancouver. Our cost of living is more affordable, taxes are lower and office space is cheaper.
- Calgary celebrated Seniors Citizens Week recently and right after released the proposal to eliminate the annual transit pass. Why prevent those hardworking senior citizens or retirees from being able to commute from their communities to the downtown core the way they used to and at their leisure for \$95 yearly transit pass? There should be other ways to economize cost of this service such as fuel cost, labour and maintenance, logistics and supply chain areas. City has already increased our property taxes, so please don't add any more expenses out of our pockets. Many of us had at least three decades of working in this great



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Calgary and had made our contributions as taxpayers and consumers. Have us retirees enjoy a bit of what's left after daily living and medical expenses. Thank you.

- Please stop with all the bike lanes. There are now so many in the north and more planned, that it is getting increasingly difficult for car and bus traffic. The number of bicyclists is very small. Stop catering to this very small minority. And if you must, how about a few more in the south, and leave the north alone. Northmount Drive, 10 st, Bowness Rd, Edmonton Tr, just stop. All barely used and useless. Just stop. Save to money and use it for something that benefits more Calgarians. Just stop catering to what Druh thinks is important and think about what Calgarians want. Stop wasting money painting sewage plants, installing blue circle light and other useless and expensive "art" projects. Get students from ACAD to do it for free. Stop spending money on things that the majority of Calgarians don't want and are just pet project for entitled councillors (Druh) and pompous mayors.
- Bring Uber back :) we don't live those new restrictions imposed on ridesharing services.
- If money is required I recommending sucking up council pride and allowing Uber to return to Calgary. Don't do it the Calgary way but do it the Edmonton, Ottawa way that allows citizens to get around reliably, for cheap and also provides job opportunities for citizens. Possibly even increased income to the city coffers if councillors allow it.
- When evaluating costs and the associated tax increases, the city needs to more seriously consider what the city needs and what spending is optional. For example, spending money on roads and public transit is necessary for the function of the city. Spending money on art installations is absolutely not.
- forget about wasting money on bike paths take the same amount being spent there and put into bus service
- Economic times are difficult for Calgarians (and all Albertans) right now. Please consider reducing property taxes, and not spending money on things that aren't absolutely necessary. (i.e. public art, bike lanes, etc.) The mayor should also be more careful about what he says publicly. Tax payers are on the hook for \$300,000 because he would not just simply apologize to Cal Wenzel. Another potential lawsuit could be on the way from Uber, for the mayors conduct in Boston. The citizens expect better from council, especially the mayor. Thank you.
- I think it's time the city hold the developers more accountable for the newer communities they build. Put the responsibility on them to create new roads and infrastructure and don't let them just dump a Neighborhood once the building is complete - make sure they have a sustainable plan in place for a vibrant and healthy community. Also don't allow them to get away with adding single lane roads to and from communities - this means right from The access point of a community right to the major arteries in the city. The city continues to allow developers to build without first enforcing they put in proper, safe and efficient roadways first before doing anything else. It creates huge headaches for residents and traffic from already far out suburbs crawls into the centre of the city because developers are allowed to do the bare minimum. And of course developers will have to likely charge a bit more to home builders to make that happen but I think that's part of the price that is necessary to pay if people want to build large homes on the outskirts of the city. It comes with the territory. I also think the city needs to look at essential services and focus more of an importance there when spending money. Obviously people don't want to see medical services, law enforcement, etc. cut but there are a lot of non essential services that can be cut or cut down to make up some savings.
- Stop growing outward. The costs to connect these new areas are so high. Inner city communities have old outdated infrastructure and pay higher taxes while the new communities keep getting all the new infrastructure and pay lower taxes. Transit is important. We are lucky in my neighbourhood to have a direct bus route to downtown. It can be ridiculously hard to get between communities. There is a bus trap cutting off the neighbourhoods to the east, making it faster to walk than drive.



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- High priority Tax credits to motivate small businesses Ctrain underground Perimeter road and high ways Stop wasting money on Increasing salary to city workers Bus routes Low efficiency tunnels and fancy bridges Expensive art on roads Airport terminal? We don't need it at the time of poor economy Incentives for businesses that can support city by paying taxes
- In a time of an economic downturn, we should take a serious look at investing in infrastructure projects: we couldn't build those projects when the economy was good (labour and costs were too high, etc), so we should do it now when prices are low, labour is plentiful, and public spending is needed to jump start the economy. A lot of these projects, in my view, are transportation-related, and ones that come to the top of my mind are west Glenmore Trail improvements, Green Line CTrain, and northwest Crowchild Trail.
- Instead of installing permanent bike lanes that hardly get used in the winter, have temporary lanes for the summer that can be converted back to car lanes in the winter
- I hate the transit. Get rid of it
- Complete the ring road
- Drop the discounts for senior transit passes. If seniors are poor they can get them the same way as the rest of us. Enough with the expensive bicycle lanes.
- as seniors citizens on fixed incomes stop taxing us to death! we have lived here for 68 and 80 years and we do not want to lose our quality of life! your constant tax increases are beyond reasonable. we do not need green bins as we compost or brt through our neighborhood or bike lanes everywhere! fix our roads so you can drive comfortably-so many bumps and holes! why doesn't the mayor or aldermen listen to the people of calgary?
- Urban sprawl is out of control with poor transportation options to most new communities. Do all office buildings belong in the core? Maybe office concentration in outlying area to reduce traffic
- the city is very spread out in order to improve public transport and traffic flow outward growth of the city should be capped and increased emphasis on use of existing spaces.
- I am sick of the mayor catering for the few and ignoring the needs and wants of the majority. Get rid of the bike paths in downtown streets and make parking more affordable. We are being fed to death. My taxes have doubled in the past nine years while services that I receive are worse.
- Lots of cool things have happened here lately, like the cycle tracks, car2go, etc. I really like that downtown is served well. However, I have chosen to purchase a suburban home so that I can keep my outdoor gear (like SUPs, hiking and camping items) as they provide a lot of wellness benefits. As a result, I have given up my option for safely and cost-efficiently getting home when celebrating a friend's birthday downtown, after work. The train is cost-effective, and not safe. Cabs are not cost-effective, and it's quite often not safe standing around waiting for your cab to arrive when wait-listed. Please give up the private wars with companies that have hurt your ego, and allow us more options.
- Drop the unnecessary SW BRT project, remove the downtown bike paths on major roads. Stop implementing the composite program. These are unnecessary in a depressed economy.
- Continue to increase property tax (it can't be zero because there is a price to pay in the future). Any city councillor proposing for zero tax should be turfed out of office because it is short-sighted and selfish. The citizens will always vote for zero increase (what do you expect). But think of the future--aging facilities and roads that continue to need maintenance. Inflation does exist and will continue. And don't forget the poorer communities like those in the NE because they are often too busy making a living to be vocal and organize protests (unlike certain sectors or communities with more resources).
- The city needs to reconsider its expenditures for optional programs such as bike lanes, and public funded art projects. It's really nice to give seniors a bus pass for a low yearly rate of \$95.00 but in truth it is unsustainable.



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A rate of \$20.00 monthly is not exorbitant and would raise some much needed funding. Those seniors under a certain income level could possibly be discounted, but in today's economy the thought that we can give everyone everything is just not realistic. Wages and salaries need to be scrutinized and those earners who are making considerably more than industry standard need to be brought back in line. The possibility of contracting some services could also be explored.

- Cut transit, build sound fences for those communities you are damaging with empty buses creating more noise and traffic.
- We need to focus more on infrastructure. More bridges and roads must be built as well as decreasing redundant bureaucracies. Someone has to go to Notley and destroy that carbon tax and catering to corrupt unions or Calgary will begin to look like Detroit.
- Modern cities have uber, backwards cities don't
- Original plan to widen crowchild was great, whatever happened to the plan to widen McKnight near centre street by buying up homes on both sides, Deerfoot could use another 3 lanes on each side.
- I think it's time to tighten the city's belt a bit similar to what the citizens are going through. I'd like to see focus on "bang for your buck" when implementing projects: for instance, pick and choose more bike lanes carefully. I've seen some very popular ones (12 ave) and some that hardly get used (northmount drive). That said, we need to continue making progress and not just stand still, good luck!
- Get rid of the stupid bike lanes. Let vehicles get where they need to go. This has been a ridiculous experiment on the part of people who love to spend on fantasies. Hundreds of thousands of Calgarians drive cars - listen to our votes!!! Forget about the special interest group of a few hundred cyclists that make you feel like a Vancouverite. Be true to Calgary!
- Bike lanes are not working - extremely dangerous and someone is going to be seriously injured
- Need to figure out what is need and what is want to establish priorities, however keeping in mind that people's safety and wellbeing should always be paramount. This could include things like transportation accessibility, Road maintenance/traffic flow, recreational opportunities and the ability to participate in an inclusive, diverse community.
- get rid of the bike lanes downtown. there is not enough parking. calgarians have appointments all day long and drive to them not bike to them. council has forgotten about the majority of calgarians, not a minority (bike people). have any councillors ever driven all day through calgary and witnessed the gridlock? Not everybody is able to take transit. this is a car town. wait until the ring road is complete and look at transit then.
- Please keep in mind that transitioning YYC into a vibrant modern city with far reaching and efficient public transportation can solve many problems.
- I would strongly encourage City Council to travel around the city more, travel on the buses, and view the state of many of the routes and shelters. Some major routes and highly used areas do not have sidewalks or shelters and yet money is being considered for bike lanes on these routes when the hundreds of daily transit users do not even have a safe place to walk and they are walking on the streets in the winter. I understand the desire to create a network of pathways, but strongly disagree with the priority it is placed over other items. I also disagree with the spending on these unnecessary items with businesses and people out of work. I am passing the cost on to my customers but not everyone can.
- - Persuade Enmax to give real incentives for installation of solar panels. - Consider driverless monorail/above-ground C-train along medians for future routes - also, when is a circular route planned to join hospitals and universities? We don't all work downtown. - Give single seniors a break on never-ending property tax/fee increases. Why are we paying as much as large and wasteful households? - Enough with the bicycle lanes!!! Concerned for the environment? Return to normal traffic lanes and reduce pollution from the



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traffic jams they have caused. - Contract out more work wherever possible. There are too many expensive unionized employees earning more than they could in the private sector. Indexed pensions too? This city is becoming unaffordable for many of us who have contributed to it for decades.

- Since 20,000 less people working in downtown.....no need for bike lanes, cancel bike lanes..... return/change back to car lanes so to solve congested traffic.....smooth flow. Cut bus services too.....because less riders. Cut library services....people find everything on internet or charge library fees!! Don't spend all budget money.....save surplus for "RAINY DAYS" Cut Taxes.....not lower "TAX INCREASES".....increases are increases....reduce TAXES!!! ARTS belongs to privately museum.....not at traffic intersections(like power boxes paintings, 1/2 millions \$\$ BLUE circle.....DRIVING DISTRACTION.....by-law !!!!!)
- If City Council was run as a private corporation experiencing an economic downturn, each department would be seriously examining where changes could be made to decrease (yes cut!) spending. City Council does not seem to understand the fundamental message that Calgary's citizen's are seriously hurting economically, For example, if green bins are rolled out for bi-weekly pick-up, black bin pick up will be decreased to bi-weekly pickup i.e. no additional driver salaries, gas expenditures, vehicle maintenance, likely required. After initial start up costs, why the continued additional monthly cost to the homeowner in perpetuity. Another example - transportation - why not Uber? Doesn't it seem more convenient for someone to pick me up at my door and drop me off exactly where I want to go?
- Please have more green spaces and parks. Also, a beautification program consisting of planting many trees, as well as flowers galore. We all see too much concrete and glass. Traffic congestion problems, such as 14th Street, Glenmore Trail and Crowchild Trail must be addressed now! When one sees an ambulance trying to literally climb over congested traffic; it will make your own heart stand still!
- We have enough bike lanes that are not being utilized. Big waste of money there. We need more affordable housing for low income families and people trying to get on their feet during this difficult time.
- Every department should be cut so that property taxes will not increase. Start with the planning department. I see wonderful bike path construction such as Northland Blvd where there is never a bike.
- We need fewer cars on the roads. Focus on improving public transit. That will also help the environment.
- Stop spending money on bike lanes. Pedestrian safety would be improved by people paying attention - enforce distracted driving rules and educate pedestrians that they need to pay attention as drivers cannot stop as quickly as they can step out on the road. City workers should be asked to take wage freezes or minimal (1%) raises for 1-2 years.
- We need more parking at the C-Train stations. I know many of us in the office do not get a parking space in the morning and it is too expensive to reserve one. Most of us end up driving and parking on the outskirts of downtown and walking. Parking is too expensive everywhere and we cannot park in most residential neighborhoods. Buses are too unreliable and have terrible schedules and connections to be able to leave the car at home.
- Continue with investments in essential services such as transit (SW BRT for example) and recreation (Keeping golf and leisure available and affordable) and butt out of the private sector with too many regulations and fees.
- Consider educating people before forcing new services or band-aid solutions on the citizens. Pedestrians should be informed how to look for cars in both directions before crossing; people need to be told the c-train is large, heavy and can kill. Backyard composting is more economical than a green cart that requires a heavy duty, gas guzzling truck to come around and pick up its contents. Look at ways to get people off the road - HOV lanes (and tolls on major routes during rush hour, for example); reduce accessibility of parking and/or road access to single person vehicles. Please also help keep our beautiful inner city communities unique and not allow too much growth that involves chain businesses.



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- We're working our way through the worst recession the city has seen in 30 years. The wrong thing to do is to increase taxes so we can enjoy amenities beyond our means. We need to cut back on the nice to haves as opposed to taxing the people of the city, who for all intents and purposes, are broke. Priority should be helping the city evolve (ie: encouraging major oil & gas company diversification to green energy, building denser communities with depth, weaning the city off it's reliance on the car, keeping crime low). Thank you for the service you provide to our city.
- Get rid of the compost bins, and the bicycle lanes.
- The Mayors position should only be for one term, I think the Mayor did a great job in dealing with the flood but is now far too interested in his own agenda and vanity projects. Uber would be a valuable asset in the City due to our poor transportation services. The Mayors arrogance and vanity projects don't work in our current economic situation. The city should be spending it's money on parks and recreation facilities for our youth instead of bike lanes that are only used by a few people for a few months of the year.
- New roads and infrastructure are important. Moving public funds into transitway developments that will increase efficiency and mobility are high priorities for me. Composting services are not. The fees for sanitary and recycling are proving of low value to me as tax payer.
- As someone who is scheduled to be laid off, I believe the true reality of Calgary's economic situation does not seem reflected at city hall. While a majority of companies in Calgary are cutting back and laying off... the City seems to be ramping up. The optics are bad. I'd like to see a focus on cutting back, while creating jobs through building the transit infrastructure and attracting new and diverse companies and industries to Calgary.
- Put the BRT in hold until SW Ring Road complete and re-evaluate the cost of BRT as it has already exceeded original budget before work had begun.
- Please have another look at things such as the arts budgets, bike lanes, traffic "calming" (substitute infuriating) blocks, unnecessary pedestrian bridges (if people are too lazy to walk one block to a crosswalk, what on earth makes you think they will walk UP to a bridge crossover, then down again to cross the road - notably Shagannapi Trail) foreign architects, foreign artists - we have a good art school in Calgary which I am sure is quite capable of designing fish in an underpass). We live in Brentwood, and are on Northland twice a day on most days. We have seen exactly 12 bikes on Northland since the bike lanes were installed - and two of those we on the sidewalk. The snow cleaning budget for these unused bike lanes is outrageous. Lets look local for our projects, and reduce the budgets for art while we are in such dire financial straits. How many businesses need to close, and how many people need to lose their houses, before the tax money that you seem to think is endless is re-examined and made to be realistic.
- The SWBRT plan will have no measurable benefit for Calgarians. The real problem are the traffic lights from the hospital to Anderson Road. They restrict the traffic flow to 35 % to allow cross traffic and let turners to proceed. If we can eliminate those and design a similar solution as on Glenmore/McLeod Trail with overpasses and a somewhat lowered 14th Str that would be a good solution. It has worked well with Glenmore Trail ! It might cost a bit more but it is the right thing to do. [personal info removed] M.Sc. Mechanical engineering
- Remember the aging portion of the population. Remember the need for secondary suites. Remember the nightmare that is Deerfoot and the joy that is Stoney Trail ring road.
- It seems that you do not represent Calgarians any more. You waste money on public art, bike lanes, and secondary suites. Tackle the tough issues, build roads and find ways to cut costs.
- Get realistic about what the average citizen wants, lower taxes and roads!! The average taxpayer does not want nor can afford the fantasies that city hall insists on jamming down our throats.



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- The green line and SW ring road are critical to our city's advancement. The north side of the train line would make Deerfoot congestion so much more palatable (even tho I don't live there and don't use Deerfoot or a future green line in my commute)
- More fiscal responsibility in all areas -- especially in the areas where you see 2-3 employees drinking coffee while watching the other 2 employees work. This scene happens all too often -- and is not being exaggerated. In good economic times, the citizens of Calgary can laugh and joke about it -- but in these times when many citizens are having trouble to put food on the table -- it is NOT acceptable and is a complete slap to the face. Garbage pick-up is another area that can be improved. There is NO need to pick up both the black and blue garbage bins every single week -- they can be alternated every other week for pick-up. A lot of money has been spent on the bike paths -- but very little on improving mobility for the disabled or those with special needs. It appears that the Mayor and City Council only like the beautiful people in good physical shape and do not have any time for citizens like my grandson with special needs, or the frail and elderly. Condominiums are being encouraged to be built with little to no parking spaces. How is my husband (who had a stroke several years ago) supposed to visit my daughter who lives in a Condo if he is not able to park close to the front door with the elevator? The beautiful people can all rides their bikes to the condo -- it is time to think of the needs of the other citizens in the City. Services to Access Calgary for my grandson have also been cut -- how is he to get around -- certainly NOT on a bike.
- There appears to be no forward planning when it comes to road work. Right now every major artery going south from the downtown has some form of construction or interference. There should be a rule that no more than two, preferably one, major artery can have traffic effected construction at one time.
- No longer fund public art and downtown bikeways
- Bikers biking to the downtown area daily should be required to pay for a license much like vehicle owners do. Occasional LRT users should not have to pay for parking at LRT stations. Large open grassy areas in many parts of the city - would like to see small bushes there like wild rose bushes or honeysuckle instead of the need to continuously cut the grass. Let the areas grow wild.
- Less resources need to be ear marked for road infrastructure. People need to get used to the idea that this is a city of huge area and getting places takes time and patience.
- If you want to find \$100 million to balance your budget, cut the SW BRT. Residents of SW calgary don't want it and ridership indicate it's needed. Get rid of Mac Logan and find someone who will look at real transit solutions and not just the needs of developers.
- Cut the fat out of Council's perks. Councillors and City bureaucrats need to pay for their own parking stalls; taxpayers shouldn't be footing the bills for these items. Eliminate snowclearing of bicycle paths. The City does a terrible job of clearing snow in residential areas now; why should bike paths get preference? Get rid of management bonuses. Nobody gives me extra \$\$\$ for just doing what's expected of me. And Councillors should freeze their salaries too, despite what any study says about them deserving more money. If I'm not getting a raise every two/three years, why should Councillors be taking more money out of my pocket?
- -Not sure if these pertain to the action plan but please: -Do something about the incredible amount of money the City of Calgary must be spending on repairing our bus shelters that are constantly shattered there has got to be a solution our city engineers can figure out -Do not raise public transportation fees for our seniors that built this great city
- I do not feel that Senior bus passes should be increased. The majority of seniors ride the transit when it is not busy.



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- Please stop spending thousands of dollars on bike lanes. They do not benefit most Calgarians. Until you can produce hard statistics of how many people use them and compare them to how much they cost to build. A waste of money.
- - I read that the city was going to reduce garbage pickup to every other week. I am strongly against this idea. My mom has this in Victoria and has experienced a huge increase in mice/rats around her community, increased dumping etc. please reconsider. - the 14th street brt is a waste of money in my opinion. Buses are important but I don't think the community will start taking buses. 14th street is congested enough with personal vehicles. I don't see this improving with the brt. - great job clearing the roads this year!
- Communities that promote work life balance with a diversified business economy. Get transportation routes into the SE quadrant of Calgary.
- If Mayor Nenshi wants to promote in a congested high density city ... might I suggest he live there first. We wanted to live in a green "small town" type of community. I here that they want those few folks that are still working downtown to pay for parking and perhaps a higher transit fee. Nice
- Transit is not a number one priority for everyone. I would prefer money invested in roads and traffic flow rather than transit.
- Do not change the transit fees for seniors.
- Stop subsidizing calgary transit. Riders need to know the true cost of public transit. If these riders are finding transit too costly, they should buy an affordable vehicle. Tell your city drivers to stop idling city vehicles. How many millions of dollars are directly/indirectly wasted because city drivers will not turn off the vehicle while working away from the vehicle. ie) while changing school zone signs to playground signs. Worker leaves truck idling while changing signs. The direct cost in fuel and the indirect cost of engine maintenance must eventually add into the millions over the year for the fleet. Why does the city insist on putting utility services under a road after the curb, walkway and pavement is completed? ie) 85 street SW between Old Banff Coach Road and 9 ave. Would any of you reading this comment build a house, install drywall and paint....two weeks later electrical is put in....next month HVAC.....the following week some plumbing. After each utility is completed the wall is patched in a most obvious crappy way. Just an example to poor planning, poor communication and in my opinion a conscious misuse of my tax dollars. This also disrupts driver and pedestrian traffic several times a year on this roadway.
- Focusing on priorities to lower greenhouse gas emissions around Calgary are important to my family. First, Enmax providing energy from renewable resources (solar and wind) would help reduce the city's carbon footprint. Second, an increased emphasis on separated bike lanes will encourage citizens not to drive (even in winter! --Montreal has many winter cyclists, for example). Third, an increase in bus transit hours (as well as C-train) would encourage people to stay and enjoy downtown well into the evening. This will further promote a vibrant downtown core.
- Cycle tracks dt only help the ppl who live dt. What about the majority of commuting Calgarians who lost a lane to the minority who use them. These tracks and the 'research' done to verify their use are a waste of tax dollars. Get a third party to audit their effectiveness. 8th street underpass has been occurring for a year and they are only half done, this should not be taking this long! Also, the paving stones on side that was completed are a tripping hazard; I have seen people stumble because the spacing is to wide and you catch your toes.
- Leave the senior's bus pass alone. Reduce business taxes. Carefully examine road work so we or someone are not tearing up roads that have just been fixed e.g. Sarcee Trail.
- I believe the environment, balanced budgets, and good transportation are important. I also believe that Calgarians should share the costs of services received. I don't mind tax increases as long as there is good open documentation describing what we're receiving as a result.



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- City Employees - Too many at one time on jobsite. Sign in at functions, leave shortly after, full pay. Distracted driving - still!!!! Speeding. Feet up while working citing 'I get paid by the hour'. Promotions based on time rather than capabilities. Systemic arrogant sense of entitlement. I would like to see more accountability of the people the citizens of Calgary employ. Many of the current employees would have been terminated eons ago had they worked for any other organization. .
- No more tax increases! We need well maintained and efficient roadways, weekly garbage pick must be maintained and please remove the charges for the garbage bins. Clean water and proper waste water treatment is extremely important We must also need a properly staffed and equipped fire department. the police service must also be well staffed and equipped to keep all of the city safe its time to get back to the basics and forget the nice to have's and certainly get out of the art business.
- I would like to see the LRT. be developed through-out the city. In other big cities the train or subway was such a good way to go. E.G. Montreal, London Eng.
- Bikeway has been burning a lot of cash in the past few years. Maintenance cost is getting very high for only 0.5% of road users. Stop the network expansion to save 10-20 million a year. eliminate 12 ave bikeway to reduce maintenance cost in winter and paint marking in summer. consider laying off some "bikeway" staff. estimate 5-7 million savings after all per year. Also look into what is really need in the communities. is Calgary really that unsafe for pedestrians? did you check the "pedestrian run over" track record in Vancouver? we are doing fine. stop those pedestrian fancy things. we have been doing fine for the past 50 years, why spend so much money on so call "safety" which things are safe out there.
- Consider the cost of a new south BRT on 14th St. Is it truly a viable financial use of city funds? The disruption to 14th St traffic to build, the loss of green spaces along 14th and the ridiculously small area proposed.
- Calgary has a very deficient bus system (C Train is fine, though). Connection from train stations to feeder buses is poor, often with long waiting times. In winter, roads are ploughed to move vehicle traffic, not for pedestrians who have to walk to bus stops (e.g. traffic islands are often piled with a mountain of ice and snow, making it treacherous to walk, and the City does not even plough public walkways unless complained). There are also no buses running on the major highways, which means if you have to go from say, Hawkwood to Beddington, you need to go downtown first by feeder bus, then take the C-Train to downtown and catch a connecting bus. This is one reason why people drive. Your Worship and Aldermen, test the bus system by campaigning for the next city election by bus only and you will appreciate the frustration.
- Eliminate spending on public art. Reduce taxes. Reduce the size of the civil service. Encourage the private sector especially small businesses and home based businesses. Facilitate the efficient movement of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and scooters.
- Please improve snow clearing in the winter. This means clearing the snow and ice away right down to the bare asphalt, NOT throwing sand and salt on the roads which only creates black ice and dangerous roads.
- As mentioned previously, cars are here to stay for a long time so stop making automobile traffic difficult. Don't remove automobile driving lanes to appease the cyclists because you will make vehicular traffic slower and the citizens will not be pleased. City staff should be reduced and not services. Most citizens have watched inefficient city crews around the city with too many workers standing around doing nothing. Do we really need all those people? You also should be able to reduce the number of bureaucrats and their staff.
- Stop competing aimlessly with other jurisdictions. WE don't need an extensive bikeway system like Vancouver. keep in mind Vancouver is a tiny city with 500k ppl. Burnaby, Richmond, Delta don;t give shit about match Van's bikeway system. We should focus on the uniqueness of Calgary, we have lots of land and vehicles will continue to be the primary mode of tranporation - same as in the lower mainland other than Vancouver city.



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- Keep the cost of city services restricted to the rate of inflation, adjusted for population growth. Ensure staff costs, wages and benefits, are no more than the private sector. Speed up traffic flow improvements to Crowchild and Deerfoot.

Calgary's Economy

- the economy of the City has drastically changed. And that they need to aid in job creation and smart development.
- Continue focusing on diversifying the local economy and nurturing start-up biz particularly social enterprises.
- Keep diversifying Calgary's economic base.
- I want council to focus on diversification of Calgary's economy and think about long range plan (15-30) years ahead.
- I would like City Council to focus on vitalizing the city: making it more cultural and encouraging small businesses and communities (like Kensington, 17 Avenue, etc.). I often hear people complaining that the point of visiting Calgary is to leave Calgary (to go to the mountains, etc.). That said, we have a few positive elements...Heritage Park and Calgary Stampede are excellent examples!
- look at the current economy and make changes that support diversity in employment and job creation, support small business. Keep public's health in mind by continuing to support Recreation and Cultural opportunities and upkeep to current Recreation facilities
- Improve transportation both public transit and roadways. Diversify the City economy by attracting more business, big and small.
- I want Council to give serious consideration to updating transit stations. I feel it's a missed opportunity with so many people coming and going. I think the kiosks (convenience stores) should re-open-where people can buy transit passes, lotto tickets, milk bread etc. and there should be a 'buskers' stage either inside or in the bus turnaround area.
- Setting up Calgary for strong economic growth, attracting investment in large and small companies to retain and then attract employable workforce.
- I want Council to look into long-term planning around natural resources. What if oil does not return to \$100/barrel. What does YYCCC plan to do when Alberta's economy is diversified beyond oil and gas.
- attempt to make new jobs, and increase the jobs available to new university grads
- We should continue to focus on the long game despite the short term pain we're experiencing. Investments in transport, communities and diversification are key to attracting diverse business and people to our city.
- "balance diversity and meritocracy
- balance quality city services with cost/taxes
- support nonprofit agencies that are providing services relevant to the current downturn in the economy
- collaborate with the federal and provincial governments to maximize the value provided by new funding, as emphasized by Jeff Fielding"
- I want the Council to focus ensuring that the economy is focused on sustainability as well as local businesses.
- Services are even more important in an economic downturn. Reducing services should not even be on the radar for the next two years of the plan.
- Get behind the CalgaryNEXT project (the fieldhouse investment and potentially the CRL, not the fronting of the ticket tax), investment in public transit (especially a functional Smart Card system), less pandering to small interest groups when an issue would be broadly beneficial
- Inspire the diversification of Alberta's economy



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- I want City Council to focus on immediate action on small business .
- Allow more for the diversification the economy of Calgary so that we are not reliant on oil and gas.
- Growth of jobs, better transit system, cleaning snow more frequent
- "Keep working to find non-oil based ways to grow Calgary's economy. Keep expanding bike networks (I appreciate what has been done already). Continue to manage the city in a financially responsible way.
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- Also, encouraging new residential and industry development to be higher density rather than sprawl is very important to me."
- Diversifying our economy
- I want Council to make educated budgetary decisions which take into account the cyclical ebb and flow of local industry (e.g. oil and gas, petroleum)
- We really need to focus on the Economy above anything else. It would be idea if we run in to a recession like this again we wont be totally crippled because we tried to find other income besides oil and gas.
- Please create more jobs. 7 percent unemployment is a huge burden on the entire taxation system.
- Consider the economy
- Diversify the economy and stimulate growth through capital and infrastructure investments.
- I would like council to consider how decisions effect our economy at this time, we are on very unknown ground as the oil and gas market is changing and may not be returned to the typical again.
- "Jobs Projects needed
- Lower property taxes for seniors to age in place"
- Put ideas forward to grow our economy despite the recession. Consider tiny home communities, in certain sub divisions.
- I want council to remember that keeping people working benefits all aspects of the city. People who work will then eat out, play, etc. Better mental health is good.
- give financial incentives for OTHER technical and industry companies outside of the oil & gas industry to bring and build their businesses to Calgary. Our economy is TOO dependent on the oil & gas industry -- we need more high paying industries such as computer and bio-tech to move to Calgary.
- Have a voice for Calgarians when it comes to supporting the energy industry. Calgary's Motto is "be part of the ENERGY". Work with industry oil and gas leaders to spread facts and truths about oil and gas, attract investment, understand the necessity of pipelines to realize market price and access. Many US donations have been made so people resist Canadian crude. Calgary's economy is going to crash. If there is a lack of investment in oil and gas now, no availability to market, then the countries who are able to access markets when the price of oil rises will simply, win.
- Encouraging a diversified economy providing incentives for industry to set up here...e.g. Alternative energies.
- keep city safe and a place where folks want to go out and want to spend money
- There are many uncontrollable factors such as oil prices so in times like these it is important to boost moral even though times are tough. Event hosting and attracting exciting things to the city will god a long way. Pay special interest to those willing to invest in the city even when times are tough.
- "To focus on the economical growth of the city.
- To focus on cost cutting methods
- Put policies in place to have corruption curtailed among the work staff and council and mayor if applicable"
- focus on public transport, the environment and new resources for Calgary that are not driven by oil and gas
- "encourage opportunities that will get people back to work. invest in infrastructure



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- Find ways to reduce property taxes
- Find efficiencies at City Hall. all companies seem to be on cost cutting measures except the City. If I don't get a pay increase, why should the City (and I don't work in O&G)."
- I want the City to diversify the local economy as much as possible.
- Find balance between growing the economy and being sustainable
- With everything going on in the economy, we need to take the "Brooklyn"-model to rebuilding our communities. Let artists, musicians, artisans, restaurants, and unique shopkeepers flood our core. Because they bring a unique sense of culture that Nordstroms or another steakhouse cannot. These groups of artisans and shopkeepers, when established, drive growth and gentrification WITHOUT the reliance on oil prices. This is the Brooklyn-model. Calgary can be a cool place to live without oil prices bringing the people, and the businesses to serve these people. We can use this opportunity to build a city organically, independent of commodity prices. Because these organically grown cities are those that withstand the rise and fall of any one particular industry.
- Become more diversified and support and attract business
- Foster small businesses and start-ups. Big developers have benefitted enough from taxpayers.
- The past year has taught us that Calgary is still too dependent on the oil industry to be sustainable in the long run when oil starts phasing out completely. Develop the city to be a business and manufacturing powerhouse rather than hoping that oil is still expensive and abundant enough to run the city's economy in 20 years.
- To create more industries which creates more jobs and more tourism
- The economy has changed drastically and unemployment is crippling Calgarians. The stress of not knowing if you can pay your rent every month never mind buying food. Please try to think of something to help with jobs. My husband has been searching for over 6 months. Even the placement agency's have nothing.
- Encourage and reward diversification of our industry such software/hardware development. Encourage large companies to move here through discounts in real estate and tax, coordinated with other gov't levels. Also, solar energy rebates to grow the businesses that install them.
- I want council to focus on diversifying our economy, creating jobs and looking to alternate areas of employment that are a little less dependent on the energy sector, it feels as though all of our eggs are in one basket. A stronger emphasis on tourism would be great as it brings \$ to town, keeps restaurants, shops and hotels open. Those \$ (specifically US \$) are less impacted by the dip in one industry (oil)
- Be proactive and embrace the 'sharing economy' and design bylaws to accommodate them. Growing the local economy, attracting the best talent in the world, and keeping them require a progressive attitude toward change in general, and an open mind to new ideas in particular. The recent move by the City to put forth an injunction on ride-sharing company Uber is a missed opportunity in 'positioning' Calgary as a cutting edge city of ideas. I hope the City Council changes its mind soon.
- Please keep in mind that it would be nice if you helped small businesses starting out during this economic down turn.
- Remember all the unemployed people. There are many more unemployed than the ones that are collecting employment insurance. I am one of them. We need projects that will put our people to work. No outsourcing of work as was done with the peace bridge. Reconsider money spent on artistic initiatives. Those can wait till the economy turns around. Encourage new business to Calgary. We have a huge talent pool that any company would benefit from.
- Economic growth helping our working citizens keep their jobs and getting our unemployed back in the work force
- Please create more jobs



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- Remember that everything doesn't revolve around the economy. Calgary needs more of a soul so that people living here feel part of a community.
- Focus on the big issues. Bike lanes, shark fin soup, fluoride and closing Memorial Drive monthly are distractions that prevent tangible forward movement. We need brain power focused on reducing bureaucracy to stimulate business, reducing waste at city hall and addressing infrastructure needs not just for those who take transit and ride bikes, but for the hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who must or choose to drive.
- Diversified economy, small businesses incentives, more parks, better public transportation system
- Begin construction on the greenline. Help with a struggling economy.
- Develop a new business centre by the south health campus in the SE so that pressure is taken off commuting to the core. Also, more transit options between communities, not just to the core and back.
- remember those living on a fixed income as prices of everything go up
- Stop depending on oil, and coal. We should be leading the way for renewables. Ban GMO's, herbicides, and pesticides.
- The situation in Calgary economically keeps going down, and I think investing in clean/renewable energy sources and protecting Calgary's environment should be high on the list of priorities, not just for the enhancement of our city, but also for job creation. Secondly, I've noticed the City has a ton of job opportunities for students, but the problem many of us face is finding good work once we graduate. Summer student jobs are great, but offering opportunities for new grads to get their foot in the door and start getting some real work experience would be even more beneficial.
- I want council to invest in soliciting new industries to choose Calgary as their place of business. Citizens to have selection in housing to meet their personal and family needs regardless of demographics (age, income, race, etc.). Find ways to grow, build and sustain our beautiful city.
- Say no to Calgary next and small business tax relief
- I want to see Calgary as more than a one trick pony. We rely so heavily on the oil and gas sector that it completely cripples the city when the price fluctuates. Then when the price skyrockets we are over run with people and bursting at the seams. It's stressful and unsustainable. Use the surplus times to balance the slow and gather taxes from all of these huge corporations. If a few of them get frightened off so be it. Have other sources of income for the economy. We don't need so much of our strength in one turbulent sector.
- Keep in mind about the recession and other then oil and gas resources for economy growth.
- Please support small businesses and allow for affordable housing to make sure that communities can accommodate all types of people. The local economy needs your help and development should cater not just to the big guys.
- Mainly focus on economy. Ways to help create jobs, including through the City of Calgary website.
- Help out of work Calgarians find jobs
- I want council to consider how to help the significant number of people that have been laid off first and foremost. Help them get full-time jobs that pay reasonably well. The taxes they contribute and the money they will be able to spend will help all of the other business in the City to recover, too.
- The economy of the province and what is happening all around the world.
- Consider contributing to/ growing the small business community.
- Seriously consider building the new sports venue for Flames, Stampeders, and other sports teams. This project will create many needed jobs during this downturn.
- First, thanks for providing leadership to our city on important issues. I'd like you to consider these things: 1. It's easy to get sidetracked by short-term issues. Focusing on long-term issues, such as economic diversification and environmental protection, are needed. For example, water management is a looming issue as our climate



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changes and our water sources are shrinking. 2. Economic diversification at the municipal level should include investment in long-term assets such as convention centres and arts centres/museums, which contribute to the cultural richness of the city as well as drive both business and leisure tourism. 3. Great cities around the world are marked by the effectiveness, reach, and range of their public transit. We need LRT to the airport to include Calgary in this elite group. We also need it for environmental and public access reasons.

- Put money to projects that put cash into peoples hands. Increase the velocity of money in Calgary to boost the economic situation.
- "I want council and the mayor to take a broader view on the impact of their spending decisions."
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- Examples:
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- It makes little sense to use City reserve funds to help small business with their tax burden. The small and temporary tax relief will not save marginal businesses from failure. The NDP government has likely sealed their fates with implemented and future changes to the minimum wage. The tax relief offered by the City will not even offset the increase in wages in this short term plan.
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- When council is considering mega projects and funding of these projects they need to consider that the monies come out of the tax payers pockets no matter whether it comes from the municipal, provincial or federal governments. There should be a user pay approach taken for the funding of municipal projects. Taxes should be considerably higher for those residences and businesses who have higher infrastructure usage. For example residents in the inner city have lower usage of roads, water mains and sewers than those residents in the suburbs. Also consider that the residents of Calgary subsidize those in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Okatoks, for large number of City provided infrastructure and services. Consider tolls or paid passes for entry into the city for non-residents. This has actually been implemented in other municipalities, Beijing is an example."
- Keep in mind the people living there with limited financial leverage; Calgary is getting expensive with property taxes, and all other fees for water/gas/electricity
- Spend money in small businesses (like mine) to keep my staff working and to develop new markets for our services
- "City goal s/be effective Roads, water and sewer, etc. Stop the monuments and Feel goodies to others.
- Fix 14 ST - Stop BRT segregated Lanes - attach to existing 14 ST
- Fix Crowchild Trail
- Fix 14 ST Anderson to Canyon Meadows drive.
- Fix Pension plan - move to more affordable Defined Contribution plan for all new employees.
- All City employees must live in City of Calgary to be employed by city.
- Charge for Parking @ LRT, more for Out of Calgary.
- Remove downtown Cycletracks, and build Cycle networks on secondary roads (I cycle!). We are a Cold weather city.
- Adjust Hiring and Labour plans, city needs to follow the market not lead it up. We can not afford ongoing politician's re-election promises to staff.
- City work should be actively and ongoingly posted for private contractors to win and complete.
- Drop PArking rates.
- Empower Tow trucks in the City to move illegally parked vehicles without Bylaw officer ala Vancouver.
- Challenge Police & Fire Budgets. Every Firemen will retire as a Chief - that is the way it is structured so they max pension. Fix it.



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- LAST - NOT least, my pockets are @ the lint, can not afford to give you more. Stop ripping me off."
- With the recent changes in Oil & Gas, we need to be actively looking for ways to diversify the economy in Calgary and Alberta. We also need to trim our City Budget. Every business in the city has changed their budget, the City of Calgary should be no different. Cost reduction has to be top of mind.
- Keep upgrading roads. Attract new business.
- Preserve/maintain jobs for local/native Calgarians
- consider how so many Calgarians have lost their jobs and think of ways to get them back on their feet!
- Stop wasting money on projects like the big "ring" and peace bridge - also use local and Canadian talent for projects not foreign companies
- With our toppling economic climate no wage increases. Diversify our economy, attract other businesses that our population of Engineers can apply their skills.
- I would like City Council to focus more on reducing our carbon emissions and looking at new and sustainable ways to create energy sources that are friendlier environmentally. This will be an investment for our future generations and also will provide better stability for our economy which relies too heavily on fossil fuels
- focus the majority of their attention and resources towards building our economy through job creation in renewable energy as it is becoming more and more apparent that society and the world is becoming more educated toward the facts surrounding the damage that we're doing to mother earth with mass consumption and corporate greed. With the Canadian economy being heavily reliant on the oil & gas industry and the current recession that we're experiencing due to our dependance on said industry, it is even more apparent that we need to diversify, and this diversification could be achieved partially through job creation in the renewable energy sector, all while shining a favourable light on Canada on the world stage.
- Listen to the people about what they want instead of themselves. Bring in higher minimum wages. More involvement for seniors and homelessness.
- I would like City Council to watch every penny they spend and prioritize the money. Maybe less Circle and Chinook Arch art projects and more money for homeless, small business, road repair and sports.
- "Encourage diversified growth so recent graduates, like myself, can get employed despite weak oil/gas sector.
- Promote/Aid oil and gas companies is applying technology to other sectors: geothermal energy, water distribution, etc."
- help in making us a forward thinking and progressive city we can be proud of rather than being known for rednecks, rodeos , beef and oil AND STOP KILLING THE WILD HORSES PLEASE PLEASE
- find a way to diversify our economy so we're not reliant on O&G, and to become more relevant for other industries to invest here
- The economic state of the country and what we can do to help each other in a time of recession.
- A balanced approach. We're an energy city - that's not going to change any time soon. However, attracting a variety of industries will help to shelter us from the commodity market cycles.
- I want council to focus on diversifying our city economy, and encouraging green industries around the city. I would also like to see more green spaces, and city events that bring the community together. Also focus on putting through Calgary Next and the new arenas, as well as fixing crowchild.
- How the economy would look like for the next 4 years if the price of oil barrels stay around \$30 for the next 4 years
- The people who make calgary a great city to live. Diversification and working with the energy sector. Future.
- "Ensure infrastructure investment projects go to western Canadian firms so the money we get back from Ottawa helps the western Canadian economy for the long term.
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- Stop focusing on trying to ship raw resources from western Canada to the world. The city could also take stimulus funds to build facilities that the raw resources are processed in Alberta and the added value products will make transporting more profitable for western Canada."
- Take economy as it first priority.
- "Keep in mind how will be the impact in the work force (we need ours jobs we don't wish became a welfare client).
- Do not give up to improve and keep a safe City."
- I want the Council to diversify our economy but wrap all decisions in doing it in an environmentally friendly way that promotes green spaces and healthy living.
- Consider new ways to attract and keep other industries in Calgary, for example the technology industry. I worry that the city focuses a lot on infrastructure when it comes to growth instead of attracting and diversification of local business.
- cost of living in our great city
- I want Council to invest our money on projects that create jobs and expand infrastructure (like the Green Line).
- Plan to bring costs down. Everything has become too expensive, including transit, housing and taxes
- Upgrade dam at Bearspaw to generate electricity for more than just it's own pumps. Install solar on all new construction. Follow the examples of Bogota and Copenhagen regarding dedicated bus and cycling roads. Encourage small business, home based business. Allow secondary suites. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Allow backyard chickens.
- As more Calgarians are losing their jobs, I think our elected officials should freeze their salaries and find ways to be as cost efficient in delivering services to the taxpayers. We should take advantage of the high unemployment rates in our city and province as well as low interest rates to do much needed infrastructures including the Calgary Next. We should set up a registered charitable organization to raise some funds to help finance this project and I, for one will contribute and help in raising some funds for this much needed infrastructure to attract international athletes to our city and further improve our reputation around the world as a destination of choice for tourists.
- Reject Calgary Next Arena. Focus on diversifying the economy, and enabling residents/community to support local businesses, access to local markets, etc.
- Focus on diversifying our economy and creating new jobs that are not in the oil & gas industry.
- I want city council to keep in mind of the diversity of this city. Listening to all communities in the city such as marginalized groups, immigrants, and so on is extremely important. I believe every citizen in this city should have a say and providing those opportunities should be readily available. Please, listen to everyone and don't disregard certain groups. Also keep in mind that if we want our city to reduce our footprint on the environment and if we want to reach a sustainable city improving public transportation infrastructure, stopping sprawl, attracting new industries (Clean renewable energy) to the city and strengthening community involvement should be of priority for city council. Making sure that future generations can still enjoy Calgary as we are today.
- Help so many people in need of work!
- I want Calgary to continue to be a strong city and a leader in Canada's economy. Calgary is a great place to live and I want it to remain that way
- Advocate to provincial and federal government for infrastructure and minimum income/affordable housing support.
- I want council to fast track construction projects, and keep in mind economic development that create jobs.
- Please work towards environmentally responsible pipeline action plan.



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- Calgarians need to be working. We need to challenge the provincial government on their \$15/hour minimum wage as it does not grow business. A graduated minimum wage that correlates with a persons education makes more sense
- The city needs economic stimulus now
- Become a forward thinking urban centre that welcomes new businesses like uber rather than being stuck trying to preserve an antiquated past
- Do everything possible to support small business.
- Keep in mind that there should be full community support prior to starting any project directly effecting that community. Always ensure support for the oil and gas industry.
- I would like council to continue to improve the way new communities are built to allow for more/better pedestrian and bicycle traffic. More sidewalks and pathways. Also, we need to continue to value green space in Calgary and protect it. Calgary's Parks team needs to do a better job of maintaining parks and caring for trees and shrubs. Also, council needs to continue to improve access to public transit and routes. More seating and covered shelters at bus stops to encourage more people to ride transit. For drivers, council needs to continue to improve traffic flow and add entrance/exit points for new communities and continue to improve traffic jams. I would also like to see Calgary not grow outwards as much. More upward than outward and smarter growth. Re-development of older areas. Also, council needs to make it easier for small business to startup and to succeed once in business. Also, I would like to see more promotion of tourism in Calgary to bring in more money to our city. Thank you.
- Keep Calgary a forward-looking and progressive city. Keep the economy up, develop the city, and make this place greater than it's ever been!
- I want Calgary to be the leading city re: climate change using our entrepreneurial skills to lead but couple this with watershed / storm water management restoring as much nature as possible to benefit from natures services heightening biodiversity and helping citizens to live with nature as much as possible in an urban setting. Water is a precious resource and critical for nature and all downstream. Drought and flooding will happen. Support the ALIDP. Get rid of bylaws that restrict the natural and community services, community recreation opportunities and local arts - the things that add life and make Calgary a place of geographically strong communities who don't have to drive miles for daily / typical services - the time of mega malls has passed. Let's support neighbourhoods.
- Affordable housing and diverse economic development
- Provide jobs ,fix roads,health and a good education for our children and also affordable housing
- I have a small business, just myself. I would like to expand and have a small team but the cost is just too high. Bringing down the cost for small business start ups would be great.
- I want the council to stop pursuing oil. Pursue other energy sources. Let's start innovation. Let's start controlling our own economy instead of relying on the petro dollar. Support small businesses too.
- be focused on sustainablitiy
- Consider the contribution of small business and non-profits operating in Calgary.
- Get people back to work!
- Find solutions to keep Calgarians working. Support non-oil energy sources to combat bust & boom affect.
- "I want council to actively seek input that is factual, strategically based and not 'flavour of the month'. It must focus on economic growth facilitation. A strong economic engine provides the means for the council to have access to the required revenue to provide the services required.
- Last, but not least, stay as far away as humanly possible from any subsidisation of any kind for that grand boondoggle, ""CalgaryNEXT""."



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- If possible, I feel that incentives should be given to businesses/companies who work in alternative energy, to help bring them into Calgary.
- The 55+ people that have lost their CONTRACTS in the oil industry aren't candidates for retraining and diversification. Help this sector of people.
- Really focus on diversifying Calgary's economy to avoid the boom and bust cycle of oil. Energy is important, but so is risk mitigation.
- Focus on supporting the many folks who are suffering during the current recession.
- Income disparity and real estate prices.
- Keeping skilled workers here by keeping them employed and a low tax regime to help keep money in the pockets of citizens who will then spend it at local businesses.
- Let's get the Stoney Trail completed. Bring on big projects to enable more people to find jobs in town who have been laid off. Try to keep our incredibly talented people here and show them our support
- Encourage economy diversification from oil and gas. i.e. lower property and business taxes to any new startups in alternative to energy business fields.
- Environment, Education, Economic Stability, Communities (Gardens, People, Support...), Diversity, Big and Small Business Support, plus Arts and Culture.
- I want council to keep in mind current (and expected to continue) poor economic conditions. Spending millions of dollars renovating the park at 8th and 8th (next to Nexen building) and the 8th street underpass reno projects are examples of projects that should be deferred. Dollars should go towards infrastructure that helps to build capacity in the local economy rather than simply beautification projects.
- the creation of job opportunities and growing the local economy
- i'd like to see more jobs and training people are worried about the economy
- I want Council to continue the positive direction towards making Calgary a safe, welcoming, inclusive community, a community which meets the needs of all income levels and in particular by providing much more (quantity and variety) affordable housing; affordable, efficient and convenient public transit; and support for local small business.
- Keep focus on economical and social well being of Calgarians.
- Consider us young people, we have student debts, housing payments, and jobs that don't cover the bills we don't want to be in debt forever or at all if it could be helped. More stability right now would be really helpful.
- Recognize that young people without jobs, a mortgage, and debts are going to move to where they can get work. Replacing them with low skilled influx won't replace their economic contribution to society.
- Support diversification
- I want council to focus on job creation. That should be priority. We should not be bringing in refugees while so many tax paying Calgarians are suffering.
- create jobs for the middle class and tax breaks. more taxes for the wealthy.
- No more money spent on libraries! A recession doesn't allow for a healthy art budget or any council raises. More construction will help stimulate calgary
- Consider the economical and environmental benefits of growing or selling marijuana
- Being a young individual in Calgary, I find little hope in owning my own home for several years. Renting has become difficult and unencouraging. Feeling as though I am paying someone else's mortgage rather than my own leaves me feeling stuck in a slump. Rent and utility costs are high, leaving very little for savings on a down payment. I'd like it if the city of Calgary could help make it easier for people to keep more of their hard earned money to get ahead in life. To get married and start a family. Not work well into their forties before they are able to obtain homes of their own.



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- Put transit first, stop wasting tax dollars on public art, not waste tax dollars on small business tax rebates. Grow the city up, not out.
- I want council to invest in schools and education. I want council to invest in renewable energy sources and sustainable markets. Support local business and farmers.
- I want council to make a prudent and realistic analysis and planning on I.e, job creation, diversified economy, support for local business, mass transport availability, housing dev., although all seems listed on the agenda, a more profound and diversified economy, so as not to be fully dependant on oil economy. If oil is to be fully process here in Alberta , then the full benefits will be realized and the Albertans and all of Canada will also benefit
- less burden on working families who tried their best for both end to meet
- Reduce taxes. (Property, personally, business) Diversify our local economy by providing incentives for companies to come open up offices in Calgary. Allow foreign investment. Be more efficient with our tax dollars. Help energy companies lobby to get their product out to other markets either across Canada or internationally.
- Remember that the current down turn associated with low oil prices is temporary. Use this opportunity to invest in infrastructure that will reduce our reliance on hydrocarbon fuels, such as increased public transit. People generally want what they had yesterday, not what they will need tomorrow. It is the responsibility of our elected leaders at all levels to take a long term approach.
- I want the Council to consider the benefits of REAL diversity in economy and how that will create a positive ripple effect for housing, jobs, communities, and sustainability.
- "The priority for Calgarians is to have jobs, economical development, to save oil and gas industry and at the same time develop other and alternatives energy and industries. We need a better transportation system...please see Montreal and Toronto transportation system examples... Why Calgary could have a similar system? . And please
- Work hard regarding security for Calgarians"
- I want Council to focus on the most important issue of our times, climate change. Calgary should be joining the Blue Dot program and other national and international programs to enhance and elevate awareness and education around renewables, efficiencies and conservation. We have to bring ourselves into the 21st century, to truly diversify, and to get out from under the "cloud" of fossil fuels. There is so much potential out there for jobs and economic diversification if we just change our mindset and have solid leadership in a more progressive and holistic direction.
- Focus on affordable housing, access to services, building a diversified economy. Talen will leave if there is nothing here for them.
- Diversify the economy and bring industries that protect the environment and at the same time pay well for employees.
- "Return work back to Cupe Local 37 workers and NOT contract out services.
- Something must be done about the homeless issues."
- Consider the change in economy, boost businesses
- The city is suffering right now with the oil industry. We need job security back, we need to know that Calgary can maintain this slump and be able to bounce back. It is grim.
- Consider the citizens before considering the businesses. Calgary has an identity tied to big business, in a time of severe economic downturn we cannot rely on businesses.
- To take into consideration the bad economy, and that the unemployment rate is growing
- Ensure that money lenders are restricted to their numbers. In our community we have about 16 money marts etc in a 3 block area. I would like to see a law restricting their number



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- Stop spending money on art designs and invest in the health care system as well as provide more job opportunities.
- I would like to see more community marketplaces where small, specialized merchants (baked goods, butchers, produce) could operate on a daily basis, year round.
- Calgary's urban infrastructure does not support 'local community' structure very well. The layout of residential and commercial areas is designed to require a significant amount of vehicle traffic to access basic services, and to channel development of businesses that could serve local communities towards malls, rather than more accessible local small business, particularly in outlying communities. Not only does this reduce diversity in the business community, but it perpetuates less healthy lifestyles and less community spirit and sense of local ownership / involvement.
- Support a healthy, local, environmentally sustainable food system, prioritize walkable communities, safe bike paths and accessible public transit.
- Put cost of living and economy as priorities over everything else.
- stop raising utility costs and taxes.. No one can afford these.
- Continue to adapt to calgarys changing economic climate in order to best provide and grow our communities and economy through continued sustainable initiatives and polices
- Promote an environment that fosters competition and efficiency. Be willing to embrace new technology. Recognize the importance of top quality and open internet and cellular networks (where possible at the municipal level). Protect our parks and rivers.
- Keep in mind of long term goals, sustainable growth. Don't succumb to investors with short term interests.
- Please keep in mind that our present economic situation is the tip of the iceberg. What we need to address is the composition of our industry and creating a sense of community that people want to be part of. We are suffering from a monopoly in the economy. Calgary is no longer a great place to make a living, and it has brought us to face the reality that many never saw it as a great place toake a life. This is a rollercoaster that we need to dismantle and find a new path. Please do not make short term decision for the optics of reacting to the current economics. Take a fair and balanced approach that puts us all in better stead for the future.
- Prioritize diversifying our economy so that people can start being successful again.
- I think diversifying the local economy should be the top priority in the province.
- Promote local businesses, use taxes wisely and do NOT use outside companies of this province to complete projects, you need to use local companies/ businesses
- Consider Calgary's economy
- Common sense is what I want them to keep in mind. Enough about the East Village. Downtown is only a priority to a small # of people. Growth is out of hand. Traffic is overwhelming. I have lived in Calgary most of my life and the bigger Calgary gets the less I travel out of my neighborhood and surrounding area. Focus on building communities; places that are nice to live in and shop in so people don't have to drive distances to get their groceries or other items. Encourage small businesses to make a go of it and do away with future plans for big box stores. Less focus on the tax revenue from potential developments and more focus on the liveability of our communities.
- Please think about long term sustainability and keeping the professionals we have in the city by providing jobs. Also think about living expenses in the city e.g. Consistent increase in food prices and inflation but no pay raises for years for some sectors such as education.
- The cost of living keeps increasing and there is not a living wage in Calgary. Many people who work hard at their jobs are still struggling to get by let alone access culturally rich experiences for themselves and their families. Its not just about one thing, affordable-reliable public transit, minimum wage increases, job



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availability... its all connected. The Action Plan should be for everybody. Help make Calgary the best city it can be FOR EVERYONE.

- Encourage innovation not stifle it with regulations, red tape and fees
- To focus on creating economic opportunities, especially in current economic downturn. Also lower property taxes as the values of the houses are declining while property taxes are increasing which is putting extra pressure on homeowners who are already hit by crashing housing prices
- Urban realm improvements, get the Green Line going one way or the other, and continue to make Calgary a competitive economic center for O&G and other industry's.
- Be efficient and consider less regulations and more free market in the taxi industry. Keep safety paramount. Attract large investment fixed overhead industries. Become a world leader in industries outside oil and gas. Design effective roadways to allow Calgaries to drive without frustration.
- Try to find a short term plan to improve the economy.
- not over regulate to the point it inhibits growth and development and is prohibitive to the economy
- invest more into renewable energy
- Job situation in Calgary at the present time.
- "Prioritize main streets program
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- Push green line and TODs ahead
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- Work to diversify local economy and attract new industries"
- weathering the current economic conditions
- I want Council to positively market Calgary as the most ideal city to live in North America, with steady influx of talented people, the city is alive and has to grow.
- Find efficiencies in the operating budget and stop increasing taxes to cover new or expanded spending programs. Less intervention & regulation would also increase and diversify the economy and create more jobs and better jobs.
- Keep taxes as low as possible on new businesses
- I want council to take into consideration the huge downturn in the provincial economy before making decisions which were originally based on a robust oil and gas sector. I just lost my job in a real estate company because of the office vacancy rates plummeting, primarily because Oil and Gas is going, going, going... gone, not only from the province in general, but his city specifically. Time to make a statement to Rachel Notley to back the hell off with her eradication of the Oil and gas industry.
- "Transit & Regaining economy - create jobs
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- Stopping urban sprawl is only good if Calgarians are willing to live in condos... Everyone I know thinks they should live in a house and the rest of Calgarians should live in condos (no matter what their financial situation)- so they want to stop urban sprawl, but don't want to live in a condo themselves"
- Please focus on getting Calgarians back to work. Invest in infrastructure and building within Calgary.
- Council needs to ensure that with fluctuating oil prices calgary maintains an economy that can rise above the shambles and become a stronger place that is versatile and self-sufficient.
- I want council to consider nurturing alternative industries that already exist in the city to alleviate the pressures on the energy sector
- I want council to assist the government to provide stable and flourishing economy for all. If I had another wish I would say to end homelessness like Medicine Hat.



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- I would like to see the city become more global in nature by bringing new technology and new services to our communities. More App based services, Uber, etc.
- Continue to grow the city, while maintaining a positive investment environment for not only energy, but additional sectors such as Technology, Science and Finance.
- Keep in mind that a lot of people in Calgary that work in oil and gas can not afford tax increases. As many of us are losing their jobs.
- The current economic environment our province is in right now
- Please keep in mind our city rivers are something to be celebrated. Most cities in North America would relish the possibilities for recreation and tourism these rivers present. Please in your plans make plans to make more access points within the city for boaters and fishermen. This is something that can be a huge selling point for tourism within our city.
- I would like council to start thinking hard about where Calgary gets its energy. Future treaties on climate action will severely restrict burning of fossil fuels. This will cause the petroleum industry to continue diminishing in the long term. Calgary must be open to transitioning more and more of its energy needs to other sources such as deep Geothermal base load electricity generation, solar, wind and passive shallow heat pump geothermal for HVAC. Calgary needs to help grow the industries associated with these alternative energies by encouraging local utilities to provide power purchase contracts to alternative energy providers. More cheap renewable energy will facilitate availability of affordable electric power, affordable electrified transport such as the c-trains and high speed rail, and affordable heating of public buildings and rec centres. The availability of abundant and affordable energy will promote the growth of local business and industry. Eg. urban agriculture and greenhouses, manufacturing and food processing, processing hydrocarbons to needed plastics, and of course tech and communications industries.
- Focus on local business development, maintain green spaces, improve public transit
- Please consider the thousands of Calgarians who are out of work and the increasing tax burden on all Calgarians when making your decisions.
- Focus on our biggest resource- oil and gas and doing everything possible to help this industry flourish.
- I would like to see investment to support small business growth in the city and new industry development focus such as the biotechnology industry
- "Sustainability what we do should be for the long term growth of the city.
- Service. What can we provide to citizens to help them through these tough times? Health and activity that is accessible and low cost can help ease the strain."
- Remember that business interests are not always the same as the interests of constituents. It's important to provide real leadership and ideas, and work to show the value of them to Calgarians before putting things on the table. I think council usually does a great job of this. Doing a great job of this is part of why Nenshi was sued, and I want to be clear that I have no issue with the City covering his legal fees. It's ridiculous that he should have to pay to defend what he rightly did in his service to the community as mayor.
- Sustainability, responsible growth, build for the future, don't rely on oil money
- Improve education, employment & business in Calgary
- I want city council to encourage local technology development, urban density, and shared use natural areas
- Keep stimulating local growth and diversity. Crack down on reckless driving. Looking into the ever increasing rent and possibly into some sort of rent control mechanisms.
- Focus on getting Calgary's infrastructure caught up to before the oil boom happened. Now is the time before the next one rolls in.
- We must diversify our economy!



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- Recognize the narrow base of the economy in Calgary and that a fossil fuel based industry is not the path for growth of opportunity for well educated young people.
- Create jobs in Calgary!
- To bring more industries to calgary to get more jobs for our youth
- Calgary is an amazing city, and planning for the future is important. As a city/province so reliant on the energy sector, we should be expanding what this includes. Encourage new development and research in renewable energy, attract private companies to do this. Plan for an ever expanding Calgary, but rather than building out, let's build up. Let's be a world leader in energy but respect the environment. Keep all the parks but build apartment buildings. Compost compost compost. Recycle! Actually design and build and an EFFICIENT public transportation system. Create a tax to driving down town. Improve how we look on the world stage and show that energy production and environmental responsibility can coexist. And PLEASE PLEASE do not build Calgary NEXT. We will never see a single dollar and the so called 'benefits' will be short lived. Stand up for the city and the tax payers within it.
- Create jobs
- "Keep a focus on crime. With downturn there will be a natural rise in crime. Focus on new business growth, encouraging enterprise. It's what will keep the city alive.
- Focus on affordable housing. People will leave if they cannot afford to live here."
- For Calgary to grow steadily it needs a diversified economy, support for local and small businesses and accessible public transit.
- Thanks for the work you do. I think we need to find ways to transition to a environmentally and socially just economy quickly to support those impacted and oppressed, while support those who are currently losing their jobs due to an unsustainable economy. Instead of locking us into the consequences of accelerated climate change. It's a big job for sure and it requires everyone. But there are millions of organizations, scientists, think tanks, academics, community experts, technological capacity and innovative projects around the world that are resources as well as our bold imagination and courage to create the new.
- Oil and gas is no longer our city's investment for the future. Green technology will be the judge of our survival.
- I want city council to primarily invest in jobs but to also create new tourism attractions to calgary to make it a city in which people want to visit. There is very little city life aside from corporate jobs downtown.
- **CREATE MORE JOBS! GET THE PIPELINES GOING! HELP OUR PROVINCE!**
- I would like City Council to keep in mind that stimulating construction etc is great, however, if it is always city companies doing it, that is the government. Please look at ways to reinvest into the already existing small business community. Please look at ways of supporting Non-Profit Organizations that are currently supporting so many of our local people who have been hit so hard by the fall in the energy sector. Please don't forget that even though oil may go up and down, unless something is done to help stabilize income in a household and keep people here, we have no need for new housing, new suburbs and new development. Thank you for putting this survey together.
- I would like City council to consider the economy and making it affordable for residents to live, work and play here.
- Be more efficient in spending our money As a small business owner who employs 14 people all I see is the amount you tax me
- Everything hurts when the economy is hurting - This is an opportunity for Council to support existing industries while inviting others. Diversification of economy is a good thing.
- Use local firms for any work done in city; artist, architects, construction..etc



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- I would like council to concentrate on supporting, diversifying and making the local economy one that can be easily sustained by its inhabitants.
- Take care of Calgarians who have worked hard here for many years and can no longer find work. And start ticketing wreckless cyclists....if they cannot be controlled for our safety, and do not have to obey any traffic laws, then the bike lanes ought to be removed.
- This is the time to realize that Calgary has a large amount of skilled workers and with help generating new business ideas to get everyone working again, Calgary can be seen as leaders for doing some really great things.
- Tons of people are unemployed. Some opportunity to work off their taxes instead of having to find cash might be beneficial to them.
- Raising taxes is unaffordable. Already the cost of living is very high. Government spending should decrease. Every dollar should be spent wisely. You should put accent on quality of services, consumer protection. For example to fly from and to Calgary is so expensive but the service is very poor... Absolutely unacceptable. I want roads to be cleaned even in winter, because breathing dust and getting my car damaged by rocks from the roads is very expensive. Create jobs, diversify economy. Make tuitions affordable. Punish those who don't deliver quality services like roads construction. Combat corruption.
- Keep costs low, better \$\$ management, attract new industries, do not bend to rich private entrepreneurs to use public \$\$ for facilities to earn them more \$\$!! Keep water, land and resources safe! Hello Flint USA!!
- Consider changing some of the rules for commercial properties to allow for small software startups to occupy some of that empty space.
- As much as we rely on our cities larger businesses, we need to take care of current and future small businesses!
- Help small businesses to keep going. With the bad economy, it's really tough with the low Canadian dollar and people not spending money.
- Consider the residents who are not currently the highest tax payers but who will become large contributors in the future. What I mean by this is, ensure you are continuing to provide ways for young and up and coming people to see Calgary in an attractable light. Right now Calgary is an overpriced standard of living with a large fluctuation in opportunities. By diversifying the economy and increasing affordability we will continue to attract the bright minds of tomorrow.
- I think City Council should work on supporting the downtown/inner city economy so that businesses don't need to shut down. Lower taxes or rent for them.
- Continue to push for greater public transit, Curb urban sprawl, Keep taxes low, Help businesses grow and flourish, Try not to raise property tax anymore
- think about creating more jobs. We need jobs to survive.
- Support the oil and gas industry, lower taxes and protect our city and develop regular reporting on crime.
- Calgary has enough systems and social programs in place. We need to maximize the efficiency of our infrastructure both in terms of use and costs. Live/work/play needs to be optimized locally. Stop wasting money on "blue ring" projects and anything without a direct cost or time saving benefit.
- That there is a significant shortage of entry level jobs due to the economic downturn - diversifying our economy would help to mitigate the fluctuations in the energy sector. Furthermore with the climbing unemployment rate, the accessibility to affordable housing diminishes as the market for these houses is flooded. Please consider prioritizing accessibility to affordable housing.
- I want council to pay attention to Calgary Housing Corp and to stay involved and advocate moving forward a regional transit system. Also, stricter supervision of benefit abusers.



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- Everyone does not have a large income.
- Look at ways to help business stay afloat through these difficult times
- Allow for new industries and alternatives to existing industries (ie. transportation) to be negotiated and welcomed. Remember that not everyone complains publicly about issues - it seems like 'he who complains loudest gets what he wants' in this city (often) so remember that for every 1-2 complaining people, there are likely 100's who are happy with the decision. Car owners/drivers should not have monopoly over decisions related to roadways.
- During this period of recession it's more important than ever to focus on supporting small business owners to thrive and grow a vibrant local economy. This investment builds a resilient diversified economy.
- To quickly consider new projects, and/or changes to existing ones, in order to stimulate the economy and employ those who have found themselves jobless with the recent changes in our economic situation.
- Sustainable, diversified economy.
- I would like Council to focus on small local business, by keeping costs such as taxes and utilities as affordable as possible.
- Economy needs to be stimulated in this economic downturn.
- I want council to keep in mind that, although we are an oil-based economy, the age of oil will not last forever. I want council to focus on alternative industries and sustainable development within Calgary so that our city can experience long-term and steady prosperity.
- Diversify from oil and gas. We should always include it, support it, and grow it, but we shouldn't rely so heavily on it. We need to encourage growth in Calgary in other ways.
- Help diversify economy, support the growth and development of mixed-use neighbourhoods and support the arts!
- Cancel green bin. Cut city fat. Get rid of bike lanes down town. Quit buying green power. Stop taking in refugees.start supporting our major industries oil and gas.quit raising taxes. Cancel art works projects.
- Remember that average citizens need to be able to afford living in Calgary; oil and gas has created an inflated cost of living and when times are tough, non oil and gas -related citizens are the foundation of the economy. We are often forgotten in the Calgary economy equation
- "I want council to:
- - create jobs and provide a sustainable economy within the City of Calgary.
- - to build more recreation centers and facilities to support healthy living and sustainable communities within the City
- - expand Calgary's transit system in terms of availability to all corners and across all communities, accessibility, affordable and reliable transit system
- - create spaces that supports jobs closer to home/communities"
- Focus on Calgary's economy.
- I want council to address the downturn in the economy by helping to diversify jobs and to promote green energy and innovation.
- The lack of well paying jobs, bringing refugees in to an unstable work environment where layoffs are abundant!
- It's time to stop council's special interest pet projects and focus on keeping the city running. Clean our streets, pick up our garbage, bring business into the city and stop making me the root of all evil because I drive a car.
- people need job opportunities!
- Focus on the youth, create more jobs, and embrace the diversity of our city :)



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- Keep in mind that end of 2015- beginning of 2016 has been extremely difficult for a lot of individuals-- companies directly or indirectly linked to the oil and gas industry have undergone massive lay-offs or there has been major reduction in overall income for individuals.
- The business environment has changed drastically over the last 2 years. Spending needs to be focused and we need to focus on the economy. There are a lot of people out of work and we need to help where we can.
- Consider the job cuts and fight for Calgary. A slow down may not be a totally bad thing, but too much can be devastating to family's.
- Consider how the economy in Calgary has changed since 2014 but not to sacrifice other important priorities to focus solely on the economy.
- Work together and stop headbutting on minor issues (ie secondary suiets, no one wants to live in the snooty suburbs anyway). Make sure your people are heard and helped by your decisions and we will repay you for it with re-election. We have to build our communities from the centre out. No more urban sprawl. And developed more than a oil business focus in our downtown. Developed the city centre community and be a real city.
- Changing economy is a challenge,existing old infrastructure need to be adresseds.the west vision of wealthy city need to be changed,we are struggling because of the vision of rich oil made city.try to avoid the easy path of cutting short police and fire department,.we live in a city where its difficult to find housing at reasonable price.increase number of housing for low budget.parling at hospital and emergency should be review and removed .rethink venue for music show and spectacle to attract business north of the border and inside canada.more communication between canadian city and province for transportation(food.....)continiuebto work with mass transportation (brt,lrt)
- "Enable Calgary to be the Enterprise hub for Energy, by investing in alternative energy initiatives, that complement our already strong focus on Oil, Coal and Gas.
- Would also be great to have more stringent driving education and testing. Plenty of terrible drivers in Calgary. Examples solutions may include; enforcing ice driving education to pass driving tests, making it mandatory to have all new comers to take tests (not transfer in an international licence) and provide more awareness to drivers the basics e.g. Mirror, Signal then Manoeuvre."
- I want council to diversify our economy, I want more investment in social services and a much deeper look at affordable housing.
- Try to help the recession in Calgary and Alberta due to oil price.
- FOCUS ON LOCAL business development
- Many people are struggling due to the economy, so investment in development that will grow the economy and opportunities in Calgary should be paramount.
- Encourage small business in communities not downtown cire
- "Focus on making calgary a enjoyable place to drive around, majority of people drive to where they need to go. Stop focusing so heavily on buses and cyclists and provide some much needed relief for drivers everywhere.
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- Reduce red tape and make running a small business easier and more efficient.
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- Legalize uber. Taxis are terrible in every single way and there is a very good reason uber is destroying them.
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- Faster and more fair Internet. The ISPs in calgary charge an obscene amount of money for poor Internet speeds, if we truly want to be a world class city we should have the infrastructure to support it. And part of that is fast dependable Internet. If the town of olds can figure it out why can't our city?"



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- I want council to not only consider what satisfies the current people focused on the oil and gas district, but also what business sectors and culture atmospheres can be grown in YYC to build a well rounded future for our city.
- I'm getting a BDes in graphic design. I have to worry about student loan debt, slim internship opportunities and poor pay, and once I graduate, a job market with no room for me. There is no affordable housing options so I have to live with my parents, and suburbs are so spread out and far away from campus and train stations that I can either spend 3 hours on transit every day or I can drive and pay 11\$ a day to park on my own campus. I'm 22 years old. I want a job, my own place, and to be able to go to school without paying 55\$ a week just to get there.
- Take a 'fresh' look at the original plan in light of the current economy to ensure that what is being created is necessary and has immediate impact on the city as a whole. For example, more urban bike lanes are not a priority, completing the roll out of the green bins for compost and recycle bins for multiple dwelling an building is - as is more affordable housing.
- Invest in sustainable technology, locally grown food, organic and non gmo food, local buisnesses, green spaces, community gatherings,
- I want council to protect our City's future based on sustainable & renewable resources, to assist businesses & residents to do the same, to stop urban spread, and to develop an economy that is varied and less susceptible to the "bust or boom" roller coaster.
- I would like to see the City of Calgary council work with the Provincial Government to get the message out we are open for business. Companies are leaving this city due to the downturn in the economy, how do we keep them here?
- I would like council to plan for how we can prop our city up during this economic downturn while acknowledging that it is (hopefully) a temporary thing.
- Improving transit and diversifying our economy away from dirty oil and gas.
- Diversify from natural resources. We can remain the hub for that but we need to leverage our talent pool and diversify into other areas of growth for our children's futures.
- Help local start-ups and increase mental wellness initiatives (affordable housing, kindness week, mental health research and services, anti-racism, pro LGBTTTQQ initiatives) etc...
- Think about new energy sources besides oil!! Let's start legalizing marijuana so we can grow our economy and use this as medicine for those who need it.
- Sustainable growth is not rooted in finite resources. Basing our whole economy on unstable and non renewable resources will lead to dire consequences in the future.
- Think carefully before spending. Spend for all instead of the few. Less on things like art and more on roads and road safety. Look into more greenhouses to provide more produce so we do not have to import maybe we can be the exporters instead and provide cost efficient methods to make it viable. Perhaps tax breaks for going green.
- WE have the resources to make Calgary the global leader in alternative energy. just do it
- Keep in mind the children, the at risk , the environment and the calgariana starting businesses vs. The multinational companies.
- Concentrate on diversifying the city including tourism and large conventions.
- I would love to see the natural beauty of Calgary preserved, with less mowing down of our limited natural areas to erect chain stores/malls, and more focus on supporting small, local, independent business.
- I think a key component to keeping Calgary viable is diversifying our economy. A diverse economy - large and small businesses, businesses within different industries, not focused on energy, will help ensure that even



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through booms and busts Calgary is still a viable place to live and do business. Bringing in other sectors, like technology, film, finance, design, etc., can help move us away from being so energy focused. Another thing to keep in mind is the importance of a good public transportation system in an ever-expanding city. If there were more options available, perhaps we would slowly start moving away from a multiple-car-per-household city.

- I want them to keep in mind that.. alot of people are hurting and need relief in some way , shape or form. ALSO be very aware of residents who live near the street access train stations... JUST PERMIT the area and make the whole thing actually permitted, not just "worthy of "permits. thanks
- Diversify the economy while making jobs for laid off but trained Calgarians.
- Work creatively to foster legitimate a market for community business to bolster Calgary toward a vibrant local economy .
- Use taxpayer money on important necessary problems such as road maintenance and construction. Spend less money on recreation buying artwork etc. Spend more on getting low income people jobs and accommodation.
- remember there are now a lot of unemployed people, and people on fixed incomes or struggling with costs of day to day living, watch the tax increases but also the user charges. keep it available for people to continue on and not just the wealthy or people who have managed to hang onto their jobs
- As many have lost their jobs recently, please keep in mind reduced income and financial instability when raising taxes to fund unnecessary programs and road construction plans.
- Encouraging and Educating young people and young families on the importance and benefit of healthy eating, food choices, more plant-based diets and more responsible meat choices will help keep health care costs lower now, and in the future. Education is needed to re-visit and plan the food we offer in schools, recreation facilities, and family activity centers.
- Find balance between driving economic growth and being fiscally responsible.
- Help grow our local economy to support employment
- I would like to see council get Calgary back to work, provide affordable housing for those in need and keep us safe during this downturn in the economy
- Be more proactive in diversifying business economy. Quicker/easier access to support and services.
- "I think council should concentrate on creating job opportunities to support Calgarians affected by current job layoffs"
- Becoming more sustainable through composting programs, efficient energy, water, and waste management, further integration of Calgary Transit (eg. the green line), and economic diversification.
- I want council to work with the province to diversity the economy so we are not just dependent on oil and gas.
- Start city composting, improve riparian habitat rejuvenation and protection, encourage alternative energy and other technology/ innovative solutions to reduce city carbon footprint -eg solar/wind on buildings, green roofs, energy panel floors on recreation centres to generate electricity/ light, reduced/ no parking fees for green vehicles, compost able plates/cups for all city events and encourage businesses to do the same, have incentives for companies who focus on new green technology
- Rethink the city's economy. Focus on education and the arts.
- Diversify our economy so that we aren't as heavily reliant on oil and gas corps.
- I want council to keep trying to grow Calgary in more diverse ways to remove our dependence on oil and gas and allow Calgary to develop new priorities.
- Diversify in other industries outside of oil and gas; ie. Other sources of energy, technology, environment, etc. Don't put all of Calgary's eggs in one basket!



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- Create a safe city to live in. With a depressed economy comes increased crime. Create new full time jobs to help get people back to work. Think necessities and forget luxuries. Like individuals have to do, save funds for necessary projects, shelve luxuries like art, sport facilities, "fluff".
- Work on attracting diversified business opportunities for those bumped out of their jobs. There is very little available for well-trained, educated Calgarians. Those in oil and gas are looking to Texas and the Mid-East, but do not want to leave Calgary.
- Diversify city economy and attract more business of various types, through regulations, tax incentives, create business friendly zone here. And expand the Deerfoot Trail please... this is probably the most important one!
- I'd like to somehow see something of suggestions for the community and citizens to try to come together to stop the racism, hate, and bigotry that's been rampant in our city regarding the refugee crisis, and to try and help local businesses.
- Plan for long-term growth, housing affordability and diversifying Calgary's economy
- Better, more reliable and stable income support to families and women with children.
- Please continue to help Calgary become a leader in innovation and diversify away from just "oil and cowboys".
- Please take the environment as a high priority. This includes actions such as supporting renewable energies, not just in industry but for individual homes, keeping parks vibrant and lively, encouraging biking or public transportation, and finding ways to help the homeless off the street, which will help keep the environment clean. Please look to the city Curitiba for some examples of how to green the city.
- Economy, long term planning, concerted effort to diversify the economy, closer relationship with other levels of government.
- Look at post secondary costs and provide help to those who need it. Our economy is tumbling, pay more attention to people losing their jobs than providing free services for refugees
- Invest in pipelines
- I want council to consider that there are many calgarians who are below the poverty line and struggling to get every penny. Not everyone can afford to help themselves out of a slump no matter how hard they work.
- Make more jobs at the city and stable economy. Focus on your people, make more opportunities. And most of all safety and security of calgarians. Top 1 for me. Safety of the people. Focus also on motorist violators. When I came here it was better at the road now the drivers of calgary are even worst now. No. 1 road sign or rules violators.
- I would like to see more local businesses supported along with a healthy green spaces
- Develop an economic structure that allows us to be compared with the likes of Hong Kong, Singapore, or New York, as a business capital of Canada. Significant attractions would be modeled off of these cities as well, instead of having a more natural tourist attraction such as Toronto's Niagara Falls or the beaches of SoCal, attractions would be more manufactured, such as more Zoolights, megastructures, and a building symbolizing the business capital of Canada
- Consider future generations. What the economy relies on now may not be as important in the future. Build for a sustainable future
- "There are a lot of people at the moment losing their jobs, losing their house, losing everything because of the economy."
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- Losing their well-being that they've constructed over years in Calgary, if not their whole lives.
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- My girlfriend is one of them, she has to sell her house - while trying to take care of a child.
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- I myself on the other hand am at the opposite end of the spectrum, young, potential student.
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- I live on my own with no support - I have to pay rent, food and all the other mandatory things to keep myself alive and well.
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- All at 15,000 dollars a year, because my work keeps cutting hours and downsizing.
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- I'd like to see a thriving economy, that flourishes into a thriving community.
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- When people are happy and safe because their lives , jobs and well being are not teetering on the line, they help produce a thriving city that will grow into the future.
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- At the moment there is a lot of fear - and it feels like a wilting flower , all because of the fuel of the soil is being drained - it's time to find new fuel.
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- I know it's not easy - far for it, I can't imagine what it's like to run a city on such a large scale.
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- I just don't want to be scared and unsure of my future - I grew up in this city, and I'd like to stay here, safe, secure. it's a great place to grow with a family."
- Focus on allowing small and family businesses grow and startup as opposed to having only big box and franchise business.
- Growing Calgary with more job opportunities and better life.
- I would like City Council to keep in mind to create jobs for us.
- Encourage growth and development in Calgary during these tough economic times, as well diversify Calgary's economy.
- I want council to continue to work with existing business and industry in the city but also explore policy changes to encourage the development of new industries in the city.
- I want Council to ensure when looking at development to open zoning to allow for more secondary suits, in home businesses, or small businesses - gone are the days of a storefront with a home over top like you used to see in Bridgeland and older areas like that.
- I would like the Council to invest more on healthcare and education not only by finance but also by R&D. I believe that, the competitive advantages of Calgary among others are healthy and talented citizen. And, I hope we can do it together :)
- keep the economy and the people in mind, this isnt the time to raise taxes this is the time that money should be spent so that people are working
- Balance short-term needs of the economy with long-term planning. Also consider non-monetary measures of support such as directing bylaw to show compassion for our local businesses
- "I want Council to remember that times are difficult right now. It's one thing to spend millions on bike lanes (a good but not necessary endeavour) but when faced with a strong economic downturn those funds should be allocated to something more socialist to help out those at risk of losing everything. Sometimes it seems that those that run this great city are out of touch with the everyday person, their struggles. Need to keep in mind what is really important to the public. A lot of unnecessary bureaucracy stifles innovation and advancement in both our economy and the daily decisions being made.



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- The newest trend is simplicity."
- I would like to see a reduction in city management salaries in line with our current economic situation.
- The economic climate had changed dramatically over the past 18 months, any many of the things we thought we could afford we no longer can. City Council needs to adopt a mindset of focus on the most important issues and deferring the "nice to haves". Make more impactful progress on fewer high priority items. No more pet projects and spending driven by a vocal minority.
- "1.invoke zero based budgeting.
- 2, temporary subsidization of small businesses during low oil pricing
- 3. Continue and improve flood mitigation
- 4. improve and quicker implementation recycling services
- 5. No private motor vehicles in the DT core
- 6.Better snow clearance and snow removal plans in residential areas and cul-de-sacs
- 7. Open area offices in each quadrant for local liaison face to face, on site forums and individual responses improving transparency and planning overview to quadrants
- 8. Stop treating Enmax similar to a crown corporation, Enmax is supposed to save consumers money not foster added cost on consumers. Restrict Enmax to it's original charter which is transmission not production ensuring lower electrical costs for Calgary consumers."
- Ensure Calgary is a safe place to live and remains financially responsible.
- I want council to get costs under control since there is visible evidence that it even crosses the collective mind. Today's economic environment has legs and coasting through by increasing debt and business and residential taxes is not a viable plan yet that seems to the only one evident.
- "- Decentralization of offices from the centre of the city
- - Enforcement of building guidelines for height and usage (a reduction in the number of special permits and exceptions)
- - embracing the opportunity to develop a green economy."
- I would like City Council to undertake sound fiscal management,be frugal and practice restraint in this period of contraction
- think local first. We have to live in the city many companies choose to do business in and tourist travel to. Please continue to make Calgary a desirable place for people to work AND live in.
- Revisit the decision on removing fluoride from our drinking water. Listen to the research. Quit advocating for change not supported by constituents like cycle track and bike lanes. Council is listening to the loud minority instead of the silent majority. Deal with the archaic procurement and supply policies the city has to procure professional services. Let calgarians get back to work for our citizens and deliver projects without the red tape. Respect competition and ensure value is obtained but it really doesn't need to bog down progress. It is now.
- "Stop pandering to unions- public unions working for the city, taxi unions blocking Uber, etc.
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- Upgrade the infrastructure. Charge incoming residents for the upgrades. If it slows down the influx, that's even better.
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- Help industry diversify but get out and support the oil patch more. If people don't like our primary industry they can go live somewhere else.
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- Don't you DARE provide public funds for a new stadium complex. What a sham. Ask St. Louis how they're going to pay for their football stadium now that the Rams went back to LA. Ken King and the Flames don't need to operate at such a huge (undisclosed) profit margin. I love the Flames. Have since '89 even though they're terrible this year. But I will happily subsidize the cost of a new stadium when I go to the game. The city can chip in for infrastructure upgrades, but not a penny for the facility."
- Create a vibrant city with options for its citizens. A city that functions and is culturally endowed. Build interchanges on Skeletal Roads (14th Street and Anderson) as well as making it a BRT Zone. Create Cultural and Business HUBS that provide opportunity, jobs, and diversity in our city. Allow Rezoning and smart development of older neighborhoods while concurrently setting current and forward thinking planning on new communities. Oil and Gas are obviously important to our city but we could make our city so much more, Music "Music Mile" is a start, the Calgary Expo encourages the Pop culture arts, the Visual Arts sorely need a space for artists to live and work, Authors and Writers find the city lacking (it doesn't have to be), film production has finally got a start with the Calgary Film Centre, IT needs a cluster/Hub, Bio Tech, Clean Industries, etc. Calgary is a great city, we could be so much more!
- Take care mostly of economic situation because most of my friends they want to move out of the city because of the recession.
- "- implement composting program
- - have energy savings/efficiency programs
- - preserve natural environment when developing new communities and do not fast track development plans
- - diversify economy"
- I want to more support from council in energy sector. I want to get rid of useless green projects which are financing from all of our money.
- Assist in the development of diverse business and industry so Calgary is not so dependent on one (oil gas) as well as support the pipeline projects for safety reasons
- Consider to be more flexible with newcomers with background in medicine, in order to help us to find a job.
- Have incentives for companies to setup shop in Calgary; in particular companies that can complement and diversify our current economy, companies like Solar Canada and Tesla. We have the infrastructure and we have the workforce to help those companies be successful.
- I would like the Council to consider steady and matured growth in the long run. There will always be economic booms and busts; that's the nature of Alberta, however, Calgary should take measured growth into consideration. Investment in older communities rather than promoting urban sprawl. Investment in facilities that enrich neighborhoods rather than building new shopping centres to attract home builders.
- Allow local business to operate with minimal interference.
- I want Council to consider the changes/adjustments based on the value to the city as a whole rather than a very small percentage of people. With the economic downturn, it is important to start projects that have been delayed to get people working.
- adapt to not only local but global shifts in markets, trends and issues. a lot can change not only in 2 years, but as we saw in the fall of 2014, a lot can change in course of just 2 months! and things do not recover quickly. we need to shift our priorities sometimes for a period of a few years, or press pause while people catch their breath. yes, we are building for the future, but sometimes our legacy can take a breather while we live in the now and just deal with the current situation and understand that everyone is in crisis.
- encourage economic growth by continuing to permit whatever mandates or policy serve this purpose,



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- The business plan is a great list of what needs to be done and where Calgary needs to go. Lets not reinvent things. prioritize the capital projects to get people working, focus on what you control, try to get as much as you can from other levels of government and tourism Calgary.
- I want City Council to consider the low hanging fruit first. With the state of the economy we do not have the luxury of changing everything. The changes should provide the biggest return with the least amount of cost or energy to complete
- I have noticed our council always seems to go just a bit too far when regulating businesses. Just because some regulation is good doesn't mean more is better. Allow the marketplace (Calgarians) to decide what they want rather than assuming you already know.
- Council should consider to develop a plan and a start date for the construction of a subway system for Calgary and its surrounding area. Money is cheap now so its the best time to invest in a long term development for this city. Get the focus on connecting the capital of Alberta to the other popular and growing cities by means of getting the speed train project started. Toronto have it all so should Calgary. Subway Street Cars, Go Train, and Transit.
- remember we are all suffering in this economic downturn..raising taxes does not help anyone!
- Work to keep taxes low, cut red tape, make it easier for businesses to succeed...as they are the engine for the city.
- Look at a diverse economy not total reliance on Oil and Gas. Look at manufacturing and Alternative energy.
- Focus on finding ways to diversify the economy so that the city isn't affected everytime oil prices drop and please help to improve and maintain our deteriorating roads and infrastructure.
- Look forward. Help the city weather the current economic slump, invest in infrastructure while costs are low, and foster a more diverse economy. And, keep making the development and optimization of existing communities a priority. We have a lot of space to work with within the city's existing boundaries.
- Stop bothering about catering to the vocal minority of bikers (get rid of the bike lanes, waste of money and ink space) and work on the bigger issues that will benefit the whole city, such as more free arts and culture opportunities and supporting large and small businesses through tax, red tape and approvals reduction.
- Consider the people of Calgary and the economic challenges we immediately face
- Improving the economy in Calgary.
- I want find more jobs for the citizen
- more jobs, more seniors programs
- Calgary economy
- I would like City Council to keep in mind on economy.
- to improve economy and more job in the city
- Calgary is a diverse city which is always expanding. I think Council should provide its citizens with opportunities and access to jobs, community services and a healthy environment.
- I want the Council to detached Calgary's dependence on the Oil & Gas market. Let's become an Energy leader, not an Oil & Gas leader.
- Liaise with business leaders to generate alternative employment opportunities to support diversification of Calgary's commercial interests, with the long term goal of protecting citizens from future fluctuations in single sector activity (i.e. unemployment due to fall in oil price).
- Think about all the people that have to use up to 90% of their net income on rent AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. How is anyone supposed to stand on their own two feet when you only have 10% of say \$2000/mos? I am beginning to hate this city and I'm ready to leave.



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- Promote large companies to move to Calgary so that we may continue to not rely on the oil patch so much. Ralph Klein gave huge tax breaks to a couple of large companies.. Let's do it again.
- Focus on affordable living and tax reductions!
- In difficult economic times, people can be reactionary and stray from a longer term goal. Make decisions thoughtfully and with the future in mind.
- Reassess the validity of projects from more than 7 years ago as the economic environment has changed drastically. There need to be stricter rules governing funding for projects that are over budget.
- I want council to consider the hardships being experienced by so many due to the downturn in the economy and reconsider what is necessary spending versus what is ideal spending. What may have looked affordable and reasonable with \$100 oil, certainly may look different with \$30 oil. The ramifications of a low oil price are just beginning to be evident. Many Calgarians are soon coming to the end of their EI benefits, and many more Calgarians are sure to become unemployed in 2016. For most of us the "frills" have or will come to an end, and I would like to see council acknowledge, accept and act on this at a government level when budgeting. 3, 4, and 5% tax increases are no longer affordable or acceptable.
- Job stability and growth in Calgary. Worldwide Business attraction is needed in this economy right now.
- Please look at ways to make us self-sufficient when it comes to energy and our economy. In other words, we could become a leader in water, wind, and solar technologies. Once we've accomplished this, we can export our expertise and technology to other cities. It would support and develop a local economy. The days of oil are nearly over. We could be on the leading edge of those technological applications and implementations.
- Find ways to create jobs to help the members of communities thrive. I would like them to come up with plans to lower all of the crime that is happening in the communities. I would also like them to review adding more alternative schooling such as montessori to more schools in the CBE. There are more people interested in alternative schooling every year and it is hard to get your child the education you want them to have with limited space. Parents do not like how and what the schools are teaching and are turning to programs that teach the old methods.
- Offer breaks for people will to change careers from oil and gas to clean energy. (Wind solar) etc.
- Help with unemployment and job lose.help the oil and gas
- The current economic situation! Many calgarians are hurting right now & the city needs to do its part to help our economy. When things are booming, the city takes its share & benefits. Time to help those who have made this a great city.
- Not forget the single people who are struggling. If we lose our jobs, we lose everything. More support is required.
- I want council to prioritize the needs of a younger generation. We deserve affordable housing, reliable and safe transportation, and to enjoy a quality standard of living while we work towards our educational, professional, and economic goals.
- Focus on the economy
- focus on diversifying business away from oil and attract other industries to calgary. Develop more pedestrian and cycle friendly pathway systems, and finally recognize that by funding the needy, we are not necessarily helping them get out of the trap that occurs. Overall, I think the city councillors have done a great job. Communities in the suburbs need to start developing pedestrian friendly areas that are fun to be in (East village is starting to take this shape), instead of big box sprawl, areas (for example) Crowfoot, could be developed to be a restaurant hub, a low key entertainment place etc.
- Please keep in mind that often changes come with increases to taxes but are rarely reflected for in increases to our wages and corporate tax seems to get passed on to the consumer. Even small increases can bankrupt



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those of us who have a low wage. At this time we are all struggling, I think we need to make any changes more strategically and make sure we are not being wasteful with tax payers dollars. Let's worry about more important things before worrying about how pretty the city is. No more awards for most wasteful use of tax payers dollars!!

- We need to focus on some new industry besides oil and gas. Calgary is too reliant on oil and gas
- I would like Council to not raise taxes. Support private industry, where jobs are created.
- I want council to keep in mind that while Calgary is a city of wealthy people, it is important to remember that there are a lot of new families just starting out and it is important to remember to keep things affordable for them in order to keep them in Calgary. Childcare, parking, housing, etc are getting very costly for middle income families
- I want council to show leadership and not take raises until the economy has turned around!
- Look at life in our city while living on minimum wage, re housing, transportation
- Focus on the greater good for all Calgarians. There are thousands of people affected by the economic downturn and we would be remiss not to rally and ensure that Calgary becomes a much more diverse city in terms of industry and social support programs
- Create an action plan to aid Calgary through the present crisis and attract new industry and business.
- Adding new actions without taking any off; consider the economic downturn in consideration to raising prices and taxes ~ many people have lost their jobs and will move to seeking employment options; be kind to one another and administration in responding & prioritizing collectively as a whole city (not individual wards)
- Be more considerate of Global Warming changes, I would like to see Alberta as a whole be far less dependant on oil for our economy and life styles.
- focus on infrastructure, business development and diversification, and community based programs and support to aid all residents of Calgary during difficult economic times.
- Keep in mind our suffering economy
- Keep in mind those people that work outside of oil and gas in not for profit organizations that are so desperately needed and used in the city.
- I want council to work hard at creating infrastructure during yards economic times to take advantage of construction cost savings at to create jobs.
- That it's getting harder and harder for the lower working class to live in Calgary. Most of us are one paycheck away from homelessness. Rents are too high, alot of us choose between eating or paying a bill. I can see how raising the wage is an issue for everyone, but if things don't change there is no hope or the lower class.
- We're too heavily taxed and feel city is out of touch with what residents are suffering with during these economic times.
- Get more support for Calgarians starting new businesses and for starting new careers
- Calgary is a changing city and council should keep that in mind. Younger generations have been deeply impacted by the effects of choices made by older generations and now we are deeply suffering because of it. I hope the city of Calgary will look to revitalize the city through diversification in the economy especially in new energy, instead of appeasing particular groups who have got us into these times in the first place. I'm tired of my life being governed by people who have no concept of money, what it is like to be poor, or what it is like to be young in trying economic times.
- I want council to encourage new businesses like Uber rather than protecting entrenched business interests of the incumbents. Council should advocate for opening telecom industry to more competition leading to development of high tech jobs and businesses. This will help with diversification of the local economy. Urban planning should take into account installation of high speed fibre optic as a community/city owned or controlled



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infrastructure - or at least encourage more competition. Developments analogous to Google fibre should not be difficult just for the sake of protecting the outdated business models in the current established oligopoly of Rogers Bell and Telus. Information technology is the future and encouraging competition in IT infrastructure and services will foster development of new businesses and attract high skill workers.

- I want council to keep in mind that in tough economic times there is very little room for tax increases for cash strapped citizens. Please prioritise needs before wants and nice to haves.
- A push for green energy that helps create jobs is something Calgary should keep a high priority.
- The need to be flexible based on economic factors. I also think the green cart program should be rethought. If the city will benefit by getting compost, I don't think the cost should be passed onto households.
- Please consider moving forward on the new "Calgary Next Dome" as this would affect so many areas - jobs in short and long term, tourism, business development, culture/art, quality of life in our city.
- Rational and realistic plans. We cannot have bike lanes in a snow city or make being in the urban too expensive and poor access if they want to stop sprawl. Better transit that copies success - Europe as an example. We need low cost housing. industry growth, healthy tax system that does not punish those who do most of the work... we can add in pretty art when we have the money. if plans impact economic growth it is a mistake.
- To diversify the economy and become a more technological city.
- Rethink priorities! Not only think of how the economy is right now but also what will happen for our future generations
- Keep in mind that access to cheap and affordable carbon energy sources will begin to dwindle in this and following decades. The current price of oil doesn't reflect that, because in our globalized economy, price rarely affects true costs. We need to prepare for that inevitability. Investment in public transportation will payoff once citizens won't be able to afford the luxury of single-passenger commutes. Every system put in place today will pay dividends in a resource-scare future. Reference: Peak-oil
- Please keep in mind that Calgarians are struggling with the economy, we need more opportunity.
- Getting the economy back to growth and prioritizing jobs as a lagging indicator of an economic resurgence. Most importantly repositioning, training and development of job seekers to take advantage of the new economy that Calgary is pivoting towards (whatever that is).
- Please keep in mind that many calgarians are losing their careers.
- Solicit federal and provincial money for economic development in light of the recent economic downturn because of low oil prices. It's our turn now!
- I want council to have Calgary become a world leader in protecting the delicate balance between providing services and safety of its citizens and protecting the natural beauty of its surroundings including air, water and all wildlife.
- I want counsel to start the LRT expansion and finds ways to grow Calgary's economy that does not rely on oil and gas.
- The economy has changed and the plan needs to reflect that.
- "Improve transit connectivity. Expand Ctrain at rapid pace
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- Try those small improvements project with respect to roads and connectivity rather than the big ones
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- Make the city attractive to other economic sectors like banking finance or logistics."
- Stop wasting money on ridiculous art projects and bike lanes. Get traffic flowing properly in this city - there is no way Crowchild and Deerfoot should back up the way they do. We need more affordable housing, projects



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that will create jobs and diversity from the oil industry. We also need viable options for the lack of taxis. Stop supporting the industry that doesn't serve the people.

- I want council to focus on the economy. As a small business owner I would like to see incentives for small businesses.
- I want Council to keep an eye on the future and ensure The city is best positioned to weather any economic climate.
- Review state of economy to re-establish requirements to keep the city vibrant
- I want council to keep the everyday struggles, commuting, and economic of average working Calgarians in mind when instituting any initiatives. To show true empathy one must place themselves in someone else's shoes.
- We need more schools, and programs in universities which can help students to gain better education and we should also provide job opportunities to these graduates within Alberta
- Work on diversifying the economy and support small local businesses like bakeries, butchers, etc to make it easier for people to access these services without driving.
- Council should keep in mind the economic slow down. More tax dollars need to be spent on Calgary's job economy. Also tax cuts should never be enforced on health, education or law enforcement. Which seems to be the areas which get tax cuts first.
- Please be focused on economical conditions and plan the things result oriented. Developing the best job and businesses opportunity, that's what we all looking for . Thanks
- Diversify the economy
- Support local business
- The current economy as context for better planning in order with focus on resilience and local communities
- Keep in mind the current economic climate
- Keep in mind the oil and gas industry is undergoing a fundamental shift from growth and projects to a move toward sustaining and optimizing current production. There will be almost zero growth in next five years
- The current economy requires that more accessible, affordable parking needs to be available and public transit needs to be improved
- Keep in mind that a large portion of the city population is under employed and doesn't necessarily have the money to support large changes in spending which affects tax rates. Crowchild trail between 17th avenue and Kensington road needs to be fixed!
- Consider how the economy has changed priorities is a good start
- Support business outside of the oil and gas industry
- Stop focusing on the small details like contesting traffic and adding bike lanes. Start focusing on our economy. We are in a downfall and need our attention here first.
- Obviously, we're in/approaching onerous economic times. My biggest thought is if you clearly and completely communicate WHY you make the choices you do, more people will understand and support you. It's okay to change plans... it's actually healthy... just remember to help us understand.
- Given the current economic environment, I think it is important for Council to focus on essential activities (capital expenditures, construction, transit) and cut all nonessentials.
- I think it's incredibly short-sighted and ignorant the way Mr. Nenshi has completely disregarded the CalgaryNEXT project and could be something to spur the economy along during the significant downturn in Oil and Gas.
- Ultimately.. the largest thing I want to see is fair treatment towards small and medium sized businesses. The tax rate going up year by year is far too high, and does nothing but damage their profit ability which ultimately gets thrown onto the consumer.. which is a tricky tactic as it lowers demand and ability to hire and lower



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unemployment. Let's get people working and let's get a more vibrant economy. And let's get ways for the workers of this city to get around efficiently, and faster without forcing them to own a car. Of course don't discourage it, but let's find ways to achieve environmental performance that also includes an ability to contribute economically. CTrain, and BRT to every quadrant of the city TO every quadrant of the city. I've always thought that BRT from Tuscany to Saddleridge, Saddleridge to Seton, and Seton to Silverado to connect with expanded CTrain will connect people like never before. As well, look for efficiencies in every department, so we can keep other tax rates that go up as low as possible. We can't have a vibrant economy if our dollars in citizens' pockets are not being spent in areas that increase demand. Which taxes will always be the least favourite. Thank you. Mac Dobos

- Affordable Housing and Strong Local Economy
- It's time you people understood this Province is in a recession. Higher water rates, higher property taxes and ridiculous spending such as bike lanes are the tip of the iceberg. The Mayor and City Council needs to get their heads into reality!
- The economy has gone far below what was normal for Calgary 2 yrs ago, and because I got laid off, it is difficult to find a job, let alone with a disability.
- A solid campaign to help stabilize the natural resources we have with a well thought out sustainable plan to ensure its future stability.
- Stop spending money on foolish art like \$450,000 blue circular light pole near airport. With our economy tanking, doesn't that look foolish now? Don't forget about the citizens over the age of 40. We weren't brought up with Twitter and Facebook and Instagram Stop leaving us out. Wish the Mayor would keep his opinions to himself about events happening all over the world. He is the Mayor of Calgary and that's all. Sometimes change is not good.
- With a slowing economy property taxes need to stop increasing at high rates.
- Focus on jobs for sure and the economy
- Settling immigrants and finding jobs
- How do we help create more jobs in 2017 (if oil/gas prices remain depressed and we lose more jobs)
- Government agency and program to help with jobs and employment that means something and gives back to community
- Economic problems for individuals
- Diversify the economy
- Prioritize economic development vs. sustainable infrastructure (i.e. bike paths)
- Encourage more local economic growth rather than advertise "the benefit" of jobs abroad
- We are painters and no longer have much work - there needs to be a focus on job creation
- Be creative - how can city help flatten the economic downturn?
- Import replacing connecting producers of products to companies that need products
- Reasonable rents to encourage mom & pop stores and thus avoid the same old mall stores
- Curtail travel due to economic situation
- Build now. Rates are low. Labour is available
- In a time of a downturn no need to spend money on bikelines where communities say No, e.g. Northmount Dr.
- No need to focus on more transit until the economy turns around
- Trying something new for the future for jobs.
- Create more jobs
- More job creation - work with province



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- Better programs , jobs and shelters for the homeless population
- Hope that slow economy doesn't result in deteriorating city
- Support local economy with new funds
- We are in an economic down turn and it is effecting everyone in a different way. Offering different options for employment, affordable entertainment and programs, and more affordable modes of transportation around the city is key. Thank you!
- Consider the needs of its citizens during the economic downturn
- Jobs!
- Diversification of economy. Oil and gas is too volatile and we need to utilize better alternative power sources - solar and water. And teach people how to budget effectively to weather the oil and gas storms so they don't add to the economic problems.
- Consider what will bring true prosperity to more people. Get creative and don't be afraid to open the gates to more innovative techniques that have proven effective elsewhere. When problems strike opportunities present themselves.
- Accept uber. It will build jobs where as of now people have lost jobs. Its really hard right now for a lot of us.
- Create jobs
- We can support everyone's need, but not everyone's greed. Stop building and approving suburbs, create housing for homeless populations, diversify the local economy to small businesses, and start producing food within the city limits. Reclaim unused plots of land and create urban farms to feed the city from within the city. There are two excellent plots along 16th Ave in the north that would be perfect for it!
- Encourage varied business growth so we can be more than an oil town that suffers when oil is low. We cannot rely on oil forever and now is the time to build a diversified business environment. Not when it crashes for good
- Consider the changes in economy. Rather than building new housing is there a way to revitalize and make older neighbourhoods more young-family friendly?
- Help Calgary small companies make it through this downturn. Make driving easier by timing lights better.
- "Please don't forget about the beautiful older neighbourhoods in Calgary, they need funding to be maintained to keep this city looking great. As well maintaining older neighbourhoods will encourage young families to purchase homes in these areas.
- When it comes to our economy, let's look to the future and not get lost in the past. Oil and gas will not be the main energy source in the future, so let's take the time and money now to keep up with new advancements in technology and gear our economy more towards renewable and clean energy as well as cutting edge science and technology such as biomedical engineering. This is where the future is heading, let's be a leader in these fields instead of getting left behind!"
- I want City Council to strongly consider what the City can do towards diversification of our economy and especially what can be done 'immediately' to help with our unemployment situation. Certainly infrastructure projects can help with the latter and we all know Calgary could be thousands of people to work on these projects if they were launched...NOW. I hope there is focus on initiating and getting these projects rolling as soon as possible. Many people are in dire straights as a result of having lost jobs...this is where government can (and should) really play a key role.
- Oil in no longer what it was, therefore you cannot continue to gouge the wealthy for money they no longer have. Incentives should be put in place to encourage private investment in our city. We have to make Calgary economically attractive again.
- Do not run the city in deficit, be fiscally responsible.



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- FOCUS on the fact that many, like myself, have lost careers during this downturn. I now have no job, so tax increases hurt. Perhaps we could look at ways to help people through this trying time. I've started a new business, and would like to have some help with that so I can be successful and support myself and my family. My husband is also in the oil industry so we're facing double job loss, and that's for long term careers. I had a niche position which gave me a good financial position, but there are ZERO jobs for someone with my skills out there, even CONTRACT positions. I cannot subsist on \$15 an hour with two kids in school and three at home.
- Diversify the local economy by expanding R and D opportunities along with new innovative business development
- Consider the costs/increased costs to calgarians. We are all hit hard and living in fear if we haven't already lost our jobs. Nothing is worse than paying taxes to build/support things that we can't even afford to enjoy. Especially the new sport/flames complex that they are putting pressure on the city for. I can't afford to go to a game or concert as is, please don't use my tax dollars to put money in other business men's pockets.
- Overall focus should be on sustainability. This creates a city that flows well and grows together, and attracts outside interest. Helping Calgarians to take public transportation, compost, reduce utility usage/costs, etc. provides more money for the economy.
- I want Council to (1) consider how this economic recession affects the least fortunate and most vulnerable in our community and (2) not compromise critical long-term issues that are essential to our quality of life -- for example, the environment -- even though it would be easy to do so in these difficult economic times.
- consider the long-term value of investing in tightly knit (walkable) communities where citizens can trust and depend on each other without having to travel large distances; diversifying our economy to reduce dependency on traditional industries; and pay attention to citizen and environmental well-being that will last centuries, rather than only the next decade.
- We must aggressively promote Calgary to attract businesses to move here from startups to large corporates. Whatever it takes. Untold amounts of investment are going on and not one of them are looking here - we need to make them an offer they can't refuse - especially start ups and new technology research - millions are being invested in these and the cities that they choose to locate in wins. This has to be a clear call to action by all of council to protect our future and diversify our city with businesses from all sectors. We can have no other new goals until this one is in place.
- I think the city should consider lowering or freezing the wages of city employees and make sure all decisions they're making will benefit the economy of the city.
- Changes DO happen. Sometimes much more rapidly than in 2 years. But sometimes changes also happen during the course of implementing some of the changes. It's important to stay in touch with Calgarians through the gathering of priorities, but also during the implementation of any changes or projects. I know it's not realistic to do an about face all the time, but as we've seen since 2014, things have shaken up and we have had to press pause so some citizens can get back on their feet before charging ahead with long term plans. It's hard to think about the future when you are struggling to pay your mortgage, put food in your fridge, and keep the lights on. When creditors are chasing you down, you find it hard to think about what the environmental priorities for the city should be. All you really want is a job to go to every day! Council needs to keep in mind that citizens' realities are far from those of people in City Hall when they are making decisions, so try to think about taking care of actual people and not just the 'city' and what it is going to be like in 20-30 years. We have to live here and we have to live right now.
- I want Council to reduce spending in this downturn, freeze city salaries and wages until economy recovers and lower property taxes.



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- Consider the impact of the city's rising tax rate on the already stressed economy.
- Continue to remember the tough economic times we are going through
- Council should redirect police money to fire or other public safety initiatives around prevention and do what they can with the monies they have! NOT increasing property taxes on Calgarians when the economy is poor; hellooooo?! Thousands have lost their jobs, there has been an est. 33% increase in suicides, the NDP, and liberal governments have been increasing taxes, and now the city also thinks it is good to increase taxes?!?
- "Please keep in mind the 'LONG-term' game - sustainability, encouraging small businesses, DIVERSIFICATION including encouraging RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT of ALTERNATIVE ENERGY and BUILDING solutions.
- This survey is a fantastic idea!"
- significantly reduce spending in non-priority areas during this economic downturn - put projects and grants to the side temporarily.
- I want City Council to consider the economic climate and determine ways to assist others in employment and possible education grants into needed areas of growth.
- Seniors on a fixed income are suffering with ever increasing taxes.
- We are being taxed to death. Time to get the city finances under control. Let private industry make Calgary great not the city.
- The people who actually contribute to the local economy (medium-high income, property owners, business owners). With the current city, provincial, federal governments in place we are moving away from what makes Canada, and specifically Alberta, great which is strong innovation and business leadership. Let these people have a voice and the city will flourish.
- 1. Lower Property Taxes and Business Taxes and user fees, they are all out of control especially in a recession. 2. Get control of the city hall bureaucracy and lower salary increases and benefits. Freeze then please or reduce them as there are taking up too much of the budget increases
- The local economy has changed, yet indolent see that reflected in city hall's budget. They continue to expand services as though it was still 2014. When will city councilors start to budget in accordance with the realities of Calgary in 2016?
- A lot of people are unemployed, and underemployed (a neglected statistic). I have been out of work for 11.5 months and simply can't keep paying high taxes. Provincial plans to spend on infrastructure won't help unless you're a construction worker. Why do city taxes have to increase 3-5%/year when the inflation rate is close to 1%. City Hall needs to buckle down and reduce spending now. New and improved services can wait until the economic climate improves. Please reduce waste and improve efficiency in every way possible.
- Lower taxes would attract business. Cut costs instead of asking which service to cut. We cannot have the highest paid mayor in the country. Private sector salaries are dropping. Salaries and wages should drop as well.
- The question asked what services do you want cut? I have to believe how can we do more with less like many Calgary businesses are having to address in the current economic environment. I don't think the city of Calgary should be immune from these types of decisions. Secondly, I do think the city has made some intelligent decisions re: bike lanes. However, these may be coming to an end e.g. Bike lanes on north mount drive. It seems to me that there really isn't a need to add formal bike lanes and incur the cost. I travel to work on north mount drive and feel this would be an unnecessary expense.
- Cut costs, lower spending, less waste realize that the economy is struggling
- Last year one of you stood up and said that since Calgary tax base wasn't connected to oil and gas, there was no reason to cut back. What on earth do you think the people who LIVE here and WORK here get their money



from? We are NOT your ATM! You've been increasing spending at an unsustainable rate for far too long. You need to get your house in order. Quit trying to scare people by trotting out the old "what front line services do you want cut" nonsense. No one is buying it. You want something you can cut? How about all the increases in the communication department that have happened over the past few years? Is that the same bunch that can't even keep a PDF map of the city online anymore? How about the "1% for public art"? That can go, and right now. You don't dither about choosing a new colour to paint the bedroom when it's pouring outside and the roof is leaking. Unless you're city council, it seems.

- No more tax hikes! Clearly the city isn't being managed properly if the only financial solution they ever come up with is taxing citizens more. And quit wasting money on frivolous things. The city needs 48 Mil to avoid a tax hike? Let's see that's 1 peace bridge, or a couple bike paths. In this economy Calgarians have to spend on necessities and ignore the luxuries, it's time the city does the same.
- We are living through real declines in earnings yet the city continues to increase its budgets by triple the rate of inflation. It is unacceptable. Hire someone with business experience to make some tough decisions on where to cut, starting with at least a freeze to all white and blue collar wages and salaries.
- A lot more work has to be done to save tax dollars at city hall . Look at all the Calgarians who have lost jobs yet we have to support a bloated bureaucracy . I get very tired of hearing which services to we want to cut. We should not be asked about that . Getting rid of many of the 'middle managers' at city hall and cutting at all levels of bureaucracy is the key to a lower tax rate and maintaining services. The city is no longer experiencing major growth and its high time the current economic climate is reflected at city hall. I don't expect any of this to happen because most of the aldermen are terrified of the bureaucrats and will never initiate cost-cutting measures to benefit the taxpayers. All they care about is bike lanes and ludicrous art projects.
- I think we need to rethink our priorities and adjust our focus on essentials. Many projects that were once a good idea may need to be parked - transit to downtown and downtown infrastructure would be number one on my list to remove from the list. Downtown is a significantly different place than it was 2 years ago. I also think that property standards and safety are becoming more of a concern as the city deals with the economic issues it has not seen in a generation.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE ECONOMIC BASE THAT SUPPLIES THE REVENUE FOR CITY OPERATION.**
- This downturn is just foreshadowing the inevitable decline of carbon. Let the mayor save face and stop cheerleading a doomed industry. Get ahead of the curve and show leadership in bringing Calgary into the 21st century.
- No tax increases please. Drowning under all the increases and long term unemployment
- Our little 900sq small business building taxes have almost tripled over the last 5 years. It's hard enough competing with the big guys and trying to maintain an employee and deal with other rising operating costs. Taxes are over double of what we pay on our 2000sq ft house.
- Cut all departments 30% or amount needed to balance books without a tax increase. Let the department get efficient, they know what they need to do. Cut property taxes and business tax to attract private sector.
- Stop spending my money! You are all seemingly unaware that this city has been in recession for 2 years!
- Time to get serious about cutbacks and lowering taxes to businesses and residential property owners. Cutbacks CAN be made without any noticeable service cuts. The green cart composting program is a gross waste of taxpayers money with no benefit to our quality of life in this city. There is way too many management level positions for the amount of labourers that actually provide the services, you can start there. There is not enough room in this space for me to list all the waste in the way the city operates and frivolously spends our money.



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- I am sick and tired of being punished for being a successful person. Just because I work hard, got a good degree and a good job does not mean I should have to pay for all the lazy people who didn't. Stop making the real middle class pay for everyone else, including the rich! Part of me wonders why I should encourage my kids to try and get a good job, there is no point since the government will just punish you for it later.
- You need to stop wasting money on public art that benefits foreign artists. You need to reduce costs as every other business in Calgary. Has. You need to manage the debt. We now will have 3 trucks picking up garbage. Instead of one. Where has all of the money gone?
- Eliminate wasteful art spending, eliminate compost bin collection, control utility pricing, reduce property taxes, bring in Uber, embrace free market principles, reduce municipal spending on non-essential services, manage lazy municipal workers...the list goes on. Extremely unhappy with the City of Calgary's performance. :(
- In boom years, the City of Calgary paid top wages for prospective employees as they were in recruiting competition with private industry. Since private economy has "tanked", it's time to better line up public wages and to freeze salaries which are now unrealistic. Government, whether it be city or provincial, shouldn't be paying top dollar.
- Safety, education, cleanliness and easy access are the key aspects to a healthy city. Provide those and the right people will come to drive the economy and housing.
- Keeping business taxes and property taxes down. To gain a larger tax dollar, work on bringing in new businesses and diversifying our current economy
- Fight for and defend the oil and gas companies who built and support this city's economy while providing a foundation to diversify into new industry's to reduce our dependency on oil and gas.
- Oil has pulled back to less than half of what it was when this plan was developed. People are unemployed or have seen wage reductions for those that are still working. Business is down. Public services for which Calgaryans pay are so far unscathed and unadjusted, we need to rethink this as people are starting to move away from Calgary as they are out of work or unable to afford the high cost of living in Calgary. Act now so that we are not looking back 2 years from now and saying we should have made smart strategic cuts to help us come out of the downturn stronger and leaner, rather than weak and bulky. Industry has been forced to smarter in the way we do business, the public services sector needs to do the same.
- Reduce and consolidate departments & services and reduce spending. Of course policing, fire, medical services and education have to be maintained. Move as far away from an NDP-esque tax and spend mentality as possible. Cut like an oil company would. Just because you are a government operation doesn't mean that you have special rights, that you have special perceptions or economic understandings, or that city operations shouldn't feel the pain of a tightened economy.
- I'm a small business owner. You are all in charge of a very large corporation. I have to manage my expenses, I have to ensure I maximize every dollar spent. You need to do the same. Your #1 expense is employees. Change the working environment within city workers. A fundamental work ethic change needs to take place. Give the city manager the challenge to find 3-5% in savings without cutting services. We can all do more with less. Maybe he can make it happen, maybe he won't, put the challenge to him like any CEO would during a downturn like this
- City Council needs to look at revenue sources beyond property taxes. Keep these reasonable and insert more user pay models. It is absurd that my taxes increased 10% in a given year. I recognise the Province is taking more from the City, so let's innovate as Calgaryans. Start with efficiencies within City Hall and this may mean cutting management positions; look at cuts to services no matter how unpopular the decision; and implement user pay models for services. I wish City Council well as this takes courage and leadership to become a resilient city. Calgary can still grow and prosper with good choices and a cutback in services.



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- Please keep in mind how drastically the economy has changed and reduce the increase in taxes. I know many many people who have lost their jobs and everyone else I know hasn't seen a raise in the last two years. It seems like everywhere I look there are fees and taxes increasing and I will be voting based on how well politicians at every level can keep costs in line (or not).
- The change in energy prices caused the private sector to modify it's hiring and pay levels. It also dramatically changed the tax base in Calgary. It is unacceptable for council and the city manager to suggest there are no cuts to made.
- Shift funding from major road interchanges and freeway upgrades (Crowchild/Deerfoot) to the Green Line LRT. This is the most important project right now in YYC. If anything invest staff, money, to speed it up. With Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal leap frogging us (who knows what will happen in Vancouver) on readiness to build rapid transit, we could face a shortage of LRT specific contractors/expertise. Put LRT funding into the greenfield land developer's development cost charges. If they're paying for freeway upgrades they can pay for LRT that goes right to the city edges too. It's not fair to have the current set up to automatically fund only one transportation form. Add a 4.5 cent per litre city-wide gas tax for Green Line funding via provincial share and just get on with it instead of waiting even longer for a city charter. Does anyone even mention the 4 cent per litre gas tax Jim Prentice put on? No. Reduce, or stop until the economy recovers, the un-necessary sidewalk and curb replacement as is going on right now in Brentwood. Does a flat, cracked sidewalk panel or chipped curb really need money spent on it compared to other things? Fat to be cut there. Make the cycle tracks permanent. Reduce risks to the taxpayer from higher carbon taxes. Plant more trees for a tree canopy along Bow River, Nose Creek, and other unused green space. Do less impermeable surfacing to allow water infiltration and mitigate storm water run-off. Simplify the zoning rules with fewer zoning categories, change zoning to match the ARPs, station plans, etc (people can still comment at DP stage) and put time limits (6 months) on engagement and development approval process, so infill developers have more certainty. Charge higher fees if you have to, to get it done faster. Freeze infill development on green space like golf courses- putting Confederation Creek in a culvert under a road through Highland is a travesty when just west they get parks. Get RouteAhead done, even if the SW BRT is replaced with construction only for the South Crosstown BRT. NW has West Campus, Stadium, new Cancer Centre, SAIT expansion, Green Line, infill, etc-16 Ave will need better transit. Is there anything YYC can do to shed its (and mitigate Alberta's) bad image (conservative, regressive, small-minded) to attract high potential industries such as IT, finance, or medical-related? Don't waste tax money on Flames/Stamps facilities.
- With lower incomes in Alberta and in Calgary, I would appreciate more attention to go towards reducing annual fixed costs in the city budgets, and thereby allow for a reduction in city taxes.
- Goes without saying cut administrative fat and table any costly non essential "studies" til economy picks up. Focus primarily on job creation and infrastructure!!!!
- I would like to see a focus on citizen development and involvement to both offload some items from city responsibility and to diversify our citizens. e.g. We have lots of unemployed people - why not teach them ways of doing things or helping them initiate changes for the city - such as small business entrepreneurship, twin city partnership/sharing (e.g. Exchanges between cities for citizens and staff), citizen ride alongs to allow us to understand and report on what we see (e.g. City services, police, fire, policy, etc.).
- Citizens are hurting. Jobs lost. 60 years old and zero likelihood of getting back into workforce as before if at all. Living off of savings. Public service jobs have too many benefits that many private people can not afford for themselves... don't bite the hand that feeds you.
- Ensure competitiveness to attract growth in business and employment



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- I appreciate the hard work and thoughtful approach of our municipal government when it comes to budget management. I would like to see Calgary succeed with the remainder of our 4 year action plan but in light of the current economic climate I would like to see the utmost vigilance in monitoring "nice to have" expenditures while Calgarians find a higher degree of job/income security. The tax hike was a major shock to our families current budget and I would question some of the property assessment results in our neighbourhood. Also - Please don't buy any more blue rings like we have on airport trail. I'm sorry but that is a major "face palm" reminder every time I see that ugly / random / useless structure. Just to think that we used taxpayer dollars on that thing makes me furious.
- Small business is being hit hard in this city with the City business tax going up, property tax going up. The cost of the city bin now to recycle plus the cost of BFI bins as most contracts are terms of 5yrs and cannot get rid of bins without large penalty. City will not supply garbage removal to some small businesses to help. Small business is very important to this economy as most people still working are employed by small business. Council should consider reducing some of these costs so small business can grow and develop to create more jobs. Also if small businesses are leasing their lease costs have also gone up. All these factors make businesses owners wonder who and what they are working for as you know most business owners do not work a 8hr day work hard and all these changes don't really make it worth while. Seems every time you turn around hitting small business and making it hard. Should consider they are really the driving force in a bad economy.
- Cut costs but at the same time making sure that we continue to have a safe and innovative city.
- We are all hurting right now with the lay offs and oil crashes. So many houses are for sale, prices are plummeting, but taxes have spiked. It is to the point where Calgary is not a viable, affordable place for families. You need to try to help us get back on our feet.
- Taxes. With all of the new taxes that are coming our way, everything just can't keep going up. Directly speaking of carbon tax, everything is going to be passed on to the consumer. Examples being, flights, groceries, education costs, etc. For the people that are lucky enough to still be working, the costs can't keep going up. Much less available to invest back into the economy and the spiral begins.
- I would like to see a Hays evaluation completed and proper wages paid at the city. The city should not be paying at par with oil and gas. These employees are paid for potential instability of jobs. Furthermore part time workers are horribly over paid such as lifeguards making 30 dollars an hour compared to other recreational facilities in town. Finally our Councillors should take a wage freeze as they too are over paid and should have better planned not forcing this ridiculous reassessment. Please spend less time being trendy ie. Bike lanes and neighbourhood days and focus on essential services like roads, transit and parks. We are spending too much money in the wrong places like wages and think groups and not focusing on tried and true methods already in existence in other cities. We don't need to be special not in an economic downturn.
- The economy has taken a large hit with many businesses reducing their workforce and not raising or even lowering compensation. The city needs to follow suit. The tax burden is too high for many people and businesses to sustain. Cutting services is necessary in this environment. A listing of the largest city expenses should be made easily available so that people can make suggestions for the a reason which cuts would be acceptable. Wage freezes and reductions for the entire city workforce should be strongly considered.
- Please, reduce costs in order to lower business taxes, you are responsible of destroying businesses.
- Keep in mind how many Calgarians are struggling. Many can't eat and keep the lights on. Wasting funds on useless things helps none
- There should be an incentive for people who start their own small business. Salary and hiring freezes for civil servants until oil prices are higher and Calgary is booming again.



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- We should only make cuts where it can be afforded for a few years to get us through this challenging economic environment. But not so much that its going to end up costing us substantially more later on. Tough job, tough decisions to be made. Wouldn't want to be in the City's shoes.
- You must control costs and not have tax increases in tough times. Unions are driving costs up and they must also share the pain if everyone else is suffering. If you do not know what people are using and where to spend your money most effectively, then you have a problem. Just because people say they want something doesn't mean it is important to spend money on it. If the data shows they are not using the service, stop spending money there. If money is to be invested in a service, clear KPIs must be shown to ensure value is being driven from the investment (e.g. if we are to spend more money on police, what will be measured to show the investment was worthwhile to drive future decisions on investment). Stop doing make work projects such as the Sarcee/Stoney interchange upgrade and 112 Ave upgrade. There are no traffic issues there and yet there are traffic issues on Shaganappi and Stoney interchange every day now causing safety issues that are not being addressed. Get rid of the bike lanes or do them better. I have now given up going into downtown because of them and the lack of parking. Even in these slow times, I cannot get a spot near my optometrist at 6:45 am in the morning and am forced to either walk many blocks or pay for parking. That is unacceptable and this is more than once that this has happened. I will now need to look for someone else closer to home as it has become too inconvenient. The lanes on 12th are confusing and the lanes in the suburb areas (e.g. Northland Drive) are ridiculous and causes chaos during times when the schools let out. Playground zone changes are also ridiculous because all the playground zones I have gone through have very little pedestrian traffic. Spend money on teaching kids proper road/pedestrian safety. The Edgemont Drive playground zone is the worst, there is no park/school around except up a very steep and long hill so while it meets the definition of the word for a playground zone in terms of proximity to a school, you are so far away the risk is so low for any incident. There is more risk with poor driving and parents breaking traffic laws when dropping off kids at bus pickup zones that those should be monitored and enforced more.
- Calgary froze taxes, paid down debt and attracted many new businesses during the 1990's and it can do so again. Beyond concentrating its focus, the City should look at across the board hiring and wage freezes. In this economy recruitment is not a challenge. It will take years to realize the savings as union contracts have some already committed increase. The City should also look at an operational review to reduce management layers and eliminate support staff such as admin assistants and policy analysts. Finally, the City should look to layoffs. Any organization that does not weed out low performers during annual performance reviews is doing itself and its customers a disservice. This will be a challenge as most union contracts do not allow performance reviews and call for least senior employees to go first. Presenting the case to the public will help to de-escalate confrontation with the unions. Calgary is in crisis and the City is failing its citizens. The costs of living and to do business must come down if Calgary is to recover economically and diversify its economy. Result estate and private sector prices are already declining to more competitive levels. The City's current trajectory is against progress.
- All non essential services (ei art fund, bike lanes) should be put on hold or reduced spending until times are better in Calgary. Raising property taxes when people are losing their jobs and struggling to pay their bills isn't necessary
- Calgary may have a lot of wealthy people but there are a lot of middle class people suffering from the ridiculous spending that city hall does. Even if you make a decent salary we still struggle just to pay for a roof over our heads. It's not about cutting things to save money it's about being more efficient and spending money more thoughtfully. There are several projects this city is spending too much resources on that are just not important. Like bike lanes and art projects.



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- We need to reduce our costs through more efficient use of taxpayer dollars. When personal wages are being cut, taxes can not be increased as that creates extra burdens on home owners. Perhaps spending ridiculous amounts on public art increasing the costs of necessary infrastructure was bad idea, that the proponent should be held accountable for. If people want art in the city, they should fund it privately, not through taxes.
- Throwing dumb ring artwork doesn't make for a fun lively city. what creates a lively city is a variety of small UNIQUE businesses that can survive and flourish. similar to Kensington area kind of businesses and its mix in the community residential areas. that's what will create a well balanced city. not a Walmart in every other community. and not endless blocks of houses without any small businesses mixed in.
- Our economy is not currently equipped to support the "wants" such as bike lanes and green carts. People who want to compost already do. Unless the city is going to actually step up and enforce that people actually separate their garbage and use the bins properly, this is a waste of money all around. Bike lanes are seasonal and best, extremely expensive for what they provide, and they do not prevent a hazard they create one as those who use them are widely uneducated, don't obey the rules of the road and are not/cannot be properly monitored and controlled. Taxpayers cannot currently afford to continue paying tax hikes to support the needs of very few. In this economy if a service does not apply to/service the majority, or cannot be properly controlled, then we can't afford it.
- It's sad that in the economy today that you would increase taxes to a point where people can't even stay where they are and try to survive when jobs are being lost and wages cut....people can barely make ends meet and then you go and stick them again!
- Please stop raising or creating more taxes. Our economic is not good enough to pay more taxes every year. Consider that an employee might get (if lucky) an average of 2% of salary increase per year but the inflation is higher than that number.
- Stop taxing small business for funding. They are the backbone of the city and need a break to invest in people and growth opportunities
- Job loss is worse than all of the so-called official reports state. Too many people have been without jobs for over a year, and have lost most of their hope in their economy, the future, and and in those governing the people. Something needs to change or more people will leave this amazing province & incredible city.
- Tough times call for tough decisions. As someone who has been unemployed for 16 months now and the savings are almost gone, my spending focus has changed to the basics. Seeing a 15% increase in my taxes hurts and is moving up the decision on if I should sell my home. Your focus should be: 1 emergency services 2 infrastructure swimming pools, rinks and flowers are nice but if you only have a dollar to spend then these expenses need to be cut. I know you are also constrained by union contracts but a 35 hour work week with every third Friday off is not the norm these days. I would be happy to replace someone who complains when you remove the Fridays off and go to a 40 hour week.
- Do everything you can to diversify or economy and increase our density. Combined this should widen our tax base and lower or costs through more residents in the same footprint.
- Work closer with provincial and federal gov'ts to hel pstart up small businesses. Diversify businesses instead of relying mainly on the oil industry.
- For some reason city council seems to think that it`s citizens have endless supplies of money, I don`t understand when in times of bad economy and people are losing their jobs and homes you think the money flow remains the same, the problem is the spending with no accountability.
- Stop wasting money on public art projects. Also, enough of the TFW program; we have Calgarians out of work; we don't need to be bringing in foreigners and giving them jobs. Give those jobs to locals. The damn tax



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breaks should only go to businesses that employ local people. If they want TFWs, they should be penalized, not rewarded.

- Do whatever is possible to help companies and the Calgarians they employ through this tough time. If a company hires me because of some government incentive but my taxes raise in another area I can live with it.
- Council should keep in mind that there are many Calgarians going through tough financial times. Calgarians are either struggling to provide for their families because they have lost their jobs or if they are lucky enough to still have their jobs, have taken pay cuts and reduced benefits. Regardless, municipal officials need to better differentiate what is "nice to have" from what are necessities. Not to mention, officials should resist the urge to assume that in more providing more services that automatically means more fees/increased property taxes on citizens. Should try considering what services could be eliminated to offset new programs and services. And finally, before the City considers paying staff bonuses and pay raises, it should be noted that many Calgarians have not had pay increases for a second consecutive year or more, and bonuses will be hard to come by this year. The economic downturn is not a blip in the landscape and even if commodity prices recover in 2016, the jobs and salaries will not be back anytime soon. Hence, the city should be more conservative in expectations for growth, evaluating capital projects with reduced activity levels in mind.
- Remove bike lanes. Cut non-essential services. Invest in renewable energy and electric vehicles. Those countries that have invested in renewables are providing electricity to their citizens at reduced cost and even boosted the exporting of electricity. Germany, Portugal, Chile, Denmark, Norway have generated impressive results in 2016 alone. All businesses and households require electricity so investment in renewables benefits the economy. The technology is already available and very competitive to fossil fuels and benefits future generations.
- Diversifying the economy is vital to reduce single industry reliance. Stop urban sprawl so as to reduce new costs. Delay the composting program to better times instead increasing personal composts.
- Please consider the economy and how many families are struggling at this time and will be in 2017. I know the thought is not to dip into the rainy day but my question is what qualifies Asa rainy day. One of the highest unemployment rates in the last 10 years combined with a large property tax hike. Again please consider the families that can not afford this, it just causes stress with in our community that filters down to our children.
- I've taken a pay cut of 7% and the company has down sized in these hard times. They cut spending and the size of the work force. I see wasted money when I see the City of Calgary out and about doing work.
- Let's treat the city's finances no different then what one would do for their own business or even home finances. At home, I would first cut out as many expenses that not classified as NEEDS as possible. That includes, "blue ring" type art projects, green bin, bike lanes, and inefficient work where we often see construction on one thing being redone several times over a short time frame etc. this requires a use of common sense and hence I go back to running he city the same as you would run your own household. Don't get me wrong, when times are good, I appreciate the focus on perks and other comforts but when times are tough, we need to cut and be smart about it.
- What is going to have the greatest impact on the city? By creating jobs by doing things like fixing roads maybe that would increase the economy.
- Drop the green cart program. There are already enough bins in alleys and front driveways. Ensure that city facilities are on a user pay basis with the costs recovered through entrance fees. Salary considerations for city staff - in a challenging economic environment, city employees should also take cuts in compensation. Better coordination of major road projects. Both the Iver Strong Bridge and 162 Ave SW interchanges should not occur at the same time. Analyze whether road repairs are "nice to have" or essential.



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- Everytime taxes increase it hurts ordinary Calgarians and businesses alike. If taxes were lower, transit was heavily invested in, and communities received development support, Calgary could attract more investment and innovative talent. If Calgary becomes too expensive, businesses and people will shutdown and/or leave.
- Times are tough for a lot of Calgarians and it will remain so for the foreseeable future. No new tax increases are essential
- If someone is actually reading these comments I'd be surprised... Council: think about how to deliver services more efficiently and value for money and stop saying how low Calgary taxes are compared to other municipalities. In a few more years at the rate you are increasing residential and commercial taxes you won't be able to make the feckless claim.
- Continue to cover the basic necessities of quality living and invest in future economic growth, self-sustainable, revenue generating projects.
- Stimulating the economy, attracting new business and supporting small business is #1
- be prepared for a long term increase in unemployment. halt projects that are designed to accomodate population growth. start projects that provide long term self sustained employment opportunity. invest in transit expansion while reducing fares. get people's cars off the road so we dont have to spend money increasing capacity of the roads.
- The rest of the city is operating in crisis mode. Pay cuts instead of raises. Axe the Glenmore pathway program to find 15 million. Let's do programs that need to be done not those that some councillors want done. Yes people are mad. City hall is not listening and keeps arrogantly proceeding.
- Vast efficiencies are to be found in improving the development approvals process. If developers can get their projects moving through the planning department, we can get this whole city's economy back on track.
- This Council has been a pro-tax council for years. It is time that this Council recognizes that its excessive tax increases and lobbying for additional tax revenues (i.e. gas taxes, parking fees, extra fees, etc.) increase the burden on the Calgary citizens. The combined government tax burden at all levels in Canada for the average Canadian is ~\$43% of income. This is simply outrageous. Canadians have become Government tax serfs. There is no free lunch. Your tax burden ALWAYS flows down to the poorest. You are not helping. Quit playing to your lobby groups (i.e. government unions, taxi lobby, green lobby) and devoting time to political stunts (i.e. singing Frozen songs) and think about the burden you place on people who are too busy working to effectively fight a gluttonous bureaucracy with an insatiable appetite for money. This economy is damaged and all levels of government are stepping on its throats for cheap political points - i.e. no pipelines, increased personal taxes, increased regulation, increased minimum wages, increased business taxes, increased property taxes, increase pet projects to serve lobbyists. Enough already. Uncle.
- Just like local businesses have been challenged in this economy you should aim to do more with less. Take a hard look at each and every expense and cut what isn't critical in order to balance the budget.
- All of the categories are important. But, as a wish list they can not all be funded, all the time. In times of financial stress in the community we need to reduce tax increases(along with expectations). In our current situation I think we should be aiming for no increase for 2017. Given that all of the categories are important then a zero budget increase can be achieved by a uniform across the board reduction by whatever percentage is required to meet the \$48 million estimate.
- Please bare in mind that we are average people who have not had a wage increase in perhaps six -eight years. We simply can't afford to live here. I am better off than most but am finding it a challenge. Okotoks might be an option,unless it's annexed to expand the tax base. My neighbourhood is older (Parkland) and needs some attention, especially to Parkland Blvd. In comparison with Boavista it looks downright tacky with some little weird trees, not to mention cutting down trees on the ridge to accommodate the low pressure gas



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lines and to stop disease or because they were damaged. Just hope they're replaced, preferably with some nice one, like fruit. Then we could pick it when produce prices rise even more!

- Spend, it seems counter-intuitive but you have a hurting workforce desperate for work and a lagging infrastructure. We will rebound let's meet the turn around with a city that's ready for it. We also need to focus on expanding our economic base. Oil won't last forever.
- This council have their heads in the clouds and will not listen to what the people that you are supposed to be working for. we the people are your employers. So please listen. Zero percent tax increase is just that ZERO. I and my neighbours are willing to cut back on services to do just that. When the future economy picks up then the Taxes should rise accordingly. Not now when everyone is feeling the pinch money wise. Please observe and bow to your peoples wishes. Zero percent. Cut services. So people will grumble. As seniors we and thousands of others can't endure these Tax hikes. Thank You.
- Austerity measures should be a last resort, rather than a first step. While cutting costs at this time is a good plan, it's a bandaid solution to a problem which is going to fester. The economy is never going to fully recover on its current path, and we need to take this opportunity to change our future and diversify into industries which will still be around in 2050.
- The city must spend more responsibly. I continue to question the investment in "nice to haves" like bike lanes, and the continued growth in the city staff, wages. We must identify the needed services and find innovative ways to deliver them cost effectively, and streamline both operations and regulations. Small businesses (and larger ones too) will and should want to operate in our fantastic city. The city's job is to have good infrastructure and services, then get out of their way. For citizens, the city should provide needed services cost-effectively, then get out of the way. Community building isn't only the job of govt staffers.
- The City Council needs to look very hard at streamlining operations before even considering any tax increases or additional taxes. Wage increases that exceed the cost-of-living index are unacceptable. The province's economy isn't very healthy at the moment & public-sector employees & management need to share the pain along with everyone else. I am currently unemployed after losing my engineering job in the oil & gas sector. I live on a budget & am now on a fixed income like many others. The City Council needs to understand that many Calgarians cannot absorb increases to property taxes and other costs to services provided by the city.
- When the economy is struggling the city should concentrate on finding ways to reduce how much it spends.
- As we go through a difficult economic time I think it is crucial that changes made do not negatively effect the well being especially financially of the elderly as they are no longer able to adjust as easily to those changes. Generally they have a set income with little or no wiggle room.
- The city needs more economic diversity and support for the arts. This makes the city a more enjoyable place to live, attracts tourism and diversified the economy a bit. Our city needs to stop pandering to the interests of developers and oil companies. We also need to continue with our environmental initiatives like recycling, composting and maintaining our natural environments.
- Tough times call for tough measures. Do not base your response on survey results only. Just as voting numbers are always low, survey responses are probably lower. Action needs to be taken to regain trust of the citizens of Calgary. The citizens of Calgary, Alberta, Canada are hurting. Taxes , residential and business, cannot go up anymore. The province keeps slamming us with taxes of all types and all angles. We are no longer a " rich city" due to the oil collapse. Belt tightening must be done and it should start "in house". Set the example, then move forward.
- City taxes cannot continue to increase at a level above inflation. Many people have either lost their jobs or are facing wage rollbacks. The City needs to cut spending and freeze taxes. This will require leadership, not words.



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- 1. A complete moratorium on art spending related to construction projects. 2. Preference to tenders on all spending which supports businesses based in Calgary to keep the flow of money within the city. 3. Postpone, scale back or cancel construction projects which have the goal of 'beautifying' the area. (ie. The upgrades currently underway on 61st Ave S.E. at the Chinook LRT station)
- I think now is the time to invest in sustainable long-term solutions, and the public sphere. Taxes do not need to be changed as much as we need to be looking for other sources of income, like renewable energy. With a more useful, dignified public sphere, perhaps we can see more cosmopolitan attitudes and reduced crime rates.
- Don't spend money wastefully on things like big blue circles. We can't afford increased property taxes along with increased food costs, gas costs and other fee increases. Times are tough, people are hurting, we need some relief. Keep things simple and status quo for now; maintain the roads, clear the garbage, maintain good emergency services, keep the dandelions under control. Don't spend more on bike lanes or transit ways. If anything, better recreation facilities are needed (soccer fields, gym complexes).
- Please put moratorium on the portion of our money that's allocated for "Art" on public projects. ART is a LUXURY item! My husband is unemployed & we have had to cut back our spending so that we don't spiral deeper into debt & so the city MUST reign in spending during this downturn in our economic cycle!
- Why is world population growth considered to be problematic, while we accept projected population growth uncritically and as a good thing? Perhaps with the present flattening of the economy and of population growth, it might be a good time to consider if we're now at an optimum size for quality of life? Endless growth is in no way "sustainable." What measures and incentives would encourage us to live within a desirable population size? Shouldn't we be putting the breaks on, for the moment at least, very costly tunnels, BRTs, etc. How can we best serve the people that we have rather than get caught up in envisioning, planning and SPENDING now on some dubious future metropolis. In general, less is more. Perhaps the city's busking program is a microcosm of what's wrong with city spending. It serves no purpose whatsoever - existing bylaws were always adequate to deal with any problems. (It leaves me wondering how wasteful the Arts and Culture department and other city operations are in general.) Once in place, such programs take on a life and momentum of their own, keep growing, and suck up scarce resources.
- we are a city in distress. stop catering to special interest groups above the good of the majority. it is in the charter. concentrate on a sustainable budget. Calgary has always been a one horse town, diversify our economy. Tighten the belt.
- Review work load of the City employees no master it means layoff and attract new foreign businesses
- Property taxes on business is totally out of proportion to the services consumed by those businesses. I pay double or triple the amount on my small industrial condominiums as I do for my house. Why should I not pay the same amount for commercial buildings as I do for residential buildings? My commercial buildings help contribute to Calgary's economy whereas my residence only consumes resources.
- Taxes need to be lowered not raised. My property taxes have gone from \$950 per year in 2000 to \$7050. That is an increase of more than 730% I can assure the value hasn't risen anywhere near that number. Businesses are closing because the business tax is even worse. Put the brakes on "public art" \$25 million foot bridges, automatic council raises, more and more unused bicycle lanes, and tell the mayor that when a survey reports something he doesn't like don't choose to ignore it. Stop the SW green line until the ring road is complete and quit wasting money. If this council and mayor needs a ethic's officer to tell right from wrong then we have the wrong council. The mayors behaviour has been totally unacceptable I got a traffic ticket which was all of my own doing can I ask the citizens to put up the money to cover my mistakes. He owns real estate tell him to mortgage it and be responsible for his actions. Now his behaviour in Boston and we need to hire the



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ethics commissioner. Let me save the City some money, he was wrong his actions were totally unacceptable and were he the CEO of any private sector company he would have been forced to resign

- The money spent is tax payers money. It's NOT government money. Our Prime minister (Justin) is the perfect example of what happens when you've never had to sacrifice things to get your money. Please remember it's the citizens and the small businesses that make this city what it is.
- We're suffering with job lost and salary cut. But City of Calgary keep increasing tax as well as their salaries and bonus! It's not fair for Calgarians.
- The oil industry is what built and maintained Calgary and Alberta stop trying to move away from it. Green energy isn't viable at this point for many reasons including price. Talking away oil and gas offers no alternative source of energy. And as someone recently finishing university the money required to switch to green energy is too high and there is barely enough work to afford basic living costs due to the slow down in the oil industry. Stop trying to kill the oil industry it's needed for individual well being and the economic health of Alberta
- 1. The taxpayers are short of cash. Household budgets are trimmed. Calgarians are hurting. Take a real look at operating budgets. 2. Environmental bandwagon. Climate change is a political agenda. Lets have clean safe water and look after our back yard. Calgary will not change the world climate with any of its initiatives.(Neither will Canada...the offenders are not on our soil. 3. Look to assist the people of Calgary. Politically it is lovely to assist Syrian refugees...but what about all the other Calgarians who need our help? Why do we spend our resources on foreign immigrants when we have Calgarians and Canadians who need the same assistance. Too busy on the political front to assist our home grown Canadians who need support.
- Stop trying to be everything to everybody; prioritize & focus on the important issues; improve consultation with stakeholders the south transit way is a good example of how not to proceed; charge higher fees for businesses located outside the city like Airdrie etc. but rely on most of their revenue from the city populace & businesses while using our roads & services; offer privatization to money losing ventures like golf courses;
- Please remember all the people in Calgary that have lost their jobs, their homes, because they can not pay the mortgage or property taxes that go up every year and if you are lucky to still have a good paying job, salary income does not go up every year to cover the cost of living for us ordinary citizens. Taxes are killing us
- Try, try to keep the taxes low in this tough economic time.
- I'm glad the city has decided to add more infrastructure work this year to boost the economy. And I like the way things are going in this city. I don't think I have any suggestions on where to cut money because I know it's a difficult job to run a large city. But I do know that my family cannot afford a tax hike of over 4% along with the provincial tax hikes as well. I know your workers are a union but I know people who work for the city and the amount of downtime while being paid and the way you pay overtime definitely has a lot of room for improvement. People should not be paid double overtime.
- Keep taxes to a minimum, we only need essential services to survive the economic downturns we face now.
- Something needs to be done for small businesses before we cease to have them
- So many of Calgary citizens are struggling economically and yet all 3 levels of government see oblivious to the reality. Get real with the size of tax increases each year and keep it much closer to the cost of living figure. We need a halt on tax increase for the next two years. Private industry has either cut back on the amount of compensation to employees or put a freeze on wage increase for at least the past 2 years. Get realistic on how much more citizens can keep paying.
- As many of us have lost jobs in the energy downturn, it is critical for the city to stop increasing property taxes and fees. Efficiencies must be found in city operations.....especially in employee wages and benefits which are far higher than equivalent work in the private sector. This is a very difficult time economically and the city doesn't seem to be managing the finances accordingly.



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- In a time where people are losing their jobs. Taxing the people isn't the way to solve things. Spending must be kept in check, starting with lowering pay for city employees. We the people are paying the public servants, but we the people are the ones losing their jobs.
- People are losing their jobs, their homes, their livelihoods. Art should not be something we spend money on during tough economic times. Try and explain to a family in the midst of losing their home that spending money on art, as opposed to a tax cut, is a good use of taxpayer money. It's ridiculous.
- Many people have made drastic cuts and concessions regarding personal finances due to oil glut and economic fallout. My earnings have been cut in half for last 18 months. I cannot afford tax increases. My home value is less yet tax is up. It's time city council cut as well. No more needless "art", we don't require militarized police gear. We don't need to renovate the planetarium. We don't need a panda enclosure. And we do not want or need fluoride in our water. Ever. (or the cost associated with it.). We need to get back to basics and we need fiscal restraint in these challenging times. If anyone doesn't think we are in trouble, they are clearly out of touch with reality.
- If Calgary continues to raise taxes, you are killing small business...which the backbone of any economy..... Be innovative....have many town all meetings in communities...getting communities involved.
- Stop wasting money, you should have strong leaders when choosing contractors, no overages, industry pricing in the past year has dropped 20-40 percent for what runs this country (oil and gas companies) so this should also reflect in government/ provincial projects. Cost control, cost control, cost control is important and reduce these hated taxes. Downtown Calgary detests our NDP and Liberal government, give something back to Calgary that will allow us look forward to continuing to live here.
- The cost of running a small business is rising well above the inflation rate. Our revenues are not keeping pace with these costs. We do not own the building but with the increased rates the owners face it will certainly be transferred in the lease to my company. The overhead costs facing us over the next couple years will dictate whether we can continue to operate at all.
- Calgary has always had and continues to retain great amounts of talent and potential in its citizens and infrastructure; in my mind our priorities should be to ensure the city remains amenable to those people and services which have been hurt by the ongoing economic crisis, while remaining innovative and finding new niches and developments for the city. Job retraining and easy transportation access for the workforce and younger citizens are a priority.
- Withdraw public art policy until economy improves
- The SW BRT is completely ill-thought, especially within this economy. The priority should be economic stabilization, not creating huge monetary deficits and alarming traffic congestion along 14th street.
- Stop stealing our hard earned savings with constant tax increases, and wasting it on pet projects, feel-good initiatives, public "art", and overpaid union workers. Reduce taxes on business, or there will be no economy to pay you government fat-cats. Stop pretending this sprawling winter city is old Europe and planning for non-existent bicycle and pedestrian traffic. And give yourselves a 20% pay cut or fire 20% like the rest of Alberta has been forced to endure.
- For me personally, the cycle tracks have brought a huge improvement in my quality of life. For my community, the priorities include flood mitigation and continuing to have affordable housing in densifying inner-city areas. For the city as a whole, leadership in environmental protection and education will help position us for sustainability in the post-carbon era.
- I work at the airport where a lot of construction workers are here from other countries. Are you telling me we can't fill those trades with out of work Calgarians? Send back the f/w serving coffee and put single moms with kids over 2 to work doing it or off welfare.



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- I sincerely feel as though costs are too high. Salaries are a major concern to me, especially when I see the salaries posted for new jobs with the City, and see what council receives for their work. With the announcements of businesses closing their doors in the city, where is the money coming from to pay those salaries?
- Diversifying our oil based economy by finding and promoting local technology/inventions and businesses. Also, a compromise has to be reached with uber and same with the taxi industry. The regulations are holding back tons of unemployed Calgarians from making extra cash part time on their own schedule. Also, the flames need a new arena badly, a plan b needs to be worked on from both sides.
- Allow us the option to comment on city employee expenses and salaries on future action plans. The oil industry and all of its third party support businesses took massive paycuts for salaries, hourly wages, contractor fees and allowable expenses in order to survive this downturn in hopes that they may employ and operate again when things become profitable. The city should flex with the private industry in these downturns and take some form of temporary reduction in salary as well. My argument is not to only focus on the city salaries and service costs, but to start there and see how far it will go to help release this burden until we can get some businesses back up and running; in the very least give some new business a chance to get some roots down without taxing them out of their means. Thanks for listening.
- Don't waste taxpayer dollars on art such as the blue ring in the NW. Stop thinking that taxpayers have unlimited dollars. My house taxes have gone up 10 percent along with utilities and I'm dealing with a 3 year wage freeze. Stop taxing small business out of business. There doesn't seem to be any accountability in elected officials.
- Suspend the Public Art allocation on infrastructure immediately. Recognize that some infrastructure IS art. The Saddledome for example was an integral part of Calgary post olympics - a new arena and stadium project would provide the same sense of civic pride and bring in millions in tax dollars each year due to increases in tourism with people coming to events held at these facilities. Build it now - it will only cost more once our economy recovers and labor costs go back through the roof. Also the downtown land cited for the Calgary Next project will need to be reclaimed at some point - why not do it now and ask for funding from the provincial and federal governments to assist in this to spur our sputtering economy? Do you really want Edmonton to be considered a world class city because of it's facilities and Calgary be relegated to second class status?
- In order to keep a local economy healthy you need to ensure its citizens have money to spend. You should be much more careful with how you spend tax money (ex. All though supporting local art may be a nice to have, it is not a necessity. Similarly spending vast amounts for supporting bike pathways to down town for a user population base of less than 0.1% is not a good use of tax money) All I ask is more consideration in how/where tax money is spent in order to achieve a more effective use of the money being contributed by all.
- Deal with City government employees' pay, pensions and perks. We are in a severe downturn, and the City should acknowledge this by curbing expenditures wherever possible. Return the \$52 million provincial tax to the property owners that was given back by the Province. Get input from city managers and employees on ways to reduce costs and find efficiencies.
- Please understand that most Calgarians are struggling to get by everyday with long hard work hours. We don't have big fat paychecks & all the benefits as the councils have. High taxes will drive everything to desperately end.
- Over 100,000 private workers have lost their jobs in Alberta but public workers remain untouched. Private business are making cuts and finding efficiencies but the public sector is not. A simple start point for the city is to trim staffing levels in all departments and drive efficiencies to maintain service levels.



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- Look for ways to curb spending on nice to have projects such as public art and Bike lanes in order to keep our taxes low. With our current federal and provincial governments in place, The people of Calgary will not stand for further tax increases from our municipal government as well. Keep the city clean, enable efficient movement of people (which includes personal vehicles), and keep our inner and outer communities safe. Avoid trying to satisfy fringe movements by investing in costly programs. Also, enable diversification by lobbying to get head offices (mining companies for one) to move here from Toronto and Vancouver. Our cost of living is more affordable, taxes are lower and office space is cheaper.
- Employment and safety are the primary areas especially due to economic downturn
- This government has no ability to get more for less. Giving Enmax executives bonuses when 20,000 people have been laid off in Calgary does not make sense. Enmax could easily attract top talent rate now, there is no need to be competitive at a time like this. Shows how completely clueless the government is. Stop raising taxes, corporate tax, alberta flat tax, property tax and soon carbon tax. You are going to drive everyone (else) out of business! Why is Enmax replacing power poles in my back alley? Alberta is set to run its biggest deficit ever and we cant put off non-essential cost spending for a better year? Clearly no accountability or understanding of balance the budget. Our government acts like its 2014 and for some reason doesnt see the recession all around us.
- What City Council should have foremost in their minds is that there is no more money for taxes & that cuts need to be made to the civil service, cut all unnecessary expenses, like useless art on new city facilities. The local economy is in the dumper, businesses are going bankrupt because of excessive taxation & there is no relief in sight. Many proposed projects should be deferred, if not cancelled altogether (SW BRT for example) because of poor planning, lack of proper or other reasons & the City would not be affected whatsoever. If some essential services need to cut the so be it! Classic examples of where this City is headed can be seen in Detroit & San Bernardino, which have been bankrupt for years. You cannot spend what you do not have so spending has to be drastically reduced to ensure there are no tax increases in the foreseeable future.
- Council should try living like the rest of us rather than being divorced from the economic Realities of today.
- Economic times are difficult for Calgarians (and all Albertans) right now. Please consider reducing property taxes, and not spending money on things that aren't absolutely necessary. (i.e. public art, bike lanes, etc.) The mayor should also be more careful about what he says publicly. Tax payers are on the hook for \$300,000 because he would not just simply apologize to Cal Wenzel. Another potential lawsuit could be on the way from Uber, for the mayors conduct in Boston. The citizens expect better from council, especially the mayor. Thank you.
- Thousands of people are out of work, taxpayers are being bled dry by increased and new taxes, levies, riders, fees etc. Fancy bike racks and benches shouldn't even be part of the equation, nor should cycle tracks or big steel hula hoops or other taxpayer funded 'art'. Send only a couple of Councillors to Federation of Canadian Municipalities junkets. Limit the number of managers across the board. Cut every ounce of waste from the budget then you can talk about cutting services. You can sneer that some of this only saves a small amount but added up it can become a large amount.
- Where possible reduce costs and hiring to mirror current Alberta economy and prudently eliminate any nice to haves. Generally I find property taxes continually going up but I don't always see the same urgency to manage expectations and costs.
- High priority Tax credits to motivate small businesses Ctrain underground Perimeter road and high ways Stop wasting money on Increasing salary to city workers Bus routes Low efficiency tunnels and fancy bridges Expensive art on roads Airport terminal? We don't need it at the time of poor economy Incentives for businesses that can support city by paying taxes



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- Consider the people who got laid off and cut back on any non essential services
- thousands of people are jobless. how are they going to pay increase taxes and cost of living which is keep rising .
- Start tax exception program urgently. Bring more industries please. Public salaries too high. Properties taxes are way too high. Services bill have 60 % of fix fees, which is really abusive. Oil will keep below \$60 for years, do not count on oil recovery any time soon (5 years)
- In a time of an economic downturn, we should take a serious look at investing in infrastructure projects: we couldn't build those projects when the economy was good (labour and costs were too high, etc), so we should do it now when prices are low, labour is plentiful, and public spending is needed to jump start the economy. A lot of these projects, in my view, are transportation-related, and ones that come to the top of my mind are west Glenmore Trail improvements, Green Line CTrain, and northwest Crowchild Trail.
- Keep it simple. The economy is hurting. Public sector is lucky they haven't seen the cuts that the private sector has seen. They certainly shouldn't be expecting raises for the foreseeable future. We need to consider every dollar we are spending on things and decide if it's rally worth the dollars. E.g. The downtown Calgary community garden in various flower beds is a waste of money. Small potatoes, but everything adds up.
- Stop raising taxes focus on moderation and maintenance. Stop fighting the urban home builders who supply jobs
- business and people are having major finacial problems the only one who dont realize this is all three levels of govt the leadership of each government is extremely weak the costs being past on to your citizens must stop their is only one tax paper in calgary for most of the workers employed they probably suffered atleast a 10 percent reduction in salaries except govt empolyees so why not start with city council especially mayor reducing their salaries by 10% for a few yrs leadership begins at top then reduce operating cost in each dept accordingly
- My husband just got a 10% pay cut. When will city employees. Stand up to the unions. We cannot afford this. Don't just ask what we are willing to loose, let's see you people face the same reality every albertan is facing.
- Please spend "smart". Spend taxes for the greater good of the majority. Fiscal responsibility is more important than ever right now. Calgarians are in tough right now and need to see that their elected officials have their back.
- People are hurting right now because of a terrible oil price crash, you need to start thinking more about those people and how to keep taxes and fees low to help them through this time. I don't think we should make the unemployment problem worse by laying people off in the public sector but hiring/wage freezes will help and I think wage reductions should also be considered. also, please no more expensive art projects, it's such a waste and almost nobody wants it.
- Balance the budget, cut back on wants or nice to haves, stop wasting money ie the bike lanes, the crappy art projects, stop raising taxes at every opportunity- treat the city budget as if it were your personal house hold budget & you are on a fixed income as the rest of us are. Start these changes now, we can't wait for 2 years, not with the current recession & upcoming increase in costs from the provincial government's misguided plans!!
- Keep in mind that few taxpayers receive pay raises during hard times. The line should be held on tax increases during a recession.
- Calgary is known to be a forward thinking city and we need to keep up. We need to consider alternatives to oil and gas and supporting local businesses especially with the economic downturn. Calgary is growing quickly,



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which has a huge impact on the environment. Please keep in mind how this growth will affect future generations.

- The days of unnecessary spending are over. Although many are optimistic that the oil industry will bounce back, the fundamentals have changed dramatically and it seems unlikely. That said, this environment should be thought of as the new normal. Which means, the focus should be on how to get people jobs. How can we create an environment where small businesses, and diversified businesses can grow and thrive. You've done some great things to the city over the last few years, which is what should be done when the economy is rolling. Now is the time fall back on maintenance. There has been a dramatic social shift in the last 2 years, with new taxes added and existing taxes raised. Really not an ideal time to be make these dramatic changes. I understand this is probably a tough time for the Council, but hey, I'm working 60hrs a week to make sure I keep earning my paycheck. Time to put the nose to the grindstone here like many others in this city are doing. Lastly, please, for the love of sweet baby jebus, stop spending ridiculous sums of money on what some of you have coined as "art". Any "art" I've seen the city put up has cost a stupid amount of money and looks like I could have made it in my garage.
- Should the economy stagnate or worsen then we must band together and work together to support the most vulnerable in our society. Cases of poor health, negative mental health, domestic violence, alcoholism and drug abuse increase where poverty increases - the longer more and more people are out of work, the higher the risks of these issues plaguing our society. We must encourage each other and support each other. The services supporting these individuals is paramount. Without them, there will be a strain on available services, a strain on the police force - people will not want to visit Calgary, citizens will not feel safe etc.
- STOP ALL OF THE TAX HIKES. WE ARE IN A RECESSION!!!
- Have noticed many city parks with improvment (?) projects underway. These parks don't really need improvement. This seems like a "nice to have" initiative that should be shelved given the current economic climate.
- This is a recession - stop spending money like there is no tomorrow!! Focus on job creation and no more wage increases for the city employees.
- Citizens have limited incomes, and more and more of us are losing our jobs. Remember you are spending other people's money and spend it wisely!
- More work opportunity for people
- YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SERVICES TO CUT....YOUR WAGES/THE NUMBER OF COUNCELLORS (THE MORE THERE ARE THE LESS WORK THEY DO THE BIGGER THEIR PAY RAISES ARE)...BONUSES FOR ANYONE IN THESE HARD TIMES. I COMPOST ALL MY GARDEN/HOUSEHOLD WASTE HAVE FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, BUT I WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR A GREEN BIN. MY FAMILY HAS LIVED IN CALGARY SINCE 1910/1912 (FATHER/MOTHER "FAMILIES") AND I AM LOOKING TO MOVE OUT OF THIS "CHARGE THEM FOR EVERYTHING" CITY. SMALL BUSINESS PAYS YOUR WAGES, KEEP THEM OPEN. LISTEN TO ALL CALGARIANS NOT JUST THE ONES YOU SEE AT YOUR COUNTRY CLUB/GOLF COURSE. REMEMBER YOU DO NEED SOMEONE TO BRING YOU YOUR DRINKS AND THEY DON'T GET PAID VERY MUCH
- Concerned about tax revenue being wasted on unneeded projects like sidewalk repair (where often not needed) and public art in parks where it is not needed. The city needs to flush on business development and critical areas only. Too much waste is apparent.
- The business of operating the city should not be immune from the severe belt tightening that so many private businesses have had to implement to survive. Focus on your cost efficiencies. Look critically at city employee



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salaries and numbers of positions. It's a tough thing to do but a very healthy thing to do in the long run. Set a big goal like being 10% more efficient overall in 2017.

- We are in a recession in Calgary, with no end in sight for at least 1-2 years. You need to implement a zero property tax hike. The tax hike this year is unnecessary, and you should lower services rather than hike the taxes.
- I think it is really important to support current businesses to help them survive this economy. Also, efforts need to be made to diversify the business community in our city.
- I am a Calgarian currently living in Dubai and I would like to see more done to attract international investors and tourists to come visit our beautiful city.
- I would strongly encourage City Council to travel around the city more, travel on the buses, and view the state of many of the routes and shelters. Some major routes and highly used areas do not have sidewalks or shelters and yet money is being considered for bike lanes on these routes when the hundreds of daily transit users do not even have a safe place to walk and they are walking on the streets in the winter. I understand the desire to create a network of pathways, but strongly disagree with the priority it is placed over other items. I also disagree with the spending on these unnecessary items with businesses and people out of work. I am passing the cost on to my customers but not everyone can.
- As I am on a fixed budget, please do not increase the property tax. It went up 60 dollars a month and now I have to find a way to pay that even though my wage has decreased.
- City Council must be mindful of the current economic conditions by not adding to the tax burden of citizens who have either lost their job or have reduced hours or have taken salary rollbacks. City Council needs to reduce property taxes not increase them. City Council needs to reduce their own spending including salary rollbacks. The city needs to stop fear mongering by threatening to cut essential services when discussing spending reductions but rather focus on reducing both labour costs and non essential services.
- During these tough times, increases in taxes should not be based on maintaining the status quo. We should be willing to give up some things temporarily (new approved construction plans, etc.) to ensure low- income and out-of-work folks can put food on the table.
- If City Council was run as a private corporation experiencing an economic downturn, each department would be seriously examining where changes could be made to decrease (yes cut!) spending. City Council does not seem to understand the fundamental message that Calgary's citizens are seriously hurting economically. For example, if green bins are rolled out for bi-weekly pick-up, black bin pick up will be decreased to bi-weekly pickup i.e. no additional driver salaries, gas expenditures, vehicle maintenance, likely required. After initial start up costs, why the continued additional monthly cost to the homeowner in perpetuity. Another example - transportation - why not Uber? Doesn't it seem more convenient for someone to pick me up at my door and drop me off exactly where I want to go?
- Cut costs, period--the default answer of "are Calgarians willing to cut police, fire and snow removal?" doesn't fly and is a lazy platitude. You cannot expect anyone to believe the city is run so lean and efficiently that the ONLY place to cut is front-line services. Cut programs, trim fat, compensate managers for being under budget on both Capital projects and operations. Say "NO" to union money--they are not bastions of efficiency as they claim, look at the recent Calgary transit report that stated there were significant savings to be had by outsourcing. You aren't sacrificing jobs--you are just moving them to the private sector. Ultimately, over a decade of tax increases in excess of inflation is not sustainable (as you are seeing now) , Council was elected to make the hard decisions--yes people will complain when they can't get their free niche service from the city (like really, why the heck is the Public library loaning out laptops??) but if the people WANT those services, they can pay for them (you guys like user fees, right?). Also quit trotting out the speaking point of "Calgary has



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the lowest property taxes" Calgary also has Enmax, which is another tax tool (they are hidden as "Fees") add those to the property tax and we are nowhere near the bottom. With the economy not expected to start to recover until next year, you had better reign things in now or Calgarians will elect someone that will (2017 is an election year, is it not?)...

- all perks to stop and only used when economy doing good. treat the city like a regular business and stop using our money like monopoly money. stop automatic raises. change fat pensions to be paid by employee's not the tax payers. pay for own parking, and claim on income tax like regular working people.
- We are in a "no Frills" time financially. That means one makes do with what one has. For the City that means, no pay raises, no bonuses, no public art built into all public construction budgets. Since when did waste collection fall out of the City's responsibility embedded in our property taxes. If you are going to make waste collection, recycling and compost collection "user fee" based then they City needed to implement the bins in such a way that we were only charged when each of those bins was actually put out for collection purposes for each household. Our property taxes were not reduced by the anticipated user fees for waste and recycling collection. Which they should have been. If we were going to have to pay e.g. \$10 a month for that collection, which was previously part of our annual property tax bill, then we should have seen an automatic reduction in our property taxes of \$120 a year. Of course you know that didn't happen. Automatically charging "user fees" on our utility bill is assuming we put out bins every week. Some of us don't. I honestly don't see us using the green bins for more than a couple of weeks in the spring and summer. Why should I pay for that collection each time when I won't have the bin out to have waste collected. Calgary wasted money "re-inventing the wheel" on trying to get Transit fare readers. There are many computerized transit pass readers, in Canada, that operate quite well, but the City has wasted MILLIONS of dollars twice trying to make one unique to Calgary Transit (of course with the hopes of selling it to some other cities). If Transit and the City didn't waste all that money, how much money would exist to put back into Calgary Transit to make it better or go towards the building of another C-Train line. Perhaps, City Council should watch the animated Robin Hood movie by Walt Disney and see how constant tax increases affected that population. Why does ENMAX, a city owned utility and therefore owned by the citizens of Calgary, get to add fees to our water consumption that exceed 100% of the cost of the water we bring into our houses to use. This City needs to be affordable to live in in all areas (housing, transit, driving, user fees and taxes) . The general citizens of Calgary do not get cost of living raises each year. We are not to be considered an source for endless amounts of money, in good times or bad. We, in general, have finite money. So, if City Council needs to take pay cuts and the wages for City employees have to freeze, so be it. We are not Canada's largest populated city but I believe that Council's pay, especially our Mayor's pay put them at or near the top of the list. Time to be realistic. The Council should be able to react to downturns in the local economy quickly and not be bound by their 4 Year plan. It is nice to have an idea of where things are headed but right now they are headed in the crapper and City Council is threatening to take away basic services and charge the same or more for less service and user fees for what they take away but must be done. Please stop increasing our cost of living here and deliver proper services to make this City the great place we all thought we were living in.
- I would like the first focus to be on the economy and in getting oil and gas jobs back for the thousands of unemployed. In my building alone (5 units), 2 units have had layoffs and they weren't even working in oil and gas, it's just tough for every industry. Cancel things like public art installations right now and cut taxes and offer incentives for industry and business. Our kids' parents need jobs - and well paying jobs at that - not high taxes and other costs in hidden fees.
- Overall review of city spending including salaries of council (does our council really need to be the highest paid in Canada), salaries of city workers (should be inline with non government positions, similar job), review overtime of city workers (we once saw a city truck trying to remove snow from Stoney Trail on Christmas Eve



when the road was clear), review our snow removal policy (do the side streets in every neighbourhood really need to be cleared), tighten belt on spending just like we all do at home, give small business a break, they are the backbone of our economy. Quit threatening to reduce services when there are other ways to reduce costs.

- For the past 2-3 years, the private sector has not increased salaries and benefits and many have reduced salaries asking staff to take pay cuts or unpaid leave. Many of us have lost our jobs and our EI benefits. City Hall continues to spend - increasing salaries and benefits as well as continued hiring. WHEN will you wake up? Yes we are angry - I do not need to pay for a green bin b/c I will never use it!!! And where would I put it? In the street? I certainly do not have the space to store something I will never use!!!! There is no need to cut essential services - you only need to do a productivity analysis on each department.
- Job creation - can we start any kind of projects early to employ out of work people?
- I would like to see council organize a program using some of our surplus and hire young students to clean up litter throughout the city. This could be organized in quadrants. We love to tell the world that we are a clean safe city for all. This would also help young students get employment this year since most won't have a chance because of struggling economy.
- You need to outsource many of the services now performed by city employees. The unions are too powerful and private sector does not pay the ridiculously high wages city employees are paid. Stop the big bonuses for management as the performance doesn't reflect any bonus at all. Stop all the useless new bins (green bin) that clutter up our streets. Something needs to be done about the crazy extortionate extra fees on our utility bills. Stop spending on public art. We don't need it.
- Keeping in mind that we are in the worst recession in 30 years, the City should be looking to cut back on services, wages and benefits. Short term pain for long term gain. I see city crews almost daily where 2 people are actually working the others standing around chatting. And why are parks and rec crews mowing green spaces on weekends. Do they get paid more for this and why can't this be done M-F. Council needs to learn to say no to people's wants and just look at the necessities.
- Focus on being a business friendly city. Reduce taxes & keep people working. Unemployment = mental anguish
- With less revenue your answer is higher taxes. Remind yourselves of the impact of economic downturn on people that live here. You are giving yourself pay increases without any accountability and not providing any additional services. Now you even want to reduce services. Get more efficient, better organized and ask yourself every day who is paying your salary. Alberta and Calgary are not the most desirable place to live in Canada and we don't need to have the best payed city employees in the country.
- Please keep in mind that we need to become an independent and diversified economy, we have to get rid of oil and gas dependency. All oil and gas revenues do not have to be part of a government budget needs to be invested or saved for future economy downturns not for waste when economy is going good. Also we need to learn and live in austerity inside the government and think that every penny that you waste it belongs to people, is not yours. Thank you [personal info removed].
- Look at what's really happening! Layoffs, early (unwanted) retirements, no short-term likelihood of a rebound in employment, higher taxes, new user fees (green bins, etc.), many rising costs..... If people aren't working, rising costs cause considerable financial stress, emotional stress and a depressing environment for all. Tax increases during trying times cannot be justified. Step into the shoes of a newly-unemployed citizen and look at these aspects through their eyes for a month of two. See what it's really like to get a much-higher-than-expected tax bill in the mail. See what stresses that puts you under before you approve of the next city project or fee. Stop suggesting there are no areas where we can cut back and stop using fire or police as the first example of what would have to be cut. I could definitely do without an expensive big blue ring, a Woonerf



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trial in Inglewood, and new fees for green bins when I already own 3 black recycle bins. Some projects might have to be delayed or even stopped. The Northmount Drive bikeway should not suddenly be rushed through because Northmount is due for paving. Delay the paving another year, delay the bikeway until finances improve. It doesn't need to happen right away. We can defer some costs without negatively impacting citizens. Check the efficiency of city staff. We've all seen examples where cutbacks can be made or resources used more efficiently. (For example, at Bowness Park recently, during a weekday, there were 3 Parks staff manning a little table that featured a pelt and a few nature items. How much did this cost, and who would have missed it if it was not there?) A small example, but multiplied throughout the city, it adds up. Same with Roads: we've all seen roads dug up and repaved, only to have them dug up shortly after so that new pipes or something can be laid. Yes, a lot has changed in two years! BUT we are still spending and taxing as if it hasn't!! Please consider that not everyone has a well-paying City job with a good pension to follow. Please consider that many people are really hurting and every increase adds to their burden. Thank you.

- Make cuts where needed or put some projects on hold, but don't cut everything! Those who are suffering from job losses and have had their incomes halved, but aren't below the threshold for the cheap passes or free stuff really need support - they are trying to keep a roof over their heads and their families fed. They need that transit pass to stay below \$100 as it's cheaper than putting gas in the car (let alone the parking... man oh man). They need free events, in their communities, not always downtown, to take their families to, to help combat the depression of being permanently broke and tightening the budget every single month. Take a look at the Enmax bills please! Mine has gone up every single month for the past six months. I've cut back on everything, checked toilet seals, etc and nope, usage stays down, but bills go up. My grocery bill has also gone up. Everything is going up except my household income, which took a \$40k cut last Feb. That is a LOT to budget for. There is nothing left to cut, and we are a two-income family still, so god only knows how others are coping. Our savings are gradually running out, despite our huge change in lifestyle, and the time has come where if the billd don't start reducing, we'll have to consider selling up and moving. We don't want to, as we love our little home, and love Calgary, but what choice do we have? It's tough.
- Status quo won't do if economic development is something Council legitimately values. Stop finger pointing (at one another and other levels of government) and start taking action - it needs to start somewhere.
- Continue with investments in essential services such as transit (SW BRT for example) and recreation (Keeping golf and leisure available and affordable) and butt out of the private sector with too many regulations and fees.
- Consider educating people before forcing new services or band-aid solutions on the citizens. Pedestrians should be informed how to look for cars in both directions before crossing; people need to be told the c-train is large, heavy and can kill. Backyard composting is more economical than a green cart that requires a heavy duty, gas guzzling truck to come around and pick up its contents. Look at ways to get people off the road - HOV lanes (and tolls on major routes during rush hour, for example); reduce accessibility of parking and/or road access to single person vehicles. Please also help keep our beautiful inner city communities unique and not allow too much growth that involves chain businesses.
- Focus on diversification, innovation incubation, attracting more head offices and high quality secondary suites and lane way housing, more mixed commercial/ residential developments.
- We're working our way through the worst recession the city has seen in 30 years. The wrong thing to do is to increase taxes so we can enjoy amenities beyond our means. We need to cut back on the nice to haves as opposed to taxing the people of the city, who for all intents and purposes, are broke. Priority should be helping the city evolve (ie: encouraging major oil & gas company diversification to green energy, building denser communities with depth, weaning the city off it's reliance on the car, keeping crime low). Thank you for the service you provide to our city.



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- Calgarians are struggling during this economic recession and should not be put into a position to pay a significant increase in tax at such a difficult time. If anything, this should be a time to ease the financial burden on those in need. There are so many people laid off and raising taxes only hurts them more!
- Please keep in mind that when the economy gets hit that raising taxes is not the solution. Yes, the government will have less money coming in but so will the people you are increasing the taxes on. You are crippling the average worker during economic hard times.
- The Mayor's position should only be for one term, I think the Mayor did a great job in dealing with the flood but is now far too interested in his own agenda and vanity projects. Uber would be a valuable asset in the City due to our poor transportation services. The Mayor's arrogance and vanity projects don't work in our current economic situation. The city should be spending its money on parks and recreation facilities for our youth instead of bike lanes that are only used by a few people for a few months of the year.
- As someone who is scheduled to be laid off, I believe the true reality of Calgary's economic situation does not seem reflected at city hall. While a majority of companies in Calgary are cutting back and laying off... the City seems to be ramping up. The optics are bad. I'd like to see a focus on cutting back, while creating jobs through building the transit infrastructure and attracting new and diverse companies and industries to Calgary.
- Instead of asking what services we want to cut, start with cutting future spending like 14St SW bus lanes, green carts, SE LRT. City Council keeps spending more money on new services and then says we have to cut services already in place to lower the taxes. We are not your ATM. We are in a recession you keep trying to find ways to spend more money.
- Please have another look at things such as the arts budgets, bike lanes, traffic "calming" (substitute infuriating) blocks, unnecessary pedestrian bridges (if people are too lazy to walk one block to a crosswalk, what on earth makes you think they will walk UP to a bridge crossover, then down again to cross the road - notably Shagannapi Trail) foreign architects, foreign artists - we have a good art school in Calgary which I am sure is quite capable of designing fish in an underpass). We live in Brentwood, and are on Northland twice a day on most days. We have seen exactly 12 bikes on Northland since the bike lanes were installed - and two of those we on the sidewalk. The snow cleaning budget for these unused bike lanes is outrageous. Let's look local for our projects, and reduce the budgets for art while we are in such dire financial straits. How many businesses need to close, and how many people need to lose their houses, before the tax money that you seem to think is endless is re-examined and made to be realistic.
- The economy in Alberta is poor, and many have lost their jobs. Taxes MUST be reduced through less overhead, and greater productivity of City employees. The focus should be on reducing office jobs, and City layoffs. Time to prove that the Mayor and Councilpeople are running the Municipal Government, not the Public Sector Unions. We cannot afford this level of government, make cuts! Please!
- In this economy, council should be focusing on the core essentials and services....attracting and assisting businesses, developing and keeping infrastructure like roads current and maintained, keeping the city working well and efficiently. What council should NOT be doing in this economy is spending on "niceties" and trendy projects like bike lanes, environmental initiatives, green boxes. It's not the time to be pushing the "urban, modern, trendy" ideas on the city. Leave them until they can be afforded. Fewer committees and studies.
- I have to disclaim that I like art. However, with the recession, there should be less focus on arts and "nice-to-have" items and more focus on the necessities. For instance, I find it ironic that City Council refuses to keep up with fluoride in the water - which will help lower income families and children, and instead, fund public works of art. We are in a recession and lavish spending is no longer an option. Instead, City Council should focus on issues that will have a positive impact on Calgary's economy and citizens.



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- Take in to consideration every penny that you spend. I lost my job in oil and gas and can't find anything, so I do not want my tax dollars wasted anymore. Look after US and not all the immigrants. I hope, to leave this city, as it is too expensive and our hard earned money is so wasted. The bike paths are a huge joke!!
- City hall should not be immune to the economic realities of the city. Wage rollbacks, pension reform need to be part of the discussion at every level of city employment.
- Many people have lost their jobs. People already pay a lot in taxes and there is only one tax payer. The city needs to do more with the taxes it already receives. Presently the city pays 20% above the private sector for similar jobs when including pension costs. The city needs to get its cost structure under control.
- Keep in touch with the economy as it impacts Calgarians. Ensure costs are controlled and project schedules are adjusted as necessary to live within our means.
- Cannot continue to raise property taxes in this environment. We elect council and Mayor to make good business decisions and balance budgets. This means prioritizing spend and programs and making cuts where needed in a struggling economy.
- Consider what the city can do to support Calgarians in the pursuit of their goals. Be effective and efficient with the spending of funding from taxpayers. It has been disappointing to have services decline yet business and property owner taxes increase significantly above inflation. Evaluate whether unionized employees is the best use of funds. It has been an embarrassment to see the mayor and councillor's act like spoiled children in their dealings with each other and the public. You have been elected to represent Calgarian's interests not your personal interests. Please be respectful and look after Calgary.
- More fiscal responsibility in all areas -- especially in the areas where you see 2-3 employees drinking coffee while watching the other 2 employees work. This scene happens all too often -- and is not being exaggerated. In good economic times, the citizens of Calgary can laugh and joke about it -- but in these times when many citizens are having trouble to put food on the table -- it is NOT acceptable and is a complete slap to the face. Garbage pick-up is another area that can be improved. There is NO need to pick up both the black and blue garbage bins every single week -- they can be alternated every other week for pick-up. A lot of money has been spent on the bike paths -- but very little on improving mobility for the disabled or those with special needs. It appears that the Mayor and City Council only like the beautiful people in good physical shape and do not have any time for citizens like my grandson with special needs, or the frail and elderly. Condominiums are being encouraged to be built with little to no parking spaces. How is my husband (who had a stroke several years ago) supposed to visit my daughter who lives in a Condo if he is not able to park close to the front door with the elevator? The beautiful people can all ride their bikes to the condo -- it is time to think of the needs of the other citizens in the City. Services to Access Calgary for my grandson have also been cut -- how is he to get around -- certainly NOT on a bike.
- Concentrate on the "need to have" not the "nice to have". Look at user fees so people who use the service pay the most for that service. Keep transit passes low so people without other transportation can get around reasonably. No raises and no bonuses. People are struggling so don't throw that in their faces. In fact, consider some wage reductions, as those in the private sector have experienced, as a show of solidarity with the rest of the city. I am tired of reading about one city employee making a repair and three city employees standing around watching. Send the three to actually work!
- Please be more flexible with your plans to recognize the economic reality not when you make the plans but when you bring them to reality. Case in point is the green bin program. There are many for whom the additional required fee is a real hardship. I don't dispute the merits of the program, I dispute the timing and the option to opt out for those who are already composting. It appears to me as though Council has not listened to the citizens of Calgary yet again!



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- When the private sector (and not just oil and gas) is suffering, and average people are receiving pay cuts, reduced working hours, and layoffs, the city of Calgary should be cutting their own wages and bonuses. Scheduled increases should be cancelled. Employees, Councillors, the Mayor, and management at the city need to understand that they must keep the city of Calgary competitive and run as efficiently and lean as possible.
- Place more services up for bid by the private sector. Take better control of wages for city employees. Remember that 100,000 folks have been laid off in the private sector. Forget the green box initiative. We do not need them. They are just another form of taxation.
- Keep in mind that it is not just the City that increases fees and costs, basic service companies do too, so does the Province, also the cost of food and the cost of gas and diesel. All of these things have to come out of people's pockets and they do so all at the same time. Keep in mind that the increases that people receive DOES NOT keep up with the cost of living and there are more and more people losing their homes and jobs and having to rely on places like the Food Bank and Red Cross to survive. This is not longer the land of the plenty - remember that you are there to help and to serve the people of the City of Calgary and that while we want this City to continue to be the best it can be, sometimes it is important to realize when to pull back as well.
- Council needs to take into account the overall economy of the city and get off the concept of tax tax and tax again. As a retiree living in Calgary I am tired of seeing the big egos we have in municipal gov,t.
- The City is completely out of touch with the economic conditions that are currently affecting the citizens of Calgary. Council needs to keep in mind that they work for the citizens of Calgary and should stop pursuing their costly and often misguided personal agendas and start to actually listen to the citizens/taxpayers.
- GROW UP. YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS NOT JUST SAY YES TO EVERYTHING. EVER SINCE THIS CURRENT CROP OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR WAS ELECTED THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE DONE IS INCREASE TAXES. NOT ONCE HAVE I HEARD THAT YOU REDUCED COSTS. IF THIS WAS A PRIVATE COMPANY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED BANKRUPT A LONG TIME A GO. YOUR JOB IS SIMPLE IN MY MIND. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH MONEY TO GO AROUND AND LIKE A PRIVATE BUSINESS LIKE MYSELF OR THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY WHEN REVENUE DROPS THEN I HAVE TO REDUCE MY EXPENSES AND DO WITHOUT. YOUR JOB IS A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED BUT NONE THE LESS YOU SHOULD DELIVER SERVICES EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. INSTEAD YOU JUST KEEP ADDING FEES. I GUARANTEE YOU THE MAJORITY WILL NOT WANT ANYTHING TO BE CUT FROM SERVICES BUT THEY WILL WANT YOU TO REDUCE TAXES. YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH AND YOUR JOB IS TO MAKE THE HARD CHOICE. DELIVER ON REDUCING COSTS WHILE DELIVERING THE SAME PRODUCT. PRIVATE INDUSTRY HAS TO DO THAT SO WHY CANNOT YOU. IN ADDITION, PRIVATE INDUSTRY WORKS A TRUE NUMBER OF HOURS NOT LIKE THE CITY SERVICES WITH BREAKS, TIME OFF, NO WORK FRIDAY'S ETC ETC. THINK LIKE A BUSINESS AS THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE AS THE CITY OF CALGARY A BUSINESS. MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF HEARING YOUR REASON'S FOR THIS OR THAT AND INSTEAD WANT TO HEAR HOW YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WHILE GETTING THE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE CITY POPULATION. OTHERWISE THERE WILL NOT BE A CITY LEFT BUT RATHER A SOCIALIST WELFARE STATE AND IF YOU LOOK AROUND THE WORLD THAT KIND OF ECONOMY DOES NOT DO SO WELL. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DO IT THEN ASK THE MANY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS'S THAT EXIST IN CALGARY AND YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWERS. GET OUT OF YOUR COCOON AND LOOK AT THE WORLD WITHOUT ROSE COLOURED GLASSES.



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- Stop, stop, stop paying these ridiculous salaries and bonuses to Enmax administration, freeze city workers salaries until such time as the Canadian economy rebounds, stop paying exorbitant prices for pieces of Art when they could be locally sourced and be just as wonderful and so much less expensive, ---in short find as many ways to give taxpayers a break during these tough times.
- Spend on essential services only while the economy is struggling. Bike lanes, public art etc are not essential services. Delay non essential activities.
- In difficult times, choices must be made. However, each time some from council speaks, they say that citizens need to tell us what services to cut and mention the police, fire department, etc. Cuts can be made in other places. I am a supporter of the Arts community but truly believe in difficult times money cannot and should not be spent on art such as the blue ring. The city will, someday, be once again in a position to buy art but now is not the time. In addition, I expect to see reductions in costs in some areas. For example, when the green cart program starts and the black bins are collected less often, the fee for black bins should be reduced. Also, each department should ask itself how jobs can be done more efficiently. Each department should ask itself where small cost savings may be made. Finally, council should ask itself when considering expenditures "is this a need or a want?" People may want raises but are they needed? In a city where many have lost jobs and are struggling to get by, city employees at all levels should be asked to lead the way by not taking wage increases. They should stand in spirit with fellow unemployed citizens.
- That senior property tax payers can only get 1% on their savings and many younger property owners are struggling in this economy. Work with the Province to find alternate funding than property tax.
- Keep city expenses in line with economic realities!!!
- Start being better stewards of the public's purse. Since 2008 (my last renovation) I've seen taxes go from \$3,300 to \$5,700 an increase of \$2,400 in 9 years. The increase is averaging 7%/yr. This is no where near the rate of inflation which is much lower. How do you explain this without coming to the conclusion that the current mayor and council are incompetent in their stewardship of 'public purse' obligations. A five or 4 year plan in a commodity based economy is a joke. Anyone in the oil patch knows this. Get better connected to the business community and you'll do a lot better at managing the annual budget. You're creating the Alberta Disadvantage. Why would young talented people want to move here? How are you going to attract the people that will transition us away from an oil and gas based economy and into something more diverse and sustainable? High taxes in times of massive layoffs (my estimate is 30% of the Downtown core) are a recipe for disaster. Start squeezing more efficiencies from existing services or start cutting period. You have a spending problem. Soon you'll have a shrinking population problem. Good luck with that.
- No cuts to police or fire. If necessary cut parks spending and definitely rethink the artwork on city projects. In the current economy they are an unwanted burden.
- Communities that promote work life balance with a diversified business economy. Get transportation routes into the SE quadrant of Calgary.
- Cut operating costs. Cut all department budgets. No more "art" spending until economy is back on track.
- This is the time to really tighten the belt. I think that the city knows this, but I don't think those funded by public dollars really understand how much the city is hurting.
- Hold the line on taxes and create a favourable tax environment for new business including utility fees. Salary and hiring freeze and contracting out. The workforce must become more efficient. The unions want parity with the private sector but only want the upside not the downside! It is not a matter of lower taxes or enhanced services it is a matter of lower taxes and enhanced services and this can be accomplished through the above. It is time that the city is managed like a business.



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- Council needs to get away from the rampant spending growth over the last few years. There are three possible ways to do this: tax increases, service cuts or cost savings. All should be considered. It isn't just the first two, the City needs to do its part by reducing spend in City Hall, reducing services and ensuring that tax increases are held to the minimum possible. Just like a family when someone loses a job, "nice to haves" should be cut. That includes pet projects, items which don't focus on economic growth and anything which will have a substantive cost increasing on the taxpayers going forward.
- As the economy plummets the crime rate is increasing in our neighborhood. With CPS changes to the house alarm response times and when they respond, they are enabling thieves to have more time to steal on real alarm calls. Even though the false alarm rate is high, 10% of calls are real putting residents at risk. We should be charging home owners on false alarms, not penalizing responsible alarm owners. Whoever came up with the new changes to the alarm permits should be replaced with someone with common sense and Calgary residents best interests at heart. All this to save money on Police dispatches. We are already short of Police, so instead of going after alarm owners let's get more officers.
- Times are tough and the economy is difficult for everyone so the City needs to make cuts. No more tax increases without first finding efficiencies and being direct about cutting services. Councillors threatening that cuts would involve police and fire reductions are just using scare tactics to prevent doing any real work. They, like all Calgarians, know that there are significant cuts available in other areas that will have a much smaller impact on daily living. This includes wages, salaries, benefits and other expenditures that exceed what is paid by the private sector. A full listing of services and their annual expenditures could also be made easily available to taxpayers can see the cost and determine if the value is there to assist in making decisions. This includes leisure facilities, park maintenance, etc. The addition of new services with additional expenses should be stopped until efficiencies are found in existing services. This includes the new green compost recycling initiative that is an additional increased cost on homeowners in addition to the annual property tax increases.
- Calgary business tax increases are out of control. As a small business owner, I've already had to close 1 downtown location, now I'm concerned about my other restaurant in south Calgary. The only relief is the minimal reduction to small business tax at the provincial level which (news flash) is only a benefit to those very select few who actually turn a profit in our industry. Business taxes compounded with minimum wage increases, increased fuel and freight costs (gas/carbon tax), increased liquor taxes, higher food costs (due to low Canadian dollar on imports such as produce) increased utility costs, etc. have taken their toll. It's foolish and naive to think that this is an overall benefit to Calgarians. Either I will have to cut more jobs or raise prices (which adds to the inflationary costs to the people). Spending less and getting a grasp on REAL priorities (not the ones that make our council feel warm and fuzzy at night) is our only option. By the way Mr Mayor, because you like to correlate profitability to quality operations as the single measurement to success for a business in "your" city, realize this: I'm a born and raised Calgarian with a diploma from SAIT and a degree from U of C. I have 30 years of restaurant experience and have owned 2 high performing franchises for 15 years. I have been awarded by our franchisor for the last eleven consecutive years as the top performing operator in the Canada wide system. It sickens me that with my credentials, I will soon have to move my family and businesses out of this once great city. *Please note: North American franchisors have taken note the minimal survival rate/profitability in our downtown core and have chosen to go elsewhere. This is a reputation based on FACTS that have been ignored too long by our council.
- Leave the senior's bus pass alone. Reduce business taxes. Carefully examine road work so we or someone are not tearing up roads that have just been fixed e.g. Sarcee Trail.
- Because of oil in Alberta, Calgary has become an energy sector developer. We should be using our expertise in the energy sector to attract other renewable energies. Let's continue to attract people that can help develop



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new renewable energy practices by using our experience in managing the oil industry as well as continuing to develop our own oil practices!

- Our economy has eroded significantly since the Action Plan was developed. City Council should be focused on what can be cancelled, deferred or done more efficiently from what was planned 2 years ago when the economy was booming. Example: defer the green box recycling program for at least 3 years. City businesses and property tax payers are under significant stress in the present economy, yet the city seems to think its ok to keep increasing taxes. Tax payers are taking action to balance their books in light of these tax increases: business are closing, staff are being laid off, donations to charities are being reduced or eliminated. City Council needs to accept responsibility for reducing costs as well.
- Council needs to think about sharpening their pencils and finding ways to cut city expenses; that is what all of the people who pay your salaries are doing in this downturn. There are SO many jobs lost, and people being forced out of the Province to find work. Council talks only of spending, many would like to hear what you plan to cut; that is the question that is missing in this questionnaire.
- Council has little control over the current economic misfortunes. However, please don't let short-term economic pain outweigh the past vision. In spite of everything, Calgary's taxes and utilities - as per Saskatchewan Premier Wall's recent tweet - are still the lowest in the country. Yes, see how we can get most value for our taxes and fees but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. I don't like paying taxes like anyone but we are paying the price now for decades of low taxes and letting the development community get away with paying little to nothing. (If the developers and builders were so concerned about housing affordability, why not return all the money they have donated to charity to the people buying their houses?) Maybe revisit some of the odd public art decisions, but please protect our parks and water resources for current and future generations while improving our public transit to get more people off the road.
- given how tough the economy any money spent on bike paths is a waste of my tax dollars
- Eliminate spending on public art. Reduce taxes. Reduce the size of the civil service. Encourage the private sector especially small businesses and home based businesses. Facilitate the efficient movement of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and scooters.
- We should focus on basic services for now. We can add the "nice to have" when the economy starts to pick up again.

Calgary's Communities

- To focus on anything we can do to better support our Aboriginal populations to complete high school, to thrive and to be well and healthy.
- We should continue to focus on the long game despite the short term pain we're experiencing. Investments in transport, communities and diversification are key to attracting diverse business and people to our city.
- Keep the people in mind and environment! Thanks!
- Services are even more important in an economic downturn. Reducing services should not even be on the radar for the next two years of the plan.
- Looking forward to the Rocky View Recreation centre.
- "More CHILD FRIENDLY pubs/bars. Under 18 (with guardian) should be the standard at all times of day.
- Put a limit on the expansion of the city borders.
- Enact stronger Green Plans, eg. tax subsidy for 1. residence who have installed solar or wind, 2. businesses involved in Green Energy, or 3. any other Green innovative tech.
- Allow Uber or other new Apps/tech to operate,
- Bars to stay open longer."



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- I am a huge proponent of amateur sports in that it teaches lifelong lessons in teamwork, work ethic and the importance of health and fitness. I moved to Calgary in 1997 and I'm now a very proud Calgarian. However, I have seen zero focus on this important area by city council and I'm ashamed to admit that Calgary has become a second rate city when it comes to supporting amateur athletics. Since 1997 I have seen zero improvements to the amateur athletic facility infrastructure in this world class city. It's time to change that.
- Communities are extremely important, they are the heart of the city and should be looked after. Subsequently, in the current economy, options for affordable housing and a sufficient living wage need to be considered.
- I would like Council to have more art in the communities (And no, it doesn't have to be local artists). I also would like to see more scramble crosswalks downtown, and better timing for pedestrians so they can be safe from inattentive and speeding drivers.
- I want council to work towards the creation of greater rehabilitation and harm reduction programs for individuals suffering from substance abuse. I want council to relax the enforcement of drug laws, instead putting focus on safeguarding the well-being of these individuals with medical and social support. Furthermore, I would like council to investigate the potential for a supervised safe-injection site in the downtown area.
- Please help the poor, the homeless, the disabled, the addicted, the mentally ill, the single parents, the new immigrants and the refugees. Serve the least of us. The rest of us have the education, job experience and work ethic to tackle 2017-2018.
- more about low income people and seniors
- Start construction of low cost housing and seniors housing in the next five years to be ready for the large numbers of seniors who will need accommodation in the next several years.
- I would like city council to honor their GoAhead strategy and build the new mobile home park for Midfield residents as they promised. Seniors and Veterans helped make Calgary what it is today. Please help them now with a new mobile home park.
- That art and culture are the lifeblood of a civilized society. This is what creates a vibrant community, and yet it is one of the last things in things in which we invest, and one of the first things to be cut in hard times
- I want council to consider rent controls to make living in Calgary affordable and equitable for tenants, landlords and the city. Rent increases should occur with valid reasons and not simply at the whim of the landlord. Rental units should be assessed for fair and reasonable increases based on benefit to the tenant and cost for landlord.
- Affordable housing for seniors
- - accessible and inclusive to ALL Calgarians (including those who are economically marginalized).
- Our City is unaffordable for so many of us. Please take action on things that will actually make life better for the most vulnerable. We need affordable housing, accessible and affordable childcare and more public infrastructure.
- Remember we are aging-care facilities, being able to have more purchase power, feel safe. Make us want to stay and enjoy Calgary.
- Put ideas forward to grow our economy despite the recession. Consider tiny home communities, in certain sub divisions.
- I want City Council to prioritize Calgary's homeless and welfare citizens, providing solutions and assistance programs to get them back on their feet. A diverse economy, community business growth, etc....should encourage more jobs for those that are homeless and who are willing and able to work. Transit routes, bus service are key to getting them to their jobs.
- Fund public services and not subsidize large professional sports teams.



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- I want council to consider what we can do, on the local municipal level, to provide better mental health assistance that doesn't rely on overburdened and inadequate provincial services.
- stop wasting money on bike lanes, pedestrian bridges, public art, and blue / green carts. Give taxpayers a break.
- I want council to assist, prioritize and never forget the needs of Calgary's most vulnerable, impoverished and/or marginalized citizens in every decision it makes.
- keep city safe and a place where folks want to go out and want to spend money
- I want Calgary to be a role model of inclusivity, accessibility and social responsibility. We have a gorgeous city with a vibrant population and I think we have the ability to lead by example. Putting a focus on communities - making them accessible, making them green and making them affordable will create a future worth looking forward to.
- Remember all the citizens and their needs and priorities not just businesses
- Cut my taxes. By shifting utilities to snmax my takes & utilities are around \$600 per month. Everything goes up. Blue bin up. Garbage up. Now green bins? Sigh. Pricing me out of my home.
- Focus on making downtown communities more accessible to groceries and basic necessities! Living downtown is so convenient at times
- I love my Green cart, I would like to see that available everywhere in Calgary communities/business areas. I do not like that we are growing out so fast that we are using up valuable farming land for business needs. I think it is a burden on our police, fire and EMS services to cover all the communities without a budget to cover this growing needs. Keeping in mind of our natural habitat areas should remain untouched and preserve as many as possible. I highly respect Mayor Nenshi for standing his ground for the best of the city of Calgary. I am one of the few native Calgarians who have seen many changes and feel that Mayor Nenshi truly understands the cares about this city.
- I want council to know I have a disability and would like to see more affordable housing and more affordable parks
- Calgary should keep in mind it's most vulnerable citizens when making decisions.
- Macleod Trail still needs revamping as you enter the city from the south. It's a disappointment driving along that stretch of road when other areas of the city are nice
- Please focus on complete communities with thoughtful designs for pedestrians, cyclists and transit. Focus on making Calgary communities HEALTHY for people who live there.
- Spend more money on police and public safety
- I want council to focus on communities and the safety of pedestrians. Speeding in neighbourhoods, especially near schools, is out of control. I live in an older community, people seem to cut through our neighbourhood to avoid sitting in traffic and speed to make up time. I have never once seen and law enforcement. They have however put up pedestrian crossing signs which is great but doesn't slow the cars down. I literally have nightmares about the amount of speeding that occurs in this residential community and the safety of the children (and adults).
- Less focus needs to be on flood mitigation, and more focus on watershed management within Calgary. As well, more public access to the river is important along with the necessary amenities along the river (ie. washrooms, garbage cans, etc). Not much currently exists.
- "Remain committed to the age-friendly strategy.
- Do better at explicit engagement of our most marginalized community: our aboriginal people. Be anti-racist."
- You must remember how many people in this city are struggling financially and barely able to pay rent let alone buy food, utilities, and god forbid do things around the city for fun. Refugees got houses and other



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things along that line yet long standing citizens of Calgary, who work full time and gave all their lives, get told they are on a never ending waiting list for affordable housing and can barely make ends meet. Something needs to be done.

- Take another look at allowing basement suites, all through the city, esp. in inner city and near Universities. They should be inspected but not at a outrageous cost.
- Creation of more low income housing options
- Focus on rapid transportation, bulbils sustainable and diversified industry and strong economy rather than invite oil and gas only. Engage Calgarians in more multi-cultural events.
- "Amalgamate Libraries and the Arts Community. Four big buildings to hold books and art, paid entertainment, history lessons. Food for thought.
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- Interesting system I believe is being built in Isreal, basically is a pod style transit system on a small track between street lights. Seems like a neat idea to bring people to the C-Train stations.
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- -Steve-
- Consider the needs of those who facing extra barriers due to disability.
- I want council to be creative when thinking about the kind of city we can become. Social justice and development of an arts friendly city would make it a city that we could take pride in. A focus on a vibrant inner city that is welcoming and open would a change from the current set-up. It would be nice to several blocks together that encourage wandering rather than the isolated streets that are barely worth going out of your way.
- As a member of the multicultural community inCalgary, i dont think the City Council has done enough to support our multicultural communities.
- I want council to focus on the safety of this city. More police officers are needed to deal with the escalating gun violence and other issues facing the city.
- Remember that Calgary is still growing and we have some infrastructure deficits to address. There is also a need for strong programming to support our youth and seniors. There is a need to be fiscally responsible but DO NOT forget about future generations. What we invest now is for the Calgary and our population of the future. Stay the course. It's not like we haven't be through this before.
- Diversified economy, small businesses incentives, more parks, better public transportation system
- Focus on all sectors of the city...it is not just what is downtown looking out city hall windows. And Improve crosswalk identification with lights and signs, more police visibility especially at night in communities, EMS continues to do well and bus services are improved.
- Continue to support green spaces, art and a vibrant downtown.
- I want council to invest in soliciting new industries to choose Calgary as their place of business. Citizens to have selection in housing to meet their personal and family needs regardless of demographics (age, income, race, etc.). Find ways to grow, build and sustain our beautiful city.
- Secondary suites - make it easier for people to have passive income during tough economic times. Give renters a break with more affordable options
- invest in the arts and cultures as now more then ever, we need to remember what we live and work for.
- When buildings become empty such as YMCA, YWCA, Old Public School Bldg, Cecil Hotel. Put in minor renovations and use for low cost housing rather than nothing and building low cost housing at high costs.
- "Please find more affordable clean housing. A single mom living off of her only paycheck can't really find a place to rent and afford all the other things like basic necessaties.



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- Also more jobs close to home would be great and safety in the city there is lots of shootings and crime and other stuff."
- Keep the inner city vibrant for all Calgarians, past 6pm, by encouraging more walkable neighbourhoods and diversified housing in these areas, as well as supporting local small businesses there.
- Please support small businesses and allow for affordable housing to make sure that communities can accommodate all types of people. The local economy needs your help and development should cater not just to the big guys.
- Growing number of Seniors
- I honestly think City Council needs to realize the needs of "lower-end" communities. I've seen major improvements to downtown and surrounding areas - but in communities like Falconridge and Whitehorn where I used to live, they are still in pretty bad shape, which doesn't help when the cost of living is on the rise. All citizens of Calgary, no matter how far from City Centre they are, should be able to have clean and well maintained neighbourhoods.
- "Be better at cleaning snow and improving Calgary Transit
- Stop spending money on art"
- make crosswalks safer. no one bothers to slow down at 6:30 in the morning when it is dark and people have to cross the street. Keep existing golf course and KEEP MIDFIELD PARK OPEN to people who live there. The city screwed up as the money should have went back into the infrastructure and not other places. Not right to make people move out of their homes!
- Consider each quadrant of the city with each of their unique challenges and ensure each is taken into consideration equally.
- I want council to focus on affordable housing in the city. Approve secondary suites across the city, maintain the Mayfair trailer park and expand to use available space there, encourage developers to build housing that is affordable, not just the \$500k+ luxury suites that are beyond the means of many. The current rental options are beyond many peoples means, which leads to homelessness for many.
- "Finish the ring road. Think for the future.
- I would also like to comment on the new playground times. Great job making all school & playground zones the same & having a defined time!!! However, any child that is too young & would be at risk of being run over would be at home and in bed by about 8:00PM. 9:00 is a bit too late!"
- I would like City Council allows legal suites on all neighborhoods in order to help citizens to pay the mortgage
- I want Council to focus on making Calgary less industrial downtown, (city beautification), address vehicular choke points in the city. Provide incentives towards renewable energy.
- Community associations need money for facilities. Funding support for things like before and after school programs
- City needs parks/recreation spaces that are more accessible and not just downtown. Nothing here for retired/seniors.
- I want council to remember that not everyone works downtown. I drive because transit around the city - not downtown - is useless. It takes me 15 min in rush hour traffic to drive from my home in Braeside to work at Foothills medical centre, or 2 hours, one way, by transit! I drive. Also remember families need to travel around Calgary, doctor appts, sporting facilities for children I would like council members to try travelling from a suburb to an appointment with a baby and toddler in hand. i would like council to think of all citizens, not just the wealthy singles or families or child free couples who have the time to use transit or the money to live downtown.



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- Listen to the people about what they want instead of themselves. Bring in higher minimum wages. More involvement for seniors and homelessness.
- I would like City Council to watch every penny they spend and prioritize the money. Maybe less Circle and Chinook Arch art projects and more money for homeless, small business, road repair and sports.
- Affordable, Accessible Housing will help us all age in the homes of our choice and continue to connect citizens. Encourage developers to use universal design to address housing & care crisis.
- Consider the poor and people living on the Street as an important part of the plan
- I want council to focus more on practical concerns rather than on political concerns. I also want the public on their part start acting like responsible citizens (take pride in your home, your neighborhood and your city --- I want each citizen to do their bit to build and maintain a clean, safe and pleasant city rather than expecting someone else to do it). I also want the citizens of Calgary to let City Council do its job with out this endless micromanaging by the public. Too many cooks spoil the soup.
- Please consider how we are supporting the city's most vulnerable populations, especially during this economic downturn. The success of us all is dependent on every one have the skills and tools to succeed. Please consider rethinking the locking in of the 10 year FCSS plan as it does not reflect what the most current evidence is suggesting how low income and vulnerable populations need to be supported. Please also consider auctioning the CPRI more purposefully. So much amazing work went in to that - let's put it in to action. Also, thank you for the work you do to keep our city vibrant.
- I want council to be strategic about where funding is invested. Prioritizing initiatives that promote a healthy vibrant community.
- Address the problem of those in financial and mental illness distress
- I want council to remember that people want things to be maintained. The East portion of the city is a beautiful walk and I'm looking forward to the new Music Centre. I want council not to forget that the other wonderful places in the city that should remain wonderful. On-line lists of public areas should bring attention to areas the public enjoy and ones they notice need a little maintenance.
- I want council to listen to the people of city and pay attention to the vulnerable population!
- I want council to focus on diversifying our city economy, and encouraging green industries around the city. I would also like to see more green spaces, and city events that bring the community together. Also focus on putting through Calgary Next and the new arenas, as well as fixing crowchild.
- Continue to provide for calgary's most vulnerable
- Make changes that affect all communities evenly and the older ones that need upgrades but most of all the condition of city streets is deplorable
- Make Calgary a city people want to live in, not just a city where the come to make money and then leave.
- Consider how they would like Calgary to be known among its citizens and the world 10,20, 30 years from now; do we want to be just another city, or be one that can be a shining example to the world of how we can bring together sustainable transportation, continued growth, and smart community planning successfully?
- "Remember the suburbs.
- Let your experts make the plans. Be wary of the problem well described here:<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/community-engagement-neighbourhood-bullies-1.3429440>"
- I would really like to see lane/coach housing options and rezoning for some areas be considered to support affordable and accessible housing.
- Big projects make news & increase taxes but do not necessarily lead to a better quality of life for us.City sidewalks are not cleared of snow & ice ,we suffer from a shortage of play fields for kids,
- I like council to develop public Transit, grow culture, festival activities in Calgary



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- Upgrade dam at Bearspaw to generate electricity for more than just its own pumps. Install solar on all new construction. Follow the examples of Bogota and Copenhagen regarding dedicated bus and cycling roads. Encourage small business, home based business. Allow secondary suites. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Allow backyard chickens.
- engagement of youth and arts community
- Investment and involvement (or lack thereof) in new communities can shape the habits and populations for years to come.
- Give each local community the tools and resources to engage citizens in their own community
- I want city council to keep in mind of the diversity of this city. Listening to all communities in the city such as marginalized groups, immigrants, and so on is extremely important. I believe every citizen in this city should have a say and providing those opportunities should be readily available. Please, listen to everyone and don't disregard certain groups. Also keep in mind that if we want our city to reduce our footprint on the environment and if we want to reach a sustainable city improving public transportation infrastructure, stopping sprawl, attracting new industries (Clean renewable energy) to the city and strengthening community involvement should be of priority for city council. Making sure that future generations can still enjoy Calgary as we are today.
- stop spending on Arts to the detriment of essential city services. I realize they are two different budget lines but a million dollars or more for public art doesn't prevent crime or feed the homeless. If you do spend money on public art, stop going to other countries for your projects we have many great artists in Calgary and other cities in Alberta.
- Focus on retaining Calgarians. More publicity around events and facilities for new comers. More summer activities downtown like movies and festivals in the core not at Eau Claire.
- do not change planning in communities unless there is a survey to back major changes
- Invest more in local artists
- Quality civil service. Solid programs for families and seniors. The strong neighborhood program is great.
- To protect Calgary communities and heritage. I understand that Chinatown has the potential to shrink by 50% because of a development plan that will be put forth and finalized on Feb 8. Feb 8 is Chinese New Year and I feel that it is highly unfair for council to hear any final opposing views on the day that surmounts to "Chinese Christmas".
- We should focus on expanding the C-Train lines around the city. Buses are not sufficient enough. One suggestion would be to let all 4 cart trains run during the rush hours, then switch trains to 3 and 2 carts at other times of the day. It would save money to expand the C-Train system. There is no need to spend \$10M on one train station - make it functional, and simple. Also, run trains more frequently. On the roads, construction should be completed as soon as possible instead of lasting for months with no workers present. The streets of Calgary (not only major ones) should be monitored by officers and cameras. Since 2014, our city started to become not a safe place. Let's stop spending money on things that are completely useless and we do not need for example that ridiculous blue lamp post that can be seen from Deerfoot Trail while driving to the airport or statues in Downtown that nobody looks at because they do not serve any purpose.
- Keep in mind that there should be full community support prior to starting any project directly affecting that community. Always ensure support for the oil and gas industry.
- review the policies affecting pedestrians and motorized vehicles. Pedestrian right of way....ie. car proceeding through intersection should not have to yield or stop for a pedestrian unless it is at a marked crosswalk. Playground zones should be established at legitimate playgrounds and not just as a means of slowing speeds.



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- I would like council to do whatever is possible to make this a good city for everyone, including our most vulnerable people for example un - underemployed, new immigrants, people with disabilities, single moms, indigenous people... more equity, more affordable housing, cooperatives, living wages, seniors with few resources. Advocate to province for poverty reduction plan and better continuing care for those who need it. Thanks for all the work you do.
- I want Calgary to be the leading city re: climate change using our entrepreneurial skills to lead but couple this with watershed / storm water management restoring as much nature as possible to benefit from nature's services heightening biodiversity and helping citizens to live with nature as much as possible in an urban setting. Water is a precious resource and critical for nature and all downstream. Drought and flooding will happen. Support the ALIDP. Get rid of bylaws that restrict the natural and community services, community recreation opportunities and local arts - the things that add life and make Calgary a place of geographically strong communities who don't have to drive miles for daily / typical services - the time of mega malls has passed. Let's support neighbourhoods.
- Affordable housing and diverse economic development
- Provide jobs ,fix roads,health and a good education for our children and also affordable housing
- I want City Council to dedicate funding to the Heritage Greenway, complete the walk way and improve our inner city quality of life.
- Re-evaluate the budget for the Calgary police. There needs to be more police officers protecting the city and the people of Calgary.
- Consider other communities other than downtown as important vibrant additions to the city of Calgary
- I want council to ensure they maintain funding to preventative social programs, as these prevent poverty, crime, and social service use in the future, and thus save money down the line, while improving individuals' quality of life.
- The development and nurturing of culture is important! Support and promotion of the arts and the preservation of our history, you can't move forward if you don't know where you've been.
- I would like council to remember the east side of the city, it seems like the west gets a lot more support for infrastructure and upgrades than the east side, for instance. Especially when it comes to pathways and cycle routes. I would like the city to work with the province on flood mitigation measures to get them in place sooner than later. I
- Safety. The petty crime level is not acceptable (see: Broken Windows theory, NYC). Also, PLEASE STOP THE BIKE LANES! They congest traffic, and we don't live in a climate that the benefit outweighs the cost. Stop spending money on silly things like this.
- Consider beautifying our Calgary again such as regular lawn mowing, washing and cleaning our LRT stations and platforms regularly and painting the rust on our foot and traffic bridges.
- Every day more and more Calgary Citizen's are isolating, for various reasons, aging population really needs to be embraced - multi-generational services & programs that includes old & young! Brining generations together - socially; more focus on programs that promote seniors!
- talk about crime and safety
- Stay focused on keeping Calgary clean, safe and friendly!
- Please consider our community for help with retail shopping & library moving that we need things in our community too....please consider building a new indoor pool (or close ours in) so that we can use it all year round ...our community has been through so much already & please also consider our community home values when you choose what goes into the Imperial oil spill site thanks



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- We want council commit to accessible, affordable, safe and energy efficient housing. And safer ways to get around.
- fix the bloody roads. i can go offroading with less bumps,holes, masive grooves and rocks then driving around calgary. check your police. we all know photo radar is a money grab and is more likely to cause an accident then prevent one.
- I want council to continue to increase density in the downtown core and turn our inner-city into a true entertainment and shopping district. We should have the vibrancy and energy in the core at all times of day, like the great cities of world have right now. We're on our way, but this should continue to be a priority in a city that will always have to deal with inaccessible, ugly urban sprawl.
- Continue to build the community
- "Stop spending on frivolous cycle tracks!"
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- I walk the puppy 4 times a day along Northland Dr NW - have yet to see a cyclist use it.
- 1) All the students are bussed.
- 2) Calgary is a winter city.
- 3) We need more \$\$ in libraries and recreation programs that benefit ALL Calgarians, not just the 1%.
- Especially with how dire the economy is right now"
- Make housing cheaper. Provide more affordable housing . Provide more fund to rent support program and cheaper rental accommodation
- That there is an economic downturn right now and people are having a lot of financial problems. Affordable housing needs to be a priority and helping people of low income. Also keep in mind that we are a big city but we can be pulled together to work together. ie the flood. Be a good leader so we can all work together to make Calgary a great place to live.
- Protect our community from crime! It is unsafe to travel on c train at night
- Environment, Education, Economic Stability, Communities (Gardens, People, Support...), Diversity, Big and Small Business Support, plus Arts and Culture.
- Hire more police officers to keep up with the cities grown and keep its citizens safe.
- Change play ground rules and deemphasize bike lanes
- I want council to lead the country on access to affordable and accessible housing in ALL communities.
- end homelessness by providing bachelor suites or something similarly small for all homeless people. Less is more. Give everyone a home, a place of his or her own.
- Please do not compromise roads for vehicle traffic for more bike lanes that only service one demographic. We need more bridges over the Bow River eg (Crowchild Trail). Any new sports facility should not be funded by tax dollars. Rather put that money into schools so our children have access in their neighbourhoods to ice rinks, swimming pools, gyms etc.
- I want Council to continue the positive direction towards making Calgary a safe, welcoming, inclusive community, a community which meets the needs of all income levels and in particular by providing much more (quantity and variety) affordable housing; affordable, efficient and convenient public transit; and support for local small business.
- I want council to start listening to the needs of our suburbs. We all can't afford to live inner city but want the house with the yard. I have lived in NW Calgary for 18 years and have seen my kids group up without a proper recreation facility. The Crowfoot YMCA is not a viable option and anyone who thinks so should go check it out. Each time I travel to Edmonton for my kids soccer tournament, I am envious of the facilities and infrastructure. I am definitely not proud of what our council has done.



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- I would like the city council to address the lack of middle class housing in the inner city such as ie. townhomes in the \$400 to \$500 hundred thousand dollar area.
- Continue on great projects that allow for safe and fun outdoor activities. E.g. St Patrick's Island, River Path
- Keep focus on economical and social well being of Calgarians.
- It is important to consider the diverse population in Calgary.
- Consider the increasing senior population and LOL of the challenges they have.
- I want Council to stop treating people who chose the Suburbs as 2nd class citizens. Some of us prefer to live in the Suburbs and we deserve roads and services just like the "inner core". We deserve to have more than one way out of our neighbourhood. Yes, new builds should pay for new roads, pipe services, etc but inner city should pay to update old roads and pipe systems before increasing density. People deserve to chose not to have a multi-family mix of housing options when parking is not adequate to support 8-10 people and 6-8 cars per home. Stop trying to put so many people in smaller spaces. Homes should have wider lots than 26', 28' and limits placed on the amount of building per lot. "zero-lot-line" homes are extreme safety hazards! There is nothing more traumatic than children witnessing homes in their neighbourhoods burning down because Council decided that the Suburbs need more density. Less density is why families choose the Suburbs.
- Reduce urban sprawl, use what is here already, keep calgarians healthy with residential sidewalks, bicycling lanes in safe communities with parks for everyone, dogs too!
- I would like speed bumps and better traffic flow in prestwick of Mckenzie town, vehicles drive way to fast down the street ingnoring playground and school zones. Plus when the school patrols are out the disregard for them is unbelievable. It's only a matter of time before there is a death on that corner.
- Safer and more attention to facilities for the handicapped including transit with transit staff taking a greater role in protecting the rights of the elderly, infirm and handicapped. Better service on the transit with staff taking ownership of their roles and better customer service.
- "1. Start composting throughout the city asap. To get this working effectively will take years-we are already so behind on this
- 2. Ask those who are the most underserved what they need for access ie transit, malls etc. After working with the underserved for years (while living in my fully accessed neighborhood), I am often ashamed of the disparity. But this is a silent crowd-you need to be intentional to find out the reality."
- please review transit use-it seems there is a lot of waste, especially on weekends when I see double-buses running empty. Also why are Rec facilities excessively fancy /expensive
- Stories about robberies and violence between close people are getting more common. Please put special attention to the safety and crime prevention for this beautiful city.
- Being a young individual in Calgary, I find little hope in owning my own home for several years. Renting has become difficult and unencouraging. Feeling as though I am paying someone elses mortgage rather than my own leaves me feeling stuck in a slump. Rent and utility costs are high, leaving very little for savings on a down payment. Id like it if the city of calgary could help make it easier for people to keep more of their hard earned money to get ahead in life. To get married and start a family. Not work well into their fourties before they are able to obtain homes of their own.
- Make downtown vibrant instead of closing the place down once the suits go back to the burbs after work.
- I want council to focus on basic services of roads, pathways, transportation/efficient movement of people, policing and fire protection. They should limit cost escalation and growth of council and support staff. They should not feel obligated to provide sporting facilities for every community or sponsor local street fairs. My yearly increasing tax assessment frustrates me. Council should work hard to maximize service and decrease



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cost instead of considering my tax dollar an ever increasing pot of money to to finance pet projects. Justify the high salaries by truly managing and planning for the future.

- I want council to focus on supporting local small community arts programs, who are trickle-down suffering because of diminishing grants and corporate support.
- Not forget about Greater Forest Lawn. There is some awesome people living here. There is also some scum. We need some attention so we can again be a vibrant proud community.
- This city has long benefited from healthy public art funding. However much, if not all of Calgary's best art is kept downtown. I would like to see more public art in the suburbs and surrounding areas of Calgary.
- Provide more low income housing solutions for our population and expand transit while keeping it affordable.
- I want council to make a prudent and realistic analysis and planning on I.e, job creation, diversified economy, support for local business, mass transport availability, housing dev., although all seems listed on the agenda, a more profound and diversified economy, so as not to be fully dependant on oil economy. If oil is to be fully process here in Alberta , then the full benefits will be realized and the Albertans and all of Canada will also benefit
- Look at other cities/ provinces to see what works/ doesn't work when creating new communities- access and ease to main transportation routes (roads and train), accessibility to community resources (recreation centres, retail, professional offices)
- Please keep in mind current economic downturn, help the poor, Keep taxes low and let the owners of the flames pay for their own arena.
- The economic downturn may increase the importance of efficient and accessible public transit, combined with the need for affordable housing.
- Be aware that decisions should be made. Support ideas and the arts.
- Keep in mind that there is a large population of people in calgary who live below the poverty line and who are homeless. You should focus on raising those people up to becoming functioning members of society and not catering to the corporate agenda in terms of how the city should function and where financial focus should be.
- Work together for the betterment of all citizens in our city - especially those who are unemployed, unwell or marginally surviving. Consider the common good and not just the special interests of people with wealth & influence
- I have appreciated the direction of changes over the past few years. Transit and affordable housing are top on my list.
- I want the Council to consider the benefits of REAL diversity in economy and how that will create a positive ripple effect for housing, jobs, communities, and sustainability.
- "The priority for Calgarians is to have jobs, economical development, to save oil and gas industry and at the same time develop other and alternatives energy and industries. We need a better transportation system...please see Montreal and Toronto transportation system examples... Why Calgary could have a similar system? . And please
- Work hard regarding security for Calgarians"
- I want Council to continue to have some foresight and not be reactionary. Remember that environmental and social sustainability are critical long-term priorities and should not be forgotten because of the current state of the economy.
- Focus on affordable housing, access to services, building a diversified economy. Talen will leave if there is nothing here for them.
- "Return work back to Cupe Local 37 workers and NOT contract out services.
- Something must be done about the homeless issues."



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- Equal access to programs and services regardless of income.
- Please keep in mind low income Calgarians and how their needs on an individual and community-wide scale differ from already wealthy areas of the city.
- Improve public safety in the downtown core.
- The city is a comfortable size, much more growth and it would become too sprawling. Work on making Calgary more of a metropolis within city limits, with emphasis on a more modern dense city core with great parks, city attractions, community centres and transit infrastructure.
- Council needs to focus on services to ALL people, not only immigrants, gays, lesbians. Homeless shelters are helpful but what can we do to get more people into permanent housing?
- Make sure that the police is equipped to fight increasing crime rates
- I would like them to concentrate on family parks and make these very accessible to the public. When families are faced with bad economy it would be nice to have a free/relaxed activity using our parks. Playgrounds need to be updated (ideal standard should be rubber floor playgrounds), since playground zones and school zones have all been changed to the 9pm rule why not make our parks and playgrounds better functioning. Make it standard so that major parks with a walkway system to be lit up after sunset, create activities and events in these parks so families can enjoy "free" outdoor activities. Make all parks accessible to young kids even once the sun goes down.
- "Need for housing for all incomes and families
- Diverse schooling & community programs for adolescents with mental health"
- I would like City Council to think about how the community is changing, what is NOT working now and keep in mind the majority of Calgarians work and live well outside the downtown core and struggle to get anywhere when they do not have a car.
- Support the performing arts through the creation and subsidization of shared rehearsal and performance space.
- "I want council to work together collaboratively for the good of the whole city, not just for their particular constituency.
- I would like council to be vigilant about making the city safe and easy to get around for seniors.
- I would like council to put CTrain lines to the SE at the top of the list of transportation priorities AND finish the ring road."
- Calgary's urban infrastructure does not support 'local community' structure very well. The layout of residential and commercial areas is designed to require a significant amount of vehicle traffic to access basic services, and to channel development of businesses that could serve local communities towards malls, rather than more accessible local small business, particularly in outlying communities. Not only does this reduce diversity in the business community, but it perpetuates less healthy lifestyles and less community spirit and sense of local ownership / involvement.
- Support a healthy, local, environmentally sustainable food system, prioritize walkable communities, safe bike paths and accessible public transit.
- "I work for a non-profit agency, supporting low-income, vulnerable women to find affordable housing, pursue post-secondary education, and find employment. Many of them are also single mothers. I have seen these ladies make tremendous changes and show incredible motivation to improve their lives and the lives of their children. One of the biggest challenges that they face, however, has been to find affordable housing once they leave our transitional housing. Calgary simply needs more low-income housing, and/or more funding for non-profit agencies so that we can provide rental subsidies for these women.
- I am happy to discuss this further if you have any questions.



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- Thank you so much,
- [personal info removed]"
- I want the City Council to keep in mind to consider the immediate needs of family which is the center of a community.
- I want Council to take immediate action to provide affordable housing for seniors, working poor and homeless - perhaps by instituting rent controls? but more likely using infrastructure money from feds which would give jobs to unemployed - many labourers in oil industry would step up to work in construction and many with degrees would return to the jobs they once had to put themselves through university. Rents are outrageous - If rent is 1425 - very common one must be have an income of \$50,000.
- I want Council to spend less money on unnecessary social initiatives such as the BRT in Calgary SW, the bike lane projects downtown, and forcing low income housing into communities where they truly do not fit. You want to help stimulate the economy? Please stop pushing through tax increases during this period of economic uncertainty so we can spend what little money we have left within the communities we live in.
- Acknowledge there has been little change to the overall number of people living on the street and look at alternative ways to house people.
- We need more rinks. Our timbits have to drive to High River every Sunday for practice. There is no where near enough rinks in the deep south.
- Consider people's livelihood and safety within the communities
- I'm frustrated with new development in established neighborhoods where the new housing closer to schools and those new families are getting into schools before families who have lived there for 15 years who are 1 block outside of the school zone. Not fair and unacceptable.
- Do everything possible to encourage further development of affordable housing...what good is a clean, vibrant city if the cost of living here is prohibitive.
- Stop spending my money on bike paths, what a waste. Make developers accountable for infrastructure needs ie shawnee slopes. Libraries are a thing of the past. We need an updated sports venue for Flames and Stamps.
- Keep in mind all citizens in all communities.
- I want council to ensure everyone has full accessibility, as our community still has many curbs not accessible. and we need crosswalks on Ogden road.
- Please consider all residents of the City of Calgary, when making changes. We are a diverse group. Young, old, full-time employed, retired, part-time workers, students and many different requirements for transportation, housing and regulations. Thank you.
- Keep the city and communities clean. Enforce the bylaws and make it safe
- Common sense is what I want them to keep in mind. Enough about the East Village. Downtown is only a priority to a small # of people. Growth is out of hand. Traffic is overwhelming. I have lived in Calgary most of my life and the bigger Calgary gets the less I travel out of my neighborhood and surrounding area. Focus on building communities; places that are nice to live in and shop in so people don't have to drive distances to get their groceries or other items. Encourage small businesses to make a go of it and do away with future plans for big box stores. Less focus on the tax revenue from potential developments and more focus on the liveability of our communities.
- those who are forming new families, those who are graduating, those who are retiring.
- I would like City Council to keep in mind that increased densities, and multi-dwelling construction near LRT means affordable and rental options, not just \$400,000 condos



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- I would like to see significantly less frequency of photo radar traffic tickets being issued. It is a blatant cash grab to make up for a failed quota and economy.
- Provide affordable, housing, to, people who, are, terminal and not sick.
- Be more understanding when it comes to the need for housing
- continue to remember the people when shaping the city
- Clear sidewalks. Listen to local communities. As I said previously, you have destroyed Hillhurst Sunnyside as a neighbourhood and you don't seem to have finished.
- Please focus on improving the current traffic infrastructure in and around Calgary. Remove playground zones, no child is out at 9pm
- "Prioritize main streets program
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- Push green line and TODs ahead
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- Work to diversify local economy and attract new industries"
- I appreciate and hope efforts toward our new library will continue. Unemployed people can access it for free!
- I want council to assist the government to provide stable and flourishing economy for all. If I had another wish I would say to end homelessness like Medicine Hat.
- keep moving toward improving our parks and river spaces toward increasing biodiversity which should include fixing past mistakes. Create a Calgary that is resilient, safe and a great place to live.
- I would like to see the city become more global in nature by bringing new technology and new services to our communities. More App based services, Uber, etc.
- trust the knowledge that we have established for collective well being and a responsible lifestyle.
- More police patrol into the communities
- Support local, sustainable ideas. Help every citizen become what they can be so they can in return contribute back to the city
- Quit worrying about things like Uber drivers and concentrate on important issues like crime in our city.
- Consider accessibility. Older people and the handicap have a hard time getting around this city with lack of sidewalks around mall parking lots and not being given advanced notice when sidewalks are out for construction or about to disappear on their side of the street.
- I want council to help innovate the cultural identity of Calgary, in accessibility, the arts, and things that make Calgary unique.
- I want city council to think about the families already here that can barely afford one child before worrying about bringing in and housing immigrants with six plus children.
- Stop spending money pushing through secondary suites and building bike lanes. Get your ducks in a row. I'm sure Calgary was known for their bike paths why punish drivers by cutting back on road lanes?
- that my home and native land is preserved and respected. and we learn to work together as a team to build each other up and not tear each other down.
- affordable housing
- Stop under prioritizing cars. Roads bring value and wealth into cities whereas transit removes wealth. Think it through. How many big retail purchases are made downtown and brought home on the bus? Personally I have moved all my business out of downtown. Too hard to do it downtown.
- Increasing quality of life rather than the size of the City. More green spaces rather than more high rises and new communities. More pedestrian areas with patios, arts, galleries, learning experiences, places to gather



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and share. Keep and expand the cycling/hiking trails. Do we really need to expand so much to the west? A great quality of Calgary is that there are no endless suburbs to drive through to get out of the city. Many people comment on that and love it. Let's keep it that way.

- Commit to funding the green line LRT all the way to Seton. Focus on creating livable communities (work, live, and play in the same area).
- Think about low income citizens, affordable housing, help with property tax for low income homeowners. Get building new city pools and arenas. Stop obsessing over that stupid east village and building condos everywhere and start focusing on the struggling families who need help.
- Provide early learning opportunities for toddlers and preschoolers.
- Focus on older communities that are not getting their fair share of tax money to repair aging infrastructure.
- Make Calgary a safe place for women and disabled people. Get rid of sexist cowgirl ads and less funding for stampede
- Make sensible and informed choices about development that avoids risky locations like floodplains
- consider as many options and alternatives as possible. Transportation has gone very diverse, with high density in the core to encourage walking, safer bike routes, and improved transit. Can we apply these principles to other areas, like adding community repair and compost programs to our garbage/recycling. Add Uber to car2go & taxi options.
- "I want them to review the consequences of Bill10. I still believe in teaching children to learn to respect and honor their parent,
- I do not agree with parent having no rights as stated on this Bill10...and as per bible verse that train up a child in the way he should go so when they are old they will not depart from it..we have to train our children to do what is right and what is the truth."
- make it easier to build mother-in-law suites
- Legalize secondary suites
- Improve Calgary's infrastructure and cultural appeal
- Keep stimulating local growth and diversity. Crack down on reckless driving. Looking into the ever increasing rent and possibly into some sort of rent control mechanisms.
- The considerable increase in crime in residential areas is a big concern to me and my family and community members.
- To consider the entire population demographics, generations in families, quality of life, make Calgary a green city...an example to the country, to the world.
- Invest in downtown and older communities, particularly things like improved streetscapes. Invest in the Pedestrian Strategy.
- I'd like secondary suites to be allowed and I'd like Uber to operate in our city (within city rules).
- Calgary is an amazing city, and planning for the future is important. As a city/province so reliant on the energy sector, we should be expanding what this includes. Encourage new development and research in renewable energy, attract private companies to do this. Plan for an ever expanding Calgary, but rather than building out, let's build up. Let's be a world leader in energy but respect the environment. Keep all the parks but build apartment buildings. Compost compost compost. Recycle! Actually design and build an EFFICIENT public transportation system. Create a tax to driving down town. Improve how we look on the world stage and show that energy production and environmental responsibility can coexist. And PLEASE PLEASE do not build Calgary NEXT. We will never see a single dollar and the so called 'benefits' will be short lived. Stand up for the city and the tax payers within it.



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- "Keep a focus on crime. With downturn there will be a natural rise in crime. Focus on new business growth, encouraging enterprise. It's what will keep the city alive.
- Focus on affordable housing. People will leave if they cannot afford to live here."
- Many of us in the private sector have lost jobs or had major salary cuts. During tough times spending must be reigned in. During good times, that is when we build more parks, libraries and C-trains.
- Work with more than community associations as the leaders in communities. That are not always representative of the population
- Please keep Calgary safe. We got broken into last year and someone came to make a second attempt at our house. We are just a normal house living in the Inner City SW.
- In Inglewood, living near one of North America's largest train yards that has doubled volume in the last five years, we are desperate for Council support to ensure the Federal court order of operation schedules and proximity are enforced. We cannot continue losing sleep, increased anxiety and health issues associated with noise and air pollution....leading to more for sale signs than we've seen in years. We pay our city taxes and beg for help.
- As a city we need to be progressive which to me is improved transit, densification, arts & culture, etc. Responsible green field development is fine but let's try and get away from a car-centric city.
- .. to focus on social programs for the disabled. There needs to be a review of AISH, even though it's a provincial program. An increase is needed, as the amounts barely cover the necessities of living in a high-priced city.
- Getting people to be environmentally aware from composting, to recycling, to playing & utilizing their communities, to think about impact on traffic by rethinking their lifestyles, doing more locally, getting citizens involved in taking action for being a Healthy and strong community by supporting and taking care of everyone, making choices together, get the public involved.
- listen to what Calgarians want in their communities
- "Strongly encourage suburban beekeeping.
- Aggressively develop plans for rooftop permaculture.
- Develop plans for community resident nurses.
- Developers make extreme profits. Make them supply infrastructure not taxpayers.
- Taxpayers do not profit from new developments."
- I want City Council to reconsider what they have done to Midfield homeowners and recommit to providing a place for them to move their homes to so they don't lose their homes.
- Consider families when developing new communities. School old, park spaces.
- Stop rezoning family neighbourhoods from Rc1 to rc1s. There are more than enough areas already zoned for this, your taking away the choice of many, other than very upper class, to live in a single family dwellings neighbourhood, and being very bigoted about it! Oh yeah and while your at it shred the imagine Calgary document, which is full useless dribble. As for this ruse of engagement we all know Nenshi and company will simply fabricate whatever outcome they like from this façade of "consultation".
- Don't forget about the suburbs. Lets focus more on community hubs, art and culture in more places than the downtown core.
- Keep working on Affordable Housing
- I want council to keep Calgary a safe, clean, vibrant city to live in.
- More action on affordable housing.
- Legalizing secondary suites would be a great way to add additional housing capacity and increase density.



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- "That whether they understand it or not moving this city forward will be dependent on whether they can confidently
- tell newcomers and citizens alike that this is now a flood-proofed city and a safe one to invest in"
- Stop putting up art sculptures that are unnecessary. That money can go to mental health and helping the homeless. Mental health is always on the back burner.
- Avoid social/economic segregation
- Stop overreacting to a vocal minority. Put value in clear and clean statistics that are collected and displayed as facts and not in ones collected to sway an opinion. Less focus on the city center and more focus on the entire city. Shift the traffic enforcement from profiteering to getting the bad drivers off the road. Keep people responsible for their own actions but don't give in to vengeance
- Remember we have thousands of kids who need spaces to recreate safely
- Please keep in mind that refugees coming to Calgary are getting help and financial support that a lot of Calgarians are not receiving. Seniors on pensions are expected to live on less than 2000 dollars but check out the rents in so-called retirement homes.
- Remember that you can't please everyone, so just make sure you take care of those without a voice. Children and seniors need to be cared for, especially if they cannot care for themselves. Make this city safe for them all.
- Focus on Flood Mitigation and the development of Calgary with greater ease of walking to shopping and jobs and restaurants. Please stop with big block shopping malls and the need to drive everywhere. The Australian model of developing a city with a local commercial area that is walking distance for every community is a very desirable and attractive option.
- Support the oil and gas industry, lower taxes and protect our city and develop regular reporting on crime.
- "to consider holding back on more cycles pathways and concentrate on getting taxes under control. I don't want any city-owned companies to be sold or outsourced. Time we started taking care of our own instead of being an envy of other cities. Disgraceful the way subsidy for housing is handled. Do not want to be like the citizens of
- Calais France."
- Calgary has enough systems and social programs in place. We need to maximize the efficiency of our infrastructure both in terms of use and costs. Live/work/play needs to be optimized locally. Stop wasting money on "blue ring" projects and anything without a direct cost or time-saving benefit.
- I want council to make this city more alive and human instead of efficiency and class-offices. Calgary is so sterile
- Build #AFFORDABLEHOUSING " NOW " ! I'm a born/raised Calgarian of 55 years. I applied at Calgary Housing 14 years ago !!! I still have nothing. THANK YOU BRIAN PINCOTT and Naheed Nenshi !!! I would like to see Trudeau's \$100 million go to Calgarians (NOT Syrians) I know enough people to have you voted OUT !
- That there is a significant shortage of entry-level jobs due to the economic downturn - diversifying our economy would help to mitigate the fluctuations in the energy sector. Furthermore with the climbing unemployment rate, the accessibility to affordable housing diminishes as the market for these houses is flooded. Please consider prioritizing accessibility to affordable housing.
- I would like council to consider how different projects affect the community (the people). What makes a community 'happy' and function well?
- Take care of the prostitute problem in Forest Lawn. It's ridiculous there.



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- I want City Council to consider growing the city with robust, self-serving communities that are navigable without the need of a vehicle. Calgary has the potential to be a great city and focusing on developing our communities in a sustainable fashion will be a huge win for the city.
- To quit spending money on converting roads to allow bike lanes. Focus on our pathways and growing them instead. To quit allowing secondary suites in originally designated R1 zones - I bought in an R1 zone for a reason. To have new communities have side walks on both sides of the street. Keep parking rates reasonable, especially during this economic downturn.
- I cannot stress enough how affordable and accessible housing is important. Also please consider our outrageous homeless numbers, very unacceptable. Housing, housing, housing!!
- It would make a huge difference to many families if the city could find a way to make childcare more affordable. Many families are just barely getting by and a lot of parents have to stay at home to care for their kids simply because staying at home doesn't cost as much as it would to get a job and hand over the entire pay check to the daycare. If childcare were more affordable, there might not be so many families needing to choose between rent and food.
- Help diversify economy, support the growth and development of mixed-use neighbourhoods and support the arts!
- Calgarians face a large generation gap and we are getting very large with a plummeting economy. We can't live off oil money forever. Let's borrow from successful countries when proposing innovations like Sweden, Poland and Finland for social assistance and social programs.
- Please, please, please start immediately to prevent future floods. I have many friends and family who have been impacted. Many devastated. Please make it top priority. This is an amazing city, we have to protect it
- Make it our first priority to help and eliminate homelessness in this city! How can we even consider spending our dollars to " beautify" this city when so many don't even have a safe place to sleep and many of them are desperately in need of mental health care! We need to be ashamed to think anything else is more important!
- WHY does homelessness STILL exists in our city?
- Cancel green bin. Cut city fat. Get rid of bike lanes down town. Quit buying green power. Stop taking in refugees.start supporting our major industries oil and gas.quit raising taxes. Cancel art works projects.
- Protect the most vulnerable members of society, e.g. the urban poor, mentally ill, homeless, and others on the margins of socioeconomic viability.
- Focus on helping the ever growing number of unemployed Calgarians. Study Medicine Hat and what they have done for homelessness
- "I want council to:
 - - create jobs and provide a sustainable economy within the City of Calgary.
 - - to build more recreation centers and facilities to support healthy living and sustainable communities within the City
 - - expand Calgary's transit system in terms of availability to all corners and across all communities, accessibility, affordable and reliable transit system
 - - create spaces that supports jobs closer to home/communities"
- house and care for the homeless and at-risk-of homelessness i.e. Housing First - PLEASE!!
- Preemptive measures for flood mitigation so we don't go through this again
- I want council to improve older communities since the older the communities are the more crime and violence happens. By improving our communities The city of Calgary will feel alot safer and will feel more vibrant with less rundown communities.



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- we are a hard work family with 2 little young girls, and we are tide!! we are in the middle class, over the limit that we can no get help for the government, (a few dollars), but we are just in the limit the life cheque by cheque, s=child care subsidy should be check after taxes, no BEFORE,
- I want City Council to have more free family events around the city
- Understand the importance of nurturing the flourishing arts subculture in our city
- It's time to stop council's special interest pet projects and focus on keeping the city running. Clean our streets, pick up our garbage, bring business into the city and stop making me the root of all evil because I drive a car.
- I want council to consider Calgary's most vulnerable citizens and try to provide more affordable housing options.
- I want the council to consider people living on the streets.
- To make crime issues a priority.
- Keep money set aside for food banks and general welfare use. The number of people that are on the margin of going homeless or hungry in this city due to the economic conditions is wrong. If we looked at this as a business, and those about to be homeless or hungry as dissatisfied clients we would have a lot more invested in making things right.
- Work together and stop headbutting on minor issues (ie secondary suiets, no one wants to live in the snooty suburbs anyway). Make sure your people are heard and helped by your decisions and we will repay you for it with re-election. We have to build our communities from the centre out. No more urban sprawl. And developed more than a oil business focus in our downtown. Developed the city centre community and be a real city.
- Changing economy is a challenge,existing old infrastructure need to be adressed.the west vision of wealthy city need to be changed,we are struggling because of the vision of rich oil made city.try to avoid the easy path of cutting short police and fire department,,we live in a city where its difficult to find housing at reasonable price.increase number of housing for low budget.parling at hospital and emergency should be review and removed .rethink venue for music show and spectacle to attract business north of the border and inside canada.more communication between canadian city and province for transportation(food.....)continiuebto work with mass transportation (brt,lrt)
- eliminate bureaucracy and things that waste councils time - it is time to allow secondary suites across the City to provide affordable housing for all and increase density. This will slow urban sprawl and the amount of money we have to spend to build and support those communities. If the developers still want to build out, then they can pay to help get transit and other services out there. Be prepared to support more infrastructure initiatives - build a stronger economy and help diversification initiatives
- Speed limits should be raised! And our police force should be spending more time on gangs and major crimes rather than giving out traffic tickets. They should be embarrassed that gangs exist in our communities. Easy to stop if they focus their manpower better.
- "I want coucel to change immigration law and rights to stay in Canada if you have been in Canada for over 5 years, paid taxes and been a good person helping others. Immigration doesn't mean only Serian people. We are all immigrants. We should help everyone to make Canada their home.
- More assistance for children and low income families. Make more housing for families ..."
- Realize that housing is a basic need and should be available for all - elderly, young adults, low income, homeless transitioning to housing, refugees, etc
- I want council to diversify our economy, I want more investment in social services and a much deeper look at affordable housing.
- put more emphasis on catching bad drivers/distracted drivers/ speeders/aggressive drivers.



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- Plan with the future in mind. Remove services that are of no value. Promote solutions that are environmentally friendly. Get rid of photo radar and red light cameras; they don't address the root cause and are a huge waste of money.
- I would like council to approve multiple family homes and rental suites for areas of the city that make sense. As young home owners we could put a suite in our basement to help with our mortgage and provide affordable housing at the same time. The people who are against this are short sighted and not thinking of the benefit to the middle class.
- i Want Council to focus on building better communities,better maintenance of existing facilities,not their present focus on empire building & grandiose projects
- Continued support for the arts in public spaces
- If we want our kids to grow up active and fit we need safe places for them to play and participate in sports to stay out of trouble. More arenas are necessary, calgarians love their hockey!!
- Invest in the arts. The Alberta College of Art + Design is an important part of this city and is currently in financial trouble. Help keep this vital part of our Calgary community alive!!!
- prioritize more resources to fighting crime. For the first time ever I go to bed at night worrying about break ins and safety. I live in a nice middle class neighbourhood, I know my neighbours but crime is increasing and I no longer feel safe in Calgary.
- please please for the love of god implement rent control. being one of the only cities in the world that doesnt have rent control is not good, the dollar is down and people such as myself who dont work high paying jobs and have disabilities and need income support (which is not a lot at all by the way), we cant afford places to live. youre putting at risk people even more at risk by allowing management companies and independant landlords jack rent up sky high even on 2 bedroom apartments that are under 600sq ft. people move here because they hear they can get a better job and have a better life and then they get here and find that even with a better job they cant afford anywhere to live because its more expensive than where they came from.
- Can't we make a center for homeless people like they'll work for their food. like if anyone need some manpower we can make them help and that's how they'll earn it aside from other centres
- I'd like more recognition of aboriginal concerns and to hear aboriginal voices more clearly in planning. I'd also like more focus directed towards the opportunities we as a city and community can create for teenagers and young adults to engage in growing the city of Calgary for their future.
- I have been on the very poor side living in Calgary for too many years. I don't know if city council realizes how much stress adds to my life worrying about how to pay for each item. I think the amounts for people on disability should be increased as much as possible. When I ask for help, I am directed to same places. It's great that while you are on the disability plans, you are able to work without any penalty. I can't work & NEED more money monthly IMMEDIATELY. With my diseases getting worse with stress having more money would let me have a better quality of life. I'm talking about keeping up with cost of living in Calgary. Right now I'm considered very poor & @ the low end of disability payments. And of course I'm not alone. We have clothing swaps, pantry swaps just so we don't have the same stuff with out buying new things. Plus even the food banks are handing out less food. Really require the Calgary Housing subsidy programme IMMEDIATELY or more monthly money for the disabled unable to work.
- Invest wisely now keeping in mind the future of the city. A great city that has great infrastructure, green spaces, and community support will attract people even when economy is poor.
- Consider what taxpayers are receiving for their tax money, and listen to the people. As well, one of my biggest concerns is affordable living. I have a 22 year old who has just finished 4 years of school, and there are no



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affordable apartments for rent. Now.... with the refugees in the city, there will now be even less options for him. It's a real worry for our born in Canada children

- I want council to reduce operating expenses across the board, reduce salaries of middle-upper management and the police, make user pay a priority and provide more assistance to the poor in housing.
- Our communities need more opportunities to talk to each other. Community organizations need to continue to be supported so that it is easier to bring people together. Knowing our neighbours is the best way to help each other and get to know the children and seniors who are our neighbours and are quite often the most vulnerable members in our community.
- I wan council do some thing about afordeble house. It is time.
- Help local start-ups and increase mental wellness initiatives (affordable housing, kindness week, mental health research and services, anti-racism, pro LGBTTTQQ initiatives) etc...
- Address the homeless situation in the core.
- I want council to continue to focus on additional rec programs and spaces in newer neighborhoods
- "We cannot sprawl forever.
- Some good movement has been made towards having new development pay more of the real costs of development.
- More regional planning is needed.
- Is ""downtown"" a dead/dying concept? In reality we are still a small city that is readily vehicle accessible so downtown as a 'place' still has traction. Wish I had some alternatives to suggest!
- Finally one thing I am really fed up on is the long standing subsidy by all taxpayers of those who live in floodplains. There is no longer any excuse for continuing this."
- Keep in mind the children, the at risk , the environment and the calgariana starting businesses vs. The multinational companies.
- Lower rent and hold public transit to a higher standard
- I want city council to encourage the growth of this city. By this I want regulations discouraging small business from operating in their homes, the local business taxes and regulated taxi services to be eased, or better, eliminated. Uber is a great example of the taxi market being fundamentally changed by private enterprise. The city needs to get out of the way. Secondary suites are another. The will always exist and making extremely difficult codes in the interest of public safety does nothing to discourage their existence. Let people and consumers decide what they want and reduce the friction in this economy
- Be fiscally responsible while supporting the citizens if calgary. Including the less fortunate and homeless
- I want Council to address the needs of the disabled and elderly. I also want better mental health options. Finally, there is no reason in a city like Calgary, that we should have homeless. Poverty and homelessness must be addressed right here in the city.
- be harder on police who are not doing their job properly, abusing their power
- Acknowledge the inaffordability of core living when they are pouring money and development into just the core. High rises are a nice additive, however, not very many people can afford to pay the cost of living downtown which is why outlying communities exist. Additional services and attractions for those who already have the means to live in nicer areas seems to be an unreasonable and inefficient way of developing our city
- Use taxpayer money on important necessary problems such as road maintenance and construction. Spend less money on recreation buying artwork etc. Spend more on getting low income people jobs and accommodation.
- think about the growth of the city and the need for city run recreational sites through out the site specially south of fish creek. A lot of people can't afford places like the YMCA



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- I would like to see council get Calgary back to work, provide affordable housing for those in need and keep us safe during this downturn in the economy
- Be more proactive in diversifying business economy. Quicker/easier access to support and services.
- Development and growth of middle and lowest income people. Outreach to the middle and low income families
- Do what it takes to prevent further declines in the housing market
- Don't ignore the needs of the suburbs.
- Rethink the city's economy. Focus on education and the arts.
- Clean up the streets
- I would like the council to want to fix the economy starting with the people, put the homeless in homes, create more homeless shelters. I have this idea in my head that you could create a homeless shelter where you employ people who are homeless and train them for the job and they could help other people in their situation, that way you get more homeless people off the streets, because a lot of them will relate to the people working there and feel more comfortable, and they will be inspired as well. Its a win win. We need to stop focussing so much on how to get across the city easier and more on education, schools, the arts. There is always construction in calgary and new buildings being built or new parks, while the schools keep having to make budhet cuts and the classrooms grow bigger. And not to mention the natives, it is almost as if they have been forgotten, remember the people the real people who gifted this land to us. What have we done for them?
- Please implement a sliding scale for the Fair Entry Program. Thank you.
- Create a safe city to live in. With a depressed economy comes increased crime. Create new full time jobs to help get people back to work. Think necessities and forget luxuries. Like individuals have to do, save funds for necessary projects, shelve luxuries like art, sport facilities, "fluff".
- Reinvent the downtown core and make it a hotspot for activity all day and night
- Help with lowering our high housing prices. Difficult for first time home buyers
- Please be wise with you spending of money, I feel that most of it goes to waste for things that are unruly and even when actions plans are taken, there is hardly even an impact that is noticeable to citizens of Calgary. Most of the time and money is put to waste and USEFUL decisions should actually be made to improve things like the environment, safety. Along with improvement of education for children to become involved in understanding taxes, bill payments and all other regular adult responsibilities that i have as a young adult was never taught to understand when i had to grow up, move out and learn to have a stable life on my own.
- Take action on the homelessness issue. Its unconscionable in the midst of all of our great wealth that we tolerate people living without basic necessities.
- More (plentiful) affordable housing?
- Downtown needs a night life. Festivals that aren't corporate cash cows would be nice
- I'd like to somehow see something of suggestions for the community and citizens to try to come together to stop the racism, hate, and bigotry that's been rampant in our city regarding the refugee crisis, and to try and help local businesses.
- I want City Council to listen to the average Calgarian. I also want City Council to take advice from other happy cities, and maintain existing affordable housing areas (trailer parks, etc) instead of bulldozing them and punting people out of their homes in the name of "progress"
- Plan for long-term growth, housing affordability and diversifying Calgary's economy
- I want council to be more for and from the people, to stop wasting money on mindless attraction and permanent art installs and spend on redevelopment and helping the homeless find work and shelter, and rehabilitation. Our city will never be one of the greats until we start working on and with eachother to make every life easier. I also believe affordable housing should be another top priority, aswell enforcing regulations



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upon landlords and tenants within the city, and creating a safety net for young renters in Calgary. Possibly setting an example for the rest of Canada in the process? So many great countries began with radicalization of one city/community, so why can't we? The leaders of our city are so involved and distracted by making the city look great, that they've forgotten the everyday people who live inside it.

- Stop controlling the cab industry. It is bad for a city to try to be in this type of business. Let as many as possible people buy a permit/license that is regulated and let each cab driver/company run it as a business. Let the competition rule. This will provide more providers and more cabs. Make Calgary Transit and actual service and not a random appearance of buses and LRT. We need a service you can rely on, just like they do in other major north American cities. Calgary Transit is a joke. It is a moving homeless shelter. Which also created by council by not getting more affordable housing.
- To keep services such as health, education, transport a priority.
- Make more jobs at the city and stable economy. Focus on your people, make more opportunities. And most of all safety and security of calgarians. Top 1 for me. Safety of the people. Focus also on motorist violators. When I came here it was better at the road now the drivers of calgary are even worst now. No. 1 road sign or rules violators.
- Consider standard of living for Calgarian.
- Many older communities have less access to affordable, trust worthy child care in their communities. Something needs to be done to help families who need to work or go to school find a great safe place to take their children!!
- Address flood mitigation to protect the downtown
- "There are a lot of people at the moment losing their jobs, losing their house, losing everything because of the economy.
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- Losing their well-being that they've constructed over years in Calgary, if not their whole lives.
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- My girlfriend is one of them, she has to sell her house - while trying to take care of a child.
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- I myself on the other hand am at the opposite end of the spectrum, young, potential student.
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- I live on my own with no support - I have to pay rent, food and all the other mandatory things to keep myself alive and well.
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- All at 15,000 dollars a year, because my work keeps cutting hours and downsizing.
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- I'd like to see a thriving economy, that flourishes into a thriving community.
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- When people are happy and safe because their lives , jobs and well being are not teetering on the line, they help produce a thriving city that will grow into the future.
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- At the moment there is a lot of fear - and it feels like a wilting flower , all because of the fuel of the soil is being drained - it's time to find new fuel.
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- I know it's not easy - far for it, I can't imagine what it's like to run a city on such a large scale.



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- I just don't want to be scared and unsure of my future - I grew up in this city, and I'd like to stay here, safe, secure. it's a great place to grow with a family."
- housing for Canadian single mother over 30 yrs . cause Calgary housing help only when you become homeless
- Lower residential taxes, stop thinking of residents as on demand blood bags to fund any and every project proposed, stop permitting so many concurrent construction projects (makes getting around Calgary very difficult), improve roads and pedestrian safety (the bike lanes have added to driver impatience and put pedestrians at risk).
- allocated more resources to recycling program and cops to do photo radar in residential and more by law to ticket where people are not supposed to park and bad pet owners at the dog park
- Spend more money on educations. Consolidate our health systems, especially family doctors are sometimes waste our money and time.
- I want Council to not allow secondary suites in wards that they are not already approved for.
- I would like to see council focus on improving the safety and well being for citizens. I am concerned about what seems to be a growing incidence of gang activities involving knives, guns, etc.
- improvement in emergency and also more see trains
- I would like them to consider long term needs of the community, including the changing demographics (more immigrants, more people over age 55.
- I want Council to enforce laws to ensure the whole City of Calgary is clean and anyone who throws litters around or does not throw garbage properly should be fined.
- I want Council to ensure when looking at development to open zoning to allow for more secondary suits, in home businesses, or small businesses - gone are the days of a storefront with a home over top like you used to see in Bridgeland and older areas like that.
- "Consider investments made to our infrastructure contribute to Calgary's future. Invest in all communities, not just new subdivisions, widen roads, expand LRT capacity/ new lines, plant trees, invest in green spaces and planting Native drought tolerant plants/trees. Install Rain gardens to use rain water wisely. I contacted my alderman about having trees planted along Stoney Trail to block noise and beautify the area and was told it would not happen. I understand its a transportation and utility corridor. There is more than enough room to plant trees along the road without encumbering buried utilities, and in the event the trees need to be dug up, then we are not for worse. More likely than not, the trees life will end sooner than having the need to excavate the utilities or widen the roads. Development is fine, but development should include landscape features, not just grass boulevards..
- Inner city communities need to be affordable and accessible to keep them alive. Schools need to be built in the outer new subdivisions. All of this has been said before.
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- Instead of green cart composting material being sent to Calgary landfills, why not encourage community composting areas where compost can be taken home freely. Encourage community Gardening. Etc...."
- "stop spending our taxes on transportation: instead try to help the homeless and stop the rising crime problems.
- All we hear about is crime and gangs--- pls do something!"
- remember that people are our most important resource and when times get tough building community is more important than trying to do everything for everyone. Communication is extremely important to get us (the citizens) on side with building a better city and maintaining our quality of life.



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- Ensure Calgary is a safe place to live and remains financially responsible.
- think local first. We have to live in the city many companies choose to do business in and tourist travel to. Please continue to make Calgary a desirable place for people to work AND live in.
- "Stop pandering to unions- public unions working for the city, taxi unions blocking Uber, etc.
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- Upgrade the infrastructure. Charge incoming residents for the upgrades. If it slows down the influx, that's even better.
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- Help industry diversify but get out and support the oil patch more. If people don't like our primary industry they can go live somewhere else.
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- Don't you DARE provide public funds for a new stadium complex. What a sham. Ask St. Louis how they're going to pay for their football stadium now that the Rams went back to LA. Ken King and the Flames don't need to operate at such a huge (undisclosed) profit margin. I love the Flames. Have since '89 even though they're terrible this year. But I will happily subsidize the cost of a new stadium when I go to the game. The city can chip in for infrastructure upgrades, but not a penny for the facility."
- Create a vibrant city with options for its citizens. A city that functions and is culturally endowed. Build interchanges on Skeletal Roads (14th Street and Anderson) as well as making it a BRT Zone. Create Cultural and Business HUBS that provide opportunity, jobs, and diversity in our city. Allow Rezoning and smart development of older neighborhoods while concurrently setting current and forward thinking planning on new communities. Oil and Gas are obviously important to our city but we could make our city so much more, Music "Music Mile" is a start, the Calgary Expo encourages the Pop culture arts, the Visual Arts sorely need a space for artists to live and work, Authors and Writers find the city lacking (it doesn't have to be), film production has finally got a start with the Calgary Film Centre, IT needs a cluster/Hub, Bio Tech, Clean Industries, etc. Calgary is a great city, we could be so much more!
- "- implement composting program
- - have energy savings/efficiency programs
- - preserve natural environment when developing new communities and do not fast track development plans
- - diversify economy"
- Make older middle class communities (i.e. Somerset) attractive and able to compete with new communities that have private lakes and new spray parks. More and more homes are becoming rental properties which often increases crime, rather than a community proud in the ownership of their home. Also cell tower locations need to be mandatory parts of Area Structure Plans so people can choose to live where a tower may be built rather than forced to move if they can't live near one.
- I like City Council put up closer relationship to their community for improvement of infrastructure and Roads, sidewalk, and traffic safety
- I would like the Council to consider steady and matured growth in the long run. There will always be economic booms and busts; that's the nature of Alberta, however, Calgary should take measured growth into consideration. Investment in older communities rather than promoting urban sprawl. Investment in facilities that enrich neighborhoods rather than building new shopping centres to attract home builders.
- The city needs to become more dense, including downtown. Accept more high rise condos downtown to increase the amount of people staying downtown after 5pm. Make the SE more accessible by train to downtown to reduce congestion. Create more culture/arts to attract tourism.



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- Please be strength focused. Let us focus forward and promote inclusion of our citizens. We are better together. And, thank you.
- "Add/change roads in SE Calgary to help keep cars moving (rush hour in SE Calgary - e.g. Deerfoot Trail - needs significant improvements).
- More recreational facilities in SE Calgary - swimming pools, etc."
- Respect the local communities and the investment Calgarians have made.
- Without safety, recreation opportunities and infrastructure upgrades and all else doesn't matter. The foundation needs to be a safe community to live, work, and raise children in. Thanks for asking.
- safe active family life for ALL Calgarians
- I want council to take climate change seriously, invest in upgrading our infrastructure and communities, and focus on making it the cleanest, healthiest and best city to live in.
- Making Monteray neighbourhood feel safer.
- Approve Uber taxi's, Get moving on the public transportation, Get moving on the new recreation and stadium plans for all Calgarians, get the cultural centres approved and implemented. Our medical services and quality of medical personnel needs a very serious update and overhaul. Too many mistakes are being made and access is severley restricted, causing preventable casualties/deaths
- "I would like City Council to consider the needs of all Calgarians, particularly those with diverse needs: mobility/sensory challenges, ages, economic.
- We're making some great progress in these areas (transit is a successful example); can we expand this thinking to neighbourhood spaces - which may be small enclaves and not necessarily large facilities. Help people to stay in their neighbourhood of choice and connect with others there, as a means of informal support."
- Stop bothering about catering to the vocal minority of bikers (get rid of the bike lanes, waste of money and ink space) and work on the bigger issues that will benefit the whole city, such as more free arts and culture opportunities and supporting large and small businesses through tax, red tape and approvals reduction.
- "Focus action on the effective and efficient city planning and management. Priotity on the basics such as transportation, policing, fire, infrastructure, etc.
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- With so many Calgarians suffering economically direct our actions towards reduced expenditures (result is reduced business and property taxes). Defer the optional--examples -- Defer more bike lanes, Olympic plaza and other cosmetic redevelopments until times improve. Avoid anything someone on council identifies with the statement ""it will make us like (name other great city)""."
- Keep the funding to employ recreation programmers and maintain the free Calgary After School programs in the CN (Calgary Neighborhoods) division! The children and families that utilize these programs is immense!
- I would like Council to consider the long term effects of decisions they make for this City and area. ie if they want Calgary to grow, they have to have a better plan for roads/highways, make the transit system run well outside of peak hours and expand it so it becomes user friendly to all the City not just the core, I don't think city grants should discriminate against communities not considered 'high risk'
- The action plan should ensure that all Calgarian's have an oppportunity for financial, housing and social stability.
- more jobs, more seniors programs
- I want council to plan for more affordable daycare
- Calgary is a diverse city which is always expanding. I think Council should provide its citizens with opportunities and access to jobs, community services and a healthy environment.



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- Have more city programmes that help the disabled be able to live on their own, but offer help to continue to be able to live on their own with help from agencies similar to private home care, like offer light house keeping, help people shop & bring up their groceries. These kind of services are available to people who can pay for it, but when you are on disability programmes, you have to count every cent per month. When you are disabled, this kind of service would change the disabled lives immensely. Also, please transfer more funds from the AISH programme to a more sustainable amount for the disabled, to at least allow the disabled to have less stress in their lives to eat & live as normal persons.
- To be more aware of the unnecessary changes Calgary Neighborhoods are making. At this time of the economic concerns staff changes to align with new ward structure should not occur. This has many detrimental and costly processes associated with it. This does not look good in the community's eyes as we have had a high turnover in staff already and to uproot more of our relationships at this time is not productive. Why take a knee jerk reaction to the changes and wait for the new election to take place, that way we have a better chance to provide sustainability, trust and unflinching cost spending of employees moving offices and groups.
- Fairness & equality for residents in different communities.
- create more family friendly events in the city. Affordable festivals, carnivals etc. Even if they are charity related. Something fun for families to get out and enjoy the city.
- The future scalability of communities, roadways and environmental sustainability is paramount in sustaining this city. Aside from that, developing culture and an inviting economic and tourist environment is paramount.
- Look beyond their own wards and inner city development needs. The SE quadrant of Calgary has seen massive growth and population change and yet we continue to be challenged by lack of social and recreational services, not to mention a rail line to DT. The Green Trak does not fix that issue. The BRT tried that and it has to stop at all the same traffic lights and congestion that cars do. Stoney Trail didn't alleviate congestion on Deerfoot and the South portion of Cranston has one access/egress that creates safety issues and daily traffic congestion at the signal light into the community. The 2nd entry is governed by the province and isn't on their current action plan. The City needs to exert their influence here to correct the problem.
- Find ways to create jobs to help the members of communities thrive. I would like them to come up with plans to lower all of the crime that is happening in the communities. I would also like them to review adding more alternative schooling such as montessori to more schools in the CBE. There are more people interested in alternative schooling every year and it is hard to get your child the education you want them to have with limited space. Parents do not like how and what the schools are teaching and are turning to programs that teach the old methods.
- GREEN SPACES. PERSONAL SPACES. WIDER ROADS. MORE OFF-STREET PARKING. C-TRAINS RAISED TRACKS AND PLATFORMS.
- Calgary has really great potential, but the culture scene needs to grow. Developing the downtown into an urban metropolis with more residential options could bring diversity and opportunity for growth.
- I want council to prioritize the needs of a younger generation. We deserve affordable housing, reliable and safe transportation, and to enjoy a quality standard of living while we work towards our educational, professional, and economic goals.
- I want council to address traffic conditions, monitor growth and support the arts.
- focus on diversifying business away from oil and attract other industries to calgary. Develop more pedestrian and cycle friendly pathway systems, and finally recognize that by funding the needy, we are not necessarily helping them get out of the trap that occurs. Overall, I think the city councillors have done a great job. Communities in the suburbs need to start developing pedestrian friendly areas that are fun to be in (East



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village is starting to take this shape), instead of big box sprawl, areas (for example) Crowfoot, could be developed to be a restaurant hub, a low key entertainment place etc.

- I want council to keep in mind that while Calgary is a city of wealthy people, it is important to remember that there are a lot of new families just starting out and it is important to remember to keep things affordable for them in order to keep them in Calgary. Childcare, parking, housing, etc are getting very costly for middle income families
- I want council to stop the urban sprawl and continue growing our culture and communities.
- Improve recreation options by creating more affordable gyms
- Focus on the greater good for all Calgarians. There are thousands of people affected by the economic downturn and we would be remiss not to rally and ensure that Calgary becomes a much more diverse city in terms of industry and social support programs
- Think about all the young families in the suburbs and the increase in traffic in these areas and strive to invest in proper marked crossings. Maybe think about more roundabouts instead of 4 way stops to keep traffic flowing when it isn't a major busy intersection. Get proper infrastructure into new communities before/while building.
- BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE, MONEY WISE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR POOR AND SENIORS, TRANSPORTATION, ALL A GREAT CITY SHOULD HAVE, ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR POOREST, NOT YOUR RICHEST..... UNDERSTAND
- Keep City employees accountable at all levels, from upper management right down to the folks that process permit applications and keep public properties clean and tidy.
- Look into the rise in crime rate especially breaking and entering and theft.
- Jimmie Condon arean expansion to NHL size.
- "Long term solutions
- Meaningful change (not for the sake of it)
- More walkable, self-sustaining communities"
- Please consider moving forward on the new "Calgary Next Dome" as this would affect so many areas - jobs in short and long term, tourism, business development, culture/art, quality of life in our city.
- Please consider promoting anti racial/religion/color/gender discrimination. I still see a lot of people, especially whites with a 'hate' or discrimination against non whites. I dont know how to do this, but repeated messages may lessen or better defeat discrimination.
- I want Council to keep in mind putting a bandage on problems does not make a problem go away. Showing train times is useless when the train is "delayed". Putting flowers in neighbourhoods does not negate crime. Please focus on long-term solutions that benefit the majority.
- We as community in Copperfield, New Brighton, Copperpond are very deprived for not having any near sports facilities, LRT and public transit services. We have act now on the LRT and city recreation facilities. We need more libraries; not car show room in our in our community.
- Greenline lrt. Southeast rec center and high school. Lower taxes. Efficient use of money. Garbage system like edmonton.
- There's a lot of things that you could do, honestly. Because there's really not a lot of things to do in Calgary in general - other than go to a mall or hike around a prairie/mountain. Especially for older teens who are just under the age limit to do adult things. It's just a boring city to live in that many people want to get out of as soon as possible. Also, the transit routes are absolutely TERRIBLE. Poorly planned and inconvenient - no hospitals unless you're on a specific bus, no airport unless you're on another specific bus - it gets you pretty



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close to where you want to go/where everything is happening (when there ever is anything happening), but just never actually where you want to go. Disappointing.

- I want council to remember the importance of a vibrant arts community in Calgary.
- I want council to consider updating major attractions like the saddledome and McMahon stadium
- Continue to make Calgary a safe and viable city. I was born and raised here, I would like to see Calgary continue to grow as a community, hire within the people living here, have projects hired from at home not looked at abroad. Keep our green spaces green, and work on getting our medical system more efficient!
- I want council to have Calgary become a world leader in protecting the delicate balance between providing services and safety of its citizens and protecting the natural beauty of its surroundings including air, water and all wildlife.
- When you approve a new community, while y think about businesses, bus routes, fire station etc. why do you forget schools? Why do y not get the CBE on board to have a cool ready when the community is complete? I hate the fact that my 5 year old has to take the bus an hour each way, to and from school.
- recognize that a city of this size needs to be able to attract and maintain music and sports. So, I am in favour of some public monies (or resources) to be used to build a new arena complex
- "Ensure that the SE gets better transit systems and options.
- All new parks should have washroom facilities to allow families to spend the day outdoors instead of being constrained by public facilities not being available."
- Please keep outdoor areas accessible to the public as much as possible.
- Stop wasting money on ridiculous art projects and bike lanes. Get traffic flowing properly in this city - there is no way Crowchild and Deerfoot should back up the way they do. We need more affordable housing, projects that will create jobs and diversity from the oil industry. We also need viable options for the lack of taxis. Stop supporting the industry that doesn't serve the people.
- Put the money back into the community parks and services
- Address homelessness.
- Difference in cultures and backgrounds
- Focus on assisting those who are struggling with homelessness
- I want council to consider to decentralize many of the services and programs so that they become easier accessible for the greying population. Maybe each quadrant should have their own "quadrant council made up by citizens of the various communities. The "quadrant council can then report to city council.
- Make more communities like currie barracks
- "Sidewalks on 40 the avenue
- Centre to Edmonton trail had no sidewalks but now you've heard us - it's an improvement
- Focus on infrastructure is water services sidewalks etc
- Quality is poor with external vendors being used
- Do you go with sole contractor or cheapest bid??
- Keep up quality of infrastructure up and budget for it
- Especial focus on older areas
- Focus on storm water systems as you develop more roads etc
- Environment is key as well when considering development
- Consider environment as we link to support regional areas and smaller neighbouring cities and communities"



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- Place heavy focus on local community shops, grocery and cafes. Bring walking and socializing back to local communities. Provide tax rebates for residents who renovate homes and improve the 'walk score' of their neighbourhood.
- We need affordable housing to solve the homeless problem, and to encourage people to get better in life. Also some City of Calgary employees are taking advantage of the power/positions.
- "Continue to be mindful of inclusion, diversity, food security and affordable housing.
- Continue to offer family focused affordable activities.
- Continue to engage the vulnerable in meaningful conversation in what supports they need to lead productive, inclusive, rich lives.
- Continue to develop partnerships that make kindness a part of our proud culture!
- Great work everybody, thank you!"
- Help create an inclusive city. Access to housing, all modes of transportation including transit, social programs
- That there needs to be accessible transit to new and existing communities it feels as if there has been so much focus on much of the new infrastructure and that what has been established has been left to rot so to speak
- More parks and fields in communities
- Focus on a stronger community will naturally cut down on crime
- Reduce charges for Vevo (recreational facility at Country Hills NW)
- It's the middle and lower class that keep the forgotten communities alive.....why does the expensive communities get better roads,transit,shelter for transit,city support for improvement?
- To focus on security to lower crimes against drugs
- "Transportation (bike,train,pedestrian)
- Environmental (recycling,renewable energy,composting)
- Community engagement (community hubs)"
- I want council to continue to fight for a renewable energy system in Calgary as well as develop the Ctrain line. Development of accessible housing is an absolute must!
- Keeping the community informed with what is happening, providing easy community recreation
- "-clear the snow better from pathways
- - improve pedestrian safety in residential communities - and not just via relying on people changing their behaviours. Invest money for crosswalk signals, and slow speed limits way down.
- - invest more in rec facilities - we desperately need more ice sheets in the NW"
- Make Calgary ready for next wave of immigration influx and emphasis on affordable housing solutions.
- Affordable Housing and Strong Local Economy
- A plan for Downtown West
- When Calgarians are asked they will put their full effort into helping out. From the '88 Olympics to the 2013 Flood, Calgarians are proud to volunteer; so let's put them to work, to strengthen our communities and help out each other.
- Deerfoot trail needs to be widened.....bottleneck at memorial dr to 64th.....due to poor planning. Need Fire and EMS services in new communities. Legislation to prevent builders building too close so that when one house goes up...it takes out the ones beside it....this is ridiculous!
- Playgrounds in the city parks in the bridlewood area. Not having just private school fencing in their playground so little ones can't use it.



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- Decrease the bureaucracy and time delays in construction. Take the focus a little bit out of the downtown core when considering what a walkable city is - think of those who do not have the luxury of opting to drive a car or use car2go; their only option is the bus or bicycle - and if on a bus, their stop ends at a place where there are no sidewalks; or intermittent sidewalks and traffic consists of large trucks, faster vehicle speeds. Ensure our seniors living in the older communities close to downtown, e.g., Bridgeland; are not facing excessive property taxes when faced with a fixed income that is likely outdated in its ability to keep up with the cost of living standard.
- "Single's dilemma, The diversification of living arrangements in the 21 century is evolving. Between 2006 and 2011, couples with children living at home continued to fall as a share of all census families. In 2011, 39.2% of census families were couples with children, whereas 44.5% were couples who did not have children, a widening of the gap first observed in 2006. (Page 1 para 7, Statistics Canada. Portrait of Families and Living Arrangements in Canada.) Additionally single person households are also increasing. The 2011 Census counted more one-person households (3,673,305) than couple households with children (3,524,915) for the first time. Between 2001 and 2011, the proportion of one-person households increased from 25.7% to 27.6% of all households, continuing an upward trend that has existed for many decades. (page 1, para 5, Statistics Canada, Canadian households in 2011: Type and growth) The 1981 Census marked the first time that one-person households surpassed households of five or more people. (Page 1 Para 2 figure 2 Canada Statistics, Fifty years of families in Canada 1961 to 2011) http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/98-312-x/2011003/fig/fig3_1-4-eng.cfm □ Only 9% of U.S. households fit that old definition of the ""normal"" family. □ A majority of families have no children under age 18. (Page 1 para3, Context Institute, The Changing American Family) My question raised is why community planners and builders are still solely focused on family based homes, estate homes and communities. I am single; I have no children and would like to purchase a detached home. The current options are limited (Condo and townhouses I agree are an option, however being crammed into a multi-person dwelling is different than owning your own detached home.) I have seen the surge of childfree retirement communities; let us be progressive and change with the times by rezoning land to offer residential detached community for childfree adults. Two bedroom homes, with a garage, reasonable square footage 1400ft or less. No requirement for schools, no required playground, in fact the area would be best suited for commercial spaces that would draw in revenue, gyms, and local pubs, restaurants, and small boutique business. Include trailed green spaces, and you have reached 50% of the new version of a family. Sincerely, Sheila Klimchuk sklimchukx1@gmail.com 780-799-5487 References: Statistics Canada, Portrait of Families and Living Arrangements in Canada <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/98-312-x/98-312-x2011001-eng.cfm> Statistics Canada, Canadian households in 2011: Type and growth http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/98-312-x/98-312-x2011003_2-eng.cfm Statistics Canada, Fifty Years of Families in Canada 1961 to 2011 http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/98-312-x/98-312-x2011003_1-eng.cfm Context Institute, The Changing American Family <http://www.context.org/iclib/ic21/fraser/> "
- Helping people get out of poverty.
- Flood mitigation is the priority. We should never have to go through the horrors of 2013 again. Recycling is important, the introduction of compost bins and the residence of Calgary should be supported in their efforts, we shouldn't have to pay to recycle (cardboard) at the infill sites. Would like to see more large city parks with a portion dedicated to off leash areas available for dog owners.
- Focus on the homeless and low income families
- Can the city do anything to institute some rent control?!
- Focus on jobs for sure and the economy



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- Settling immigrants and finding jobs
- Don't drop plan it priorities to increase density and make us sustainable
- Senior care
- Help find places for homeless
- Fair housing: landlord & Tenant Act. Rent is too high.
- Affordable housing
- Make downtown more alive J
- Social support
- People with mental health finding support and housing
- More indoor skate parks
- 2. More playgrounds in community
- 3. Need one more recreational centre in NE
- 2. library hrs should be 'till 10:30 pm
- Safety. House safety. Job Safety
- Safety for everyone, more routes in cold times. J
- Good pathways at Nose Hill park
- Love painted art on boxes! Wish that the ridge pathway was cleared in winter (Hanson Ranch NW)
- Pathways in Sandstone, McEwan, Beddington, Hidden Valley, Edgemont & area. Needs better snow removal. & the bobcat packs snow down on path.
- Invest in small art to beautify, not big expensive. (Make art plentiful by local artists)
- It is not aesthetic. There is no project like this in residential community in any large city in Canada
- Safety
- Police! - response times
- Affordable housing
- I want a big splash pool in the field
- I want a wobbly slide
- A super tall slide!! Yay!
- A library
- Hockey rink to play
- A splash park and a big park
- Rock climbing
- Monkey bars at the fireman park
- Affordable housing - especially co-op housing see sacha.org. I looked at Attainable Homes but after 5 minutes of number crunching, realized I could not afford the lowest priced one bedroom and the commute was 1.5 hrs by bus. Lovely idea though - a gifted down payment. I currently rent a 672 sq ft basemt suite for 1/2 my take home pay in Inglewood.
- Affordable housing. Landlords are reducing rents. Broker to connect renters to landlord
- Keep the community programs we have in Hillhurst
- Affordable housing is important but wait list is too long! Over 2500!
- Better policing and enforcement of rules on transit x2
- More public art please!
- Child care is often full or not affordable
- Affordable housing! Rent standards



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- Limit dollars spent on artwork - art should not be fixed % should be a max \$ amount
- Flower baskets on the 8th Avenue Mall are fantastic KEEP THEM great +++++
- Recreational facilities
- Children's programs
- Service charges add up and make it too hard to live.
- Great community wise
- Spend surplus on city-provided day care - = more jobs
- Better programs for seniors
- Affordable rental units - currently too high
- Police walking in neighbourhood is awesome. (Keep it!)
- Help ethnic communities create community centres
- Better programs , jobs and shelters for the homeless population
- Global festivals that are big and attract people from all over
- Complete Bears paw Park. Need public access for fishing and enjoying river!
- 2. Rec facilities - more ice in NW
- Fighting crime is important to me.
- Some areas of Bowness (strip malls) could use revitalization -- feels sketchy at times
- More outdoor fitness equipment in Queen Elizabeth park.
- We are in an economic down turn and it is effecting everyone in a different way. Offering different options for employment, affordable entertainment and programs, and more affordable modes of transportation around the city is key. Thank you!
- We can support everyone's need, but not everyone's greed. Stop building and approving suburbs, create housing for homeless populations, diversify the local economy to small businesses, and start producing food within the city limits. Reclaim unused plots of land and create urban farms to feed the city from within the city. There are two excellent plots along 16th Ave in the north that would be perfect for it!
- "Please don't forget about the beautiful older neighbourhoods in Calgary, they need funding to be maintained to keep this city looking great. As well maintaining older neighbourhoods will encourage young families to purchase homes in these areas.
- When it comes to our economy, let's look to the future and not get lost in the past. Oil and gas will not be the main energy source in the future, so let's take the time and money now to keep up with new advancements in technology and gear our economy more towards renewable and clean energy as well as cutting edge science and technology such as biomedical engineering. This is where the future is heading, let's be a leader in these fields instead of getting left behind!"
- keep our golf courses
- Quit focusing on denser developments like multi family apartments and condos because that is a huge headache for parking in existing communities. Start focusing more on capping rent and on secondary suite options.
- "No public debt.
- Constrain budget & tax increases to national inflation rates.
- No more unproductive and fixed ""art"" expenditures.
- Improve community access by increasing the number of roads and pathways into and out of them, not closing them off!
- Increase public park and open areas."



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- Foster a sustainable Calgary. Engage in community programs like teaching people how to grow food. Encourage Calgarians to be kind to their neighbors.
- I want council to work on creating an inclusive, accessible, equitable, and environmentally friendly city. I want the city to provide more resources for low income people & families as well as for homeless people. In addition, I want the city to reduce the police sweeps and end the criminalization of sex workers. Furthermore, I want safe injection sites available in every sector of the city. More low income housing, and accessible and affordable after school and summer programs available to children from families in every income bracket.
- Put an emphasis on transportation and infrastructure especially leisure and sports complexes.
- Consider trying to expand events into communities. Calgary is a large city and there are many arts and cultural events downtown but it would be nice to see individual communities holding more events like this. There are so many people in the city that if there were more events throughout each community it would make going to those events more manageable. It can be challenging to travel to an area where so many people are congregating. After living in Lethbridge it was very nice to have a smaller population. It made the events that they held more enjoyable and more people could participate in activities. I think it's also very important to try and have as many parks and green space worked into communities as possible. Urban centres that are in tune with nature create a happier population.
- I want the Council to keep in mind low income Calgarians, the disabled, and seniors in planning. Affordable, decent housing and help for the low income with paying for skyrocketing city utility bills. The charges on my water and sewer bill is outrageous and something has to be done. My water use for example is half of the average Calgarian, and yet what you charge me in fees and added charges feels like extortion and becomes a hardship for those of us on disability and fixed incomes.
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- I would like to see some changes that effect the younger generations entering the workforce, housing market etc. We always focus so much on the income levels when looking at the big issues. I think we need to look at helping the new young calgarians start their lives on a positive note in this amazing city.
- consider how poverty impacts all Calgarians negatively.
- Not to forget about the older communities. Maintenance of replacement of light standards instead of stringing wires from one another to get electricity. These are an eyesore. Invest in keeping older communities desirable. Like those wires strung in the Shawnessy/Millrise area. I'm sure other older communities have them as well.
- I would like public parks (& parking in parks) to be open to public in the evenings (i.e. open to later hours)
- Better process for Cas to access funds for services
- Fairness in how communities receive facilities
- Getting low cost/free rec facilities in Evergreen/Brid
- Safety of LRT stations
- Streamline process for Cas to plan events. Less red tape!
- Better off-leash enforcement.
- More dog parks
- Spend less .. Keep taxed low .. Introduce communities to calgarians by Hosting events & activities in different communities, don't have all the functions in downtown ..example canada day celebrations,have few activities



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at different communities, so people will discover and appreciate. Don't display art as 1 item piece. With high price tag!! Divide it into smaller pieces and give chance to other artists.. Artists with the help of local community can fundraise and display larger items

- Hello we are 2 kids who's names are [personal info removed]. We would like to have more of protective community. Because so far in our area there has been many crimes. We are also writing this because of the environment and our protection. We are in need of saving our forest. We should rather not cut trees to much. The forest is very important for wild life and is very important for us also. We need trees for us to breath. This is why we are doing this. To help our environment. We are doing this to help. I [personal info removed] am a former evacuee my house burned down. All of my friends are gone and im doing my best to help former get right back to shape.
- Improve transit trains to avoid train breakdowns and delays. Transit parking availability and costing. More off leash dog parks in ward 13. Thank you for checking in Diane.
- Clean up rundown buildings and abandoned land. These are eyesores that contribute to increased crime especially in the downtown/inner city neighbourhoods.
- I think we need to rethink our priorities and adjust our focus on essentials. Many projects that were once a good idea may need to be parked - transit to downtown and downtown infrastructure would be number one on my list to remove from the list. Downtown is a significantly different place than it was 2 years ago. I also think that property standards and safety are becoming more of a concern as the city deals with the economic issues it has not seen in a generation.
- We have an incredible city with beautiful views, vibrant people and strong community. However there are parts of our city that aren't keeping pace. We need a plan for how to deal with a continually aging McLeod Trail and 16th Ave. McLeod Trail, north of Heritage is not an accurate representation of the city and could be a much more effective use of real estate. Kick out the vape, sex and pawn shops and add green space, coffee shops, local retailers and inviting lighting. Increase the tax revenue and pedestrian traffic that uses this major artery of the city. Similar strategy can be applied to 16th avenue. Thank you
- Safety, education, cleanliness and easy access are the key aspects to a healthy city. Provide those and the right people will come to drive the economy and housing.
- Be efficient with the money that is given. Be creative. More festivals. More rec facilities. Excellent work making the inner city a destination to live, work and visit. Inspire citizens to make their city great on their own outside of government coffers. Continue with long term planning as the driving force of decision making.
- Shift funding from major road interchanges and freeway upgrades (Crowchild/Deerfoot) to the Green Line LRT. This is the most important project right now in YYC. If anything invest staff, money, to speed it up. With Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal leapfrogging us (who knows what will happen in Vancouver) on readiness to build rapid transit, we could face a shortage of LRT specific contractors/expertise. Put LRT funding into the greenfield land developer's development cost charges. If they're paying for freeway upgrades they can pay for LRT that goes right to the city edges too. It's not fair to have the current set up to automatically fund only one transportation form. Add a 4.5 cent per litre city-wide gas tax for Green Line funding via provincial share and just get on with it instead of waiting even longer for a city charter. Does anyone even mention the 4 cent per litre gas tax Jim Prentice put on? No. Reduce, or stop until the economy recovers, the unnecessary sidewalk and curb replacement as is going on right now in Brentwood. Does a flat, cracked sidewalk panel or chipped curb really need money spent on it compared to other things? Fat to be cut there. Make the cycle tracks permanent. Reduce risks to the taxpayer from higher carbon taxes. Plant more trees for a tree canopy along Bow River, Nose Creek, and other unused green space. Do less impermeable surfacing to allow water infiltration and mitigate storm water run-off. Simplify the zoning rules with fewer zoning categories, change



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zoning to match the ARPs, station plans, etc (people can still comment at DP stage) and put time limits (6 months) on engagement and development approval process, so infill developers have more certainty. Charge higher fees if you have to, to get it done faster. Freeze infill development on green space like golf courses- putting Confederation Creek in a culvert under a road through Highland is a travesty when just west they get parks. Get RouteAhead done, even if the SW BRT is replaced with construction only for the South Crosstown BRT. NW has West Campus, Stadium, new Cancer Centre, SAIT expansion, Green Line, infill, etc-16 Ave will need better transit. Is there anything YYC can do to shed its (and mitigate Alberta's) bad image (conservative, regressive, small-minded) to attract high potential industries such as IT, finance, or medical-related? Don't waste tax money on Flames/Stamps facilities.

- Quit spending beyond your mandate. Social housing is a provincial matter, keep it that way
- When doing budget cuts, please bear in mind some programs - low income social initiatives can reduce the load on other programs- like health care based on having a support network available.
- Please stop spreading salt on residential streets. It is harmful to houses, cement and the watershed. Higher density is fine, but consider what things will look like in 10, 20, 50 years if you go down this route. Nobody wants their children to ride a bus for an hour each way to go to school.
- I appreciate the hard work and thoughtful approach of our municipal government when it comes to budget management. I would like to see Calgary succeed with the remainder of our 4 year action plan but in light of the current economic climate I would like to see the utmost vigilance in monitoring "nice to have" expenditures while Calgarians find a higher degree of job/income security. The tax hike was a major shock to our families current budget and I would question some of the property assessment results in our neighbourhood. Also - Please don't buy any more blue rings like we have on airport trail. I'm sorry but that is a major "face palm" reminder every time I see that ugly / random / useless structure. Just to think that we used taxpayer dollars on that thing makes me furious.
- Think as a member of the community but for each age group as everyone might be affected differently. Don't cut what has taken a lot of effort to achieve. Sometimes things take a lot of effort to build and little to destroy.
- Reduce traffic congestion, crime reduction
- Cut costs but at the same time making sure that we continue to have a safe and innovative city.
- I would like to see a Hays evaluation completed and proper wages paid at the city. The city should not be paying at par with oil and gas. These employees are paid for potential instability of jobs. Furthermore part time workers are horribly over paid such as lifeguards making 30 dollars an hour compared to other recreational facilities in town. Finally our Councillors should take a wage freeze as they too are over paid and should have better planned not forcing this ridiculous reassessment. Please spend less time being trendy ie. Bike lanes and neighbourhood days and focus on essential services like roads, transit and parks. We are spending too much money in the wrong places like wages and think groups and not focusing on tried and true methods already in existence in other cities. We don't need to be special not in an economic downturn.
- Parking for families and students should be a priority. Some families work hard to be able to finally get a vehicle for their small children, but then realize that there's no parking where they need to go or that they need to pay for parking and sometimes only with a credit card. This needs to stop! I'm a single mother of 4 young boys and I go to school full time, and parking is so expensive and is impossible to find at times. Social programs are also a problem. For someone to have to go get help that is usually caught up on bills, I've been turned away because I'm not being cut off. This is really sad. Help should be available to everyone down and out. Not just homeless or having services turned off.
- in my opinion too much is spent on public art. big blue ring \$450,000. poop pump house light show \$250,000. I understand the need for some public art but should be sourced from local artists and products. and keep down



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costs. must of all stop with the property tax increases, its getting to the point we are considering a move out of Calgary as it has become to expensive and over taxed by all government levels . we live in lynnwood in se hard to see our streets and side walks in dis repair while counsel waists money and then raises our taxes again. just stop all the tax and waist attitudes. i work full time in oil and gas ind and still hard to make ends meet for sure we wont afford to retire in this city we love 25 years here and now will we will leave . thanks city hall [personal info removed]

- I support a sliding scale bus pass for seniors. Those with higher income can afford more. Continue the multi-purpose planning--combining services such as the new Library at the Westgate(?i always get that name wrong) C train station.
- The city needs to find a way to approve secondary suites without having to look at each application. This is a waste of your time, especially if good by laws are in place are safety and parking. Also there is a need to be more responsive to new housing options such as tiny houses, shared housing, etc., as more and more of us can not or do not want to purchase. Modest rent controls could also be something to consider. Lastly, before privatization of any services please ensure that the same level of service is provided and that it truly does save money--not just an ideology-based action--and that means too that those new workers are being fairly paid.
- Use many Calgarians as an example for yourselves who've been terrified of job loss and wage cuts. You should have thought about that through the last year that the economy has gone down so low. I didn't get a living wage increase, my boyfriend got a pay cut and all of city council has had increases. I can't believe you think you need to keep increasing taxes each year. There isn't a way to make due with current amounts? Cut your wages, not the city of Calgary's peoples needs and don't give out insane bonuses when times are tough. Group of selfish people thinking the only way they can have a zero dollar tax increase next year is by making cuts to what we use. Maybe reuse reduce recycle in your own offices (something I learned in elementary school).
- From my responses you may have guessed I am disabled. I've been in a power chair for 16 years. I've seen some changes such as more Handicap parking stalls, power buttons to open doors to a venue. Oops, no ramp, no handicapped bathroom, sidewalks not cleared, I go to several medical appointments in a month. New buildings with no power doors, hospitals that have been renovated with stalls so small the door has to be left ajar, paper towels and soap too high to reach, no power door on a bathroom that has an accessible sign. New communities that have given no thought to what it really means to have mobility issues of any kind. City Counsel should be insisting on having every new building fully accessible. When renovating accessibility should be a priority. You spend a fortune on art work to make Cagary pretty for new investors yet can't even repair sidewalks. You give yourselves raises while cutting services. Do you really care about The People who actually live in Calgary? If so, give the "glam" a break for a while.
- Please stop urban sprawling. Develop more apartment buildings. We need to build up, not out. People can't afford new homes, but they can afford reasonable rent
- Low income fees for school.... and having low income families to get more support in getting a child ready for school... and aish recipient get more help in there need also like help pay for da mage depoist for apartments..and I could go on with lots more but I no this will not get heard
- Please bare in mind that we are average people who have not had a wage increase in perhaps six -eight years. We simply can't afford to live here. I am better off than most but am finding it a challenge. Okotoks might be an option,unless it's annexed to expand the tax base. My neighbourhood is older (Parkland) and needs some attention, especially to Parkland Blvd. In comparison with Boavista it looks downright tacky with some little weird trees, not to mention cutting down trees on the ridge to accommodate the low pressure gas



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lines and to stop disease or because they were damaged. Just hope they're replaced, preferably with some nice one, like fruit. Then we could pick it when produce prices rise even more!

- Run the city like a business!!! Seek out and eliminate waste and corruption. Create green spaces instead of systematically destroying them. Eg Shawnee and harvest hill golf courses, COP development. Allowing developers to make cash contributions instead of preserving green space is a crime against the citizens, not to mention the environment. Dead tired of self promoting photo op/glory seeking mayors and city councillors. You know who you are.
- I love that our city protects and maintains many of its natural parks and cares about trees. The community tree planting program was great.
- Spend less on recreation ie outdoor rinks, sports programs, keep kid entertained programs Spend less on special interest groups ie seniors, and Social assistance. Think about deferring the organic / green recycle.
- Don't spend money wastefully on things like big blue circles. We can't afford increased property taxes along with increased food costs, gas costs and other fee increases. Times are tough, people are hurting, we need some relief. Keep things simple and status quo for now; maintain the roads, clear the garbage, maintain good emergency services, keep the dandelions under control. Don't spend more on bike lanes or transit ways. If anything, better recreation facilities are needed (soccer fields, gym complexes).
- 1. The taxpayers are short of cash. Household budgets are trimmed. Calgarians are hurting. Take a real look at operating budgets. 2. Environmental bandwagon. Climate change is a political agenda. Lets have clean safe water and look after our back yard. Calgary will not change the world climate with any of its initiatives.(Neither will Canada...the offenders are not on our soil. 3. Look to assist the people of Calgary. Politically it is lovely to assist Syrian refugees...but what about all the other Calgarians who need our help? Why do we spend our resources on foreign immigrants when we have Calgarians and Canadians who need the same assistance. Too busy on the political front to assist our home grown Canadians who need support.
- Please stop filling every green space in the city - leave the established communities alone as far as building on every space available. Provide the schools and recreational facilities that are necessary for a busy, growing vibrant city.
- 36 ST SE 17th Ave to 8 th Ave. City has ruined the community. City owned homes. Run down, weed infested, no maintenance, upkeep. City owns many EMPTY lots. Street is open to heavy traffic 365. City need to get out of the low cost housing, not be landlords. Demo their ugly homes, sell ALL the lots and other homeowners can buy build, live there. Get traffic off 36 ST SE. City has ruined this once nice, quiet street.
- If Calgary wants to become a more cosmopolitan city, then you need to stop developing suburban sprawl and focus on making communities stronger and more integrated and give people more options of what to do in their local community.
- Hold the project spending and say NO to special interest groups and developers for the next 2 years. Focus on just maintenance of roads, parks, boulevards, etc. No more so called art attached to projects. Do not build your BRT, green line, cycle tracks, bike paths, now with Calgary's economy tanked. No green bins. Focus on where your dollars are coming from and hold the line as your citizens are having to do. HOLD the line on bonuses for Mayor and City Councillors and deal with cutting back city employees raises and cut the number of city employees through attrition. Just hold on and governing this city like you realize we are in an economic downturn - recession - and listen to your citizens without the attitude of only pretending to but doing your own anyway plus Council must stop meeting behind closed doors 1/3 of the time to develop their very own spending game plan - heck with the citizen's purse, thanks.
- Services to help those that are affected by inequity and poverty are important services provided by municipal government in partnership with many stakeholders.



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- Green line north should not destroy older established communities. We purchased in these communities because of existing amenities and services. Get Mayor Nenshi to be quiet, his petulant personality has worn thin on many. He has become an embarrassment. I believe in modern and forward thinking officials but they must be thoughtful and respectful of opposition to their entrenched ideas.
- Please stop butchering up neighbourhoods and streets with bike lanes that are barely used out in the suburbs! As well rethink the green bin you are forcing on us, it's not needed in all areas. I agree with collection every 2nd week but don't make me take and pay for a bin I won't use, I don't need a rotting bin beside my house. Get a handle on or cap city employee salaries, I know they are union but they're paid very high wages that use too much tax dollars. Don't let that secondary suites idea of the mayors go through, it's ruining our crescent, the renters come and pile way too many in one house and clog the street up with five extra vehicles for one house and all of their junk on the driveway. Please finish Bowness park once and for all it seems like you have one guy rebuilding the park it is taking sooooo long. It's the only nice park in the NW. Open the concession there also.
- For me personally, the cycle tracks have brought a huge improvement in my quality of life. For my community, the priorities include flood mitigation and continuing to have affordable housing in densifying inner-city areas. For the city as a whole, leadership in environmental protection and education will help position us for sustainability in the post-carbon era.
- Quit building. Save our green space. Sick of how much building is going on taking up all our land
- Need to focus on having more family attractions more places for family's to take their children without a high cost and help working family's have lower health care benefits not just people on social services that way more children can get dental work done without parents worry about how they can afford it
- Look for ways to curb spending on nice to have projects such as public art and Bike lanes in order to keep our taxes low. With our current federal and provincial governments in place, The people of Calgary will not stand for further tax increases from our municipal government as well. Keep the city clean, enable efficient movement of people (which includes personal vehicles), and keep our inner and outer communities safe. Avoid trying to satisfy fringe movements by investing in costly programs. Also, enable diversification by lobbying to get head offices (mining companies for one) to move here from Toronto and Vancouver. Our cost of living is more affordable, taxes are lower and office space is cheaper.
- There is more to the bottom line than simply financial; rather develop and cut back so as to protect community well-being and joy.
- Employment and safety are the primary areas especially due to economic downturn
- I think it's time the city hold the developers more accountable for the newer communities they build. Put the responsibility on them to create new roads and infrastructure and don't let them just dump a Neighborhood once the building is complete - make sure they have a sustainable plan in place for a vibrant and healthy community. Also don't allow them to get away with adding single lane roads to and from communities - this means right from The access point of a community right to the major arteries in the city. The city continues to allow developers to build without first enforcing they put in proper, safe and efficient roadways first before doing anything else. It creates huge headaches for residents and traffic from already far out suburbs crawls into the centre of the city because developers are allowed to do the bare minimum. And of course developers will have to likely charge a bit more to home builders to make that happen but I think that's part of the price that is necessary to pay if people want to build large homes on the outskirts of the city. It comes with the territory. I also think the city needs to look at essential services and focus more of an importance there when spending money. Obviously people don't want to see medical services, law enforcement, etc. cut but there are a lot of non essential services that can be cut or cut down to make up some savings.



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- Stop growing outward. The costs to connect these new areas are so high. Inner city communities have old outdated infrastructure and pay higher taxes while the new communities keep getting all the new infrastructure and pay lower taxes. Transit is important. We are lucky in my neighbourhood to have a direct bus route to downtown. It can be ridiculously hard to get between communities. There is a bus trap cutting off the neighbourhoods to the east, making it faster to walk than drive.
- Please ensure that Calgary is a great place to live, especially the environment, safety and green spaces, while making sure to function and deliver in a frugal way. Subsidizing sports should be the lowest priority.
- Some of our inner city parks are high use and are looking very unkept. Lindsay park grass is in poor condition with many dirt patches lining pathways. The grounds around Talisman Centre are in poor condition.
- Lots of cool things have happened here lately, like the cycle tracks, car2go, etc. I really like that downtown is served well. However, I have chosen to purchase a suburban home so that I can keep my outdoor gear (like SUPs, hiking and camping items) as they provide a lot of wellness benefits. As a result, I have given up my option for safely and cost-efficiently getting home when celebrating a friend's birthday downtown, after work. The train is cost-effective, and not safe. Cabs are not cost-effective, and it's quite often not safe standing around waiting for your cab to arrive when wait-listed. Please give up the private wars with companies that have hurt your ego, and allow us more options.
- No property tax increases, especially for seniors, the ones that helped build this city over the last sixty years. I have paid my dues over and over again, my alley is full of potholes year after year no improvement. I do not want green kart pickup, do my own composting and do not expect to pay for something I do not need or use. Use that kart money to help restore the older communities to their former glory. Try to get rental properties to keep the properties looking good for the entire community.
- Should the economy stagnate or worsen then we must band together and work together to support the most vulnerable in our society. Cases of poor health, negative mental health, domestic violence, alcoholism and drug abuse increase where poverty increases - the longer more and more people are out of work, the higher the risks of these issues plaguing our society. We must encourage each other and support each other. The services supporting these individuals is paramount. Without them, there will be a strain on available services, a strain on the police force - people will not want to visit Calgary, citizens will not feel safe etc.
- Don't make changes to social programs like PUF or the FSCD.
- Continue to increase property tax (it can't be zero because there is a price to pay in the future). Any city councillor proposing for zero tax should be turfed out of office because it is short-sighted and selfish. The citizens will always vote for zero increase (what do you expect). But think of the future--aging facilities and roads that continue to need maintenance. Inflation does exist and will continue. And don't forget the poorer communities like those in the NE because they are often too busy making a living to be vocal and organize protests (unlike certain sectors or communities with more resources).
- Safety, Security, emergency services & crime prevention
- Need to figure out what is need and what is want to establish priorities, however keeping in mind that people's safety and wellbeing should always be paramount. This could include things like transportation accessibility, Road maintenance/traffic flow, recreational opportunities and the ability to participate in an inclusive, diverse community.
- Developing older areas to reflect environmental standards of new technology and building standards. For example, incentives to better insulate homes, solar energy, energy efficient windows. Renew and revitalize communities to prevent or reverse the "bad neighbourhood" areas of the city. Allow rental units in all areas of the city with appropriate inspections and standards.
- Please take care of our children and seniors



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- - reduce or maintain existing property taxes during economic downturn. - importance of providing incentives for businesses to remain in Calgary and opportunities for them to grow. - crime prevention should be highest priority given rise in unemployment and crime rates.
- Please have more green spaces and parks. Also, a beautification program consisting of planting many trees, as well as flowers galore. We all see too much concrete and glass. Traffic congestion problems, such as 14th Street, Glenmore Trail and Crowchild Trail must be addressed now! When one sees an ambulance trying to literally climb over congested traffic; it will make your own heart stand still!
- We have enough bike lanes that are not being utilized. Big waste of money there. We need more affordable housing for low income families and people trying to get on their feet during this difficult time.
- I would like to see council organize a program using some of our surplus and hire young students to clean up litter throughout the city. This could be organized in quadrants. We love to tell the world that we are a clean safe city for all. This would also help young students get employment this year since most won't have a chance because of struggling economy.
- Calgary really needs more affordable housing for low income and seniors.
- Continue with investments in essential services such as transit (SW BRT for example) and recreation (Keeping golf and leisure available and affordable) and butt out of the private sector with too many regulations and fees.
- Consider educating people before forcing new services or band-aid solutions on the citizens. Pedestrians should be informed how to look for cars in both directions before crossing; people need to be told the c-train is large, heavy and can kill. Backyard composting is more economical than a green cart that requires a heavy duty, gas guzzling truck to come around and pick up its contents. Look at ways to get people off the road - HOV lanes (and tolls on major routes during rush hour, for example); reduce accessibility of parking and/or road access to single person vehicles. Please also help keep our beautiful inner city communities unique and not allow too much growth that involves chain businesses.
- Focus on diversification, innovation incubation, attracting more head offices and high quality secondary suites and lane way housing, more mixed commercial/ residential developments.
- The Mayors position should only be for one term, I think the Mayor did a great job in dealing with the flood but is now far too interested in his own agenda and vanity projects. Uber would be a valuable asset in the City due to our poor transportation services. The Mayors arrogance and vanity projects don't work in our current economic situation. The city should be spending it's money on parks and recreation facilities for our youth instead of bike lanes that are only used by a few people for a few months of the year.
- There should be a requirement that there should be space reserved for at least 1 dog park in every new community being developed.
- Slow greenfield community development. Service existing and newer communities that are growing.
- Remember the aging portion of the population. Remember the need for secondary suites. Remember the nightmare that is Deerfoot and the joy that is Stoney Trail ring road.
- The City needs to rethink its property management strategy. The City makes poor development choices because it is set up in a way that prevents it from freely dealing with the lands it owns (say, selling some of them in order to fund the purchase of a better site or pre-existing building). The City is also the worst landlord out there - the lack of maintenance on its housing properties and parkades is shocking. And then a brand-new building like the Westbrook station sits empty - but for a relocated library that now has no parking! There has to be a way for the City to better manage its properties, at lower cost. Simply jacking up property taxes is not the answer - unless the City actually wants people to leave.
- No longer fund public art and downtown bikeways



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- Bikers biking to the downtown area daily should be required to pay for a license much like vehicle owners do. Occasional LRT users should not have to pay for parking at LRT stations. Large open grassy areas in many parts of the city - would like to see small bushes there like wild rose bushes or honeysuckle instead of the need to continuously cut the grass. Let the areas grow wild.
- Scrap all Arts and Culture spending as soon as possible.
- I think with this ever-increasing population, more enforcement on community standards/bylaws/responsible pet ownership would benefit the city and the citizens. There are not enough officers to patrol this large city. People need to be educated on the importance of picking up after their dogs, keeping their dogs on leash, safe outdoor fires... I could go on!
- Slow down unnecessary growth. City has gotten too big to handle present infrastructure. Need to do long term planning instead of knee jerk reactions. Maintain the green spaces ,Calgary known for this and getting less and less every year.
- I appreciate all the efforts and do feel everybody cares about our city! That said we need for scrutiny on ALL spending throughout the city by hiring more internal and external auditors. We also need for recreation facilities and absolutely need CalgaryNEXT to happen NOW. Thank you.
- Efficiency. Tighten your belts. Quite spending money on bike lanes in areas where they are not really needed. Forget about the green bin I won't use it. I can compost on my own. I was happy to take my recycling to a community recycling box. Our green spaces are full of long grass and dandelions. Our community parks and boulevards used to be maintained better.
- Leave the current single residential zoning in place in older established neighborhoods!! Only those wanting the green bins should register for them, have them delivered and pay for them. Those who won't use them should not be forced to pay for them!!
- - I read that the city was going to reduce garbage pickup to every other week. I am strongly against this idea. My mom has this in Victoria and has experienced a huge increase in mice/rats around her community, increased dumping etc. please reconsider. - the 14th street brt is a waste of money in my opinion. Buses are important but I don't think the community will start taking buses. 14th street is congested enough with personal vehicles. I don't see this improving with the brt. - great job clearing the roads this year!
- Communities that promote work life balance with a diversified business economy. Get transportation routes into the SE quadrant of Calgary.
- Some what huger taxes are not the end of the word. I think its more important to ensure that low income populations won't be hurt by budgeted cuts.
- As the economy plummets the crime rate is increasing in our neighborhood. With CPS changes to the house alarm response times and when they respond, they are enabling thieves to have more time to steal on real alarm calls. Even though the false alarm rate is high, 10% of calls are real putting residents at risk. We should be charging home owners on false alarms, not penalizing responsible alarm owners. Whoever came up with the new changes to the alarm permits should be replaced with someone with common sense and Calgary residents best interests at heart. All this to save money on Police dispatches. We are already short of Police, so instead of going after alarm owners let's get more officers.
- I would like them to look at older communities I have lived in the same area for 23 years and I the same house for 15 years my area is the same now as it was 25 years ago. The Huntington hills area has had NO improvements, NO new parks nothing it's not just new communities that pay taxes. My property taxes went up by almost \$800 for what we don't have a back ally, sidewalk, and I've only seen a snow plow 2-3 times in the last couple years the park down the road is a joke a swing and a slide wow big deal. I guess bottom line



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control spending that's the big one I think there is ALOT of waste and look at all areas of the city not just new or downtown.

- I would like our City Council to get it's spending under control. Recent tax increases are not acceptable! Union contracts need to be reviewed - both my husband (retired City employee) and myself (recently retired RN) agree that present wages and benefits are no longer reasonable and a lot of abuse (waste) occur - this needs to be addressed. My other concern is an urgent need for affordable Senior housing for middle income Seniors; most of us cannot afford the luxury high-rises presently being built (ie. Varsity - across from Dalhousie Stn)
- No more tax increases! We need well maintained and efficient roadways, weekly garbage pick must be maintained and please remove the charges for the garbage bins. Clean water and proper waste water treatment is extremely important We must also need a properly staffed and equipped fire department. the police service must also be well staffed and equipped to keep all of the city safe its time to get back to the basics and forget the nice to have's and certainly get out of the art business.
- Please be extremely mindful of our hard earned tax dollars. The costs the city has spent on bike lanes is ridiculous for the few that use them especially when we have snow 7 months of any given year. It simply is not viable. The bike/ walking paths throughout our parks are wonderful and would like these to be our focus.
- Council has little control over the current economic misfortunes. However, please don't let short-term economic pain outweigh the past vision. In spite of everything, Calgary's taxes and utilities - as per Saskatchewan Premier Wall's recent tweet - are still the lowest in the country. Yes, see how we can get most value for our taxes and fees but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. I don't like paying taxes like anyone but we are paying the price now for decades of low taxes and letting the development community get away with paying little to nothing. (If the developers and builders were so concerned about housing affordability, why not return all the money they have donated to charity to the people buying their houses?) Maybe revisit some of the odd public art decisions, but please protect our parks and water resources for current and future generations while improving our public transit to get more people off the road.

Growing Calgary

- Need for maintenance on existing infrastructure, not just new
- I want council to consider development around Loins Park as being more sustainable and rezone appropriate areas near there. (E.g. Briar Hill within 500m).
- reduce urban sprawl!
- "More CHILD FRIENDLY pubs/bars. Under 18 (with guardian) should be the standard at all times of day.
- Put a limit on the expansion of the city borders.
- Enact stronger Green Plans, eg. tax subsidy for 1. residence who have installed solar or wind, 2. businesses involved in Green Energy, or 3. any other Green innovative tech.
- Allow Uber or other new Apps/tech to operate,
- Bars to stay open longer."
- One thing that wasn't addressed in any of the categories is the need for a Calgary NEXT project. This is Canada's third largest city, but we have the oldest sporting arenas for professional level sports in the country. This needs to be changed.
- Focus on bigger strategic initiatives. Allow for development that aligns with strategic growth principles to occur quickly
- I want Council to consider urban sprawl. Part and parcel of this is ensuring older communities, as well as new, have increased residential (varied) development.



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- "Keep working to find non-oil based ways to grow Calgary's economy. Keep expanding bike networks (I appreciate what has been done already). Continue to manage the city in a financially responsible way.
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- Also, encouraging new residential and industry development to be higher density rather than sprawl is very important to me."
- Keep in mind seniors have limited income. Please keep property taxes reasonable and don't hike them for all residents just because some people have built expensive infills next to us. Please keep transit efficient and do not allow Uber to put taxi drivers out of business.
- work towards a safe and friendly city for all citizens. Encourage densification and discourage sprawl.
- I want council to be committed to affordable, deliberate growths throughout the city, not property developers buying up space to tear down and put up expensive, poorly built condo projects.
- "I want council to consider the diverse ethnicity of the city, educate more on environment. Reduction of waste and encouraging people on composting and Recycling would be a way to go. The way residents are being charged for the waste collection is just out of comprehension. Instead of promoting urban sprawl, we can focus more on population density.
- We can look forward to a more reliable and affordable transit systems.
- We can also look into a concept of Fruit green city (starting with apple trees plantation in the parks, or we can invite the residents to plant one fruit tree per household)
- Enable residents for ride share, car pooling to reduce the number of driver only vehicles on the road. I have seen a lot of seven seater vans on the roads with just a driver only (what a waste!) Provide something like green credit for ride sharing, that can be redeemed for some benefits on recreation."
- I would like Council to keep looking at projects that benefit all or most of Calgary, like the Green Line, and avoid ones that have huge and hidden charges (such as the remediation costs of the West Village) which will be aimed at only a portion of the population.
- I love my Green cart, I would like to see that available everywhere in Calgary communities/business areas. I do not like that we are growing out so fast that we are using up valuable farming land for business needs. I think it is a burden on our police, fire and EMS services to cover all the communities without a budget to cover this growing needs. Keeping in mind of our natural habitat areas should remain untouched and preserve as many as possible. I highly respect Mayor Nenshi for standing his ground for the best of the city of Calgary. I am one of the few native Calgarians who have seen many changes and feel that Mayor Nenshi truly understands the cares about this city.
- Keep with the long term vision to make Calgary great (and curb the sprawl!!).
- stay true to Alberta's rural roots :) I love that Calgary is a small town with big-city infrastructure. Please keep growing it this way!
- Make smart decisions now about urban planning to make sure we don't regret it in 30-50 years. No more sprawl!
- I want my standard of living to be increased by being able to see more sky scrapers when Look at the Calgary skyline.
- Curb sprawl! Build up, not out, stop building power centres on the fringes of the city full of big box stores. Stop overbuilding on housing when the city is seeing people leave due to the lagging economy.
- To give the suburbs equal rights with downtown, less emphasis on bike paths and consider the majority
- Strongly discouraging urban sprawl. Focusing on great communities for all! During times of hardship encouraging community involvement and community events and services. Great job!
- Figure out the arena development site



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- Stop wasting my money on cycle tracks that serve such a minute portion of the population. And don't give the Flames owners public money. The billionaire owners have all the money they need. Please fix Crowchild trail so there are no more intersections with lights.
- I have lived in Calgary for 30 years - my entire life. If the city contributes even one penny of public money toward building a new hockey arena for the Calgary Flames, I will be EXTREMELY disappointed with my hometown. Professional sports teams do not need public money, they are rich enough!!! Focus on the poor and middle-class who do need help!
- Reconsider whether large strip malls in our city's extremities are reasonable long-term solutions for citizens. The city seems to embrace "we've paved paradise to put up a parking lot."
- Any areas that are public spaces if redeveloped, no part should become anything other than a public space
- Livable, living city.
- I want City Council to not lose sight of the big picture. We may be in a downturn but I fully expect things to turn around. With that said, we still need to focus on growing our city in a responsible, efficient manner that has long-term vision. Stay the course!
- Please prioritize broader city and citizen interests ahead of special interests or lobby groups. Taxi operators and hockey teams may have loud voices, but their interests are not the same as the city or broader population.
- Remember that this is the west with lots of land we don't have to cram people into the city let's focus on less density and more space
- Be very careful about getting in bed with Sports corporations peddling development projects in which the tax payers subsidize billionaires.
- I appreciate that urban sprawl can be a concern, but not everyone wants to live in a condo. They want a house and backyard for the kids to play in and feel safe. I wish council would hear the Calgary citizens like myself. I also wish we would cease spending on "sculptures and art" throughout the city and get back to the basics of "maintaining" the city we have. The Blue O up north really seems to be such a waste of my hard earned dollars.
- Say no to Calgary Next and small business tax relief
- Lower taxes and limit regulation. Limit government interference.
- The CalgaryNext project will create tonnes of jobs, economic opportunity, and increase livability for all Calgarians and potential Calgarians. Invest in technology, bring in Uber and invest in new ventures in new industries in Calgary. You guys are doing great and I think we have a great government in place.
- Get rid of Unions - they do not have a place in society today. They just hold our citizens ransom for their demands. Focus on protecting our people. Keep Calgary interesting and alive but don't tax us to death. Stop growing Calgary!!!!
- I want Council to not spend monies on so-called Art projects as part of infrastructure (i.e., giant circle light standard on a bridge, \$50 million dollar bridges that are extremely difficult to repair, etc.) but instead to focus on green spaces that can be used by the public in any major works project.
- Seriously consider building the new sports venue for Flames,Stampeders, and other sports teams. This project will create many needed jobs during this downturn.
- Expedite west village development including the Next Project when formal application is received. allow Uber to offer service in YYC.
- "I want council and the mayor to take a broader view on the impact of their spending decisions."
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- Examples:
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- It makes little sense to use City reserve funds to help small business with their tax burden. The small and temporary tax relief will not save marginal businesses from failure. The NDP government has likely sealed their fates with implemented and future changes to the minimum wage. The tax relief offered by the City will not even offset the increase in wages in this short term plan.
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- When council is considering mega projects and funding of these projects they need to consider that the monies come out of the tax payers pockets no matter whether it comes from the municipal, provincial or federal governments. There should be a user pay approach taken for the funding of municipal projects. Taxes should be considerably higher for those residences and businesses who have higher infrastructure usage. For example residents in the inner city have lower usage of roads, water mains and sewers than those residents in the suburbs. Also consider that the residents of Calgary subsidize those in Airdrie, Cochrane, and Okatoks, for large number of City provided infrastructure and services. Consider tolls or paid passes for entry into the city for non-residents. This has actually been implemented in other municipalities, Beijing is an example."
- I want City Council to continue to find ways to reduce number of vehicles on roadways, especially those in city core. We cannot build any more roadways in the core, thus bike pathways, efficient transit and new transit routes (ex. rapid bus lines) will help decrease number of vehicles on roadways. Please, please continue current snow removal policy - much much better outcomes than previous snow removal policy. Finally, really like the idea of planning all key elements vital to new communities - pathways, commercial tenants, integrated public services, walkability factor, .. , prior to beginning construction.
- I want council to remember that not everyone works downtown. I drive because transit around the city - not downtown - is useless. It takes me 15 min in rush hour traffic to drive from my home in Braeside to work at Foothills medical centre, or 2 hours, one way, by transit! I drive. Also remember families need to travel around Calgary, doctor appts, sporting facilities for children I would like council members to try travelling from a suburb to an appointment with a baby and toddler in hand. i would like council to think of all citizens, not just the wealthy singles or families or child free couples who have the time to use transit or the money to live downtown.
- Stop the density around family communities. It brings crime, noise and traffic. Build the high density around new areas with c-train access.
- "while I support increasing density, neighbourhoods are being ruined by poorly built and poorly designed infills and duplexes. This should be more closely monitored and controlled.
- Community plazas and green spaces need to be preserved and more should be added - the art requirement is a great start."
- Approve money to build the Calgary Multisport Fieldhouse
- I want to see council work together with developers and builders Streamlining procedures and listing to the industry.
- not be swayed by political interest groups during elections, but to be more forward thinking and planning for a future expansion that is about proper urban planning.
- Grow Calgary!
- Ensure safety and quality in construction remains a top priority
- Calgary Next should NOT be publicly funded.
- "I want council to be very dilligent when considering development plans near railways. For instance a 30 meter setback is only designed to have derailed rail cars come to a stop before they hit a persons home. In slippery conditions that is an inadequate distance and of course it does nothing to mitigate against a rail car derailling and then leaking hazardous materials. I would also ask council to take a firm line on protecting our



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green spaces whether owned by the city or privately held. Densification as described in the MDP may have many benefits but it should not be done by allowing opportunistic developers convert our green spaces.

- In the current economic environment the city needs to be fiscally frugal and diligent. The city has continued to add costs to developers for city infrastructure and yet they also continue to raise property taxes (or keep talking about doing that)."
- Lower taxes, Lower overall city spending, greatly reduce funds for public art projects (let it be funded by private donations), and please increase lot sizes to create space for a suburban forest to cover and hide the sprawling monolithic suburbs
- Build the Green Line LRT immediately, and stop Calgary's landmass from getting any bigger.
- I want council to focus on diversifying our city economy, and encouraging green industries around the city. I would also like to see more green spaces, and city events that bring the community together. Also focus on putting through Calgary Next and the new arenas, as well as fixing crowchild.
- We need trees in suburbia & solar
- Consider more efficient use of land not continuous expansion by annexation
- Prioritize urban redevelopment and densification.
- Consider how they would like Calgary to be known among its citizens and the world 10,20, 30 years from now; do we want to be just another city, or be one that can be a shining example to the world of how we can bring together sustainable transportation, continued growth, and smart community planning successfully?
- stop the urban sprawl in Calgary and build up!!!
- Upgrade dam at Bearspaw to generate electricity for more than just it's own pumps. Install solar on all new construction. Follow the examples of Bogota and Copenhagen regarding dedicated bus and cycling roads. Encourage small business, home based business. Allow secondary suites. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Allow backyard chickens.
- As more Calgarians are losing their jobs, I think our elected officials should freeze their salaries and find ways to be as cost efficient in delivering services to the taxpayers. We should take advantage of the high unemployment rates in our city and province as well as low interest rates to do much needed infrastructures including the Calgary Next. We should set up a registered charitable organization to raise some funds to help finance this project and I, for one will contribute and help in raising some funds for this much needed infrastructure to attract international athletes to our city and further improve our reputation around the world as a destination of choice for tourists.
- Reject Calgary Next Arena. Focus on diversifying the economy, and enabling residents/community to support local businesses, access to local markets, etc.
- I want city council to keep in mind of the diversity of this city. Listening to all communities in the city such as marginalized groups, immigrants, and so on is extremely important. I believe every citizen in this city should have a say and providing those opportunities should be readily available. Please, listen to everyone and don't disregard certain groups. Also keep in mind that if we want our city to reduce our footprint on the environment and if we want to reach a sustainable city improving public transportation infrastructure, stopping sprawl, attracting new industries (Clean renewable energy) to the city and strengthening community involvement should be of priority for city council. Making sure that future generations can still enjoy Calgary as we are today.
- to make sure that the infills dont flood out neighbours when that are being built in older area they need to considers that there are areas have minimal drainage or negative in the sunnyside , hillhurst and bowness before permitting for new infills



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- I want Council to not forget that there is a future for this city and things change and grow! Our city lacks extreme efficiency with commuting. Transit is a joke! Transit does not work with the city - it almost works against it. 36th ST in NE is a horrendous drive. I choose to pay more so I can drive to the core and park, instead of making my commute three times longer if I took transit, and I live in Penbrooke! And who's bright idea was it to be one of the largest cities in the world when it comes to size?! You can't live anywhere in this city without a car, that is ridiculous. We have to build up and NOT out.
- Invest in the future with big visions. Perhaps it is Calgary Next, or a new Convention Centre or Arts Project. We need to stimulate growth as well as enhance quality of life.
- Work with developers to ensure roads and schools are built as new communities grow. Support Uber and other new businesses/technologies that benefit consumers. Remember that cyclists aren't "more" important than drivers.
- I want council to fast track construction projects, and keep in mind economic development that create jobs.
- SW ring road asap please. Ctrain to Airport please. Calgary Next approval please. And for the love of Nenshi fix Crowchild please
- I've lived in a NE community for over 6 years. We have a small commercial area with a gas station, pub, fast food choices ect... Yet i still have to travel across other communities or go north to Airdrie simply for ease to do my grocery shopping. All I would like to be kept in mind is when developing communities on the outer edge of our City, specifically Skyview Ranch and Redstone is that commercial infrastructure is stressed as an importance. When we bought in Skyview, we were told it was a 10 year plan for development completion. Stonegate and other commercial properties with exception of some deep services, looks the same as it did 6 years ago. Will i really be taking a good portion of my shopping to Airdrie for 10 years before we see a grocery store? Shouldn't happen in any community.
- Please keep suburbia to a minimum. Let's make Calgary less sprawl and more central community oriented
- I would like to see an understanding that there are different views on how we live, specifically house size. I think there is too much emphasis on large homes. I would like to see a recognition of the desire of some people to live in what are termed 'tiny homes', not the least reason being affordability. They could be approved in all areas of the city, or perhaps there could be separate communities created of just homes below a certain size.
- Consider allowing construction of a Motorsport park in or near calgary
- I would like council to continue to improve the way new communities are built to allow for more/better pedestrian and bicycle traffic. More sidewalks and pathways. Also, we need to continue to value green space in Calgary and protect it. Calgary's Parks team needs to do a better job of maintaining parks and caring for trees and shrubs. Also, council needs to continue to improve access to public transit and routes. More seating and covered shelters at bus stops to encourage more people to ride transit. For drivers, council needs to continue to improve traffic flow and add entrance/exit points for new communities and continue to improve traffic jams. I would also like to see Calgary not grow outwards as much. More upward than outward and smarter growth. Re-development of older areas. Also, council needs to make it easier for small business to startup and to succeed once in business. Also, I would like to see more promotion of tourism in Calgary to bring in more money to our city. Thank you.
- Focus on growing the city up, not out. Develop the new C-train line, and other green initiatives.
- Keep Calgary a forward-looking and progressive city. Keep the economy up, develop the city, and make this place greater than it's ever been!
- Build better infrastructure before new communities are built not ten years after. McLeod Trail South is the worst. And a better system for keeping our roads clean in the winter.



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- I believe that there are much more priorities that need to be addressed prior to spending city and Calgarian's money on the Calgary next centre
- "I want council to actively seek input that is factual, strategically based and not 'flavour of the month'. It must focus on economic growth facilitation. A strong economic engine provides the means for the council to have access to the required revenue to provide the services required.
- Last, but not least, stay as far away as humanly possible from any subsidisation of any kind for that grand boondoggle, ""CalgaryNEXT""."
- Please stop urban sprawl.
- Council has done a good job with the CalgaryNext project and standing firm against Billionaires with million dollar employees. More money needs to be fronted by the Calgary Flames organization for this project before it's even considered.
- We are not the same economically as we were 2 years ago so we want to maintain and attract people to our city. We want to build and keep our communities strong so people feel pride and want to stay
- Consider other forms of housing as valid housing options for people. Eg: Tiny Houses, Container homes, Alley Homes
- I do not feel safe on my train ride home. I have been in a pepper spray attack, harassed by drunk First Nations, and touched inappropriately by strange men. I hate how the city boasts about the transit systems numbers, we don't have another choice! The sprawl is huge, houses are stupidly overpriced, and parking rates... I have umpteen friends who relocated back east to work remotely because their employers know it's more cost effective.
- We want council commit to accessible, affordable, safe and energy efficient housing. And safer ways to get around.
- Income disparity and real estate prices.
- Keep the city from getting to big
- The Calgary Next project isn't just about the Calgary Flames it's about the field house we don't have in this city. Smaller cities have one, Edmonton will soon have TWO! Different location, priority on field house. We've needed it for 20 years.
- I want council to keep in mind current (and expected to continue) poor economic conditions. Spending millions of dollars renovating the park at 8th and 8th (next to Nexen building) and the 8th street underpass reno projects are examples of projects that should be deferred. Dollars should go towards infrastructure that helps to build capacity in the local economy rather than simply beautification projects.
- Building a new arena needs to be a priority. It will give calgary an opportunity to be a host city for events (world cup, all star game, draft, etc). The stampede is a good draw for tourists and this could be as well.
- Please do not compromise roads for vehicle traffic for more bike lanes that only service one demographic. We need more bridges over the Bow River eg (Crowchild Trail). Any new sports facility should not be funded by tax dollars. Rather put that money into schools so our children have access in their neighbourhoods to ice rinks, swimming pools, gyms etc.
- Avoid a population explosion; focus more on internal growth and making the city more functional for those who currently live here as opposed to encouraging population growth
- Reduce urban sprawl, use what is here already, keep calgarians healthy with residential sidewalks, bicycling lanes in safe communities with parks for everyone, dogs too!
- make it easier for homeowners to reduce use of non-renewables...aces to solar and windpower to mitigate or add to utilities,
- Overdeveloping might cause more harm than benefit!



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- Complete the south health campus and consider a north health campus
- Support Calgary Next - a city this size needs that kind of infrastructure
- Consider value for our tax money and financial stability. le reduce debt and only spend what we can afford. Don't invest in the proposed calgarynext project. Support local artists and designers rather than international.
- No more money spent on libraries! A recession doesn't allow for a healthy art budget or any council raises. More construction will help stimulate calgary
- the contaminated areas west of downtown need to be reclaimed, and developed into a vibrant residential and small-scale commercial community.these lands are currently marginalized from the downtown and beltline, and make a logical way to densify the urban core while providing greater waterfront access for the city. a sport arena is simply not an appropriate use of the land. this redevelopment would allow 14th st, and its connection to bow trail, crowchild, 17th ave, and memoria drive, to be rethought and optimized.
- Put transit first, stop wasting tax dollars on public art, not waste tax dollars on small business tax rebates. Grow the city up, not out.
- Stop the outward sprawl of Calgary. Infrastructure and maintenance costs will be (maybe already are) unsustainable.
- City grow, economic impact, transform Calgary on a world class city
- More Public Montessori schools for K-12
- A new arena please and thanks
- Consider that our convention centre requires upgrades. That we need to build and create new business assets (new convention buildings, new sports team facilities, new infrastructure) to bring in more business people, companies and travel to our city. We should be developing our city to become more metropolitan to attract investors.
- Future development should be done responsibly. Council should not allow green spaces within the city to be developed. Keep communities attractive by keeping green spaces.
- Please keep in mind current economic downturn, help the poor, Keep taxes low and let the owners of the flames pay for their own arena.
- I want city council to reconsider their proposal to limit residential speed limits to 40 KPH as well as no right turn on red. The cost of changing/adding signs would be in the millions and for what? Our streets are some of the safest streets in the world! Would it not make sense to first spend the money on trying to condense our city and focus on highrise development for residential purposes rather than needless signs? Maybe think that it is the city that has permitted our city to stretch far into the countryside and has not put enough effort into promoting a denser core? If we made the effort to have a dense urban core with services for people to have the ability to live car free, we wouldn't need the massive amount of streets we have, nor the current speed limits. It feels like you're putting the horse in front of the cart here.
- Permit denser housing options
- The most important things are to fire the Calgary Transportation Department. They are terrible. A complete joke. Also, eliminate the Calgary Plan-It document. It is terrible. Also, Calgary Next is a poor idea.
- Consider pedestrians in development
- balance practical with beautiful. Build a Calgary identity and stop trying to be Vancouver, a US city. Define and be the best Calgary.
- Limit our sprawl
- hear our voices, do whats right, build state of the art buildings and roads to make us stand out from the rest of canada. next arena is a start.



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- I would like to see the City work closer with the Flames to build a new arena and stadium. We need to stay competitive and the Dome is not good enough and McMahon is an embarrassment to the city.
- Consider not allowing further development of new communities until there have been real and considered planning for infrastructure concerns (transit, schools, roads) and proper assessment of the environmental impact of development. Also, isn't it a bit ridiculous that the City isn't encouraging clean initiatives like clotheslines?
- Not approve the Calgary NEXT plan with tax payer's money. Get rid of all of the wasteful bike paths and get the everyday traffic flowing (eg. I have yet to see a bicyclist use the path next to Northland Mall, downtown is ridiculous!) More conservative approaches to running our city!! Stop the wasteful spending!!
- Please focus more on renewing our established communities - we don't need endless sprawl.
- sustainable development that considers the economic and social needs of Calgary. We need less rhetoric and more action. For example pedestrian safety will require more enforcement of existing rules rather than changing the rules.
- Get out of the pocket if developers. Fire the golf courses management.
- I'm frustrated with new development in established neighborhoods where the new housing closer to schools and those new families are getting into schools before families who have lived there for 15 years who are 1 block outside of the school zone. Not fair and unacceptable.
- Watch urban sprawl. I have recently visited some of the new far reaching Calgary communities and they are nothing short of ridiculous.
- Stop spending my money on bike paths, what a waste. Make developers accountable for infrastructure needs ie shawnee slopes. Libraries are a thing of the past. We need an updated sports venue for Flames and Stamps.
- Stop being short sighted and invest in the future of our city. Both the Green Line and Calgary Next should be started ASAP
- Common sense is what I want them to keep in mind. Enough about the East Village. Downtown is only a priority to a small # of people. Growth is out of hand. Traffic is overwhelming. I have lived in Calgary most of my life and the bigger Calgary gets the less I travel out of my neighborhood and surrounding area. Focus on building communities; places that are nice to live in and shop in so people don't have to drive distances to get their groceries or other items. Encourage small businesses to make a go of it and do away with future plans for big box stores. Less focus on the tax revenue from potential developments and more focus on the liveability of our communities.
- Developing new suburbs serves no purpose if the roads in an out of those communities always end up on the same arteries to get downtown such as in the west, e.g. Deerfoot, Macleod and 14th Avenue and Crowchild
- Take into account any businesses in areas they are considering for large construction projects.
- "I want council to go ahead with CalgaryNEXT. I think it will be a critical part of the community."
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- As well, parking downtown is outrageous. If we want to encourage transit use, then fares need to be reduced and hours need to be extended.
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- Uber needs to go ahead as well, increased competition against the taxis will be good."
- totally abandon Agenda 21. Restore the traffic lanes currently hijacked by the bike lanes you so ill conceived and shoved down everybody's throats! Don't even THINK of putting one cent of taxpayers' money into the new arena! And for the love of God, give people a say on how their money's to be spent in a binding referendum! And clear the frickin' streets of snow when we get hit! Above all, smarten up!



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- Incentivize inner city density while discouraging sprawl
- Insist on modern urban planning principles.
- Encourage builders to increase the room between housing and build more bungalows.
- I want Council to positively market Calgary as the most ideal city to live in North America, with steady influx of talented people, the city is alive and has to grow.
- I want Council to focus on density and not sprawl. I would like to see further traffic calming measures in the Beltline / Mission / Lower Mt. Royal area to combat residential cut-throughs. I would like to see Transportation make a bigger commitment to service (including the smart card debit system). I would also like to see safer streets downtown and in the Beltline area.
- Continue to work on reducing the sprawl of the city and improving the inner city, increasing transit (especially C-train) and focus on alternative transportation (i.e. not single occupant vehicles).
- Stop urban sprawl through tax penalties. Encourage density and better public transit to make our city a less "car mandatory" city. And keep it up with event and festival development
- "Transit & Regaining economy - create jobs
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- Stopping urban sprawl is only good if Calgarians are willing to live in condos... Everyone I know thinks they should live in a house and the rest of Calgarians should live in condos (no matter what their financial situation)- so they want to stop urban sprawl, but don't want to live in a condo themselves"
- We need a new arena and football field before we need any updates to Olympic plaza or any silly looking art throughout the city and no more bike paths
- Get Uber and the like approved as opposed to putting up roadblocks and get moving on our Hockey and Football facility. Be a forward thinking council we need these things to keep Calgary great
- When approving building designs, please make them more practical and functional rather than leaning towards expensive and artsy, for example, the pedestrian Peace Bridge. :(In other words, maintain our city services with practicality in mind.
- I want council to maximize high density developments favoring multistory, mixed use developments (ie street level commercial/retail space with several stories of residential apartments above). These should be based in and around LRT/Transit hubs and along suitable streets such as Kensington road NW, 14st NW&SW, any connecting streets in the areas around the U of C, MRU, SAIT, ACAD.
- approve Uber immediately, stop urban sprawl, get a C train line to the airport like any other city our size has
- I want city council to consider the NE when it plans to develop newer-middle class housing as this area is considered less desirable. Encouraging gentrification of less desirable areas will benefit the city in the long run.
- Control urban sprawl and promote a denser city , maintain infrastructure, further cycling infrastructure development and support and continue to be open and transparent.
- Increasing quality of life rather than the size of the City. More green spaces rather than more high rises and new communities. More pedestrian areas with patios, arts, galleries, learning experiences, places to gather and share. Keep and expand the cycling/hiking trails. Do we really need to expand so much to the west? A great quality of Calgary is that there are no endless suburbs to drive through to get out of the city. Many people comment on that and love it. Let's keep it that way.
- Move away from car focus in planning
- "Sustainability what we do should be for the long term growth if the city.
- Service. What can we provide to citizens to help them through these tough times? Health and activity that is accessible and low cost can help ease the strain."



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- Sustainability, responsible growth, build for the future, don't rely on oil money
- Focus on older communities that are not getting their fair share of tax money to repair aging infrastructure.
- Make sensible and informed choices about development that avoids risky locations like floodplains
- "think before they develop or redevelop every inch of land
- cant we just leave it alone"
- Realize there should be limits to outward growth expansion. Suburbs are extremely costly for all citizens.
- I want council to work with the CSEC to develop new sports and entertainment facilities that can serve our concert needs and sports teams. Calgary Next could be promising if the City gets behind the principal of the idea. Work out a better funding model.
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, i refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs too much. Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.
- I want city council to encourage local technology development, urban density, and shared use natural areas
- Make Calgary an accessible city for those in wheelchairs and mobility issues, every curb should be accessible, no business should be allowed without accessible bathrooms, bus drivers should get out of their seat to help a wheelchair bound person on a bus, securing the wheelchair properly, yet to see this happen. Every retail business should have an accessible entrance and bathrooms, old buildings included, subsidies should be given to have owners comply, our city is a disgrace, so little has been done to make it really accessible.
- Keep stimulating local growth and diversity. Crack down on reckless driving. Looking into the ever increasing rent and possibly into some sort of rent control mechanisms.
- I want our city to thrive but in my opinion, we can take a break from promoting growth, we've expanded far further than our transit system can currently sustain. Roads, schools systems and private retailers are barely keeping up as it is. Let's improve what we have.
- Focus on long term sustainability and planning of the City to prepare for the next wave of growth.
- I want council to listen to people and to companies less. I want Calgary to grow up, not out. I want streamlined services for city services. I want to pay for City Transit with an App like in other major cities, like Portland, or a card, like New York. if they can figure out how to implement a system in a monster like the MTA with 10 million people, surely we can do it with Calgary Transit with a population 1/10th the size. Oh, and there's too many barriers separating bike lanes and traffic. at the cost of making lanes smaller we put up huge concrete barriers when simple cement spikes would do.
- Less urban sprawl
- I like the things I am hearing from Mayor Nenshi regarding development and other issues.
- Calgary is an amazing city, and planning for the future is important. As a city/province so reliant on the energy sector, we should be expanding what this includes. Encourage new development and research in renewable energy, attract private companies to do this. Plan for an ever expanding Calgary, but rather than building out, let's build up. Let's be a world leader in energy but respect the environment. Keep all the parks but build apartment buildings. Compost compost compost. Recycle! Actually design and build an EFFICIENT public transportation system. Create a tax to driving down town. Improve how we look on the world stage and show that energy production and environmental responsibility can coexist. And PLEASE PLEASE do not build Calgary NEXT. We will never see a single dollar and the so called 'benefits' will be short lived. Stand up for the city and the tax payers within it.



- Consider the long-term growth of the city. What people want now is not always best for the future, so keeping that in mind and communicating the Why and How more clearly to community members.
- keep promoting residential development in the East Village and other walkable communities
- Focus on higher density residential areas instead of continuing suburban sprawl
- In Inglewood, living near one of North America's largest train yards that has doubled volume in the last five years, we are desperate for Council support to ensure the Federal court order of operation schedules and proximity are enforced. We cannot continue losing sleep, increased anxiety and health issues associated with noise and air pollution....leading to more for sale signs than we've seen in years. We pay our city taxes and beg for help.
- recognize changing economic realities, stop the focus on development and focus instead on maintaining and improving what we have. Help us to be more self-sufficient and less dependent.
- As a city we need to be progressive which to me is improved transit, densification, arts & culture, etc. Responsible green field development is fine but let's try and get away from a car-centric city.
- Please keep developers to high standards of construction and have them be responsible for keeping utilities costs in check with efficient and affordable options in the design of their projects
- help development occur on the Main streets
- Consider families when developing new communities. School old, park spaces.
- environment and historical preservation
- Please consider Calgary Next. We did not get a say when we built Telus Spark or the new Library etc. So why all the negativity around world class sporting venues
- Strongly support Calgary next. The city needs it.
- Council should keep in mind the impact of urban sprawl
- our established community is now being over densified due to a developer purchase of land. We don't think it's right to rezone recreation land to housing. City council should ensure there is sufficient green spaces in communities.
- Consider putting more focus on development in established centralized neighbourhoods and less suburban sprawl
- Slowing down urban sprawl. Build up, not out!
- While the city has done admirable work on inner city development and re-visualizing urban development, and also on the viability of non-motor transportation, I'd like to remind them that there is a balance. Being pedestrian- and cycle-friendly shouldn't come at the cost of making the neighbourhoods hostile to drivers. And likewise, development is an excellent goal, but it must benefit the community and the city, not just the developers. Bridgeland, Inglewood, and Sunnyside have all been fighting several battles on these matters, where the city is supporting development that harms everyone *except* the developers and those they pass kickbacks to.
- Continue to push for greater public transit, Curb urban sprawl, Keep taxes low, Help businesses grow and flourish, Try not to raise property tax anymore
- Less sprawl, transit should be cheaper, and keep our green spaces green please!!!
- Focus on Flood Mitigation and the development of Calgary with greater ease of walking to shopping and jobs and restaurants. Please stop with big block shopping malls and the need to drive everywhere. The Australian model of developing a city with a local commercial area that is walking distance for every community is a very desirable and attractive option.
- I like Mayor Nenshi's policy on renovating/rebuilding older communities than spreading the city limits
- Grow Calgary



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- the massive costs of growth of suburban communities.
- Calgary needs a greenbelt limiting its horizontal growth, and tax incentives for more vertical growth. Calgary also needs to do a better job of protecting heritage homes (more classic neighborhoods, less infill.)
- less sprawl; expand, maintain and repair infrastructure (water, power, sewage, transit, roads, parks, etc.)
- Build for the future generations
- Calgary Next is a bad, bad idea. Let the flames pay for their own arena. It would also be nice if the NoseCreek pathway continued north to Coventry and East across the airport. There are not many east-west links across the Deerfoot for the pathway network.
- "I want council to:
 - - create jobs and provide a sustainable economy within the City of Calgary.
 - - to build more recreation centers and facilities to support healthy living and sustainable communities within the City
 - - expand Calgary's transit system in terms of availability to all corners and across all communities, accessibility, affordable and reliable transit system
 - - create spaces that supports jobs closer to home/communities"
- I want council to improve older communities since the older the communities are the more crime and violence happens. By improving our communities The city of Calgary will feel alot safer and will feel more vibrant with less rundown communities.
- Plan for as long of a term as feasible. Technology and science are rapidly changing how the world operates and the city needs a solid framework to incorporate and build into these rapid changes.
- To have controlled growth. Not to sacrifice all the neighborhoods into high density complexes. To keep more green spaces in all the neighborhoods
- I want Council to take lead in fiscal responsibility and focus on needs rather than wants. Building traffic circles rather than bike paths is an obvious example. No financial obligation for professional sport arenas. Bring back fees for library use. Higher fines for vandalism. Allow Uber to operate and end the taxi monopoly. Staff building permits department with people that know what they are doing. Stop the insanity of play ground zones and teach kids the rules of traffic instead (like they do in Europe). Stop the insanity of putting signs in areas where they are not followed or enforced (e.g. Nose Hill). Tell developers to pave back lanes (should have been done decades ago). Stop blocking road sections for fender benders. Simplify First Response to accidents (check Reno Nevada approach). Scrap laws that are not being enforced (dirty licence plates, tinted car windows and stupid bicycle pinging).
- Be progressive in planning for the future. Limit sprawl. Build up, not out. Keep adding train lines. Make developers completely for what is needed for new suburbs.
- "To reign in tax increases, my merit increase (Fortune 30, in 190 countries in the world, not Oil and Gas) is 2%. Our CPI target is always double digits savings. We seem to waste lots of money, and then ask for more?"
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- CalgaryNext is too expensive. I would go the Sarcee band and work with them to create a hotel, casino, hockey rink, football stadium, field house, F1 track on their land. Then drag the LRT to the land, if the band liked the idea, they could fund most of the project and create a long term business for the band."
- it seems that new areas get most of the attention, and that's fine. But, don't forget the older, more established areas where no great disasters have occurred and where things just carry on as usual. There are issues in these areas, but they don't rise to the top of 'to do' lists as they don't seem urgent. Things like sound barriers, riad maintenance, crosswalk identification...
- "Get rid of bike lanes



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- Decline request to develop golf courses
- Start the LRT north central line"
- Work together and stop headbutting on minor issues (ie secondary suites, no one wants to live in the snooty suburbs anyway). Make sure your people are heard and helped by your decisions and we will repay you for it with re-election. We have to build our communities from the centre out. No more urban sprawl. And developed more than a oil business focus in our downtown. Developed the city centre community and be a real city.
- Changing economy is a challenge,existing old infrastructure need to be adressed.the west vision of wealthy city need to be changed,we are struggling because of the vision of rich oil made city.try to avoid the easy path of cutting short police and fire department,.we live in a city where its difficult to find housing at reasonable price.increase number of housing for low budget.parling at hospital and emergency should be review and removed .rethink venue for music show and spectacle to attract business north of the border and inside canada.more communication between canadian city and province for transportation(food.....)continiuebto work with mass transportation (brt,lrt)
- eliminate bureaucracy and things that waste councils time - it is time to allow secondary suites across the City to provide affordable housing for all and increase density. This will slow urban sprawl and the amount of money we have to spend to build and support those communities. If the developers still want to build out, then they can pay to help get transit and other services out there. Be prepared to support more infrastructure initiatives - build a stronger economy and help diversification initiatives
- I want council to keep doing what you are doing. I like the densification efforts and that recycling has been extended to condos. Also, I want to be able to contribute to producing energy for our city that is purchased from me (solar panels on my roof could be used by the city for electricity).
- Get ahead of housing development for major interchanges. We are always way behind whereas US cities always seem to be ahead of housing in their freeway development
- Mindful of managing spending. User fees for better transportation systems and systems is not a bad thing. It is fair and it improves our facilities and options. Stop the expansion of suburbs or at least ensure developers and investors pay their fair share for such projects
- I'm getting a BDes in graphic design. I have to worry about student loan debt, slim internship opportunities and poor pay, and once I graduate, a job market with no room for me. There is no affordable housing options so I have to live with my parents, and suburbs are so spread out and far away from campus and train stations that I can either spend 3 hours on transit every day or I can drive and pay 11\$ a day to park on my own campus. I'm 22 years old. I want a job, my own place, and to be able to go to school without paying 55\$ a week just to get there.
- If we want our kids to grow up active and fit we need safe places for them to play and participate in sports to stay out of trouble. More arenas are necessary, calgarians love their hockey!!
- It is very difficult to live in this city when you don't work for a big oil company. I have two jobs and can't afford a vehicle. A city this large should have more transit routes and expanded hours to accommodate early morning and overnight work shifts. It would also help to have pathways and cycling routes deliberately planned to connect communities with each other and the downtown core. Thank you.
- I want council to protect our City's future based on sustainable & renewable resources, to assist businesses & residents to do the same, to stop urban spread, and to develop an economy that is varied and less susceptible to the "bust or boom" roller coaster.
- The future is a sustainable, dense core.
- I want the city to become more efficient. Lose the redundancy (especially in upper management). Streamline city services, make it easier to do business. Start by cleaning up the development and building permit process.



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Calgary has become the worst city in Canada to try and get a project built. Empower people within the DP and BP process to make quick decisions without fear of backlash from upper city management. The process is broken: fix it!

- Taxpayers should not pay for a new stadium but we should work with the Flames organization on a plan. Maybe Calgarians can invest and buy stock in the new stadium/arena and earn money back?
- The ongoing growth of the city and lack of transportation, parking and poor road planning leads to heavy traffic jams in certain areas that cause a ripple effect to the rest of the city. For example the off ramps on Deerfoot that force Deerfoot into a bottle neck at several spots. Or that horribly planned bridge on crowchild between bow bottom trail and memorial that merges 5 lanes into 2 and continually causes crowchild to back up for miles every day.
- "Limit the spread of the size of Calgary and improve on what we already have here. High density is well and good but not without roads that can handle the traffic along with good bus transportation.
- bus transportation"
- I know many believe up rather than out in building Calgary. Up always means denser living making living more expensive. Look at big urban centre like New York
- "We cannot sprawl forever.
- Some good movement has been made towards having new development pay more of the real costs of development.
- More regional planning is needed.
- Is "'downtown'" a dead/dying concept? In reality we are still a small city that is readily vehicle accessible so downtown as a 'place' still has traction. Wish I had some alternatives to suggest!
- Finally one thing I am really fed up on is the long standing subsidy by all taxpayers of those who live in floodplains. There is no longer any excuse for continuing this."
- Concentrate on diversifying the city including tourism and large conventions.
- Seriously consider partially investing in the Calgary Next project which would employ many Calgarians in the down turn construction industry and many Calgarians for years to come. Every city fights supporting these projects but every city in the end supports them, why waste time get it sorted.
- Need to focus on traffic. How the city can design roads, intersections and communities to. Move people around as quickly as possible in personal vehicles. We need to abandon the plan to build inner city denser, trying to lure people to walk/transit. It doesn't work. The people in this city want to. Move around in their own vehicles, at their own pace. Stop pouring our resources into this when it could be used to move people around in the suburbs, where the vast majority of the population live.
- Please slow down on increased density of the inner city. Spread it out over the entire city. It's too much for a few communities to endure and changes the nature of communities.
- I want council to consider that increasing residential density in the urban areas is not always in the best interest of the city. When you increase density you increase strain on infrastructure, and most older/closer-in neighbourhoods have infrastructure that is already at the breaking point.
- I want council to focus on the sustainability of the city. We are growing and losing our connections to the city and to each other.
- Avoid inputting my money onto support for professional sports
- I know it is hard to please everyone as we all have different 'interests' in our lives, but sometimes I wonder what our councilors do??? I was born and raised in Calgary 64 years ago and I can say I pretty much hate what this city has become - sprawling beyond capacity, such a gap between rich and poor, continuous building, ruination of wild areas, etc. I struggle to survive here.



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- I want council to consider the need for Calgarians to build infrastructure to support artists and attractions to come to Calgary (the Saddledome is an unviable option for many artists).
- maintain how communities are developed, when we bought into Harvest Hills and have been paying higher taxes to live in a golf community and be able to walk to the course and get exercise only to have it pulled out from under us and lose thousands in property value. once an area is zoned as green space it can never be rezoned to any thing else
- Take into consideration that there are many different groups of people that live in this city and that they all want their needs met. Many of us have grown up here and although it is great to see Calgary grow and change, as it should, City Council seems to want to stifle projects such as the NEXT project, community enhancement, office building development, etc. Sports should be a big part of any great city and our council just does not think so. Some things like UBER, that is available in most great cities across the US and Canada should be available here too. I applaud City Council for doing good work, but sometimes they just get too involved in our lives, trying to decide what is best for us - kind of like helicopter parents. (i.e. the 30km speed limit in playground/school zones from 7-9 or removing fluoride from our water. or wanting to reduce speed limits in communities....)
- The well-being of citizens in both the short-term and the long-term. Working to maintain already obtained goals and not sacrificing them in order to further the action plan. Also understanding how changes in the action plan affect micro and macro levels of the city in terms of the individual citizens and organizations (while remembering that organizations are more resilient than the individual). Also seeking to understand how these changes will affect the city in the future to prevent such effects like the 30% increase in suicide rates in the past year. Consult experts in all fields in order to improve the action plan as well as setting the city up to be able to handle the event of negative changes in the pursuit of long-term positive changes.
- Please continue to play the long game as far as planning and development, and keep the public interest at the forefront.
- Encourage growth and development in Calgary during these tough economic times, as well diversify Calgary's economy.
- Actually MANDATE that a minimum level of parking come with new developments. Do not allow zero parking for new buildings. Even people living in TOD areas will have visitors and needs for their own vehicles. When all Councillors take transit to work and to all their appointments for a whole year, then I will believe that the city can be 90% transit oriented. Cars must also have a way to get around and park in this City.
- I want Council to ensure when looking at development to open zoning to allow for more secondary suits, in home businesses, or small businesses - gone are the days of a storefront with a home over top like you used to see in Bridgeland and older areas like that.
- "Consider investments made to our infrastructure contribute to Calgary's future. Invest in all communities, not just new subdivisions, widen roads, expand LRT capacity/ new lines, plant trees, invest in green spaces and planting Native drought tolerant plants/trees. Install Rain gardens to use rain water wisely. I contacted my alderman about having trees planted along Stoney Trail to block noise and beautify the area and was told it would not happen. I understand its a transportation and utility corridor. There is more than enough room to plant trees along the road without encumbering buried utilities, and in the event the trees need to be dug up, then we are not for worse. More likely than not, the trees life will end sooner than having the need to excavate the utilities or widen the roads. Development is fine, but development should include landscape features, not just grass boulevards..
- Inner city communities need to be affordable and accessible to keep them alive. Schools need to be built in the outer new subdivisions. All of this has been said before.



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- Instead of green cart composting material being sent to Calgary landfills, why not encourage community composting areas where compost can be taken home freely. Encourage community Gardening. Etc...."
- stay strategic and focus on the longer term. Stop spending so much Council time on secondary suites and make sure to focus on how the city will grow and develop efficiently and sustainably in the future.
- Balance short-term needs of the economy with long-term planning. Also consider non-monetary measures of support such as directing bylaw to show compassion for our local businesses
- Consider long term and future generations.
- "1.invoke zero based budgeting.
- 2, temporary subsidization of small businesses during low oil pricing
- 3. Continue and improve flood mitigation
- 4. improve and quicker implementation recycling services
- 5. No private motor vehicles in the DT core
- 6.Better snow clearance and snow removal plans in residential areas and cul-de-sacs
- 7. Open area offices in each quadrant for local liaison face to face, on site forums and individual responses improving transparency and planning overview to quadrants
- 8. Stop treating Enmax similar to a crown corporation, Enmax is supposed to save consumers money not foster added cost on consumers. Restrict Enmax to it's original charter which is transmission not production ensuring lower electrical costs for Calgary consumers."
- "- Decentralization of offices from the centre of the city
- - Enforcement of building guidelines for height and usage (a reduction in the number of special permits and exceptions)
- - embracing the opportunity to develop a green economy."
- Emphasize their focus on increasing density near Ctrain stations and creating more 'walkable' green communities so there is less need to own/use a car in order to access amenities.
- Create a vibrant city with options for its citizens. A city that functions and is culturally endowed. Build interchanges on Skeletal Roads (14th Street and Anderson) as well as making it a BRT Zone. Create Cultural and Business HUBS that provide opportunity, jobs, and diversity in our city. Allow Rezoning and smart development of older neighborhoods while concurrently setting current and forward thinking planning on new communities. Oil and Gas are obviously important to our city but we could make our city so much more, Music "Music Mile" is a start, the Calgary Expo encourages the Pop culture arts, the Visual Arts sorely need a space for artists to live and work, Authors and Writers find the city lacking (it doesnt have to be), film production has finally got a start with the Calgary Film Centre, IT needs a cluster/Hub, Bio Tech, Clean Industries, etc. Calgary is a great city, we could be so much more!
- "- implement composting program
- - have energy savings/efficiency programs
- - preserve natural environment when developing new communities and do not fast track development plans
- - diversify economy"
- Legalize secondary suites in RC1 neighborhoods and permanently endorse the DP exemption for secondary suites in permitted land-use districts. Please remove these barriers to investment
- Make older middle class communities (i.e. Somerset) attractive and able to compete with new communities that have private lakes and new spray parks. More and more homes are becoming rental properties which often increases crime,rather than a community proud in the ownership of there home. Also cell tower locations



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need to be mandatory parts of Area Structure Plans so people can chose to live where a tower may be built rather than forced to move if they can't live near one.

- I want Council to have the courage to make the hard decisions in creating a balance of growth and staying within our budget. We cannot do all things immediately, but have to set priorities and some things will take more time.
- Consider existing use of neighbourhoods and historic preservation (if there is any left) when reassessing and deciding how an area will be zoned/rezoned.
- I would like the Council to consider steady and matured growth in the long run. There will always be economic booms and busts; that's the nature of Alberta, however, Calgary should take measured growth into consideration. Investment in older communities rather than promoting urban sprawl. Investment in facilities that enrich neighborhoods rather than building new shopping centres to attract home builders.
- The city needs to become more dense, including downtown. Accept more high rise condos downtown to increase the amount of people staying downtown after 5pm. Make the SE more accessible by ctrain to downtown to reduce congestion. Create more culture/arts to attract tourism.
- Listen to the experts on planning and health rather than local NIMBY interest groups. Good example: approving the Kensington Legion development. Bad example: Getting rid of fluoride in the water (not this council, I know -- but don't let it happen again).
- With the current economic down turn, the cost of construction has been significantly reduced. Now is the time to focus on constructing the major infrastructure projects.
- I would like to have City Council consider the most vulnerable people before the high and mighty. For example stating that secondary suites could not go through because of parking concerns for existing people with a place to live. This was an argument for many years that made me want to tear my hair out. We needed affordable housing at the time and the high and mighty didn't want to be inconvenienced. It was very infuriating at the time..
- Please remember that what the developers want is not always what's in the best interest of Calgarians, and that if densification as you see it isn't what Calgarians want, then you are morally obligated to investigate other options for making a vibrant city even greater.
- Considère the future. What should calgary look like in 10 years need to influence the present to avoid some of the problems we are experiencing now.
- Stop building new communities without thinking ahead to the transportation issues and schools.
- "I would like City Council to consider the needs of all Calgarians, particularly those with diverse needs: mobility/sensory challenges, ages, economic.
- We're making some great progress in these areas (transit is a successful example); can we expand this thinking to neighbourhood spaces - which may be small enclaves and not necessarily large facilities. Help people to stay in their neighbourhood of choice and connect with others there, as a means of informal support."
- Look forward. Help the city weather the current economic slump, invest in infrastructure while costs are low, and foster a more diverse economy. And, keep making the development and optimization of existing communities a priority. We have a lot of space to work with within the city's existing boundaries.
- "Focus action on the effective and efficient city planning and management. Priotity on the basics such as transportation, policing, fire, infrastructure, etc.
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- With so many Calgarians suffering economically direct our actions towards reduced expenditures (result is reduced business and property taxes). Defer the optional--examples -- Defer more bike lanes, Olympic plaza



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and other cosmetic redevelopments until times improve. Avoid anything someone on council identifies with the statement ""it will make us like (name other great city)""."

- to look for ways to say yes to development instead of looking for ways to say no
- I would like Council to consider the long term effects of decisions they make for this City and area. ie if they want Calgary to grow, they have to have a better plan for roads/highways, make the transit system run well outside of peak hours and expand it so it becomes user friendly to all the City not just the core, I don't think city grants should discriminate against communities not considered 'high risk'
- Calgary is a diverse city which is always expanding. I think Council should provide its citizens with opportunities and access to jobs, community services and a healthy environment.
- The future scalability of communities, roadways and environmental sustainability is paramount in sustaining this city. Aside from that, developing culture and an inviting economic and tourist environment is paramount.
- Upgrading infrastructure and roads. Some of the older communities need this as well as providing more access routes to the new communities.
- develop a planning and development strategy that allows for sustainable growth of the city and implement that plan.
- that there are inner city neighborhoods paying for the suburban sprawl in the NW and SE parts of the city, with reduced repairs to sidewalks and infrastructure in the inner city neighborhoods
- I want council to think about a growing Calgary, one which provides services to protect and enrich our lives - please revisit water Fluoridation which I believe is well worth the money. Please work quickly to deliver on transport projects effectively and within budget.
- Calgary has really great potential, but the culture scene needs to grow. Developing the downtown into an urban metropolis with more residential options could bring diversity and opportunity for growth.
- I want council to prioritize the needs of a younger generation. We deserve affordable housing, reliable and safe transportation, and to enjoy a quality standard of living while we work towards our educational, professional, and economic goals.
- I want council to address traffic conditions, monitor growth and support the arts.
- Cut the red tape on both uber and secondary housing permits. Get an action plan new stadiums
- I want Council to stop raising our taxes. Reduce them even. Spending money on things like that red artwork thing by the airport is wasteful. Finish the Ring Road. Instead of creating new mixed subdivisions, offer people with no kids a new subdivision built for the over 50 crowd with things for them and move families into the existing subdivisions so you can stop building so many new schools. Better Urban planning please.
- I want council to stop the urban sprawl and continue growing our culture and communities.
- Think about all the young families in the suburbs and the increase in traffic in these areas and strive to invest in proper marked crossings. Maybe think about more roundabouts instead of 4 way stops to keep traffic flowing when it isn't a major busy intersection. Get proper infrastructure into new communities before/while building.
- I want council to lead by making policy that continues to shape Calgary into a modern city. The type of City people around the world visit and think to themselves - "I wish my City did this..." as opposed to a city that struggles to stay a traditional city that want to preserve traditions for tradition sake, and not for the benefit of all citizens - a city where people go downtown just to go to their offices, go to shopping districts just to pickup what they need then head home, parks that merely break up the scenery - rather than being destinations that people flock to to recreate.
- City sprawl and managing roadways and transit
- I really like walkable communities and would like more developers to concentrate on this.



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- Consider the growth of the city and plan accordingly to accommodate this.
- Make more communities like currie barracks
- "Sidewalks on 40 the avenue
- Centre to Edmonton trail had no sidewalks but now you've heard us - it's an improvement
- Focus on infrastructure is water services sidewalks etc
- Quality is poor with external vendors being used
- Do you go with sole contractor or cheapest bid??
- Keep up quality of infrastructure up and budget for it
- Especial focus on older areas
- Focus on storm water systems as you develop more roads etc
- Environment is key as well when considering development
- Consider environment as we link to support regional areas and smaller neighbouring cities and communities"
- That there needs to be accessible transit to new and existing communities it feels as if there has been so much focus on much of the new infrastructure and that what has been established has been left to rot so to speak
- The current economy as context for better planning in order with focus on resilience and local communities
- I want council t continue to fight for a renewable energy system in Calgary as well as develop the Ctrain line. Development of accessible housing is an absolute must!
- Deerfoot trail needs to be widened.....bottleneck at memorial dr to 64th.....due to poor planning. Need Fire and EMS services in new communities. Legislation to prevent builders building too close so that when one house goes up...it takes out the ones beside it....this is ridiculous!
- "Single's dilemma, The diversification of living arrangements in the 21 century is evolving. Between 2006 and 2011, couples with children living at home continued to fall as a share of all census families. In 2011, 39.2% of census families were couples with children, whereas 44.5% were couples who did not have children, a widening of the gap first observed in 2006. (Page 1 para 7, Statistics Canada. Portrait of Families and Living Arrangements in Canada.) Additionally single person households are also increasing. The 2011 Census counted more one-person households (3,673,305) than couple households with children (3,524,915) for the first time. Between 2001 and 2011, the proportion of one-person households increased from 25.7% to 27.6% of all households, continuing an upward trend that has existed for many decades. (page 1, para 5, Statistics Canada, Canadian households in 2011: Type and growth) The 1981 Census marked the first time that one-person households surpassed households of five or more people. (Page 1 Para 2 figure 2 Canada Statistics, Fifty years of families in Canada 1961 to 2011) http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/as-sa/98-312-x/2011003/fig/fig3_1-4-eng.cfm □ Only 9% of U.S. households fit that old definition of the ""normal"" family. □ A majority of families have no children under age 18. (Page 1 para3, Context Institute, The Changing American Family) My question raised is why community planners and builders are still solely focused on family based homes, estate homes and communities. I am single; I have no children and would like to purchase a detached home. The current options are limited (Condo and townhouses I agree are an option, however being crammed into a multi-person dwelling is different than owning your own detached home.) I have seen the surge of childfree retirement communities; let us be progressive and change with the times by rezoning land to offer residential detached community for childfree adults. Two bedroom homes, with a garage, reasonable square footage 1400ft or less. No requirement for schools, no required playground, in fact the area would be best suited for commercial spaces that would draw in revenue, gyms, and local pubs, restaurants, and small boutique business. Include trailed green spaces, and you have reached 50% of the new version of a family. Sincerely, Sheila Klimchuk sklimchukx1@gmail.com 780-799-5487 References:



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- Please use space more effectively (instead of endlessly spreading out the city borders), think more about pedestrians and try to reduce unnecessary car usage.
- As a municipality Calgary has the opportunity to be a leader in creating sustainable built environments through energy efficiency and renewable electricity generation.
- Incentive programs for putting solar panels on rooftops of houses in Calgary and subsidy on solar energy generation systems for homeowners. If this is done over next few years the houses in the city will generate enough electricity to reduce the cost of energy during the warm weather. Extensive use of solar enabled light poles to make it a greener city Discounts on Led and CFL lights to encourage sales and reduce consumption per household Making smart buildings and housing embedding the changes by applying it to local Building Codes.
- Don't drop plan it priorities to increase density and make us sustainable
- Services in new developments --> using levies
- More seniors apartments with balconies for eating breakfast
- Underground parking for apartments
- Better job mobility - bus transportation for example to Rockyview so not everyone is congested downtown
- I do not support the TOD projects being proposed by the city in our communities
- We do not want Glenmore Landing replaced with 20 story condos
- Allowing basement suite zoning is not fair to those who want single family zoning
- Stop building commuter communities with no access to downtown.
- Make new communities walk friendly sidewalks on both side of every street.
- Some areas of Bowness (strip malls) could use revitalization -- feels sketchy at times
- We can support everyone's need, but not everyone's greed. Stop building and approving suburbs, create housing for homeless populations, diversify the local economy to small businesses, and start producing food within the city limits. Reclaim unused plots of land and create urban farms to feed the city from within the city. There are two excellent plots along 16th Ave in the north that would be perfect for it!
- Consider the changes in economy. Rather than building new housing is there a way to revitalize and make older neighbourhoods more young-family friendly?
- I would like city council to develop all of the city services a growing city needs with the needs of the growing city, instead of these things being an after thought. We are so far behind on infrastructure and rec space it's a good thing we're in a recession, we might catch up to what we needed 10 years ago.
- I want council to make Calgary into a leader in sustainable, affordable, and just urban development - a truly livable, enjoyable, 21st century city.
- Quit focusing on denser developments like multi family apartments and condos because that is a huge headache for parking in existing communities. Start focusing more on capping rent and on secondary suite options.
- When building new communities plan schools to be built sooner so that kids don't have to travel so far to get to a school miles away from home. This will surely ease the transport burden on the city at the same time.



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- Think long term. Think not just about those that live in the hub of downtown, but also the citizens who live in suburbia... There are many.
- I want council to continue to regulate the growth of new greenfield developments in the City of Calgary.
- I want council to pull their heads out of their asses and stop focusing on downtown to the detriment of the rest of Calgary. Proportionately it seems that more money is spent on downtown infrastructure even though that is not where the population lives. Create sustainable living communities instead of putting more people in communities that already need to get in their cars for any goods or services
- consider the long-term value of investing in tightly knit (walkable) communities where citizens can trust and depend on each other without having to travel large distances; diversifying our economy to reduce dependency on traditional industries; and pay attention to citizen and environmental well-being that will last centuries, rather than only the next decade.
- Consider the city as a whole both its physical area and its various populations.
- Don't choose the most expedient, cheapest options. Think long-term to make Calgary a livable, lovely, healthy place to be.
- Calgary has to stop building such huge houses. These are unnecessary and use up way too much energy.
- Simplify inner city development, support innovative development, freeze or reduce wages and hiring
- We have an incredible city with beautiful views, vibrant people and strong community. However there are parts of our city that aren't keeping pace. We need a plan for how to deal with a continually aging McLeod Trail and 16th Ave. McLeod Trail, north of Heritage is not an accurate representation of the city and could be a much more effective use of real estate. Kick out the vape, sex and pawn shops and add green space, coffee shops, local retailers and inviting lighting. Increase the tax revenue and pedestrian traffic that uses this major artery of the city. Similar strategy can be applied to 16th avenue. Thank you
- Safety, education, cleanliness and easy access are the key aspects to a healthy city. Provide those and the right people will come to drive the economy and housing.
- Applaud the initiative for zero increase. Keep up pressure on developers to pay for infrastructure and pay their fair share to maintain (new) neighbourhoods and developments long-term.
- Shift funding from major road interchanges and freeway upgrades (Crowchild/Deerfoot) to the Green Line LRT. This is the most important project right now in YYC. If anything invest staff, money, to speed it up. With Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal leap frogging us (who knows what will happen in Vancouver) on readiness to build rapid transit, we could face a shortage of LRT specific contractors/expertise. Put LRT funding into the greenfield land developer's development cost charges. If they're paying for freeway upgrades they can pay for LRT that goes right to the city edges too. It's not fair to have the current set up to automatically fund only one transportation form. Add a 4.5 cent per litre city-wide gas tax for Green Line funding via provincial share and just get on with it instead of waiting even longer for a city charter. Does anyone even mention the 4 cent per litre gas tax Jim Prentice put on? No. Reduce, or stop until the economy recovers, the un-necessary sidewalk and curb replacement as is going on right now in Brentwood. Does a flat, cracked sidewalk panel or chipped curb really need money spent on it compared to other things? Fat to be cut there. Make the cycle tracks permanent. Reduce risks to the taxpayer from higher carbon taxes. Plant more trees for a tree canopy along Bow River, Nose Creek, and other unused green space. Do less impermeable surfacing to allow water infiltration and mitigate storm water run-off. Simplify the zoning rules with fewer zoning categories, change zoning to match the ARPs, station plans, etc (people can still comment at DP stage) and put time limits (6 months) on engagement and development approval process, so infill developers have more certainty. Charge higher fees if you have to, to get it done faster. Freeze infill development on green space like golf courses- putting Confederation Creek in a culvert under a road through Highland is a travesty when just west they get



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parks. Get RouteAhead done, even if the SW BRT is replaced with construction only for the South Crosstown BRT. NW has West Campus, Stadium, new Cancer Centre, SAIT expansion, Green Line, infill, etc-16 Ave will need better transit. Is there anything YYC can do to shed its (and mitigate Alberta's) bad image (conservative, regressive, small-minded) to attract high potential industries such as IT, finance, or medical-related? Don't waste tax money on Flames/Stamps facilities.

- Please stop spreading salt on residential streets. It is harmful to houses, cement and the watershed. Higher density is fine, but consider what things will look like in 10, 20, 50 years if you go down this route. Nobody wants their children to ride a bus for an hour each way to go to school.
- City owned golf courses should be sold for redevelopment as residential. These courses are completely useless spaces for 7 months of the year, and for the other 5 months are used by a tiny minority of calgarians who golf. I golf occasionally myself but these courses would be worth a fortune if sold to developers, and proceeds could be used to reduce taxes. It would also reduce the urban sprawl in our city.
- I think we should spend less time with density and more into quality and privacy of new homes
- Throwing dumb ring artwork doesn't make for a fun lively city. what creates a lively city is a variety of small UNIQUE businesses that can survive and flourish. similar to Kensington area kind of businesses and its mix in the community residential areas. that's what will create a well balanced city. not a Walmart in every other community. and not endless blocks of houses without any small businesses mixed in.
- Stop fighting and check your egos (mayor Nenshi) serve your constituents first, stop kowtowing to developers, special interest groups and review land use. We are losing green spaces in small communities to build crap condos everywhere. Above all else STOP wasting our money on stupid stuff (spending for art with infrastructure) I love art but only if you use our local artists to improve Calgary spaces. No more 25 million dollar bridges to nowhere (Spain) blue circles on overpasses (German) and stop trying to convince us we are not a world class city. We have known for years that we already we are.
- An ever reducing workforce will force how municipal services will be delivered over the next 10 yrs (Canada did not have enough children over the last 20 yrs and imigration is not compensating for this). Providing service with less people resources will be the new reality. Reduction in municipal services will be required/inevitable as service expansion will not be possible. Please start making the hard decisions now. Municipal taxes will no longer be able to pay for fire, police and LRT/Transit services. The province will either have to limit IAFF arbitration decisions or take over these services due to the significant cost of service and limited real public benefit. Calgary has not managed its land base well. Increasing density must start from the core out. Council must stand up to developers and stop allowing urban sprawl. Calgary Council and staff are not walking the talk. All this will be difficult, controversial and require a steady, confident hand by elected officials and administrators. Provincial legislative enhancements will also be necessary. Local government must adjust to new realities or large, medium and small municipalities will not remain financially viable.
- Do everything you can to diversify or economy and increase our density. Combined this should widen our tax base and lower or costs through more residents in the same footprint.
- Diversifying the economy is vital to reduce single industry reliance. Stop urban sprawl so as to reduce new costs. Delay the composting program to better times instead increasing personal composts.
- Forget green box program. Forget bike path development. Do not allow huge development like Currie barracks that just compound traffic problems on already busy streets.Listen to the concerns of the citizens is the Southwest Transit plan.
- The city needs to find a way to approve secondary suites without having to look at each application. This is a waste of your time, especially if good by laws are in place are safety and parking. Also there is a need to be



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more responsive to new housing options such as tiny houses, shared housing, etc., as more and more of us can not or do not want to purchase. Modest rent controls could also be something to consider. Lastly, before privatization of any services please ensure that the same level of service is provided and that it truly does save money--not just an ideology-based action--and that means too that those new workers are being fairly paid.

- I am not in favor of changing the nature of existing R1 neighborhoods to increase density.
- Lower taxes. Cut salaries of city workers. Cut back on city services. Make developers pay more for city services in new areas.
- Please stop urban sprawling. Develop more apartment buildings. We need to build up, not out. People can't afford new homes, but they can afford reasonable rent
- Quit using general topics so that you can frame results. 1) stop building roads and start building transit, toll roads and make transit free - and if you want to slow traffic, instead of reducing speed limits you can build raised crosswalks and put stop signs in 2) we can't afford more property tax increases - start by reducing salaries where you can, reducing offerings you are not obligated to provide (such as translation into languages other than official languages) 3) stop cramming density into the furthest suburbs which creates traffic nightmares and does not help the environment - density belongs in the central areas and if you keep cramming it into the burbs the traffic gets worse, you have to keep building roads etc. 4) DO NOT put public money into private businesses in any way shape or form 5) finish what you start before moving on to a new project - why is the Seton Recreation Centre not finished? and there seems to be no questions about it!
- Keep taxes low. That means cutting service like I said in the last survey which you ignored. One way, stop new suburban expansion. It costs way too much to service and provide services to. Encouragement for builders should be to established communities. If builders want to build on the outskirts it should be funded by other municipalities. Second, outsource more transit services. The rates are unreasonable and the service sucks. Cut your losses and realize we are too big to encourage widespread use of transit. Factoring in the soon to come park and pay, and outrageous ticket price, it is literally cheaper for me to drive AND more convenient. If you focus on my first suggestion maybe transit effort will become viable in a decade. Third, you can cut your costs by factoring in the property tax increase you took a few years back and never gave the provincial rebate back to CALGARIANS. And the fourth suggestion is cut the "extras", quiet frankly other than essential services like fire, police, roads, and park maintainance. Those extras are for when we have money and are not essential. I truly hope you listen to this survey rather than ignoring it like all the others... or the public forums... or mass public opinion....
- Run the city like a business!!! Seek out and eliminate waste and corruption. Create green spaces instead of systematically destroying them. Eg Shawnee and harvest hill golf courses, COP development. Allowing developers to make cash contributions instead of preserving green space is a crime against the citizens, not to mention the environment. Dead tired of self promoting photo op/glory seeking mayors and city councillors. You know who you are.
- new downtown BIKE Route are way too expensive to built and expensive to maintain and the SIGN confusing to read especially if you seldom drive downtown.it seem many people drive the route but if you look closely these are the same people using it back and forth back and forth and the weather this past year is easy on the rider because of el nino. add a small transit bus that CIRCLE the downtown core passing through where business are high leaving every few minutes.We cannot afford that bike route. One more Stop Urban Sprawl.
- Suburbs are not the future.
- Calgary Municipal Development Plan: Stop trying to herd people into cookie cutter housing. Get rid of bike paths, and upgrade roads so people can get around.



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- The biggest load for families is mortgage/rent/utilities. The more money we spend in putting a roof over our heads the less I can spend on other stuff. Compared to previous generations where homes were more attainable. With higher rates, sure, but these rates are not normal. This might be tied up to flipping, more demand than supply, and everybody wanting to make money quick on a home. Better regulations need to be in place to have a balanced market. What if I don't want a mortgage? Look at other countries and building a house is always cheaper than buying one, here seems the opposite. Land in new development areas are only available to builders. Why can't I buy a lot and build when I have the money? I was just about to buy a small house in Prestwick 5 years ago for 300k, the deal fell because of water damage. Now the same houses in the area are 400k+!!
- My taxes have almost doubled but the services have not. Make developers pay for water and power when building new communities. Get rid of the city pension program and benefit perks outside of the norm. Private industries did a long time ago
- Please stop filling every green space in the city - leave the established communities alone as far as building on every space available. Provide the schools and recreational facilities that are necessary for a busy, growing vibrant city.
- Stop the densification of existing communities, people bought in them because they liked them as they are. It is grossly unfair to impact the house values just so the city can raise more tax dollars.
- If Calgary wants to become a more cosmopolitan city, then you need to stop developing suburban sprawl and focus on making communities stronger and more integrated and give people more options of what to do in their local community.
- We need to continue to develop the city, not just by building up, but also new communities and infills, many families can not live the Canadian life they want in an apartment
- For me personally, the cycle tracks have brought a huge improvement in my quality of life. For my community, the priorities include flood mitigation and continuing to have affordable housing in densifying inner-city areas. For the city as a whole, leadership in environmental protection and education will help position us for sustainability in the post-carbon era.
- Quit building. Save our green space. Sick of how much building is going on taking up all our land
- I think it's time the city hold the developers more accountable for the newer communities they build. Put the responsibility on them to create new roads and infrastructure and don't let them just dump a neighborhood once the building is complete - make sure they have a sustainable plan in place for a vibrant and healthy community. Also don't allow them to get away with adding single lane roads to and from communities - this means right from the access point of a community right to the major arteries in the city. The city continues to allow developers to build without first enforcing they put in proper, safe and efficient roadways first before doing anything else. It creates huge headaches for residents and traffic from already far out suburbs crawls into the centre of the city because developers are allowed to do the bare minimum. And of course developers will have to likely charge a bit more to home builders to make that happen but I think that's part of the price that is necessary to pay if people want to build large homes on the outskirts of the city. It comes with the territory. I also think the city needs to look at essential services and focus more of an importance there when spending money. Obviously people don't want to see medical services, law enforcement, etc. cut but there are a lot of non essential services that can be cut or cut down to make up some savings.
- Stop growing outward. The costs to connect these new areas are so high. Inner city communities have old outdated infrastructure and pay higher taxes while the new communities keep getting all the new infrastructure and pay lower taxes. Transit is important. We are lucky in my neighbourhood to have a direct bus route to



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downtown. It can be ridiculously hard to get between communities. There is a bus trap cutting off the neighbourhoods to the east, making it faster to walk than drive.

- Urban sprawl is out of control with poor transportation options to most new communities. Do all office buildings belong in the core? Maybe office concentration in outlying area to reduce traffic
- the city is very spread out in order to improve public transport and traffic flow outward growth of the city should be capped and increased emphasis on use of existing spaces.
- Developing older areas to reflect environmental standards of new technology and building standards. For example, incentives to better insulate homes, solar energy, energy efficient windows. Renew and revitalize communities to prevent or reverse the "bad neighbourhood" areas of the city. Allow rental units in all areas of the city with appropriate inspections and standards.
- Focus on diversification, innovation incubation, attracting more head offices and high quality secondary suites and lane way housing, more mixed commercial/ residential developments.
- Slow greenfield community development. Service existing and newer communities that are growing.
- Slow down unnecessary growth. City has gotten too big to handle present infrastructure. Need to do long term planning instead of knee jerk reactions. Maintain the green spaces ,Calgary known for this and getting less and less every year.
- Leave the current single residential zoning in place in older established neighborhoods!! Only those wanting the green bins should register for them, have them delivered and pay for them. Those who won't use them should not be forced to pay for them!!
- If Mayor Nenshi wants to promote in a congested high density city ... might I suggest he live there first. We wanted to live in a green "small town" type of community. I here that they want those few folks that are still working downtown to pay for parking and perhaps a higher transit fee. Nice

Calgary's Environment

- Reduce taxes and city funds waste. Improve traffic flow. Stop environmental meddling...global warming is a myth.
- I am very excited to see the new initiatives being implemented around reducing our environmental impact, such as carbon tax, and compost bins. I am excited to hear and see our city being the leaders in creating environmentally friendly cities. I would like to see green spaces being preserved, watch our city grow and transform into a city made for walking, and biking. I would like to see change/shift in our method to power our city from polluting methods to safer cleaner energy, such as solar and wind. I want the government to provide incentives for people to invest in renewable resources, make it more available and accessible. Ultimately, this our planet, our home. If we do not start taking care of it now, we will not have an economy, or healthy communities, or individuals. We will have more social problems, higher poverty, health risk and inequalities. Change needs to start now and I am excited to see our city taking leadership in that change, to creating a sustainable, environmentally friendly society.
- Keep the people in mind and environment! Thanks!
- I want council to keep doing the good job they are doing. Keep budgets in order and continue to support our citizens in their everyday life being safe and Keep a tidy and clean city
- keep in mind what the end result should be, if something is not going to benefit everyone in each community in the city maybe that plan should be rethought. Make sure it is something that is truly important not something that only a small amount of higher tax paying people will care about, all class levels and people should be taken into consideration. Also take into consideration how these things are going to effect the environment and those places around us.



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- I would like them to consider other possible energy sources for Calgary, and improve or make new connections with other cities/communities.
- "I want Council to encourage & enable technology hubs in suburban areas as part of it's transit oriented strategy."
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- Encourage power suppliers to provide smart technology in order for power users to use energy more efficiently.
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- Work with the provincial & federal governments to make solar & geothermal energy more affordable through rebates &/or tax credits."
- "I want council to consider the diverse ethnicity of the city, educate more on environment. Reduction of waste and encouraging people on composting and Recycling would be a way to go. The way residents are being charged for the waste collection is just out of comprehension. Instead of promoting urban sprawl, we can focus more on population density.
- We can look forward to a more reliable and affordable transit systems.
- We can also look into a concept of Fruit green city (starting with apple trees plantation in the parks, or we can invite the residents to plant one fruit tree per household)
- Enable residents for ride share, car pooling to reduce the number of driver only vehicles on the road. I have seen a lot of seven seater vans on the roads with just a driver only (what a waste!) Provide something like green credit for ride sharing, that can be redeemed for some benefits on recreation."
- Please put further consideration into how our green spaces are being devoured. Areas like Paskapoo Slopes are being destroyed for more malls when existing malls are not at capacity. The need for green is even more prevalent now when people are on tight budgets and enjoying more family outdoor time to play, learn about nature and rely less on consumerism as a form of entertainment.
- "-Fast track the SE c-train line! It's the only quadrant that has no access to the C-train!
- -The continuous increase of Enmax utilities/fees (although, lower this year)
- -UBER is needed in this city. Taxis are a joke in this city: bad service, high costs, and horrible drivers!"
- "I implore city council to consider implementing a more sustainable composting and recycling program. Much like the monetary refund one receives when bringing in bottles and cans, why not encourage Calgarians with not strictly federal dollars, but with Calgary Dollars as well, to recycle cardboard, paper, and plastics, and increase composting? Using Calgary Dollars would not only bolster Calgary's own economy by encouraging local business, it would lessen the environmental impact that relying on foreign exports requires. By putting higher value on local business, we increase Calgary's economy, therefore Alberta's economy, and furthermore Canada's as well. This would also help Calgary keep its status as a world-renowned city, thus attracting more world-wide attention, and tourism/ traffic to the city. Also, increasing localized food growth is a major factor. With the compost made, we can replenish the soil and make a fertile city. Talk about world-renowned!
- I don't want to go on and on, as to whomever it may concern, you have many other letters to read, but one thing is for certain: By strengthening the foundation of Calgary, we grow and become an even stronger city. Thank you."
- Consider the quality and reliability of our food source. Local food initiatives. Calgarians are resourceful. Let's make miracles. "Discontent is the first necessity of progress" Edison
- Find a way to keep parks and lakes and playgrounds clean and kept. Some lakes in NE calgary have not been looked after and there is garbage and overgrown weeds. This needs to be addressed. Thanks



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- stop wasting money on bike lanes, pedestrian bridges, public art, and blue / green carts. Give taxpayers a break.
- "No Green Cart.
- Why have my garbage fees not gone down with all the success of the Blue Cart recycling which costs double the Black Cart Program.
- Stop trying to rip off ideas from warmer climates, we are not Arizona, Florida or Portland. We need to be realistic about walking and biking expectations when it can be snowing and cold the majority of the year.
- Get some talented people working for the city to fix some of these issues.
- Post clear ""success criteria"" for the public to see how decisions are made on all these hairbrained pilot projects the City undertakes time and again."
- "Stop treating the populace as a tax farm. It's bad business. Just because tax rates are increasing slower than real inflation doesn't mean we're getting a good deal for the cost.
- Chickens, even roosters, are less annoying than a yard full of dogs and cats in matters of noise, smell and pest attraction while simultaneously naturally reconditioning the soil and eliminating weeds, mosquitoes and rodents. A typical suburban yard could easily sustain 10 chickens.
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- Even a couple of goats, when fed adequately, would have minimal impact on a suburban yard in the areas of noise and smell while also serving to recondition soils.
- <http://bit.ly/1PvbRRo>
- Farms stink because farmers take pride in their smell, not because the animals are naturally dirty."
- I want Calgary to be a role model of inclusivity, accessibility and social responsibility. We have a gorgeous city with a vibrant population and I think we have the ability to lead by example. Putting a focus on communities - making them accessible, making them green and making them affordable will create a future worth looking forward to.
- focus on public transport, the environment and new resources for Calgary that are not driven by oil and gas
- Cut my taxes. By shifting utilities to snmax my takes & utilities are around \$600 per month. Everything goes up. Blue bin up. Garbage up. Now green bins? Sigh. Pricing me out of my home.
- I love my Green cart, I would like to see that available everywhere in Calgary communities/business areas. I do not like that we are growing out so fast that we are using up valuable farming land for business needs . I think it is a burden on our police, fire and EMS services to cover all the communities without a budget to cover this growing needs. Keeping in mind of our natural habitat areas should remain untouched and preserve as many as possible. I highly respect Mayor Nenshi for standing his ground for the best of the city of Calgary.I am one of the few native Calgarians who have seen many changes and feel that Mayor Nenshi truly understands the cares about this city.
- Find balance between growing the economy and being sustainable
- More clarity on how the recycling programs for business. Accountabilities
- I want council to ensure trees that are injured and killed during grass cutting on pathways get replaced.
- Less focus needs to be on flood mitigation, and more focus on watershed management within Calgary. As well, more public access to the river is important along with the necessary amenities along the river (ie. washrooms, garbage cans, etc). Not much currently exists.
- Since I have been lucky enough to travel alot around the world in the past 10 years, I really find our city pride is missing outside the core. Our welcome to Calgary signs and surrounding areas are weak and kind of say we are too rushed to be bothered to do something fun and unique. On a planting topic, I really thing that trees, shrubs, etc would help and assist not only with looks, but for eg, on Stoney trail, snows flowing across, horrific



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traffic noises to neighbourhoods beside Stoney (SE is where I am, near Seton, Riverstone), LOUD. but when you drive the whole route, it's unattractive, take a drive down a PHX freeway or in Germany, OR France, trees, gardens, rock gardens, whatever works for your climate. I would be happy to work on this, making things look beautiful is what I love. Thanks.

- There are a lot of people appreciative of what the city does. Don't grease only the squeaky, negative wheel. Calgary is finally moving in the right direction regarding the environment. Let's keep it going and not be afraid to accelerate it!
- I want council to focus on core services, (road maintenance, garbage pick up and water/wastewater) and stop spending money on NICE TO HAVES, like landscaping the river walk and lighting up the entire (EMPTY) east village as bright as daylight. Stop building things that cost to install, cost to run, cost to maintain and don't earn a dime! (Ex., lights on Langevin bridge, cost for electric, hurts the fish habitat, is counter to City's own environmental policies, etc, etc.) Don't spend money on pedestrian strategies, ENFORCE EXSISTING LAWS for pedestrians and drivers alike!!!
- Keep up the good work! I appreciate the care of naturalized park and snow clearing on the multi-use pathways which I use daily for commuting and recreation.
- Continue to support green spaces, art and a vibrant downtown.
- Stop depending on oil, and coal. We should be leading the way for renewables. Ban GMO's, herbicides, and pesticides.
- The situation in Calgary economically keeps going down, and I think investing in clean/renewable energy sources and protecting Calgary's environment should be high on the list of priorities, not just for the enhancement of our city, but also for job creation. Secondly, I've noticed the City has a ton of job opportunities for students, but the problem many of us face is finding good work once we graduate. Summer student jobs are great, but offering opportunities for new grads to get their foot in the door and start getting some real work experience would be even more beneficial.
- I want Council to put responsibility above economy. The economy will recover (eventually), our lands & waterways take longer, and are more important to sustaining life.
- I want Council to not spend monies on so-called Art projects as part of infrastructure (i.e., giant circle light standard on a bridge, \$50 million dollar bridges that are extremely difficult to repair, etc.) but instead to focus on green spaces that can be used by the public in any major works project.
- First, thanks for providing leadership to our city on important issues. I'd like you to consider these things: 1. It's easy to get sidetracked by short-term issues. Focusing on long-term issues, such as economic diversification and environmental protection, are needed. For example, water management is a looming issue as our climate changes and our water sources are shrinking. 2. Economic diversification at the municipal level should include investment in long-term assets such as convention centres and arts centres/museums, which contribute to the cultural richness of the city as well as drive both business and leisure tourism. 3. Great cities around the world are marked by the effectiveness, reach, and range of their public transit. We need LRT to the airport to include Calgary in this elite group. We also need it for environmental and public access reasons.
- Seriously considering alternative energy- solar panels. Would be amazing for our wonderful City to be the first one in Canada to be self-sufficient and "cleaner"
- I want Council to focus on making Calgary less industrial downtown, (city beautification), address vehicular choke points in the city. Provide incentives towards renewable energy.
- I want council to lobby for implementing SMS parking, Vancouver public transit system and fencing off leash parks. Good luck!



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- Make good investment in this economic downturn. It makes to invest in infrastructure like roads, water and wastewater treatment when labour and material costs are lower.
- "while I support increasing density, neighbourhoods are being ruined by poorly built and poorly designed infills and duplexes. This should be more closely monitored and controlled.
- Community plazas and green spaces need to be preserved and more should be added - the art requirement is a great start."
- "I want council to allow Uber to operate without interfering with the rates as taxis are way too expensive.
- I want them to implement more dog friendly parks and areas.
- I want City Council to hold the CPS accountable for the citizens safety"
- help in making us a forward thinking and progressive city we can be proud of rather than being known for rednecks, rodeos, beef and oil AND STOP KILLING THE WILD HORSES PLEASE PLEASE
- "I want council to be very diligent when considering development plans near railways. For instance a 30 meter setback is only designed to have derailed rail cars come to a stop before they hit a person's home. In slippery conditions that is an inadequate distance and of course it does nothing to mitigate against a rail car derailling and then leaking hazardous materials. I would also ask council to take a firm line on protecting our green spaces whether owned by the city or privately held. Densification as described in the MDP may have many benefits but it should not be done by allowing opportunistic developers convert our green spaces.
- In the current economic environment the city needs to be fiscally frugal and diligent. The city has continued to add costs to developers for city infrastructure and yet they also continue to raise property taxes (or keep talking about doing that)."
- Pay more attention to the environment and nature in the city.
- Lower taxes, Lower overall city spending, greatly reduce funds for public art projects (let it be funded by private donations), and please increase lot sizes to create space for a suburban forest to cover and hide the sprawling monolithic suburbs
- I want council to focus on diversifying our city economy, and encouraging green industries around the city. I would also like to see more green spaces, and city events that bring the community together. Also focus on putting through Calgary Next and the new arenas, as well as fixing crowchild.
- We need trees in suburbia & solar
- I want the Council to diversify our economy but wrap all decisions in doing it in an environmentally friendly way that promotes green spaces and healthy living.
- Upgrade dam at Bearspaw to generate electricity for more than just its own pumps. Install solar on all new construction. Follow the examples of Bogota and Copenhagen regarding dedicated bus and cycling roads. Encourage small business, home based business. Allow secondary suites. Stop criminalizing the homeless. Allow backyard chickens.
- Calgary is a great place to live and I believe that our parks are some of the best things in Calgary (fishcreek, weasel head, glennmore, ext.) Some of these parks were extremely damaged during the flood of 2013 and haven't been restored. These parks bring in tourism and need to be looked after and maintained. Its devastating that Calgary still hasn't fixed pathways in these park especially in fishcreek.
- keep in mind that Calgary is a beautiful city, that should pride itself on developing our parks areas, reclamation of flood areas which were affected along the river (a lot of those walking paths/trails have been wiped out and have not been repaired leaving some areas dangerous) and focus on making Calgary a more green city with efforts towards recycling and composting. Also in the future land development in the Lynnwood area in preparation for the incoming LRT line in an effort to make the area more attractive



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- Clean up the bushes around some of the lakes in the city Calgary to make for a healthier environment. The lake at Taradale is an eye sore
- do what you need to do (incl increase taxes, borrowing, etc) to make Calgary the amazing city it can be! We have so much going for us, don't pass on the opportunity to invest in infrastructure, improving parks, promoting the city.
- I want Council to allow Urban Chickens!
- Really look into making transit more efficient and effective rather than concentrating on more roads ruining wetlands other natural areas.
- I would like council to continue to improve the way new communities are built to allow for more/better pedestrian and bicycle traffic. More sidewalks and pathways. Also, we need to continue to value green space in Calgary and protect it. Calgary's Parks team needs to do a better job of maintaining parks and caring for trees and shrubs. Also, council needs to continue to improve access to public transit and routes. More seating and covered shelters at bus stops to encourage more people to ride transit. For drivers, council needs to continue to improve traffic flow and add entrance/exit points for new communities and continue to improve traffic jams. I would also like to see Calgary not grow outwards as much. More upward than outward and smarter growth. Re-development of older areas. Also, council needs to make it easier for small business to startup and to succeed once in business. Also, I would like to see more promotion of tourism in Calgary to bring in more money to our city. Thank you.
- Stop wasting money on bike lanes, blue and green cart, pedestrian bridges. Get rid of unions and privatize
- I want council to continue its excellent efforts to make the city more accessible by public transport and bikes. It should strive to build a city that is resilient and innovative. I'd especially love Calgary to become a leader in sustainability - recycling, compost, green zones to control flooding/runoff, etc.
- I want council to maintain healthy environment, planting new trees, and moving forward with a more detailed recycling program.
- Keep upstream mitigation of the Elbow River in the forefront of deliberations as well as proceeding with the Elbow diversion tunnel to the Bow (similar to the proposed channel in the "30s when the reservoir was constructed!!)
- I want Calgary to be the leading city re: climate change using our entrepreneurial skills to lead but couple this with watershed / storm water management restoring as much nature as possible to benefit from nature's services heightening biodiversity and helping citizens to live with nature as much as possible in an urban setting. Water is a precious resource and critical for nature and all downstream. Drought and flooding will happen. Support the ALIDP. Get rid of bylaws that restrict the natural and community services, community recreation opportunities and local arts - the things that add life and make Calgary a place of geographically strong communities who don't have to drive miles for daily / typical services - the time of mega malls has passed. Let's support neighbourhoods.
- Stay focused on keeping Calgary clean, safe and friendly!
- (1)keep working on the "easy" ways to get transit going (like the south BRT). (2)maintain the dog licensing rules and allow us to house multiple dogs, as long as we treat our dogs well. Thank you.
- Environment, Education, Economic Stability, Communities (Gardens, People, Support...), Diversity, Big and Small Business Support, plus Arts and Culture.
- I want the Council to keep in mind long term priorities, such as care for the environment in the face of short term economic pressures.
- I want council to protect recreational green spaces from development. Parks and greenspaces are part of what makes Calgary great. Recreational zoning should not be changed - ever!!!!



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- Improve look of roads like Macleod Trail with more trees and perhaps better footpaths and bridges or tunnels giving wider access to c-train users from further afield. The tunnel at Southland under Macleod Trail. Trees to make Macleod into amazing Boulevard that we'd all be proud of and enjoy more on foot.
- "1. Start composting throughout the city asap. To get this working effectively will take years-we are already so behind on this
- 2. Ask those who are the most underserved what they need for access ie transit, malls etc. After working with the underserved for years (while living in my fully accessed neighborhood), I am often ashamed of the disparity. But this is a silent crowd-you need to be intentional to find out the reality."
- I want council to invest in schools and education. I want council to invest in renewable energy sources and sustainable markets. Support local business and farmers.
- Start thinking of cutting taxes and have a more efficient work force. City recycling system too inefficient and costly get it out of city workers and contract it out. Improve the road system and traffic flow and stop pushing bike lanes down on us! Have council roll back its pay raises and have the city taxes under control.
- Future development should be done responsibly. Council should not allow green spaces within the city to be developed. Keep communities attractive by keeping green spaces.
- Please implement green bins city-wide asap
- Not all people work downtown and want to ride a bicycle. I do not want my tax dollars spent on special bike lanes that out the over 1 million people in this city will not use. I was already recycling at the local drops and you taxed me for the recycle program which is fine and convenient. I have a composter in my yard and do not want to pay more taxes for a city program. That money could be better spent building affordable housing for people especially since the city is taxing us out of our homes.
- I want to see more of leash dog park's if at all possible.
- I want the Council to consider the benefits of REAL diversity in economy and how that will create a positive ripple effect for housing, jobs, communities, and sustainability.
- take an energy transition to renewable energy in consideration and the protection of our land, air, and water. Thank you.
- I want Council to focus on the most important issue of our times, climate change. Calgary should be joining the Blue Dot program and other national and international programs to enhance and elevate awareness and education around renewables, efficiencies and conservation. We have to bring ourselves into the 21st century, to truly diversify, and to get out from under the "cloud" of fossil fuels. There is so much potential out there for jobs and economic diversification if we just change our mindset and have solid leadership in a more progressive and holistic direction.
- I want Council to continue to have some foresight and not be reactionary. Remember that environmental and social sustainability are critical long-term priorities and should not be forgotten because of the current state of the economy.
- I want Council to pass an idling bylaw. I also want them to take a role in educating the public regarding idling, recycling, and disposal of cigarette butts.
- Prioritize the environment because once it's polluted we can't get it back. We should be focussing on solar energy and jobs in that sector instead of always in oil. Water quality and sustainability is a huge priority to me. Where can I find info on the testing of our water and what is in it? This should be public knowledge. More green spaces and more trees please!!! When developers go in to develop an area like Weaselhead, they should be required to plant 2 times the amount of trees they remove for the project to help zero out the environmental impact they are going to have. All other housing developments should be required to do the same as well.



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- The future - invest in long-term sustainable solutions that position Calgary on the cutting edge of stewardship for the people and the land.
- I would like them to keep in mind reducing our carbon foot print
- Approve egg-laying hens in backyards -- say a max of 5 per house.
- Support a healthy, local, environmentally sustainable food system, prioritize walkable communities, safe bike paths and accessible public transit.
- Promote an environment that fosters competition and efficiency. Be willing to embrace new technology. Recognize the importance of top quality and open internet and cellular networks (where possible at the municipal level). Protect our parks and rivers.
- "support our world class white water athletes with river access and a white water park at Harvie Passage.
- It is a shame that the city tries to prevent river access more and more rather than promoting safe river use."
- Please don't let the current economic downturn distract you from building the infrastructure Calgary needs, including strong transit, bike, and pedestrian routes, as well as environmental programs.
- invest more into renewable energy
- keep moving toward improving our parks and river spaces toward increasing biodiversity which should include fixing past mistakes. Create a Calgary that is resilient, safe and a great place to live.
- I want council to be more environmentally conscious. Composting, solar energy for our transit, zero waste/closed loop education programs.
- Please keep in mind our city rivers are something to be celebrated. Most cities in North America would relish the possibilities for recreation and tourism these rivers present. Please in your plans make plans to make more acces points within the city for boaters and fishermen. This is something that can be a huge selling point for tourism within our city.
- I would like council to start thinking hard about where Calgary gets it energy. Future treaties on climate action will severely restrict burning of fossil fuels. This will cause the petroleum industry to continue diminishing in the long term. Calgary must be open to transitioning more and more of its energy needs to other sources such as deep Geothermal base load electricity generation, solar, wind and passive shallow heat pump geothermal for HVAC. Calgary needs to help grow the industries associated with these alternative energies by encouraging local utilities to provide power purchase contracts to alternative energy providers. More cheap renewable energy will facilitate availability of affordable electric power, affordable electrified transport such as the c-trains and high speed rail, and affordable heating of public buildings and rec centres. The availability of abundant and affordable energy will promote the growth of local business and industry. Eg. urban agriculture and greenhouses, manufacturing and food processing, processing hydrocarbons to needed plastics, and of course tech and communications industries.
- The impact of cars idling in traffic jams on the quality of air we all breathe.
- Focus on local business development, maintain green spaces,improve public transit
- that my home and native land is preserved and respected. and we learn to work together as a team to build each other up and not tear each other down.
- Increasing quality of life rather than the size of the City. More green spaces rather than more high rises and new communities. More pedestrian areas with patios, arts, galleries, learning experiences, places to gather and share. Keep and expand the cycling/hiking trails. Do we really need to expand s much to the west? A great quality of Calgary is that there are no endless suburbs to drive through to get out of the city. Many people comment on that and love it. Let's keep it that way.
- I want city council to encourage local technology development, urban density, and shared use natural areas



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- To consider the entire population demographics, generations in families, quality of life, make Calgary a green city...an example to the country, to the world.
- Calgary is an amazing city, and planning for the future is important. As a city/province so reliant on the energy sector, we should be expanding what this includes. Encourage new development and research in renewable energy, attract private companies to do this. Plan for an ever expanding Calgary, but rather than building out, let's build up. Let's be a world leader in energy but respect the environment. Keep all the parks but build apartment buildings. Compost compost compost. Recycle! Actually design and build an EFFICIENT public transportation system. Create a tax to driving down town. Improve how we look on the world stage and show that energy production and environmental responsibility can coexist. And PLEASE PLEASE do not build Calgary NEXT. We will never see a single dollar and the so called 'benefits' will be short lived. Stand up for the city and the tax payers within it.
- Educate people on how to recycle properly. Teach and demonstrate in different communities, especially new people to our country. Bring environmental teachings into class rooms.
- Maintaining and developing clean water resources for the city. Developing an efficient and cost effective transit system that allows the efficient flow of traffic to and from the downtown core as well as directly to and from the airport. A city of our size should have a much more efficient way to get to the airport without having to use expensive cab services. More park and exercise services within the south east are needed to serve the large communities in these particular area. Flow of traffic south of fish Creek Park into the main downtown core can be very frustrating if any one of the 3 entrance points (McLeod, Deerfoot, or Stoney trail) is blocked.
- Thanks for the work you do. I think we need to find ways to transition to a environmentally and socially just economy quickly to support those impacted and oppressed, while support those who are currently losing their jobs due to an unsustainable economy. Instead of locking us into the consequences of accelerated climate change.It's a big job for sure and it requires everyone. But there are millions of organizations, scientists, think tanks, academics, community experts, technological capacity and innovative projects around the world that are resources as well as our bold imagination and courage to create the new.
- I would like to see blue box pick up in condo's etc. that have access to the street (ie townhouses that have a driveway/garage at street level).
- Getting people to be environmentally aware from composting, to recycling, to playing & utilizing their communities, to think about impact on traffic by rethinking their lifestyles, doing more locally, getting citizens involved in taking action for being a Healthy and strong community by supporting and taking care of everyone, making choices together, get the public involved.
- "Strongly encourage suburban beekeeping.
- Aggressively develop plans for rooftop permaculture.
- Develop plans for community resident nurses.
- Developers make extreme profits. Make them supply infrastructure not taxpayers.
- Taxpayers do not profit from new developments."
- environment and historical preservation
- keep the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw as is.
- Ban pet stores from selling puppies and kittens from breeders/puppy mill. Make adoption the only option. This will help local animal shelters and rescues.
- Maintain and repair roads, preserve natural areas.
- Keep costs low, better \$\$ management, attract new industries, do not bend to rich private entrepreneurs to use public \$\$ for facilities to earn them more \$\$\$! Keep water, land and resources safe! Hello Flint USA!!



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- our established community is now being over densified due to a developer purchase of land. We don't think it's right to rezone recreation land to housing. City council should ensure there is sufficient green spaces in communities.
- I want the freedom to raise a chicken in my back yard.
- Less sprawl, transit should be cheaper, and keep our green spaces green please!!!
- Permaculturists have been forced into anarchy below the radar because our leaders have no platform for their voice. Our solutions are simple and small and work with the ecosystem but an enlightened civic champion could help us scale them to make a real impact. All it would take is someone influential and powerful to listen to us. I tried the public workshop method in Ward 13 but when the developer is also the facilitator, you know the cards are stacked against you from the getgo.
- I want Council to consider environmental health when making budgeting changes. This means being cognizant of the role education plays in maintaining health of habitat, citizens of Calgary, and the urban wildlife we share the space with.
- Maintain green spaces
- i really do wish the city would invest in a much greener landscape along our roadways and communities. thousands of trees could be planted along Glenmore trail for instance such as what they have done in Edmonton along Whitemud trail. how about instead of a portion of art funding with infrastructure funding we have green / conservation initiatives instead. planting hundreds of thousands of tree seedlings along major roadways etc. i am sure this would be a lot more beneficial than the arts programs.
- Cancel green bin. Cut city fat. Get rid of bike lanes downtown. Quit buying green power. Stop taking in refugees. Start supporting our major industries oil and gas. quit raising taxes. Cancel art works projects.
- To have controlled growth. Not to sacrifice all the neighborhoods into high density complexes. To keep more green spaces in all the neighborhoods
- I think that focusing on the environment is a very hard step because often environmentalism is opposed to individual rights, but it is needed to preserve our futures. The reason that people enjoy having trees and flowers in their communities is because we feel close to nature, and nature is comforting. I'm not saying that we should go back to writing on stones and lighting our homes with candles or anything, but we need to find a way to reconnect with nature again while in our communities. We should also focus on finding new energy sources. Funding more research programs for students attending the U of C, will really help to move us along with this in my opinion. Sure the economy, our communities and transportation is necessary, but it does not guarantee us a future in which we do not run out of our resources. Because that, to be truthful, will ruin our economy and communities more than anything. Let's focus on sustaining and not temporary solutions to make people happy for a few years! Thanks.
- We need to address food inequality and try to wipe it out. also, instead of purchasing useless art from non-Canadians to spruce up the city try using local artists that will donate their time because of pride in our city
- Council should keep in mind alternate energy sources so as to wean itself off of the existing energy suppliers. Invest in solar power technology and become a leader in solar power usage. What other city in Canada has the available land that Calgary has to support a solar power system that could run the city?
- I want council to keep doing what you are doing. I like the densification efforts and that recycling has been extended to condos. Also, I want to be able to contribute to producing energy for our city that is purchased from me (solar panels on my roof could be used by the city for electricity).
- Plan with the future in mind. Remove services that are of no value. Promote solutions that are environmentally friendly. Get rid of photo radar and red light cameras; they don't address the root cause and are a huge waste of money.



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- Take a 'fresh' look at the original plan in light of the current economy to ensure that what is being created is necessary and has immediate impact on the city as a whole. For example, more urban bike lanes are not a priority, completing the roll out of the green bins for compost and recycle bins for multiple dwelling an building is - as is more affordable housing.
- Invest in sustainable technology, locally grown food, organic and non gmo food, local buisnesses, green spaces, community gatherings,
- I want council to protect our City's future based on sustainable & renewable resources, to assist businesses & residents to do the same, to stop urban spread, and to develop an economy that is varied and less susceptible to the "bust or boom" roller coaster.
- Finish the green line and ring road. Allow urban practices such as chickens and beekeeping so we can feed ourselves.
- Invest wisely now keeping in mind the future of the city. A great city that has great infrastructure, green spaces, and community support will attract people even when economy is poor.
- Be real about the environment, both economically and socially, and in considering our spending or investing of our resources in that reality. Be real
- want the city council to ban all selling of pets in pet stores with the exception of those from rescues. I want the city to take an active role in eliminating all puppy mills.
- Think carefully before spending. Spend for all instead of the few. Less on things like art and more on roads and road safety. Look into more greenhouses to provide more produce so we do not have to import maybe we can be the exporters instead and provide cost efficient methods to make it viable. Perhaps tax breaks for going green.
- Keep in mind the children, the at risk , the environment and the calgariana starting businesses vs. The multinational companies.
- Add and maintain green space.
- I would love to see the natural beauty of Calgary preserved, with less mowing down of our limited natural areas to erect chain stores/malls, and more focus on supporting small, local, independent business.
- I want council to listen to the people of Calgary and what they think is important. I want them to give people a platform to share their ideas and opinions. I want information shared freely and openly. I want them to be honest, transparent and upfront. I want them to take the environment seriously (like not putting pesticides and other chemicals on our lawns. trees, etc) and to help us preserve our world, what we have left, including wildlife. I also want council to appreciate the dog and cat owners of the city and to give dog owners more parks for them to walk in, especially in the SE end of the city. As a family that does not have children but dogs instead, when my tax dollars go towards hundreds of playgrounds on every corner and on the schools, I wish there would be an option for people to check off supporting dog parks, instead of playgrounds all the time. I would appreciate that as would many others in the city. I would also like to add that I love what mayor Nenshi has done for our city over the last several years. We are very lucky to have him. Thank you for your time.
- Encouraging and Educating young people and young families on the importance and benefit of healthy eating, food choices, more plant-based diets and more responsible meat choices will help keep health care costs lower now, and in the future. Education is needed to re-visit and plan the food we offer in schools, recreation facilities, and family activity centers.
- Be green
- Becoming more sustainable through composting programs, efficient energy, water, and wast management, further integration of Calgary Transit (eg. the green line), and economic diversification.



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- Start city composting, improve riparian habitat rejuvenation and protection, encourage alternative energy and other technology/ innovative solutions to reduce city carbon footprint -eg solar/wind on buildings, green roofs, energy panel floors on recreation centres to generate electricity/ light, reduced/ no parking fees for green vehicles, compost able plates/cups for all city events and encourage businesses to do the same, have incentives for companies who focus on new green technology
- Clean up the streets
- Try developing rooftops like Germany: planting foliage or solar panels would use the wasted space on top of buildings.
- I know it is hard to please everyone as we all have different 'interests' in our lives, but sometimes I wonder what our councilors do??? I was born and raised in Calgary 64 years ago and I can say I pretty much hate what this city has become - sprawling beyond capacity, such a gap between rich and poor, continuous building, ruination of wild areas, etc. I struggle to survive here.
- Show concern for the air pollution that is clearly evident in downtown and highway 1 corridor. That yellow and gray layer on the horizon looking toward downtown is awful. I would hate to work downtown and have to do the commute. Deerfoot is full of large passenger trucks spewing exhaust with usually only one person on board. Do more to discourage this and to encourage public transit and car pooling.
- Keep in mind that climate change is one of the biggest threats that our planet is facing. We all have to do our part to make sure that future generations will be able to live on earth.
- Please take the environment as a high priority. This includes actions such as supporting renewable energies, not just in industry but for individual homes, keeping parks vibrant and lively, encouraging biking or public transportation, and finding ways to help the homeless off the street, which will help keep the environment clean. Please look to the city Cutitiba for some examples of how to green the city.
- Legalize backyard chickens :)
- Recent research shows people are less stressed, happier, and recover from illness faster when near natural environments such as parks or trees, or near built infrastructure using natural materials (wood, stone, etc). It should be a priority that lower income neighborhoods have the same access to parks and similar "natural" features in their neighborhood.
- A lot of us who enjoy the outdoors and staying in shape like the running/walking paths and parks (Nose Hill, Etc.). Keeping these in good condition would be wonderful!
- would like the city to force the calgary airport to use its runways in such a way to decrease noise and air pollutions and provide a quiet time of 10PM to 7am like city by-laws
- I would like to see more local businesses supported along with a healthy green spaces
- allocated more resources to recycling program and cops to do photo radar in residential and more by law to ticket where people are not supposed to park and bad pet owners at the dog park
- Look for alternative energy solutions such as solar wind etc. Stimulate job growth in this industry
- develop C-train, reduce cars, turn off street lamp during daytime.
- "Consider investments made to our infrastructure contribute to Calgary's future. Invest in all communities, not just new subdivisions, widen roads, expand LRT capacity/ new lines, plant trees, invest in green spaces and planting Native drought tolerant plants/trees. Install Rain gardens to use rain water wisely. I contacted my alderman about having trees planted along Stoney Trail to block noise and beautify the area and was told it would not happen. I understand its a transportation and utility corridor. There is more than enough room to plant trees along the road without encumbering buried utilities, and in the event the trees need to be dug up, then we are not for worse. More likely than not, the trees life will end sooner than having the need to excavate



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the utilities or widen the roads. Development is fine, but development should include landscape features, not just grass boulevards..

- Inner city communities need to be affordable and accessible to keep them alive. Schools need to be built in the outer new subdivisions. All of this has been said before.
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- Instead of green cart composting material being sent to Calgary landfills, why not encourage community composting areas where compost can be taken home freely. Encourage community Gardening. Etc...."
- "1.invoke zero based budgeting.
- 2, temporary subsidization of small businesses during low oil pricing
- 3. Continue and improve flood mitigation
- 4. improve and quicker implementation recycling services
- 5. No private motor vehicles in the DT core
- 6.Better snow clearance and snow removal plans in residential areas and cul-de-sacs
- 7. Open area offices in each quadrant for local liaison face to face, on site forums and individual responses improving transparency and planning overview to quadrants
- 8. Stop treating Enmax similar to a crown corporation, Enmax is supposed to save consumers money not foster added cost on consumers. Restrict Enmax to it's original charter which is transmission not production ensuring lower electrical costs for Calgary consumers."
- "- Decentralization of offices from the centre of the city
- - Enforcement of building guidelines for height and usage (a reduction in the number of special permits and exceptions)
- - embracing the opportunity to develop a green economy."
- Get on with flood mitigation and the Springbank Dam
- "- implement composting program
- - have energy savings/efficiency programs
- - preserve natural environment when developing new communities and do not fast track development plans
- - diversify economy"
- complete the green bin program asap
- Keep in mind that we need to keep some nature in the equation, where animals can live and be safe
- I want council to take climate change seriously, invest in upgrading our infrastructure and communities, and focus on making it the cleanest, healthiest and best city to live in.
- Look at a diverse economy not total reliance on Oil and Gas. Look at manufacturing and Alternative energy.
- Explore more green energy
- I would like council to stop beaking off about new ideas (i.e. Counsellor Joe on CBC re: Uber who made completely inappropriate comments). All Counsellor's should be required to go through media training so they stop making Calgary look like back-country red-necks. Councils' job is to steward the City, not impress their own opinion on the million people who live here. I would like Counsellor Demong to stop being the "no" to every suggestion that comes forward. I would like to see Council spend less and demonstrate increased initiative to make our city better and focus on things that matter to all of us like road work / transportation instead of getting caught up with isolating one new idea (uber). I think that Nenshi does a great job but we need some action, nothing new has been accomplished, roads are still crazy and transit costs continue to rise. Flood mitigation has not occurred, let's try to at least accomplish something in the next 2 years that is memorable.



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- Calgary is a diverse city which is always expanding. I think Council should provide its citizens with opportunities and access to jobs, community services and a healthy environment.
- Ban plastic bags
- Offer breaks for people will to change careers from oil and gas to clean energy. (Wind solar) etc.
- "Go ahead with all transit plans.
- The green line especially, it is shameful that there is no easy transit to the new Hospital in Seton.
- Make this a greener city, not one so car reliant."
- Expand the city composting program and stop increasing property taxes
- "I want the council to consider diversity in lifestyle habits. We-vegans are here and we want positive change. The vegan, whole food plant-based diet is healthy and it's time to support the plant industry, and stop subsidizing the meat & dairy industry. We-humans are responsible for destroying ecosystems and lives for profit and out of fear.
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- The WFPB diet and vegan movement is the fastest growing diet and social justice movement in the world. Listen."
- A push for green energy that helps create jobs is something Calgary should keep a high priority.
- Keep in mind that access to cheap and affordable carbon energy sources will begin to dwindle in this and following decades. The current price of oil doesn't reflect that, because in our globalized economy, price rarely affects true costs. We need to prepare for that inevitability. Investment in public transportation will payoff once citizens won't be able to afford the luxury of single-passenger commutes. Every system put in place today will pay dividends in a resource-scare future. Reference: Peak-oil
- "I want council to allow backyard chickens, limit pesticide use in public parks, have on time transit with routes that make sense and local businesses, not corps, to get support to help our economy grow.
- Our transit is a mess, routes that overlap, areas that get no or minimal service and so many routes have huge areas that are the same as other buses."
- Continue to make Calgary a safe and viable city. I was born and raised here, I would like to see Calgary continue to grow as a community, hire within the people living here, have projects hired from at home not looked at abroad. Keep our green spaces green, and work on getting our medical system more efficient!
- I want council to have Calgary become a world leader in protecting the delicate balance between providing services and safety of its citizens and protecting the natural beauty of its surroundings including air, water and all wildlife.
- I want council to take action on recycling
- "Sidewalks on 40 the avenue
- Centre to Edmonton trail had no sidewalks but now you've heard us - it's an improvement
- Focus on infrastructure is water services sidewalks etc
- Quality is poor with external vendors being used
- Do you go with sole contractor or cheapest bid??
- Keep up quality of infrastructure up and budget for it
- Especial focus on older areas
- Focus on storm water systems as you develop more roads etc
- Environment is key as well when considering development
- Consider environment as we link to support regional areas and smaller neighbouring cities and communities"
- "Transportation (bike,train,pedestrian)



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- Environmental (recycling, renewable energy, composting)
- Community engagement (community hubs)"
- I want council to continue to fight for a renewable energy system in Calgary as well as develop the Ctrain line. Development of accessible housing is an absolute must!
- Our city is becoming increasingly large - it is vital to keep an environment that can sustain all who reside here.
- Flood mitigation is the priority. We should never have to go through the horrors of 2013 again. Recycling is important, the introduction of compost bins and the residence of Calgary should be supported in their efforts, we shouldn't have to pay to recycle (cardboard) at the infill sites. Would like to see more large city parks with a portion dedicated to off leash areas available for dog owners.
- As a municipality Calgary has the opportunity to be a leader in creating sustainable built environments through energy efficiency and renewable electricity generation.
- Incentive programs for putting solar panels on rooftops of houses in Calgary and subsidy on solar energy generation systems for homeowners. If this is done over next few years the houses in the city will generate enough electricity to reduce the cost of energy during the warm weather. Extensive use of solar enabled light poles to make it a greener city Discounts on Led and CFL lights to encourage sales and reduce consumption per household Making smart buildings and housing embedding the changes by applying it to local Building Codes.
- Don't drop plan it priorities to increase density and make us sustainable
- Clean river
- Organics composting
- Prioritize the environment and apply sustainability thinking to all initiatives
- I think that Calgary council should focus on no idling bylaw
- Love the recycling and look forward to composting
- Go Green stop oil & gas & coal thus we don't need Calgary
- Concentrate on sustainability rather than new initiatives
- I want more plants.
- More environmental action! Get more people to reduce, reuse, recycle
- GHG reduction ü
- Keep green space
- "Intelligent" street lights more of them to save electricity and \$\$
- Would love to see the green cart city wide and sooner
- Keep the environment clean
- Complete Bears paw Park. Need public access for fishing and enjoying river!
- I want council to work on creating an inclusive, accessible, equitable, and environmentally friendly city. I want the city to provide more resources for low income people & families as well as for homeless people. In addition, I want the city to reduce the police sweeps and end the criminalization of sex workers. Furthermore, I want safe injection sites available in every sector of the city. More low income housing, and accessible and affordable after school and summer programs available to children from families in every income bracket.
- Overall focus should be on sustainability. This creates a city that flows well and grows together, and attracts outside interest. Helping Calgarians to take public transportation, compost, reduce utility usage/costs, etc. provides more money for the economy.



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- I want Council to (1) consider how this economic recession affects the least fortunate and most vulnerable in our community and (2) not compromise critical long-term issues that are essential to our quality of life -- for example, the environment -- even though it would be easy to do so in these difficult economic times.
- Please accommodate growth with investment, and continue to advocate for The City with other levels of government to help manage capital funding, environment, flood mitigation and other dependencies. Thank you!
- We need to be leaders. Building healthy cities means taking opportunities to construct our built environment in a manner that enhances public health. The new cycle track is a great addition that exemplifies this, but we also need to cut back on sprawl, increase walkability, and invest in green infrastructure and technology. Let's NOT be the city that people look back on in 200 years and say "they really fell behind during the green revolution."
- provide backing and funding for local food sustainability and community gardening such as Grow Calgary and others
- "Please keep in mind the 'LONG-term' game - sustainability, encouraging small businesses, DIVERSIFICATION including encouraging RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT of ALTERNATIVE ENERGY and BUILDING solutions.
- This survey is a fantastic idea!"
- I would like Council to put less time, effort and resources into climate change and green house gas issues, and rather redirect those resources and their attention to reducing waste entering landfills from residential/institutional/industrial and commercial streams (organic material, fabric/shoes/teddy bears/sheets, reusables, electronics, recyclables etc). I want Council to consider what the City can do to encourage / influence manufacturers to reduce packaging and take back products at end of their life (full life cycle responsibility).
- Hello we are 2kids who's names are [personal info removed]. We would like to have more of protective community. Because so far in our area there has been many crimes. We are also writing this because of the environment and our protection. We are in needs of saving our forest. We should rather not cut trees to much. The forest is very important for wild life and is very important for us also. We need trees for us to breath. This is why we are doing this. To help our environment. We are doing this to help. I [personal info removed] am a fort mc evacuee my house burned down. All of my friends are gone and im doing my best to help fort mc get right back to shape.
- Climate change, whether it be man made or Natural cause, is going to continue to be an expensive issue going forward.
- Shift funding from major road interchanges and freeway upgrades (Crowchild/Deerfoot) to the Green Line LRT. This is the most important project right now in YYC. If anything invest staff, money, to speed it up. With Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal leap frogging us (who knows what will happen in Vancouver) on readiness to build rapid transit, we could face a shortage of LRT specific contractors/expertise. Put LRT funding into the greenfield land developer's development cost charges. If they're paying for freeway upgrades they can pay for LRT that goes right to the city edges too. It's not fair to have the current set up to automatically fund only one transportation form. Add a 4.5 cent per litre city-wide gas tax for Green Line funding via provincial share and just get on with it instead of waiting even longer for a city charter. Does anyone even mention the 4 cent per litre gas tax Jim Prentice put on? No. Reduce, or stop until the economy recovers, the un-necessary sidewalk and curb replacement as is going on right now in Brentwood. Does a flat, cracked sidewalk panel or chipped curb really need money spent on it compared to other things? Fat to be cut there. Make the cycle tracks permanent. Reduce risks to the taxpayer from higher carbon taxes. Plant more trees for a tree canopy



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along Bow River, Nose Creek, and other unused green space. Do less impermeable surfacing to allow water infiltration and mitigate storm water run-off. Simplify the zoning rules with fewer zoning categories, change zoning to match the ARPs, station plans, etc (people can still comment at DP stage) and put time limits (6 months) on engagement and development approval process, so infill developers have more certainty. Charge higher fees if you have to, to get it done faster. Freeze infill development on green space like golf courses- putting Confederation Creek in a culvert under a road through Highland is a travesty when just west they get parks. Get RouteAhead done, even if the SW BRT is replaced with construction only for the South Crosstown BRT. NW has West Campus, Stadium, new Cancer Centre, SAIT expansion, Green Line, infill, etc-16 Ave will need better transit. Is there anything YYC can do to shed its (and mitigate Alberta's) bad image (conservative, regressive, small-minded) to attract high potential industries such as IT, finance, or medical-related? Don't waste tax money on Flames/Stamps facilities.

- Environment 1st or nothing else will matter
- Tunnel under the river on the west side of the city is priority Green carts are unnecessary Mayor Nenshi is not the moral compass of Calgary and needs to act as a mayor and stop trying to force his left wing views down our throats.. He telling us to take in refugees, add secondary suits to our homes, and chastising landlords about rent pricing.
- Please stop spreading salt on residential streets. It is harmful to houses, cement and the watershed. Higher density is fine, but consider what things will look like in 10, 20, 50 years if you go down this route. Nobody wants their children to ride a bus for an hour each way to go to school.
- Cut down on public transit, there are less people commuting these days with the economy. I don't think the average Calgarian gets the value out of recycling program. No one will say this though because it isn't a very politically correct thing to say. I think many of these programs are put in without considering the total environmental benefit/cost. TWO trucks driving around, now there will be up to 3 (with the compost). Everyone rinsing milk jugs and bottles? How is this anymore environmentally friendly? All we're doing is sorting the garbage for the dump.
- I think council should think about how they run their homes. How do they budget? Where do they cut back when they need to save money? Run the city like you run your home. Consider your wants vs your needs. Suspend some programs; don't cancel them, but suspend them for two years. Change the way the tax assessments are done or evaluate it. Right now there are many inequities. What blows my mind is that there were talks and sessions about increasing transit ridership a few years back or so, but then more roads got built or widened which means we are back to worship of the car. Take out all the parking from downtown and see how your ridership increases! This city back then seemed to be giving lip service to transit only. And now ridership has decreased. Lower population or more cars? More cars more pollution. Decide which you want - a clean city or a car city.
- Cities across the country need to think outside the box. For example, they should work together to get companies to reduce the packaging on all sorts of retail items (e.g., 5 granola bars in a box that used to hold 6; children's toys in giant plastic packages - which are also dangerous to unpackage; cereal boxes that are half full of air; etc., etc. The over-packaging leads to more recycling/garbage for consumers and cities alike to deal with. It is difficult for consumers to "reduce" their output, when this sort of behavior is going on. Look at new options to generate renewable energy - e.g., from municipal waste. e.g., see an Alberta company that could do this - <http://himarkbiogas.com/>
- Remove bike lanes. Cut non-essential services. Invest in renewable energy and electric vehicles. Those countries that have invested in renewables are providing electricity to their citizens at reduced cost and even boosted the exporting of electricity. Germany, Portugal, Chile, Denmark, Norway have generated impressive



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results in 2016 alone. All businesses and households require electricity so investment in renewables benefits the economy. The technology is already available and very competitive to fossil fuels and benefits future generations.

- Quit using general topics so that you can frame results. 1) stop building roads and start building transit, toll roads and make transit free - and if you want to slow traffic, instead of reducing speed limits you can build raised crosswalks and put stop signs in 2) we can't afford more property tax increases - start by reducing salaries where you can, reducing offerings you are not obligated to provide (such as translation into languages other than official languages) 3) stop cramming density into the furthest suburbs which creates traffic nightmares and does not help the environment - density belongs in the central areas and if you keep cramming it into the burbs the traffic gets worse, you have to keep building roads etc. 4) DO NOT put public money into private businesses in any way shape or form 5) finish what you start before moving on to a new project - why is the Seton Recreation Centre not finished? and there seems to be no questions about it!
- I love that our city protects and maintains many of its natural parks and cares about trees. The community tree planting program was great.
- The city needs more economic diversity and support for the arts. This makes the city a more enjoyable place to live, attracts tourism and diversified the economy a bit. Our city needs to stop pandering to the interests of developers and oil companies. We also need to continue with our environmental initiatives like recycling, composting and maintaining our natural environments.
- Plan ahead. Avoid urge to be popular in the short term. If we improve public transit it solves congestion, environmental problems, and helps those in lower incomes. Expand c train line and avoid developing it where it must stop for traffic lines. The c train should be an attractive alternative.
- For me personally, the cycle tracks have brought a huge improvement in my quality of life. For my community, the priorities include flood mitigation and continuing to have affordable housing in densifying inner-city areas. For the city as a whole, leadership in environmental protection and education will help position us for sustainability in the post-carbon era.
- Increasing taxes is not a long term solution. Cost control and streamlining services should be a priority. Protect green spaces and environment for current and future Calgarians.
- Please ensure that Calgary is a great place to live, especially the environment, safety and green spaces, while making sure to function and deliver in a frugal way. Subsidizing sports should be the lowest priority.
- I think it is important that we keep in mind what is good for all Calgarians. For example, the green bins will (assuming participation) minimize our landfill use over time and be better for the environment which will serve everybody in the long run. I know it is difficult to make cut backs in certain spaces, but I don't think this should be the time that the environment suffers as that will affect us all in the long run.
- Calgary is known to be a forward thinking city and we need to keep up. We need to consider alternatives to oil and gas and supporting local businesses especially with the economic downturn. Calgary is growing quickly, which has a huge impact on the environment. Please keep in mind how this growth will affect future generations.
- The days of unnecessary spending are over. Although many are optimistic that the oil industry will bounce back, the fundamentals have changed dramatically and it seems unlikely. That said, this environment should be thought of as the new normal. Which means, the focus should be on how to get people jobs. How can we create an environment where small businesses, and diversified businesses can grow and thrive. You've done some great things to the city over the last few years, which is what should be done when the economy is rolling. Now is the time fall back on maintenance. There has been a dramatic social shift in the last 2 years, with new taxes added and existing taxes raised. Really not an ideal time to be make these dramatic changes.



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I understand this is probably a tough time for the Council, but hey, I'm working 60hrs a week to make sure I keep earning my paycheck. Time to put the nose to the grindstone here like many others in this city are doing. Lastly, please, for the love of sweet baby jebus, stop spending ridiculous sums of money on what some of you have coined as "art". Any "art" I've seen the city put up has cost a stupid amount of money and looks like I could have made it in my garage.

- Although I did not list flood mitigation as important to me, I do think restoring Glenmore reservoir to its original depth, based on the survey done before the dams construction, would help give a more flexible response to flooding issue down stream of the reservoir. The side benefit of having more water storage available for the city without needing to build a new facility makes good financial sense. Certainly the water treatment systems at Glenmore would be able to deal with any turbidity caused by incremental dredging, as they demonstrated during the 2013 flood.
- Developing older areas to reflect environmental standards of new technology and building standards. For example, incentives to better insulate homes, solar energy, energy efficient windows. Renew and revitalize communities to prevent or reverse the "bad neighbourhood" areas of the city. Allow rental units in all areas of the city with appropriate inspections and standards.
- - Persuade Enmax to give real incentives for installation of solar panels. - Consider driverless monorail/above-ground C-train along medians for future routes - also, when is a circular route planned to join hospitals and universities? We don't all work downtown. - Give single seniors a break on never-ending property tax/fee increases. Why are we paying as much as large and wasteful households? - Enough with the bicycle lanes!!! Concerned for the environment? Return to normal traffic lanes and reduce pollution from the traffic jams they have caused. - Contract out more work wherever possible. There are too many expensive unionized employees earning more than they could in the private sector. Indexed pensions too? This city is becoming unaffordable for many of us who have contributed to it for decades.
- We need fewer cars on the roads. Focus on improving public transit. That will also help the environment.
- Get rid of the compost bins, and the bicycle lanes.
- Dump green recycle bins for those who opt out
- please do not follow through with the new green waste pick up plans, especially if black boxes are going to be picked up every 2 weeks. Blue box is wonderful, but many many people will not separate out their "green" waste, meaning it will sit in the black box for 2 weeks. It won't matter in the winter as much, but in the summer it will be awful.
- Focusing on priorities to lower greenhouse gas emissions around Calgary are important to my family. First, Enmax providing energy from renewable resources (solar and wind) would help reduce the city's carbon footprint. Second, an increased emphasis on separated bike lanes will encourage citizens not to drive (even in winter! --Montreal has many winter cyclists, for example). Third, an increase in bus transit hours (as well as C-train) would encourage people to stay and enjoy downtown well into the evening. This will further promote a vibrant downtown core.
- I believe the environment, balanced budgets, and good transportation are important. I also believe that Calgarians should share the costs of services received. I don't mind tax increases as long as there is good open documentation describing what we're receiving as a result.
- The city has provided no incentive for people to reduce their use of energy or consumption of materials. Every month I pay the same fixed rate for my garbage and recycling collection regardless of how much I dispose of, and every month I pay effectively the same fixed rates for water, gas, and electrical access regardless of my usage of those utilities. The cost difference between very conservative utility usage and excessive usage is small since the fixed costs are so substantial and this is a big problem. Please consider moving Enmax to a



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100% usage based billing model where I pay for every bag of garbage that is collected but I don't pay if I have no garbage, and where I pay for the power, gas, and water I consume, but I don't pay if I don't consume anything. The planet is in a bad state and Calgary is doing nothing to encourage people to use less and conserve more. We need to act on this sooner rather than later if we hope to stem the tide of climate change. Thank you.

- Council has little control over the current economic misfortunes. However, please don't let short-term economic pain outweigh the past vision. In spite of everything, Calgary's taxes and utilities - as per Saskatchewan Premier Wall's recent tweet - are still the lowest in the country. Yes, see how we can get most value for our taxes and fees but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. I don't like paying taxes like anyone but we are paying the price now for decades of low taxes and letting the development community get away with paying little to nothing. (If the developers and builders were so concerned about housing affordability, why not return all the money they have donated to charity to the people buying their houses?) Maybe revisit some of the odd public art decisions, but please protect our parks and water resources for current and future generations while improving our public transit to get more people off the road.

Other

- . N/A
- The citizens of Calgary
- na
- Stop thinking you have to engineer everyone in Calgary in your likeness.
- What do citizens need? Everyone's needs (Every business needs) vary depending on the situation they are in.
- Keep in mind Calgary is and always will be a city of ambition, entrepreneurialism, collaboration, and altruism.
- Hi Nenshi! You are a great mayor! (:
- RESIGN!
- -
- Get off your high horse
- Since Cllr's like Chu and GCC know everything, why bother asking them to consider anything?
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- Plan to deal in reality!
- Stop taking pictures of the river... Get on the River!
- future generations
- Consideration of an area demographic
- ...
- I have no suggestions
- not increase EI for the energy workers. When times were good, they splurged, now they have to see their quads and new boats... we should not have to have our taxes go towards ensuring they don't lose their toys!!!
- Characteristic and people
- can't think of anything
- Keep focused on the things that really matter to Calgarians
- The downturn is a unique opportunity for people to rally together.
- Respect the rights of the individual
- Please consider the comments I have made previously in the survey.
- Prevent Nenshi from showboating and concentrate on City issues.



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- I want Council to bring beets for Ward 11's representative.
- N/A
- A lot has changed in the past two years.
- Remember what happened to entitled politicians in the last Federal and Provincial elections.
- Guarantee Civil and Human Rights protection at no cost to victims of wrongful prosecution
- No comment
- I'll be running for mayor in 2017. Watch out.
- Please make
- ...
- .
- ...
- N/A
- Get rid of Nenshi because he [removed]ed over Uber
- Na
- I'd like Council to grow a backbone and tell special interest groups like Ready to Engage to go away and get the job done that helps more than old rich white people...
- "Stop pandering to unions- public unions working for the city, taxi unions blocking Uber, etc.
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- Upgrade the infrastructure. Charge incoming residents for the upgrades. If it slows down the influx, that's even better.
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- Help industry diversify but get out and support the oil patch more. If people don't like our primary industry they can go live somewhere else.
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- Don't you DARE provide public funds for a new stadium complex. What a sham. Ask St. Louis how they're going to pay for their football stadium now that the Rams went back to LA. Ken King and the Flames don't need to operate at such a huge (undisclosed) profit margin. I love the Flames. Have since '89 even though they're terrible this year. But I will happily subsidize the cost of a new stadium when I go to the game. The city can chip in for infrastructure upgrades, but not a penny for the facility."
- Do a better job with some commonsense
- Consider to be more flexible with newcomers with background in medicine, in order to helpvus ti find a job.
- Think of the children
- Put fluoride back in the water.
- Say no to mass floured in my public water!!! if kids need floride, a comprehensive dental health program would be much better: how do we know these cavity ridden children drink any water at all? and a cavity free toilet bowl and front lawn is not a priority for me (i.e. most of our water is not for drinking.)
- I want City Council to re-evaluate the Green Cart program.
- keep up the good work , so we can continue enjoying this great city
- I want council to consider possible city ran child care etc. Where it is cheaper then a mortgage payment.. 15 dollars a day. Will help the economy.. more jobs.. more students. Win win
- Approve Uber taxi's, Get moving on the public transportation, Get moving on the new recreation and stadium plans for all Calgarians, get the cultural centres approved and implemented. Our medical services and quality



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of medical personnel needs a very serious update and overhaul. Too many mistakes are being made and access is severely restricted, causing preventable casualties/deaths

- Make Calgary a place that we are proud of, a forward thinking city, a city that leads by example, a city that my 4 year old will love to live in.
- The Green Line LRT should be looked at closely. Cutting costs should be a priority. An example is infrastructure projects such as the ring road. Many of the overpasses on the current ring road (Deerfoot/McKenzie area) and the proposed plan (McLeod trail overpass) are too complicated and must cost a fortune. There must be a way to simplify them. I also think projects such as Calgary Next are a necessity to keep Calgary in the forefront for tourism and events. I'm just not convinced they want to build it in the right location.
- Stop making idiotic decisions like removing fluoride and blocking uber. It's not 1950.
- Have more city programmes that help the disabled be able to live on their own, but offer help to continue to be able to live on their own with help from agencies similar to private home care, like offer light house keeping, help people shop & bring up their groceries. These kind of services are available to people who can pay for it, but when you are on disability programmes, you have to count every cent per month. When you are disabled, this kind of service would change the disabled lives immensely. Also, please transfer more funds from the AISH programme to a more sustainable amount for the disabled, to at least allow the disabled to have less stress in their lives to eat & live as normal persons.
- I want council to keep in mind families with small children and strollers
- If you are considering wind Turbines as other cities have done, please thoroughly research all possible negative aspects, i.e. vibration on adjoining communities, i.e. Headaches. Possible Damage to bird population, in other words get feedback from communities that have implemented them .
- Find ways to create jobs to help the members of communities thrive. I would like them to come up with plans to lower all of the crime that is happening in the communities. I would also like them to review adding more alternative schooling such as montessori to more schools in the CBE. There are more people interested in alternative schooling every year and it is hard to get your child the education you want them to have with limited space. Parents do not like how and what the schools are teaching and are turning to programs that teach the old methods.
- Look at life in our city while living on minimum wage, re housing, transportation
- Care about me as a person.
- There's a lot of things that you could do, honestly. Because there's really not a lot of things to do in Calgary in general - other than go to a mall or hike around a prairie/mountain. Especially for older teens who are just under the age limit to do adult things. It's just a boring city to live in that many people want to get out of as soon as possible. Also, the transit routes are absolutely TERRIBLE. Poorly planned and inconvenient - no hospitals unless you're on a specific bus, no airport unless you're on another specific bus - it gets you pretty close to where you want to go/where everything is happening (when there ever is anything happening), but just never actually where you want to go. Disappointing.
- Continue to make Calgary a safe and viable city. I was born and raised here, I would like to see Calgary continue to grow as a community, hire within the people living here, have projects hired from at home not looked at abroad. Keep our green spaces green, and work on getting our medical system more efficient!
- I want city counsel to start using the people in our city to build our new art, bridges, buildings etc. We should be giving our architectural, art, engineering, etc, students grants to build the city of Calgary. Bursaries and scholarships should be made for these students so we can enrich those seeking to further their education. Imagine a city built by it's citizens? We should not be hiring people from other countries to do what we can



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invest into our own communities. I would also like the city to put more dog poop bins around the city and parks areas as well as enforce the animals at large by-laws. It's not safe for cats to roam free and it's not legal yet no one cares.

- Innovation, making Calgary smart,
- Please do not build a new saddledome- put money towards these much more important things!
- Focus on LRT expansion and supporting the local businesses that are already here. Less focus on attracting new business or people from other countries.
- put fluoridation in drinking water.....
- I would like to see city council speaking out or advocating for First Nations community's. Many of the surrounding reservations have still had little to know help since the flood a few years back.
- Supporting new immigrants from a central location especially with all info and resources available to them financially etc
- "Continue to be mindful of inclusion, diversity, food security and affordable housing.
- Continue to offer family focused affordable activities.
- Continue to engage the venerable in meaningful conversation in what supports they need to lead productive, inclusive, rich lives.
- Continue to develop partnerships that make kindness a part of our proud culture!
- Great work everybody, thank you!"
- More food
- I hope get job in this city us haigher technicien in industrial maintenance. If working in factories in calgary only for phillipinos let Uber came back i will drive in our city not only in Edmonton. Uber help drivers to make money and customers to go out.
- Put fluoride back in water
- Make Calgary ready for next wave of immigration influx and emphasis on affordable housing solutions.
- I would like to see Alberta seperate from the rest of Canada or have the pipelines installed. I would also like to see a drastic cut of Alberta tax money moving to the east. That tax money should go back into the education of alberta's children. Quebec should implement their own money for their children's education etc.
- More family time with our kids, I am an Assistant manager at a store and as long as the mall is open I have to work. A lot of the other managers I have spoken with in my mall agree with me, we got to bring back family time especially if we have kids in those formative years.
- When I moved here in 1991 I was shocked at how nice people were. It took a while to understand that they didn't want anything from me! I moved away in 2009 in part because this city of good country/small-town type people had turned into big city power jerks from TO (that liked to yell at the poor Starbucks kids for every little mistake). I have recently moved back and really feel that this downturn is an opportunity to rekindle down-home VALUES. Let's build a new Calgary from the inside-out using intrinsic values that aren't about driving Bentley's and eating 100\$ steaks, but rather about caring about people and our land and having integrity, honesty and a giving spirit - thanks. NL
- Work-training, education and job-finding programs and support that is for Canadian citizen men (& others)
- More support for people with mental illnesses, we need to break the stigma J
- Stewardship integrated into education!
- Prov. Managed car insurance so that everyone has coverage. Provide proof.
- Casino
- Calgary Next
- Expand educational opportunities - all high schools should have trades & more than basics



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- Not looking fwd to city wide composting 1. I do my own. 2. Attractants for coyotes, etc.
- Give me back swimming in Glenmore Reservoir
- A sports store
- school
- Build the new arena
- Better access to ESL classes and at better times (am)
- In regard to a new arena being built, I think that the Firestone Park along Memorial Drive would be a better location overlooking downtown with great traffic flow and LRT access for concerts and games!! with Zero risk of flood....
- I am hoping that the City Council will listen to the local sport groups about the 200m indoor fieldhouse idea rather than the very expensive 400m track fieldhouse. We are the only Prairie city without a fieldhouse - Edmonton and Winnipeg have great fieldhouses as well as Saskatoon and Regina. Why ? We did have a funder for this facility but the board said and city representative said they were not ready for the funder. Why ?
- Stop paying immigrants welfare and medical expenses



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Final Comments

- Un 80% of city Council have the ideology of the NDP... Tax and spend ... Catering to 10% of the population at the expense of the other 90%
- I live on a fixed income and would really appreciate it if the city looked at spending within there own individual department. Every little bit counts
- N/A
- No
- No raise to property taxes
- Thank you Nenshi for making me and I'm sure others proud ! Keep up the good work. We look forward to seeing you continue to engage community, nature the economy and fight for social justice!
- "A phone number to call to participate for folks with limited mobility or limited internet access
- "Calgarys world has changed so drastically in such a short time
- "Control the expansion of calgary and make them (new communities and builders) pay for the services not the inner communities.
- "Good to do these surveys.
- "How important the Green Line is to the SE.
- "I love this city and I want it to become the world class city all those brochures say it is.
- "Intelligent" street lights more of them to save electricity and \$\$
- "new councilman
- "Perhaps education costs.
- "reduce refugee and crimes,
- "regardless of having new employees doing various jobs for the city...my services shouldn't be passed off.
- "STOP WASTING TAX DOLLARS
- "Thanks for listening, have a great day you wonderful researcher!
- "Trans healthcare options
- "WHEN ARE YOU GUYS ADDING A REGULAR BUS THAT GOES INTO THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE OF INGLEWOOD ON A REGULAR BASIS? OR A C-TRAIN? THAT COMMUNITY IS ALREADY MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD. IT NEEDS GOOD ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSIT THAT GOES TO ALL AMENITIES (BIG NAME GROCERY STORES LIKE SAFEWAY, CO-OP OR SOBEYS, DOCTOR OFFICES, POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ETC...)
- "Why does Calgary Housing have no funding for rent subsidy but not let this be known anywhere?
- #1 buses running every 10 min all day long
- #3 bus is good in Beddington. And won't use or need Green Line.
- *Pincott* Can't pin him down so he can't be "caught"
- :)
- [personal info removed]
- {:^D"
- 0% percent tax increase and tax rebate
- 1 km lane for merging
- 1. Better road system
- 1. Pedestrian safety in residential area. This can't be done relying on driver behaviour change alone. - Slower speed limits. - Invest in crosswalks



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- 1. Transit buses peak hrs increases from 6 pm to 7 pm
- 12:15 Were disappointed with the alderman as he said he would
- 14th Street project not going to help traffic flow
- 2. library hrs should be 'till 10:30 pm
- 2. More playgrounds in community
- 2. Rec facilities - more ice in NW
- 24 Ave is a main access to Crowchild Tr but has too much street parking because of density
- 24 hour outdoor rink somewhere during the winter time would be great.
- 3. Better snow clearing on walking paths in residential areas.
- 3. Need one more recreational centre in NE
- 311 App is great!
- 40 km max in residential communities
- 70 km on North Crowchild @ 17th is crazy (south is fine!)
- 8th avenue should be for pedestrians not bikes
- A focus on education at all levels and food stability (addressing food deserts and cost of healthy fresh food)
- A good survey. Hope someone listens.
- A library
- A list of surpluses by budget category.
- A lot of our transit woes has to do with low population density. I think Mr. Nenshi said that density has to increase, he's right, but it has to be managed properly so we won't overdo it.
- A lot of people are getting older. Their incomes are decreasing. Employers are not hiring older workers. Even young people are not getting jobs when they finish expensive programs in school. They are just left with a huge school debt and no job. We need tax cuts to reflect wages and lack of benefits and pension plans in the private sector. Also the cost of living does not balance with people who work in the private sector. So they need help. If we cut taxes and government, The money saved by those taxpayers will stimulate the economy and the private sector. We just need the basics.
- A more united and cohesive council is appreciated.
- A question asking if we wanted you to spend less rather than more.
- A question: How prepared is Calgary if a terrorist attack should happen?
- A section on improvements
- A splash park and a big park
- A sports store
- A super tall slide!! Yay!
- Acadia - accidents are a concern - need traffic calming / bike lanes on Fairmount Dr, Acadia Dr, etc.
- Access to involvement.
- Accessibility and resources for Seniors. (i. e. Affordable housing, wellness programs)
- Accountability and openness
- Accountability for decisions made.
- Action!
- Add this question to your survey: what City services should be cut in order to save taxpayer dollars?
- Adequate funding for snow and ice and don't reallocate surplus.
- affordable after school program and housing
- Affordable housing



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- Affordable housing - especially co-op housing see sacha.org. I looked at Attainable Homes but after 5 minutes of number crunching, realized I could not afford the lowest priced one bedroom and the commute was 1.5 hrs by bus. Lovely idea though - a gifted down payment. I currently rent a 672 sq ft basemt suite for 1/2 my take home pay in Inglewood.
- Affordable housing is important but wait list is too long! Over 2500!
- Affordable housing! Rent standards
- Affordable housing. Landlords are reducing rents. Broker to connect renters to landlord
- Affordable rental units - currently too high
- Affordable, accessible public transportation, healthy cities and a strong economy occur when we invest in mobility of citizens.
- Again, please don't further delay construction of the ring road. We have a unique opportunity at the moment in the current labor market. This is win/win by providing employment opportunities for skilled labour, and add a "missing peice" to lacking infrastructure in the SW. Would like to see more communication on this topic as well as progress.
- Agreed (with above)
- Alberta and Calgary are hurting right now.....lets control our spending .
- All in all, city council is doing a good job, but the economy is tanking in Alberta, please don't make me pay more taxes, honestly, I won't be able to see my house to anyone to even move out. Please, please, please lower taxes, majority of people in this city arnt paid a nice wage like council, and also remember councils wages are paid by us, the tax payers
- Allow the ability for a community to disallow the operation of store fronts that they feel makes communities unsafe (I.e. Head shops)
- Allowing basement suite zoning is not fair to those who want single family zoning
- Allowing Uber to operate will have a net positive result in city cash flow.
- Also think about improved access to affordable and accessible fitness and leisure facilities for families
- Also, please do not waste anymore money on silly non-interactive art, such as that silly North-East hoop in the middle of nowhere (visible from Deerfoot). Instead, invest in Art work that is interactive (like stairs that allow you to see things from a different view/perceptive. Perhaps, artwork that has a practical purpose, such as something that reduces windy sections & redirects the air flow, like we have Downtown.
- Am going into retirement and very scared with the level of taxation increases every year just how long my savings will keep me going.
- And put CalgaryNEXT in the parking lot of the Stampede and tear down the Saddledome. If Minnesota can tear down the Metropolitan Stadium and Build the Mall of America on it, we can put up a new icon on the site of the old one."
- Another transit route to industrial area
- any emphasis on streamling operations, reducing regulations and bureaucracy
- Appreciate the opportunity to review info and provide my thoughts. Thanks.
- Approve Calgary Next
- Art in civic projects is nice to have, we cannot afford nice to haves anymore. Calgary, AB and Canada have to be prepared for very tough times ahead.
- Art... If you are going to spend a lot of money on art for our city, please contract local artists. The big blue circle is an embarrassing example
- As a community board member, i find the proposals for high density housing positive. Not so ure about the BRT.



- As a widowed senior, I continue to work ... and with my 37% property tax hike I may have to sell my home.
- Ask if average citizens like the boom-bust cycle which is harmful no matter during the boom or bust stage.
- Ask whether they drive or not and postal code for work
- Asking for our direct input is awesome!
- Asking questions about how we think you did in the first years of your plan...
- Asking questions is great. But my confidence that anything will happen is zero. The city falls all over itself to try and consult but won't make the tough decisions, other than to raise taxes. Cut from within, make priorities and stick to it. No more waste on things like public art when we need roads, etc.
- Asking the taxpayer which essential service we want to cut is condescending and is not the way to get reelected next year.
- Assign clear responsibility to city managers along with consequences of not meeting expectations.
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- B - Better R - Re T - Think! Listen to the public!
- Be both realistic and positive. We need to feel a sense of strong community and leadership.
- Be cognizant of reducing taxpayer funds being used with so many people out of work in the city.
- Be creative - how can city help flatten the economic downturn?
- Be vigilant, be confident, be bold, be consistent, be visionary. Resist trying to be everything to everyone. Recognize the limitation of local government and the diminishing tolerance of the ratepayer. Do less and do it well--this will be the viable local government of the future vs. do more and do it poorly--largely representative of local government today.
- Being able to get bus pass directly from your account
- Being G realistic
- Better access to ESL classes and at better times (am)
- better access to services for seniors for getting around the city
- Better bus service in Mayland heights
- Better bus service south of Anderson Rd to LRT at Anderson. There is your solution now pay me!
- Better community engagement programs - looking at social determinants.
- Better crosswalk Paint the lines so they're seen better
- Better designed infrastructure and roads. Controlling the flow of traffic is important but making people drive extra mileage to avoid a bus trap is kiling the environment.
- Better job mobility - bus transportation for example to Rockyview so not everyone is congested downtown
- Better lighting at the NE C-train area to see pedestrians better (street lights) and at-grade sidewalks
- Better parking planning at train stations is required. Current plans don't support public transportation.
- Better policing and enforcement of rules on transit x2
- Better posting of signs at intersections (Note: commenter drew picture of a diamond with two side-by-side up arrows in it)
- Better programs , jobs and shelters for the homeless population
- Better programs for seniors
- Better transit access to the airport.
- Big â savings
- bike lanes allover the city is a terrable waste of my tax dollars!
- Bike lanes are not a top priority!
- Bike lanes are so over rated. Rarely used during winter months.



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- Brian Happy Day Thank you for your thoughts on "walkability" & good direction
- Brian Pincott did not care enough to come... some engagement
- Brian Pincott do not build BRT. Refund tax instead
- Brian Pincott the SW BRT is not needed, we don't want it, you are not listening (but you will)
- Brian Pincott you said on your website you would be here. Where are you?
- Brian Pincott your website said you will be here. One more lie to add to your pile.
- Brian there is a new sheriff in town! - Tom
- Brian, where are you? Three events, no show - your out!
- Bring back fluoride. Don't be discouraged by grumpy people at transit sessions, you guys are doing a great job!
- Bring back old #6 route through to Westhills - not all want to go to C-train - want to go shopping or to theatre by 1 bus, not downtown.
- Bring in Uber, or make taxi rates manageable or comparable to other cities
- Bring the CTrain up centre Street from downtown. So north bound and south bound
- budgeting priorities. id like to direct more money to employment , educationand training than to just subsidizing people who don't intend on bettering themselves
- Build a 37 St SW causeway over the weaslehead
- Build a bridge over the Elbow at 50 Ave SW
- Build more off road cycle paths and get them off the road with cars
- Build more office space in each quadrant of the city rather than increasing density downtown.
- BUILD more parking lots for C-trains!!!!!! You would be surprised at the amount of people using them. Every single person I talked to that works/worked downtown would use them.
- Build now. Rates are low. Labour is available
- Build the new arena
- Buses are nice, air conditioning is nice
- Buses to all parts of the city not just downtown.
- Business is not the enemy. Businesses provide jobs and keep a city alive. My kids are leaving Calgary because they cannot afford to live here.
- Buy local, hire local, all the time unless the surgeon is from BC!
- Calgary always first. We have so much talent here why bring in from afar when we can achieve here
- Calgary is a beautiful city and let us keep it affordable for families to live here.
- Calgary is a great city where infrastructure needs to keep pace or stay ahead of growth.
- Calgary is a great city, but needs to think better ways to attract tourist
- Calgary is a great place to live, and I am happy to see that Council takes the opinion of it's citizens very seriously.
- Calgary is a great place, but we are in difficult times. We had a flood, then a snowstorm and not low oil prices. Private sector has stopped creating jobs and spending, so now the city must step up spend, create jobs and watch for when they need to pull back
- Calgary needs to become self supporting. Get off federal supporting programs. Let the federal government become stronger.
- Calgary Next
- Calgary Transit App is great.



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- Calgary Transit should not treat High School passengers as "second class" clients. Bus routes should allow students to arrive more than 5 min to start of school to accommodate weather and traffic delays
- Calgary used to be a great City, it can be again. The current Mayor has lost his way and is out of touch with the citizens.
- Calgary's waste management is horrible. Need to enforce better recycling and limit to the number of garbage bags ppl can have. In Ontario garbage is picked up every other week. Calgary is so not waste conscious!
- Can the city do anything to institute some rent control?!
- Can the city help our province get off of coal? Distributed natural-gas/wind/solar generation within Calgary communities?
- Can't believe you are asking for the survey. You should be taking the initiative to make cuts in all departments.
- Can't cross 36 Street at Deerfoot as a pedestrian & bus routes go long way round to get across.
- Can't think of anything
- can't think of anything right now
- Casino
- Centre Street (from 72 Ave N., north) needs to be resurfaced
- Check your property tax assessment department. Totally mismanaged from middle management on up
- Child care is often full or not affordable
- Child friendly aspects of crossing all streets.
- Children's programs
- City council needs to keep the people they represent "in mind"
- City councillors need to hold more town halls and talks. Many are not really doing their jobs, otherwise the City would already know what the populace thinks overall. We have not heard from our councillor; ever.
- City hall councillors needs to be more approachable and be present
- City hall is spending beyond its limits.
- City Hall needs to be held accountable for all the wasted tax dollars!!!
- City needs several thousand signs 'Right Lane exits 1 KM'
- City of Calgary should not focus so much attention and money on building new LRT lines.
- city parks in Beddington need more playground equipment
- City planners should actually consult residents in communities, not just unelected, self-appointed community associations which do a poor job (generally) of consulting affected residents and stakeholders.
- City should focus on how best to use their own resources. Example: Transit Stations as green houses
- City workers receive a pay increase every year, I think their increase should be comparable to other public sector unions like AUPE.
- City-sponsored programs for kids under 5 and for the elderly.
- civil accountability for city staff and councillors
- Clean river
- Cleaning up dumpy neighborhoods and homes, yards. Making the city and community cleaner and inviting
- College student
- Comments collected were broad - risks multiple interpretations depending on perspective of analysis
- Commit to finishing the ring road, regardless of how much the Mayor hates the suburbs. Cab companies own the Mayor we can't get service out here and he won't allow Uber to even be considered. Edmonton has the courage to innovate on this, Calgary should as well



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- Communicate Crowchild study like bypass/ring road. Not PowerPoint
- Communities connected to communities J
- Community living for the disabled and seniors
- Community policing! Keep our children safe and start ticketing speeders in residential areas!!!
- Community snow removal and control is still a very real issue.
- Complete Bears paw Park. Need public access for fishing and enjoying river!
- Complete the greenway bike routes.
- Concentrate on efficiency, Spend Money Wisely as if were your own money, Keep in mind there are people struggling to make ends meet.
- Concentrate on sustainability rather than new initiatives
- Concentrate on things that matter to all Calgarians, not the host of SIGs.
- Congrats to the mayor and counsellors for soliciting feedback from citizens
- Connection between Heritage Station & Deerfoot Meadows Mall (11 St SE)?
- Consider a new source of revenue from development of stampede in Vic Park. They - the Stampede - don't pay property tax, use city utilities. It's time for them to pay prop taxes. Investigate and act on this item.
- Consider all mobility levels when making decisions
- Consider our aging population!!! Start service & program development now~
- Continue to keep Calgary safe!
- Cost control, regulatory reform
- Cost of living
- Cost reduction is a must . The private sector could fulfil many future projects.
- Council and the Nenshi's need to cut their salaries and spending to match Calgary economic situation
- Council is WAY to focused on social/cultural issues; focus on fiscal accountability; reducing waste and overhead; trim staff and services and wages.
- Council needs to be very transparent with their own salaries and benefits in this economy. Be careful with our tax \$
- Council needs to stay focused on business issues as opposed to social engineering issues or what I consider 'soft' issues.
- Councillor needs to inform/engage with citizens!
- Councillors take a pay cut
- Create jobs
- Create more jobs
- Creating new jobs (construction industry)
- Crime in the city. How come you did not ask about that. It is a concern.
- Crowchild bridge bottleneck improvements
- Crowchild Trail bottleneck
- C-train line extensions.
- Curtail travel budgets of Mayor and Council. Bizarre that the Mayor was at Davos. Less investment on World Class status for Calgary more on survival. De-twin with sister city of Quebec. That is a one way deal.
- Curtail travel due to economic situation
- **CUT ALL SPENDING. STOP SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY. YOU CAN NOT TAX US ANYMORE. YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR MAX. YOU CANNOT GET ANY MORE FROM THE CITIZENS.**
- Cut back on unnecessary spending



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- Cut down the public sector. The private sector took cuts so should the public that would save money
- Cut expenses at city hall vs. increasing property taxes!
- Cut expenses,wages,benefits,no more tax increases please.Business cannot afford this City anymore.
- Cut frills and spend on roads.
- Cut my taxes
- Cut property taxes
- Cut tax
- Cut the fat
- Cycling planning --> using committees for the planning to capture a bigger voice
- Cyclists should be charged for a liscence. There are no free rides!!!
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- Dandelion control !!!
- Dank Memes
- Dedicated snow and ice approach. Not relying on chinooks. Spend the money as allocated.
- Deliver Calgarians good government stop looking at us as an endless source of revenue .
- design your surveys so people can give opinions, not so you can get the answers you want
- Did I mention your spending is out of control?
- Diversify the economy
- Do more surveys like this more often
- Do not cheap out on projects. If the city can not afford to do it properly, do not do it (i.e.: above ground c-train expansion, should be underground).
- Do not need a survey to figure out what services to cut, need to simply cut 80 % of city staff.
- Do not overhaul the MGA where you (the Mayor) intends to leave out info re development news to communities
- Do not spend one cent on improvements anywhere until our economy picks up.We are in very dire times.
- do not want to see increased debt.
- Do not waste precious tax dollars on art. That 10% is needed elsewhere
- Do realize a lot of Calgarians are on fixed incomes.
- Do some LEAN management implementations. City bureaucracy is a mess- just ask your own employees!
- Do we really want the Lrt going up Centre Street?
- Do you need to plan transit buses to always go to LRT?
- doing something about the dandelions
- Dollar values.
- Don't close sidewalks for construction. Be pro-pedestrian
- Don't drop plan it priorities to increase density and make us sustainable
- Don't drop the ball on the SE transit plan by getting distracted be Next stadium etc or the 14st brt route"
- Don't exclude cars from transportation. Transportation is more than bikes
- Don't let NIMBYism stand in the way of progress.
- Don't listen to that misinformed, mismanaged group "ready to engage!" they are only trying to stagnate development that will benefit thousands living in the south! keep up the great work
- Dont neglect my comments, atleast read them once, this is the voice of many people that cone from a metropolitan to Calgary.



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- Don't say you'll do it unless you mean it.
- Don't spend money on art until you get the roads fixed and the economy improves.
- dont spend money on bike paths
- Don't support CalgaryNext in the west village. Make the West Village a full community like the East Village
- Don't use "Google-track" on City website for more privacy please
- Don't use * utilities as an endless source of infinite revenue ./ no choice economize @ city hall
- Don't waste my money anymore, AND do not raise property taxes!!
- Dump the UN sustainability agenda now! Withdraw from the program now!
- Economic problems for individuals
- Education is extremely important, please invest in your education system and vocalize the need for affordable education!
- Education, investigation and better schools..!
- Education.
- Education. Although a provincial thing at heart, I think the CBE and Catholic board deserve some thought in the public, possibly overhauls, and it should start here.
- Education. Education is the way to our future and I was a bit surprised that despite many Calgarians' concerns with education services its not a priority if the city.
- Elected official pensions
- Elected officials should serve the interest of all, not the few. I do not see any transparency, only ego involved in City decisions. Step back, take a look and try to do the right things based on sound business principles.
- Encourage Calgary businesses to return retail prices to a more reasonable level, especially now with so many job losses. Many say our groceries and other cost of living items are more expensive than Toronto or Vancouver, even after they add provincial tax!
- Encourage more local economic growth rather than advertise "the benefit" of jobs abroad
- Engagement needs to be sincere. Not if a decision has already been made.
- even this survey is slanted, sigh ...
- everyone in this province is in serious trouble but you clowns in charge dont seem to understand
- ex: my recycling wasn't picked up for 3 out of 5 weeks in the Fall...the possible reasons were ridiculous. we had not changed the way we did things for the past 4 years. the fact a new driver was responsible for our route should was the issue...he clearly wasn't properly trained...NOT MY PROBLEM!"
- Expand educational opportunities - all high schools should have trades & more than basics
- expensive bridge and bus shelter maintenance. Can we use lower cost alternatives to reduce ongoing cost to fix / replace damage
- Face the reality that Alberta is in a recession and people are losing their homes
- Fair housing: landlord & Tenant Act. Rent is too high.
- Fares based on what people have after all those bill!
- female
- few notes/options specifically acknowledging the brouhaha around cycling infrastructure.
- Fieldhouse discussion. There has been discussions since the 1970s We had a funder in 2011 but the city representative said it was not the right time. Why ?
- Fight for the middle class, we need support and protection.
- Fighting crime is important to me.
- find a way not to spread out so much (development)



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- Find the middle ground, quit taking everything to the max, eg, snow removal
- Finish the ring road"
- finish the sw ring road
- Fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship is what Calgarians expect from their elected officials.
- Fiscal responsibility and lower property taxes should be the greatest concern.
- Fiscally conservative. Be frugal in spending & plans
- Fix Dearfoot trail
- FIX Roads and cut costs.
- Flood mitigation was a subset of environment -- perhaps merits higher level priority? As well, bylaw enforcement in residential neighbourhoods seems inconsistent, pertaining to community standards and upkeep/safety of private property. This is an issue in Erlton and other areas; not sure how to express this in the survey. Thanks!
- Flower baskets on the 8th Avenue Mall are fantastic KEEP THEM great ++++
- Focus on big ticket items, not nickel & dime items
- Focus on getting the 4 cars to get it done!
- Focus on jobs for sure and the economy
- Focus on paving & road conditions
- Focus on the "must haves", not the "nice to haves". When the economy improves, that is the time for enhancements. Calgarians who are struggling to meet their own basic needs are frustrated with skyrocketing utility fees for recycling, art projects, bike lanes, etc.
- Focus on the homeless and low income families
- focus on transit based development and begin restricting new suburban development to minimize expansion of infrastructure infrastructure
- Focus on what's needed for the city that just became over a million population.
- Food systems
- Forget about all the needless and expensive ' art ' like the blue zero and stop sacrificing vehicle access to the bicycle lobby !
- Forget the LrT up Centre Street! Bad idea!
- Forgot to ask how I felt about loosing 30 minute free parking at YYC. Economy is down, I want to raise a chicken in my back yard before I die, I think there should be free parking for patients at our hospitals, Stop hiring outside talent for artwork, there is plenty right here. There are too many, overpriced dead weight managers in this city.... dump them and delegate downward.
- Forgot to mention crumbling infrastructure in our older neighbourhoods tht are underprivileged with amenities that all the new communities get which we subsidize. Make older communities a priority too.
- Forgot to say that Calgary's libraries are great. Been here 3 years and like the city, but needs to be more vibrant - kind of boring.
- Freeze annual increases to city workers
- From 2017 onwards I would like to see my taxes frozen for the next 3 years or reduced. Imagine if the Councillors can make that happen rather than coming up with more ways to spend our tax dollars on feel good projects. It is time now for some common sense revolution. We don't need government involvement to remove every single risk in our daily lives. If people are stupid to not look both ways before crossing the road then the consequence is they will die. We don't need to spend millions on dollars on every cross walk to make it idiot proof. Reducing speed limits in every neighborhood is costly. Instead, make sure the traffic is flowing



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smoothly with synchronized traffic lights and less playground zones (and reduce the hours of the playground zones). common sense regulations will remove some of the frustrations that drivers feel.

- Gaps in services for seniors who don't/can't use transit
- Gender neutral bathrooms
- Gender: male
- general increase of road maintenance
- Generally council is doing a great job!
- get a new mayor
- Get City Halls salaries in benefits in line with the private sector. There's only one tax payer funding all three levels of government. We are taxed to death right now. Find efficiencies in what the City already does. Move to a user pay model for services.
- Get it together. :(
- Get rid of councillor Druh Farrell. She does nothing for our community. My neighbourhood had many improvements before Druh and the current council and mayor came onboard. We have to reduce the tax and utility costs, it is just too expensive here with the take home pay!!
- Get rid of the bogus "pilot projects" They are insulting to the intelligence because everyone knows that by the time the city runs a pilot the project is already a "done deal" witness the green carts and the bike lanes, serving 10 dis-serving 1000's
- get rid of the cracks and potholes on the roads
- Get the South ring road built
- get us value for money from union workers; manage the workforce - what is visible si thre seeming overmanp[ower in outside workers
- getting rid of the gravel and dust earlier
- GHG reduction ü
- GIVE BACK THE \$52 MILLION!!!!!!!!!!
- Give me back 50 kmph on Elbow Drive
- Give me back school zone speed limits versus playground zones
- Give me back swimming in Glenmore Reservoir
- Give seniors a bit of a break!
- Give some real choices for this survey And not the pigeon hole choices that you want to put forward. It seems all the choices deal with spending more money instead of curtailing money in this time of fiscal trouble.
- Give up on the frills like bike lanes and public art. we can't afford it!
- Global festivals that are big and attract people from all over
- Go Green stop oil & gas & coal thus we don't need Calgary
- Good day!
- good idea on the checking initiative
- Good Job Calgary city!
- Good job Nenshi - we both need crossfit ha
- Good job! I love being Calgarian
- Good luck. But please think hard about projects that aren't essential.
- Good Mayor Nenchi...proud that you represent the interests of our communities. ..thx!
- Good pathways at Nose Hill park



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- Good start but only if you listen instead of just going through the motions like in previous public input exercises (LRT Green line route north of river)
- Good year to our lovely City
- Government agency and program to help with jobs and employment that means something and gives back to community
- Governments at all levels should remember that they exist to serve the citizen. His pocket is not a bottomless pit.
- Gradual changes is preferred to drastic changes from the already established budgeting & planning document.
- Great community wise
- Great engagement Pincott! We are here, where are you?!?
- Great idea to survey residents
- Great initiative. Simple format. Thank you.
- Great initiative. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute and for coming out to the Acadia winter festival to talk about the survey.
- Great job - I am proud of how Calgary has grown.
- Great job Nenshi! (Just fix the bike path dangers)
- Great survey model
- Great survey, awesome to be engaged.
- Great transit
- Great way to connect with Calgarians. Thank you for the opportunity to share my input.
- Great website, BTW! It worked really well.
- Greenline does/will not (+) affect Hidden Valley Hanson Ranch
- Have a great day!
- Have a lovely day :)
- Have a safety consultant looking in to the condition of the Mckenzie towne skateboard park. I do not wish for it to be removed, but I also would not want to see anyone get hurt either. Or possibly a more permanent skateboard facility for the south east communities to use
- Have lived here since 1971
- have more input like this
- Have pilot bike tracks permanent. (They're awesome! Thank you!!)
- Health care quality and affordability
- Healthier Calgary with more pews train and bike options
- Help ethnic communities create community centres
- Help find places for homeless
- Hire an external consultant with objective of seeking cost efficiencies and ways of reducing res tape gor small business .
- Hockey rink to play
- Hold 3 degrees, two international.
- Homeless plan. There are more homeless people more than ever. Secondary suits will greatly help with this (ie tiny homes?)
- Homelessness issues"
- Homeowners and residents of Calgary.
- Hope citizens will elect a more financially responsible council.



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- Hope that slow economy doesn't result in deteriorating city
- Hopefully this survey is not just a waste of my time and yours
- Hoping for honesty and caring government for all. With a scary provincial and federal government Calgarians and Albertans need to be able to trust you.
- Housing and rentals
- Housing issues
- Housing.
- How about decreased pet license fees for owners who have more than two rescued pets?
- How about just becoming an NGO, administrator NOT FOR PROFIT as people would expect. When there is no money, there's no money. i.e I live in the belt-line and do not shop in the city, i refuse to pay for parking. When you have to create a corporation, the parking "AUTHORITY" , a photo radar corporation as a cash cow you are extortionists and not administrators. Stop building out it costs too much. Build up like responsible ADMINISTRATORS.
- How can a citizen submit a written comment (not verbal through 311)to City Administration not my councillor?
- How city council will reduce their excess pay to assist tax payers with the economic downturn.
- How disliked and inappropriate the cycle lanes DT are.
- How do we help create more jobs in 2017 (if oil/gas prices remain depressed and we lose more jobs)
- How the council is excessively spending in areas they do not need to.
- HOW to do all that
- How will we pay off that 500 Mil library when we don't even charge for library cards anymore? Another freebie courtesy of overtaxed Calgarians.
- <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/sites/default/files/comparing-government-and-private-sector-compensation-in-canada.pdf>
- I agree with you Diane reel in that budget. And you go Sean Chu keep rattling the cages!!
- I already submitted my thoughts on roads, stop signs and wanting school zones and playground zone time changes. And I don't want to hear again the dumb idea to change the speed limit in the city. Sorry I have to vent this somewhere why not here.
- I am a uni student
- i am disabled as well as aboriginal
- I am fed up with rising taxes and a council, and especially a mayor, that doesn't seem to get it at all. Hope he is out next Oct.
- I am glad the city gives priority to the views of it's citizens. Thank you.
- I am glad you gave the ability to add categories and to make comments.
- I am not able to do no.3 whenever I tried message pop up" Return"
- I am not at all happy that low property taxes are not an option on the top 3 items at the beginning of this survey. Also, the lack of taxi cabs continues to be a serious problem that continues due to City council not approving enough licenses. Why is this the case and this needs to be addressed once and for all.
- I am not concerned with what you can do more of as much as I am with how we can preserve what we have in a difficult economic environment.
- I am not happy with the Property Tax increase every year. It does not make sense at all. As most people are struggling their job, no salary rise or cut indeed. But City of Calgary keeps rising property tax EVERY YEAR! All my coworkers and friends are very angry and hate this government. People are boiling up now and the breaking points are coming soon. Do you guys know what people say when they discuss about the property



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tax? When we talk about property tax this year with friends, coworkers etc..., they go [profanity removed] city blah blah blah...wtf.. blah.."

- I am not sure if the city has any responsibility with education, but having city council put more pressure on provincial counterparts to speed up school construction.
- I am proud of the work the mayor and council have done so far.
- I am recovering from an injury and still want to be productive. Innovative ways to work and travel within the city are paramount to this!
- I am very hopeful that the Calgary City Council actually reads this information. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to speak.
- I am very proud of what Druh Farrell is doing for our city.
- I am watching my neighbourhood fall to pieces. Marriages struggle and children act out because of stress in the home.. Help the middle class.
- I appreciate the easy to use Check In site to provide input
- I appreciate the opportunity to comment. And I like the format.
- I appreciate your consideration of my ideas. Thank You.
- I appreciated Nenshi taking a stance against the NDP's unrealistic "leave it in the ground" statement, I hope he continues to take a firm stance against it as well as other council members.
- I believe that City Council knows what it has to do and they just need to accept responsibility for making the decision. That is what they get paid to do. Quite trying to pass the blame on to us. We will let you know how you did, at election time
- I can not think of ant missed items.
- I certainly hope that good conscience prevails and you use this information with the least amount of clout that you can. Your obligation is to all citizens and your oath of office from the last election - not the next one.
- I congratulate the City for this space to share ideas and feeling about how we wish for our City ...the present City and the City for our children.
- I didn't see an option to help address homelessness and housing. With the housing market where it is, it could be a great time to invest in this area.
- I do honestly do not notice anything different at pineridge! I feel that it is the same as 5 years from ago. I would like to see calgary work on these neighbourhood so that people will be attracted to have a healthier living! I feel that Enable for me to go for a jog i have to go to downtown in the nice areas. It would be nice if camgary could focus its project in the other older communities also
- I do not support the TOD projects being proposed by the city in our communities
- I do not wish to pay for a hockey rink or sports complex. They make millions I do not.
- I don't like living downtown. It's nowhere to raise a family.
- I don't think so thanks. Very happy you are soliciting input from Calgarians.
- I don't understand why taxes increase every year. If inflation is causing prices to increase and incomes to increase along with it then wouldn't tax income also increase proportionately to cover those higher costs?
- I enjoyed the opportunity to "be heard" good idea
- I find the level and quality of service for what I pay for is incredible in comparison to how money we pay the province and the federal government. It has to be the best deal in town and I would wish people would stop complaining about how much they pay!
- I have 2 children
- I have a seperate issue with the activity or lack there of, of several councilors. I hear nothing about their activities on council and the messages in the community newsletters provide no information.



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- I have grown up here and I herald a lot that this city doesn't feel like we belong here with refugees coming here and making them feel special when our own people that made this city feel let down.
- I have lived here in Calgary most of my life and am very proud of this city. The city is clean, safe, diverse, and somewhere that my kids can grow to feel the same way I do. In order to provide financial relief in the form of tax reductions it is obvious that things must be sacrificed. I live on a relatively quiet street. In my opinion there is little need for regular snow plowing. If there is a large amount of snow such as a snow event then fine, but that should be it. I feel there has never been a need to remove the snow from my street and I have lived here for 12 yrs in this house. As discussed black bin pick up every 2 weeks is fine. New neighborhoods should be responsible for added infrastructure required to service them for a given amount of time. My home was 4 yrs old when we moved in and I was surprised this was not the case.
- I have lived in different quadrants of the city but find it completely appalling that based on cultural aspects and certain expectations in other neighborhoods, the one I currently reside in and many like it are generally ignored when it comes to maintenance, improvements and general appearance.
- I have many friends, am active in my community, work at a large Calgary company and most people don't have a clue how the current mayor and his few followers are ruining our Calgary with their personal beliefs and agendas. The problem is even when they are told and are disgusted most still will not make an effort to become involved or make their feelings known.
- I have more than 3 priorities within the categories.
- I have no argument with a raise in taxes. We are well-cared-for in this city. We just need to ensure the raise in taxes will be based in part on providing more support for those seriously affected by this economic slump.
- I have seen great improvements in our city under the leadership of Mayor Nenshi. But please don't densify corner of the inner city.
- I hope feedback will be considered and that council doesn't bow over the people it represents.
- I hope this is a real survey and not just more window-dressing.
- I hope we really see some differences in the future.
- I just want to get to work so I can afford to live and pay my taxes without my car and train commute/parking taking 2 hours and tons of money out of my pocket every day. The time and cost is eroding my wellbeing.
- I like the direction our city has been going let's keep it pointed in the right direction
- I like the new traffic pattern on Bowness Road
- I live in Glenbrook Park, but often commute from my boyfriend's in Cranston, so I can attest to the large difference in congestion between the red and blue line of the LRT.
- I live in West Springs as a tenant. Housing and rental prices are too expensive in this city
- I lived in Calgary for more than 20 years but moved away because of Mayor Nenshi (and cohorts) wasteful vision. I saw what was coming and got away at the right time. It will take decades to fix the mess these people made so I will never be moving back.
- I love Carburn park and the skating rink. It would be nice to have outdoor skating in Acadia.
- I love the Public Art! Keep on keeping our city beautiful and supporting local artisans!
- I love what the city is doing to the east village community. Thank you!
- I only found this survey by chance on twitter. Is there a better way to stay informed of the CoC?
- I probably came across as very negative here, but really generally happy with the Calgary system. We are just not in a place right now where tax increases are easy. We may have to dip into our rrsps or tfsas this year just to cover expenses. Property taxes is one of our biggest expenses if not the biggest expense.
- I really enjoy the trails in my area and appreciate them being cleared of snow; Cedarbrae, Oakridge and Glenmore Park, Thank you.



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- I repeat - control and rein in your staffing expenditure.
- I represent a small business owner/family from Edgemont. I have 3 older teens, highschool/univ aged. Thank you for your work as I have seen good things develop. Please consider improved public transit, East Village and New Dome as priorities for a vibrant Calgary.
- I still don't think we need a green line up here. We have the best bus service in the city with #3 and #301. The SE needs a line more. And I don't know why building feeder lines off the main lines isn't considered. They'd be shorter and get to where they're needed. Bus service into McKenzie now is bad, and adding more buses won't be as good as a train line.
- I suggest anyone who reads this research JAKUES FRESCO and THE VENUS PROJECT. The ideas found in this research will help indefinitely in growing our city in a healthy way. Sincerely.
- I suggest having limited terms for council members. Like the president! Only two terms. Some of these people get there for too long and lose perspective.
- I think all employees of the city should have to scale back the way they spend money and reward themselves.
- I think Calgary's Mental health needs to be addressed as it is greatly tied to all of the interests of the action plan. Any and all changes will be reflected in the individual citizens.
- I think it would be prudent for counsellors and executives to be looking at wage cutbacks/freezes and putting an end to bonuses at this time like the rest of Calgary.
- I think our emergency services do an incredible job and deserve more support and human resources.
- I think that Calgarians should be able to set priorities in all six categories and not just three. I think that this change would provide for a much more balanced survey.
- I think that Calgary council should focus on no idling bylaw
- I think that the City unions are too powerful. McCall Lake Golf Course is a prime example. It is expensive to run because of union rules. Privatize it and it is cheaper.
- I think the average calgarian would like their overpayment that was returned from the provincial government returned to them instead of spent how the city sees fit.
- I think the city needs to work about quality not quantity.
- I think the mayor and his staff are doing a great job, but must continue to work efficiently for all Calgarians and not fall into the trap of catering to the most influential and/or wealthy members of our community - the oil corporations and their very rich leaders. If they are decent administrators, and knowing that the price of a barrel of oil is not controlled locally - and definitely has always fluctuated wildly from high to low, they should have made contingency plans. They do not need any breaks from the city and in fact should be contributing extra to maintain and increase current services. Hopefully the city has done the same thing and will continue to manage efficiently and be prepared for good economic times as well as the bad.
- I think we should encourage people to get involved in their communities.
- I think you could have tried a little harder to make these categories more vague.
- I think you're pretty.
- I used to work for Recreation, and so many times we knew of people who were on the fee assistance program because of cheating the system. I think it's important to have subsidized programs for people that deserve them, but I think a more thorough screening process should be in place. I was also told that once you're in low income housing, your income is not checked again. Many times people get married and then have two incomes, and are no longer low income... I think once again, this should be scrutinized better as people do and will continue to fly under the radar and play the system. The City could save a lot of money if people played fair.
- I want a 0% increase next year on my tax make it happen.



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- I want a big splash pool in the field
- I want a city to be proud of.
- I want a wobbly slide
- I want more plants.
- i want tax relief for over taxed citizens councilor pincott
- I want this to go councillor CHU, the best one on council.
- I want to go to Houston
- I want to go to Mexico!
- I want to go to New York
- I want to go to San Francisco
- I want to highlight fluoride again. Put it back in the water.
- I want to see some monkeys!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I wish there were opportunities to rank a list of expenditures instead of general categories. I realize not all expenditures could be listed but providing some representative items, a ranking could have be given which would have helped citizens express their priorities in a more significant way.
- I wish this city was more dog friendly
- I work and live within the DT and Beltline area.
- I work in the NE, and travel from the deep SW. Roads, and road safety are so important
- I would also like to see a crack down on lycra louts. For example, how about increasing the fine for sidewalk cycling from the current \$25 to \$250?
- I would just hate to see cuts to community funding and youth funding. In turn, I'd be happy paying high taxes to keep those things.
- I would like to have more input and contribute. [personal info removed]
- I would like to see a bylaw passed to allow travel trailers to be parked on existing private properties (ie. Driveways) for the summer months without fear of being ticketed.
- I would like to see a city bylaw in which all dogs must be muzzled in public. Personally I never go for walks in my neighbourhood for fear of being bitten by many large dogs being walked by much weaker owners.
- I would like to see more accessibility to city recreational programs for youth from schools. It would be great if there was more collaboration with the city and the school boards in bringing more recreational programs into schools.
- I would like to see more consideration of indigenous and multi-cultural issues, but I'm sure this will come with time.
- I would like to see more done for the least fortunate in Calgary. The idea we can snap our fingers and take in 25000 refugees is great. Let's do the same thing and end poverty in this city.
- I would like to see recyclable food packaging styrofoam accepted in our blue bins.
- I would like to see the option for selecting where police resources should be spent.
- I would personally like to eventually see a plan to replace sports arenas that are currently in use. The stadiums are quite outdated and may need more capacity in the future. Also, with soccer as the highest played sport amongst calgarians, it would be nice to have a location in place to allow the eventual formation of a local pro team! (MLS? :)) of course this requires a lot of funding and a stable, growing economic situation, which is not a current reality but will eventually become so. This is not a duty that should be accomplished entirely with public funds by any means, but would be greatly aided by civic cooperation to the initiative! Thank you.



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- I would suggest a better look at the bylaw dept...as I stated earlier, their bylaw officers are reactive to complaints when they should be more proactive...for example chronic bylaw probs with neighbors/residents/grass/graffiti...I for one, hesitate to call 3-1-1 to complain without sounding like a broken record...perhaps there should be follow ups with chronic offenders and maybe not give so many chances....thank you for hearing me....
- I'd like specifics on what my tax dollars are doing for me in my community - tired of watching all the money go to building new communities.
- I'd like to talk about what you have done in addition to what you want to do. No options to give feedback about Calgary Next, bike lanes, taxi monopoly
- Idealism is great but let's be realistic in our approach to our city our lives and our future....oh some kind of recycling program downtown would be awesome
- If bigger better? community is better served in doing things in small slices.
- If I can help in any way or provide input, feel free to reach out. [personal info removed]
- if the Mayor gets sued and loses he should pay his own fine if he wins we cover legal costs
- If they are not going to rmove snow, do not add chemicals and dirt on the roads . This is not good for the environment . In this economy the city has spent way too much money on bike paths for the elites. Put floride back in the water.
- If you ask people to write a statement of their dream city, you may get different result. These will contribute to the long term vision.
- If you ask Transportation Engineers what the City needs the answer you will get is more roads - surprise.
- If you dont hear equally from the underserved-ie the volume of comments are not equally represented by the population density-you still have work to do.....you need to match your responses to the population density to get a fair representation of the needs of the city.
- If you know of any shipping/receiving jobs or fork lift operator jobs, email me! What can I say...I'm desperately!
- If you want something different we must do something different. So do it courageously and soon.
- If you're not competitive in a year I leave.
- Ignorance is Bliss.... Especially at City Hall. Rome wasn't built in a day, but it burned overnight.
- I'll say it again. Fix. Crowchild. Over. The. Bow
- I'm already a Citizens' View participant.
- I'm disappointed and can't wait for election in 2 years
- I'm lucky I saw this email and had a chance to respond. I think the city needs to do a better job of reaching the silent majority instead of the socially connected and lobbyist minority. We are moving away from what made and will keep Calgary the jewel of Alberta and western Canada. Some of council believe trees and cycle tracks will take our city to the forefront. It's mobility, low taxes and reasonable services that made us great. Don't lose focus of that.
- I'm not sure if my comments earlier were in the correct category, so if they are not, please pass them along to the correct group for consideration.
- I'm not sure why I even wasted my time filling this out it not like you listen to what the public says anyway! So I guess thanks for wasting my time again!
- I'm originally from overseas, Calgary has been my home for 11 years. This is the second down time. A more steady state is needed and less boom/bust...
- I'm proud to be a Calgarian.
- Immediately stop/cancel all city art purchases for public display. Mayor and council pet projects to be deleted from the agenda - ie. bike lanes and secondary suites.



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- Import replacing connecting producers of products to companies that need products
- Important to have these check ins
- Improve arts and culture in Calgary in order to create a memorable city environment.
- Improve roadway infrastructure
- Improving the city's nightlife (safety, variety and transportation) would be a topic of interest for many.
- Improving traffic lights communication throughout the city and making Crowchild a highway without any traffic lights
- In a low economy it is hard to impossible for seniors to be hired so affordable housing becomes soooooo important.
- In a time of a downturn no need to spend money on bikelines where communities say No, e.g. Northmount Dr.
- In an effort to provide due process the City has fallen into undue process. Creating TLA's and committees with such complex inter-relationships that they are unmanageable and inhospitable to the citizens of Calgary (and our visitors).
- In case it wasn't clear, please build affordable, accessible housing.
- In case you missed it, we would like immediate action to address the YYC noise problem
- In spite of rapid pop. growth in recent years, City Council has launched many key initiatives to improve key services.
- In times like now - recession - there should never be any close council sessions. They should be viewable by the public....what are they trying to hide?
- Incentive programs for putting solar panels on rooftops and subsidy on solar energy generation systems.
- Increase police service
- Increase walkability, wider sidewalks
- Input is appreciated
- Insert traffic sensing tech for stop lights at all traffic lights"
- Instead of focusing on growing, focus on improving what we already have. And making who's here employed and with a good standard of living.
- Instead of town halls, use online polling to get people's opinions on matters because many people cannot make it out to these town halls
- Integrity
- interesting that the survey did not include anything about an option to do nothing and save money.
- Invest in small art to beautify, not big expensive. (Make art plentiful by local artists)
- Is it possible to make Calgary's fraudulent labor unions illegal so poor people who are willing to work full time would be able to ? I personally worked 40 hours
- Is there a way to regulate bank fees? Or other fees? It feels like everytime I open the mailbox someone else is telling me this fee has increased and that fee increases and the grocery store has prices going up. With a young family and one less full time job every little fee is eating away at our grocery bill forget disposable income for savings or spending on other businesses.
- Is there really a strong effort being put into the improvement of Calgary? How can housing be so expensive when the economy is still going in the gutter? Why hire refugees when most calgarians don't even have jobs? Most citizens are being layed off for people payed 2\$ AN HOUR in Mexico to do the same job just so a company bets in more profit and you are standing behind this, is that really something to be proud of?



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- it appears to me instead acting and working on what is best for Calgary, which he did in the beginning, our mayor now acts and works on what is best for his political aspirations. Mayor, stop commenting on crap to get in the headlines....get to work for the city
- It did not recognize my postal code and I have lived here 3 years.
- It is always good to end a survey on a positive note. Maybe ask people WHY they love Calgary...because there is a million reasons to love this great city!
- It is critical to change councils mindset from yesterdays tax and spend to recognition of the need for more efficient utilization of existing resources.
- It is important to keep communities and all members connected, and interacting.
- It is not aesthetic. There is no project like this in residential community in any large city in Canada
- It is time to make some tough decisions. Further delays will only make it more difficult in the future.
- It is time to remove the red tape from your employees and remove the high cost of sub management which only delays projects.
- It seems that the issue of staffing levels and salaries has not been addressed. It truly offends me that just because someone works for a municipal government they are entitled to higher wages AND a pension. Someone doing the same work in the private sector receives less pay and saves for their own retirement. This creates a huge disparity in society and it also means that my children are already being saddled with future taxes to pay for the vanity services that we receive now.
- It would be informative to know the expenses related to running the various areas of the city. This information needs to be available to be able to make informed decisions on where the budget is being overextended.
- It's all about All Calgary and Everyone, so age & location is irrelevant questions.
- It's hard to have pride in a city that is filthy and neglected.
- Its no good trying to lower taxes if you keep adding fees for services you think we need that we dont want .In short do your Job
- I've lived here all my life and I've never understood why a newly completed roadway is undersized upon completion only to have construction start the following year on an expansion. Can't we get ahead of the curve on the first go around?
- I've recently moved to Calgary from Ontario, where I've had the pleasure of living in almost all of the major cities, as well as smaller towns. I enjoy living in Calgary, but my experience allows me to see the bigger picture and the changes that could and should be made to better ourselves and our city.
- Jobs not taxes
- Just ...Traffic flow, bike paths, EDUCATE -- thru media -- safety for pedestrians
- Just a reminder that southeast LRT was one guy's election promise...2 elections ago!!
- Just cut waste and reduce taxes. I don't care about bike lanes and all these left wing initiatives. Just save money, OK.
- Just Do It !
- Just improve bus services on 14th Street. More #20's don't waste \$100 million+ on that 14 Street project
- Keep city workers accountable!
- Keep green space
- Keep improving Calgary transit to expand ridership
- Keep it simple and watch your costs, look for added value where you can,
- Keep it up Nenshi and co!
- Keep maintaining pathways!



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- Keep spending, invest heavily in LRT infrastructure, and borrow as required. the costs of borrowing should work out to be substantially less than the future construction costs of things like tunneling under the Bow river and cut and cover up Center street north. Do it right, do it now.
- Keep tax hikes to a reasonable level
- Keep the communications clear and very interactive just like the current survey
- Keep the community programs we have in Hillhurst
- Keep the environment clean
- Keep the good public transit in the Hillhurst area! & Thank you!!
- Keep the good work!
- Keep up the good work
- Keep up the good work Brian.
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep up the good work, City of Calgary!
- Keep up the good work.
- keep up the good work.
- Keep working hard. We salut you Mayor! And we would like to see council work together not against each other.
- Keep working on the bike system.
- Keeping the city clean. I feel the NE gets lost and is starting to feel run down and not inviting anymore.
- Laws and crime, policing?
- Leave R1 communities as R1
- Less bike paths
- Less of the city's bureaucracy, less city staff, wage/salary rollback for the city staff including union members and salary roll back for all council members
- Less taxes for seniors
- Let's be strong, compassionate, sensible, and forward looking as a city.
- Lets do this more often!
- Let's spend our money whee it beneficial to most of us. Do you think the bike paths downtown are a proper use of your tax \$. The count never goes about 50.
- Let's start reigning in spending please.
- Lights at crosswalks are awesome
- Limit dollars spent on artwork - art should not be fixed % should be a max \$ amount
- Limit expansion of "bike-only" things from the lanes of road.
- List programs so people can decide what to cut. Not just what is important to use and you decide how to interpret the resposes
- Listen listen listen to the residents who do not want the southwest transitway
- Listen to all calgarians
- Listen to communities e.g. Inglewood Don't cut down trees.
- Listen to people's concerns. Act on them. Don't over-ride their positive input!
- LISTEN to the people!
- Listen to the people!



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- Listen to the real people who worked hard to build this city, not the ones who have just shown up and want everything now.
- Listen to the residents of the city and not businesses or large corporations when deciding on planning and development and/or making changes to the Action Plan. The residents of Calgary live here and have to endure the effects of the city's decisions - not some large greedy development/construction companies
- Listen to your citizens and act on their good advice
- lived here for 40 years and love it just wish that they have the bus come in our area so people can talk and be listened to and somebody follow up. Love the Mayor. Thank you
- Logic.
- Long bus trips and no public washrooms??
- Look at city employee salaries and benefits that are dramatically above private industry. If you can save over \$5 million by going private for cleaning C train cars, shows city is over paying your employees &/or over staffing.
- Look at turnstile on new LTR lines. Will prevent crime!!!
- LOOK AT YOUR OWN WAGES BEFORE TAXING SOMEONE ELSE TO DEATH.
- Look for cost savings first, not decreasing services as a way to stay at zero increase in property taxes
- Look for running the city more efficiently, and this means realize savings and cut costs.
- Look forward to see the action starts!!
- Looking for a community with detached homes built for a single person under 1400sq/ft, preferable childree and not in a retirement community
- Looks good
- looks like some alderman vote as a group can't they think for themselves or is it a clique to get their agenda thru, public not stupid but!
- lots! but i will contract my counsellor. carro
- Lots, no doubt. Not sure how this qualifies as a survey.
- Love being a Calgarian!
- Love Calgary wish to make it an even more attractive place to live
- Love my community! Pathway system to bike from Wildwood into downtown is dangerous.
- Love painted art on boxes! Wish that the ridge pathway was cleared in winter (Hanson Ranch NW)
- Love that the pathway is getting extended in Hanson Ranch NW by the Creek - friendlier for pedestrians
- Love the recycling and look forward to composting
- Love this city. I was born and raised her. Environment and traffic flow are a top priority
- Love this focus on stakeholder input!!!
- Love to see a circle C-train that connects the whole city
- Low income due to disabilities that are not considered bad enough to collect AISH but are bad enough to not be able to work enough to support self. Guaranteed basic income of \$1500 would get me out of needless homelessness
- low income housing needs to be a priority? (forgive me if it was in there and I missed it...)
- LOWER TAXES
- Lower taxes and City spending
- Lower taxes.
- Lowering taxes!
- LRT expansion - 69th South



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- LRT safety - I watched an old lady get hassled - it was nice to see a young man tell the "dudes" to knock it off but I know I don't my daughter taking LRT after 6:00 PM - too many scruffy hoodie rats.
- Main items covered.
- Maintain back alleyway better - potholes are HUGE and dangerous. Encourage residents to clean up their back alleys - too much garbage, graffiti which attracts crime.
- Maintain C-train services
- Make a change and run an efficient business and stop taxes us so much!!!!
- Make a circle line (c-train from Saddletown to Country Hills. Loop it right past the airport
- Make aboriginal issues a priority
- Make Calgary safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Make decisions based on needs and not wants for safety and moving people in every direction and not just LRT lines
- Make downtown more alive J
- Make government more efficient
- Make it easier for communities to build their own indoor ice rinks.
- Make more taxi licenses available to individuals and kill the taxi cartel as it presently exists . Open the city to Uber
- Make new communities walk friendly sidewalks on both side of every street.
- Make signing Bigger street
- make the new boulevards nicer
- Make transit world class; build walkable, inspired neighbourhoods; and improve regional connectivity.
- Make walking a more natural inclination. E.g. sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- Making the website easier to navigate. Lots of information on it but hard to find.
- Many people feel that Calgary is becoming too big, with all the problems this entails (congestion, long commutes, rising crime). Suggestion is to concentrate on quality over quantity. Keep improving what we have. Preserve green spaces. More pedestrian streets with patios. More opportunities for the poor, the homeless and Aboriginal people to live with dignity
- May you please look into the educational system and provide more assistance in funding students who can't afford to work during full time programs. Thank you.
- Maybe ask people what they can live without?
- Mayor Nenshi, Premiere Notley, and Prime Minister equal progress. I'm proud to be a Calgarian and Canadian again!
- Mean people, people that don't trust others, believe in lower taxes no matter what. They don't want to pay anything, just freeload off others. You get the services you pay for and public goods/services are best not provided by a profit-seeking private sector discounting social and/or environmental sides.
- Mental health services needs a strategy to stop the drain on society
- Mental health. Mental health affects 1 in 5 people, chances are everyone knows someone suffering from mental health issues. Our services are lacking here and well people make well communities, sick people make sick ones. Many who are homeless or involved in the legal system have mental health concerns."
- Missing information gathering on what type of recreation should be focused on and supported. Missing questions on private public partnerships
- MLSgg
- Monkey bars at the fireman park



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- more affordable parking, specifically for seniors
- More bike lanes
- More bike lanes
- More bike lanes!
- More bike racks consistently on buses please +online!
- More bike racks on buses
- More bus 52 on weekdays
- More buses and more frequent bus service
- More community volunteerism... For cleanup and other things.
- More efficient transit in Ogden area
- More environmental action! Get more people to reduce, reuse, recycle
- More facilities with things to do, rather than the standard swimming pool and gym
- More festivals
- MORE FOR THE SENIORS, THE POOR, WE WOULDN'T NEED YOU IF WE WERE ALL OIL EXEC, UNDERSTAND !
- More free flowing roads.
- More hours of transportation and cheaper rates
- More HOV Lanes
- More ice in existing rec centres.
- More indoor skate parks
- More job creation - work with province
- More jobs. Cheaper accommodation less taxes
- More money for police hiring- and less stringent hiring process. It has become like the military where good candidates are screened out before an actual person even meets them
- More off leash dog parks where people can go. Dogs are therapeutic helps depression and whole well being. If there's a program in place to connect the 2 it will be beneficial
- More outdoor fitness equipment in Queen Elizabeth park.
- More paving & focus on quality of work.
- More pedestrian scrambles. Improved pedestrian safety
- More public art please!
- More regulations on condo fees, they are turning into criminal levels.
- More seniors apartments with balconies for eating breakfast
- More sidewalks and for them to connect
- More space on bus 72/73 & 38
- More support for arts and culture. The new library and National Music Centre are good starts, but provide more. Much more.
- More support for people with mental illnesses, we need to break the stigma J
- More transit - more routes in SW
- More transit development that is better spread and more frequent
- More transparency on finances & government jobs are making
- Move accessible public transit
- Move red light camera to Hidden Creek Dr and Beddington TR NW to improve safety (from Country Hills BVNW & Beddington TR NW)



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- Mr. Pincott keep us better informed
- Mr. Pincott we need to better engaged in projects.
- my comment on your say category would not submit
- My demographic is the richest, but Council's overspending and unreasonable tax increases is driving seniors and boomers out of Calgary.
- My laneway is being used as a major thoroughfare bypassing a playground on the front street....at higher than lane speeds...dangerous at times.
- My opinion of the green bins is not for me,so make them optional
- my tax money is paying for large pensions and over paid City workers and that is not right, and wasting money on stupid things like the Peace bridge and the Blue Ring City light.
- My taxes have doubled but my services have not. In fact they have decreased.
- n/a
- N/A
- N/A
- n/a
- N/A.
- na
- Nahhhhhh
- Need focus on education elementary and high schools. Need more help with special needs children
- Need more community programs
- need more Police foot or bike patrols downtown, then more people would go downtown.
- Need the city to pay attention to some of the older districts we sure don't get much done in our community and haven't for many years
- Need to create more international profile - maybe time for another Olympic bid!
- Need to open your eyes the economy is worse then you think.
- Nenshi 4 Prime Minister!!!
- Nenshi claimed he was a fiscal conservative when he first ran for mayor. What a bald face lie that was. He's just another tax and spend liberal, along with some of his useless councillors!
- Nenshi is so mean to small businesses by his insensitive comments regarding property taxes.
- Nenshi needs to stop pushing pipelines. Let natural market forces dictate whether they are built or not. This it's the time to prepare Calgary for the 21 century. There are more workers in renewable energy industries globally than in the petroleum industry and the trend continues to move in favor of renewables. China and USA are largest investors in renewables. We are in risk of being left behind if our cities and Canada does not ramp up renewable investment now. All countries want energy independence. What is more independent than solar, wind, tidal, thermal? Pipelines at best are a short term solution for global energy customers. Calgary has to rethink its economy. We only show ignorance for global long term demand when advocating pipelines.
- Nenshi, stop your "Rainday" fund B.S. and put all projects through proper process. Those are my tax dollars too!
- New home construction should not be subsidized by the Clty
- new mayor"
- New Recreation center, Library in the south
- Newer communities are lacking facilities such as schools, community centers, YMCA, library...
- Nice to see that citizens may have an input!



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- no
- no
- No
- No
- No
- no
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- no
- No -
- No - thanks for doing this
- No but limiting choices to three is good but increasing choices to four would allow you more input from taxpayers who would love to input more information. Thank you!
- no changes to traffic speed, pedestrians being hit have been their own fault.
- No garbage removal option in the environment category
- No mention of looking at efficiencies from city hall itself
- No more developer subsidies!
- No need to focus on more transit until the economy turns around
- No new bus lanes please. They're useless.
- No questions about employees of the City concerning cutting costs with reduced salaries, benefits etc
- No reference to the cost of implementing any changes, but there will be cost. Appreciate the reasonable property taxes and costs for transit, recreation.
- No special groups get special attention.
- No thank you
- No thanks
- No to green carts, no to more bike paths, no to excessive property taxes
- No you failed Calgary!
- No, but I missed something...the need to widen sidewalks in older neighborhoods for the safety and accessibility of wheelchair users and strollers.
- No, but thanks for letting us be part of the solution. It shows what a great Mayor and council this city has!
- No, keep up the good work!!!
- no, thank you for allowing my input.
- No.
- No. It's great to know the city cares about our opinions, great survey.
- Noise from speeding on Richardson Way SW. Should 50k it is not posted but it runs through a residential neighborhood. So the city of Calgary buses speed at 70-80k as do the snow plows.
- Noise pollution on the roads especially the Deerfoot is very bad.
- Nolan Hill is still without public transit services. It has been 2 years of paying taxes without receiving proper services from the city.
- None of your items asked how much salaries should be cut.
- None.



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- None.
- Nope
- Nope
- nope
- Nope
- Nope! Great job!!
- nope, just make sure to have transit work toward going 24 hours and give people an alternative to drinking and driving.
- Nope, nice survey. My compliments to the design team.
- Nope.
- Nope. Keep it up. If you get re-elected, clearly the people like you. Although, maximum term lengths would be a great addition.
- Not looking fwd to city wide composting 1. I do my own. 2. Attractants for coyotes, etc.
- Not opposed to tax increase but need to show us how it was spent (visual). Showing it on tv. The 1pg instruction on tax assessment - would be a great place
- Nothing I can note.
- Nothing I can think of
- Nothing talks about caring for those who are low income in Calgary. What about our growing homeless population? What about access to justice for the working class poor.
- off leash dog parks are also important to me. I would like to see one in my area of Bridlewood/Somerset or very close by.
- Once again Mr. Pincott is MIA
- One of the most effective cost cutting measure is pay cuts. Negotiate existing contracts. It is not fair city staff enjoying same privillages when entire city population is struggling .
- Option to pay for composting or do it on your own.
- Optional my ass
- Organics composting
- Our car-centric urban design - not an easy solution to shift citizens' reliance on cars to alternate options, especially with our dependence on the oil & gas industry.
- Panels are limited in the number of people and views represented are based on the contacts those people make. In person events are not always timed conveniently and those who make the most noise are the ones who are heard. This survey has a good mix of questions and opportunity for free text entry and I was able to participate when I had time to give it my full attention and consideration. I would like to see this used more.
- Panorama... Adds 1/2+ hour to commute. How about express bus?
- PARKING ! I think parking lots should be city owned rather than private companies screwing you over every time, I'd rather pay to park and have a majority of it go to the city.
- parking at train stations. Lots of people wont go to festivals or events downtown because no parking downtown and difficult to get downtown to events. People seem to stay in their areas who live farther out, less Calgary feel. Need to encourage that movement between communities and the sense of downtown.
- Parking is a big issue. Car2go, Uber as well.
- Parking issues in neighbourhoods should be patrolled
- Parking planning - less monopoly & more affordable/ more reasonable profit to the owner



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- Parks maintenance is one area where services provided have really slipped in recent years. Compared with in the past, Calgary looks "trashy". I'm ashamed. Opportunities to provide input are not always advertised where people who do not live "on-line" are aware of them. This skews the results, and viewpoints from certain segments of the population are not considered in decisions.
- Pathways in Sandstone, McEwan, Beddington, Hidden Valley, Edgemont & area. Needs better snow removal. & the bobcat packs snow down on path.
- Pave back lanes! !!!!! More dog parks with water facilities. Support small businesses.
- Pay attention to all results and publish the truth without leaving anything out
- pay cuts
- Pay cuts for city workers and councillors, just like so many others.
- Paying a million dollar bonus for someone to do their job tells me that the City is not being careful enough with taxpayers' money!
- Pedestrian crossing should be available near bus stops
- Pedestrian crosswalk safety - including police presence
- Pedestrian strategy - we are all pedestrians!
- People are leaving Calgary, please do something.
- People like living here because of access to the mountain playground to the west. Think about improving access to the playground by partnering with communities to the west to strengthen relationships. Affordable public transit to Bragg Creek, Canmore and Cochrane would be used in both directions not just by tourists.
- PEople Retention, we have to find a way to connect with people so they call this place home
- People with mental health finding support and housing
- Pincott why aren't you here? Misinformation
- Pincott! Another no show! Do what you say you will!
- Planning isn't all about spending more money. It's also about managing the resources you have when those resources are limited.
- Play nice
- Playground development. More swimming facilities in the SE
- PLEASE ADD A BUS THAT GOES INTO ST. MARY UNIVERSITY FROM FISH CREEK LACOMBE STATION SO MORE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WON'T HAVE TO TRY AND WALK ACROSS THE BRIDGE ON MACLOED TRAIL. ITS NOT ACCESSIBLE AT ALL. PLEASE FIX FISH CREEK STATION SO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DON'T HAVE TO CLIMB A BRIDGE TO GET TO THE BUS FROM THE C-TRAIN STATION. THAT ISN'T ACCESSIBLE OR SAFE FOR A PERSON WITH A MOBILITY DISABILITY TO DO."
- Please be less pro spend and more pro frugality.. It's only realistic to people like me who need to be incredibly careful with budgeting so I can actually live day to day. Don't know what I'd do if I lost my job, how would I pay my mortgage or feed myself. It's a scary time for all Calgarians and we could use a break in so many ways.
- Please be more efficient with DPs!!!
- Please be sure to keep funding the Calgary Public Library - literacy is still very much needed in tough times like these!
- Please bring hope back to our future and not through more taxes bleeding us all dry. Thank you.
- Please build new mobile home park for Midfield residents
- Please consider that the bike lane project appears to be very under utilized by the majority of the population.
- Please continue to build cycle tracks to access more communities around the Beltline.
- Please do not ever accept or ask for more taxing powers



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- Please don't raise taxes. This can all be done by cutting services...the right ones.
- Please find a way to cut taxes. Don't do the scare tactics of "less police and firefighters". Cut the fat: seriously!
- Please fund programs to help small Calgary businesses increase their exports to the US. Now is the time when that investment will have a very large payback (70 cent loonie)!
- Please give Calgarians a break!
- Please hold the province accountable in the completion of access points onto Stoney trail at 14 st. Also if 144 ave could be paved it will ease the congestion on Symons valley each morning.
- Please is important than Calgarians be involved in our city improvement...when people are involved that they care about !!!
- Please keep funding the arts.
- Please listen and report back on the feedback.
- Please local job opportunities
- Please lower or stop raising property taxes. Calgary hast to stop saying it has low property taxes. The taxes Do Not Include Water or Garbage or Recycle or Composting. In BC all of the above is included in property taxes. Shame on you for false advertising.
- Please make city web page more user friendly / efficient
- Please please let us be leaders instead of falling far behind the world in dealing with important environmental issues.
- Please provide more off leash parks for dogs around the city. We are very limited to where we can go.
- Please recognize that each resident has a vested interest in some type of service that is important to them and they will request more of that service. That does not mean that they want all services increased - just the one they have a vested interest in. City councilors must understand that and balance services. And start being fiscally responsible which they have NOT been. Property tax increases are much higher than population growth and inflation. The rate of increase is irresponsible and inexcusable.
- Please remember to include our neighborhoods when making plans for future developments. Not everyone is able to access the City of Calgary website to sift through data. Our community newsletters need to share upcoming City meetings ... before the meetings occur. Thanks.
- Please spend some time evaluating the different departments and see how they can become more cost efficient. The privae sector has staff doing more with less as the public sector seems to have a lot of people with "not my job" so can't pitch in.
- Please stop increasing out property taxes to build things we do not want. Huge amounts of money are wasted on snow removal and beautifying this City. And that's just a start.
- Please take into consideration what the citizens are telling you and make sure you manage the City as if it was your own money you're spending.
- Please take these surveys seriously and refrain from using them strictly as evidence of engagement.
- Please think twice about handing out discounted rates to any segment of the population. When increasing rates on fees and services, eg increasing transit rates, or city fees, and then giving low cost passes to some, everyone else pays their portion, sometimes unfarely penalizing those who dont get the discounts
- Please, no more taxes and reduce the debt. City of Calgary needs to operate from efficiently and cost effectively.
- Police related questions such as their insufficient staffing levels.
- Police walking in neighbourhod is awesome. (Keep it!)
- Police! - response times



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- Preservation of park space inside the city is critical. Please keep that in mind when forcing density inner city. Science backs having natural spaces as a remedy to much of our modern stresses.
- Priorities for spending capital...especially identifying wasted dollars like that for silly art projects and bike lanes.
- Prioritize economic development vs. sustainable infrastructure (i.e. bike paths)
- Prioritize needs vs wants. If you can't pay off your bills every month it means you are spending beyond your means
- Prioritize the environment and apply sustainability thinking to all initiatives
- Probably.
- Promote that the reports exist. Make it more usable & accessible
- Proper flow of traffic to main roads with less traffic calming measures by adjusting speed limits city wide in communities
- proposals for undeveloped land, where can citizens find more information on local projects and how can we be more involved in decision making/planning?
- Proposed 40 km/h is questionable on streets
- Prov. Managed car insurance so that everyone has coverage. Provide proof.
- PS. Stop spending money like drunken sailors. It is OUR money. You should be trying to save it as much as you can. I would like to see a DECREASED City budget in these trying times.
- Public art yes! A better review and selection process YES!!
- Public consultations or info sessions to tell citizens what is a done deal...make your intentions clear from the outset please!
- Publish survey results summary.
- Put fluoride back in the water so my kids can have a shot at decent teeth!!!
- Put fluoride back into the water...and free dairy free ice cream in communities.
- Put the heart back in Calgary, for too long it's been about the money.
- Put the pressure on poor drivers in this city. Bad driving in communities is out of hand!!
- Put the SW BRT on hold! The design is non-functional and the costs are out of control
- Quit communicating with citizens like they understand city bureaucratic speak. A fellow in the neighborhood wanted to put in a basement suite. I'm fine with it, but it took me 20 minutes online to figure out what the heck the notice on his fence actually meant.
- Quit wasting your time , that we are paying for, by constantly trying to look good in the media. Act the rest of us who have less money and must look for ways to cut our expenses.Oops I forgot, you are politicians who just pass on all costs to us homeowners !!!
- R = ? Not rapid
- Raise / educate on being a conscious driver/"cyclist"/road user
- really like the direction of your thinking. awesome city council!!!
- Reasonable rents to encourage mom & pop stores and thus avoid the same old mall stores
- Re-classify residential roadways
- Recognize and support community theatre as a vital part of our city
- Reconsider the very steep business taxes ... Small businesses are struggling in this economy and a cut in the business tax would be welcomed
- Recreational facilities
- Recycling - it is past time the city of Calgary to ban single use plastic bags. It is disgusting to see the piles of plastic bags on the shopping carts and yet the oil patch is the main problem...



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- Reduce extravagant spending when \$ are scarce. No skateboard parks. Plant trees!!
- Reduce property tax & better bus transit Better sidewalk snow removal
- Reduce spending - no extra taxes
- Reduce taxes and let us do our own composting.
- Reduce Taxes and Spending
- reduce taxes is the priority not the services. Reduce the services accordingly.
- reduce taxes, reduce taxes, reduce taxes, reduce taxes - oh, and reduce taxes
- Reduce taxes. Facilitate the movement of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and scooters. Eliminate wasteful spending on public art. Faciliate the private sector, small business, and home based business.
- Reduce the amount of middle management and engineering studies to reduce spending.
- Reduce the size of Government, lower taxes
- Reduce the spend on public art, during this recession.
- Reducing City costs. everything seems to be going up, electricity, water, etc. however salaries are going down. You have to find ways to reduce and you can't choose to not pay utilities. finding efficiencies in your own systems.
- Reducing residential speed limits to 40 kph stupid. Trying to increase road rage?
- Reemphasize: fix roads. More capacity. Fix deerfoot at glenmore. Fix missing third lane eastbound Stoney over Bow south (22x). Implement the recos for crowchild that 'shocked' the do-nothing crowd.
- Regulated rent limits.
- Remember that sometimes it is better to remain in place when necessary - we can always move forward another time!
- Remember, politicians and civil servants, "serve"... It is not about you, it is about the citizens.
- Remove barriers & bureaucracy for getting support
- Removing obstructions (foliage etc) from traffic signs
- Responsible governance of the City within the economic means of the business's and homeowners. There are undoubtedly many opportunities for improved efficiency and reduced cost. I do not see this as a City objective bass on the evidence presented.
- Retired
- Retired teacher.
- Review services before arbitrarily passing on tax increases. The school tax increase and carbon tax as examples. Not sure if the City does zero base budgeting but might be a good exercise every few years. It is a good city just needs some admin tweaking on occasion.
- Ride share, ride share, ride share. I am jot a driver, I am a user. Transit doesn't run late enough to safely get home from downtown and taxi costs are prohibitive assuming one is even available. Ride shares offer a viable, affordable alternative and would help to curb drinking and driving in the city.
- Ring road please.
- Ripping out our golf course for a developer is inexcusable.
- Road clearing from black ice on 24 Ave NE
- Road conditions - very narrow in parts need to be widened
- Road maintenance - potholes
- Rock climbing
- Run the city like a business and not a charity.
- S.W. Ring Road



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- Safe communities and break-ins are increasing during recessionary times. While not listed as a top three in an earlier section, this is imperative that our families feel safe.
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety for everyone, more routes in cold times. :)
- Safety, I did not see it on the survey but it is very important to invest in.
- Safety. House safety. Job Safety
- Salary rollback for Mayor and Council would show real leadership in these tough times ; next 4 years will be no/slow growth environment. Only essential services are water, sewer, garbage, fire and police dept; reductions in all other areas are needed...especially matters like growing biking path network.
- Save \$100 million and cancel that 14 ST SW Bus Rapid transit, just WAIT to see what the Ring Road can do for this Area... perhaps rapid routes on SW Ring Road like City will do for Deerfoot Trail!!
- school
- School zone safety
- Schools, education.
- Search the world for best practices.
- Secondary suites are a must
- Secondary suites should be allowed anywhere the homeowner can build it responsibly -
- See if you can get Bettman to pay for cleaning up the contamination before a new area is built!
- SEE MY COMMENTS ABOUT MANAGING EXPENSES AND LOWERING TAXES.
- See you in 2017
- Seems to be little information on how to reduce taxes, more effort on growth ideas
- Seems to be too much talk,not enough action. We elected council to make decisions, not get everybody's opinions again and again.
- Senior care
- Seniors Assistance ?
- Seniors needs.
- Service charges add up and make it too hard to live.
- Services in new developments --> using levies
- Services for tax payers first seems council forgets who is paying the bill. Also user fees should be higher to reduce taxes. Services user fees force city services such as pools to be self sufficient and operate as a real business. If it cannot then sell it.
- Services taxpayers are willing to cut or reduce.
- Settling immigrants and finding jobs
- should ask people to rank the choices
- Show some leadership in these tough economic times.
- Since I lost my job I can't spend as much in the local community
- Slow down on spending and growth
- Small business taxes also need to be considered as they will and have been closing shop due to insanely high taxes contributing to increased job losses and lost city tax revenue
- smooth process
- Snow and ice contributes to social isolation
- Snow and ice removal on non--bus-routes and pathways



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- Social programs not sure I saw that in this. We have a lot of social issues that need to be addressed. Example Homeless and mentally ill people who wander the streets.
- Social support
- Some areas of Bowness (strip malls) could use revitalization -- feels sketchy at times
- South Glenmore park has had a lot of work done on it, carrigana trees were poisoned last year, some girls were documenting them this year, trees were removed, grasses and flax planted, certain weeds killed and what we thought of as a natural area has changed. I would like to know the cost of this project?
- Specific questions about policy. New stadium?
- Speed bumps on residential streets - 48 St / 19th Ave SE
- Speed limit for bicycles on combined pathways how we force that??
- Speed reduction in playground zones
- Spell check and being able to review your typed response in all but the last category
- Spend \$ wisely, why are there 2 garbage men/truck & private does the job with one
- Spend surplus on city-provided day care - = more jobs
- Spending for the benefit of the majority rather than the minority is the better route to go.
- Stalin said "it doesn't matter who votes, it matters who counts the votes". Your BS survey will provide the numbers you're so fishing for. Don't be gutless, ask real questions.
- Star bringing benefit and pensions costs down to match the private sector companies. - yes I know they are the envy of everyone included but I would have more if I had to pay out less. It is hard to feel sympathetic to city workers when I make less and still have to save for myself
- Start a "Common Sense saves lives" campaign
- Start acting responsibly by dealing with the jobs issue. Reduce taxes to attract investment. Find people and companies to fill all the empty towers downtown. Quit dealing with last year's issues. The well is dry. The carcass is picked clean. Downsize city hall. Eliminate stupid regulations. Put yourself out of a job. And don't support giving \$500 MM for maybe 1000 jobs. Williams actually said 150 jobs and I understand they are getting 60% of this hand out. Look at Detroit. That's Calgary at \$50 oil.
- Start controlling weeds better. There is nothing wrong with the responsible use of herbicide. All you will achieve by 'being green' is you will lose the battle to dandelions and end up spending more & using more herbicides to try & reverse the damage you caused through neglect. Treat school yards (or make the school boards rather) earlier in the season so their seeds don't spread into the surrounding communities. Lastly - if you say you are going to tag & tow vehicles during street sweeping - do it!! Empty threats will not make people more diligent.
- Start listening
- START listening to us tax payers it is our money not yours to spend on anyway you want. All I hear about is down town, Olympic Plaza needs rebuilding. Built in 1988 doesn't make it old, extend the Stephen Avenue mall extended, China town rebuilt. Calgary has a lot of more pressing needs than down town!
- start saving money, not look for ways to spend money. maybe some councillors should be fired
- Start the SWBRT process from the beginning.
- Start to cut some management jobs in the City of Calgary instead of taxing the hell out of us every year. Show some leadership that way to save some bucks!!
- Stay in touch with your community!
- Stay professional, and be efficient.
- Stay the course - stick to council long term priorities



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- Stewardship integrated into education!
- Still one of the best places in the world to live. This economic downturn will be a blip. please don't let it change our culture.
- Stoney Trail south needs to be a priority
- Stop "calming" traffic and 23 pedestrian deaths in a year is miniscule. Ban headphones or CTrains and they would lesson more than slowing the speed limit.
- Stop accusing certain segments of society of being greedy. As far as I can tell, there is no greedier organization than government.
- Stop building commuter communities with no access to downtown.
- Stop building ugly gray and brown houses and buildings! This is one of the ugliest cities I've ever seen. We need a modern museum and to improve the Glenbow. Stop with the idiotic cows and horses as art. The peace bridge is hideous and overpriced! You need to give priority to Calgary or st least Canada based artists, architects, etc. We need a real larger affordable art centre centrally located. We need sports and recreation facilities in the far southeast!!!! Who is the moron who designed the Deerfoot-Douglasdale access!? Traffic is insane due to this access. We need to be able to cross the river towards Diamond Cove/Deer Run instead of accessing Deerfoot or else fix Deerfoot!!! More lanes.
- Stop building up and promoting individual communities (like inner city) and work to make us one city.
- Stop coming up with the first thing you have to cut is Fire and Police. That is getting old. Quit nickel and dimming us to death itch increased fees. We can't afford to do anything in Calgary any more. Stop with the bike lanes. Use your heads.
- STOP developing our GREEN SPACES
- Stop expanding non-essential programs. snow removal, traffic control, paving --- you have to keep these. Bikeway, "Arts", flower beds, fancy street light pole.... please cut them all or eliminate them all to reduce the annual operating cost
- Stop increase fee's and taxes above inflation.
- Stop increasing taxes and start reducing expenses!!!
- Stop increasing utility rates.
- stop letting the stampede board push the city around.
- Stop nickel and diming seniors.
- Stop pleasing your constituents, make the correct choice and do what's right for them (building more RR beacons or educate the kids to cross road safely?)
- Stop politicking and do some actual real, meaningful work for the people who pay your salary.
- Stop spending money on art and decorations. Council members should be present at city meeting when their community is being voted on for development or change.
- Stop spending money! My property tax is unreasonable.
- Stop Spending! Pretend you are running a business.....only Sean Chu seems to have the common sense required to keep our city in good financial health.
- Stop stealing our money and our future!
- Stop tax increase plain and simple
- Stop taxing me to death
- STOP TAXING US!!!! WE DON'T CARE ABOUT ART! WE ARE TRYING TO EAT!!! MY LORD!!!!
- Stop the destruction of Harvest Hills Golf Course!
- STOP the dunken sailor spending!!



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- Stop the fear mongering about cut services. If we can't afford the services then cut them. Everyone has to live within their means. This includes the city of calgary
- Stop the travel for so many people - aldermen, mayor and entourage! This is a perk for better financial times.
- Stop thinking that we have unlimited funds to spend. We are feed up with the money grabs!
- Stop this frenetic City spending, please!
- Stop wasting my tax money. Taxes would not be such an issue if we could see wise and equitable use of the resources. City Hall has become too inflated and should be massively trimmed.
- STOP with the bicycle roads....our automobiles are losing road sparce.ALSO perhaps license bike riders....
- Stop with the tax increases, you might be able to get a wage increase but people have no jobs or have had wages frozen for years no one can afford to keep having everything go up!
- street light maintenance and patch holes on the streets
- Strong leadership from our council members, enough in fighting.
- Student, often takes transit.
- Support and build the new Arena and stadium in West Village. It will be an amazing addition to the life and energy and value of Calgary. Ensure that the model includes a Tax for all those using the facility so that those that want it will pay for it and all Calgarians can prosper from its existence.
- Support local economy with new funds
- Support theatre, especially small compnies and emerging artists. We very urgently need affordable rehearsal and performance space.
- Surveys and engagement are good - but at some point decisions must be made.
- Surveys surveys surveys
- Sustainability and walkability
- Sustainability is key. Requiring people to plant sustainable plants instead of grass. Pesticides and Fertilizers should be banned and are toxic to our environment and health
- Take a huge pay cut like most Calgarians Have. Mayor is paid too much. Enmax bonus was a joke. You all should be embarrassed.
- Take advantage of the downturn with lighter traffic downtown. Start building bus only lanes AND advance turns for buses. Make it more efficient yo take public transportation.
- Take the last 3months of ever departments budget &review it for spending just to keep their current budget
- Take traffic control on Ogden Road into consideration. As well as short cutting through the community.
- Takes bus everyday. Serves my needs well.
- talents import"
- Tax money is given to you by the people and not council's personal spending money.
- Tax money is to be for essentials, not what would be 'nice to have'.
- Tax payers should not pay for arenas used by professional clubs, like Flames, Stamps, etc. These businesses should build own facility as all other businesses do.
- Tax too high, and need return 52 million each year tax back to tax payer.
- Taxes
- Taxes
- Taxes are too high.
- Taxpayers are not open pocket banks.
- Tell the Purple Pickpocket to stop with the tax increase inititaves.
- TEST



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- Thank yo the actions of city hall, this Calgarian has decided to leave with all the tax hikes and snobbish attitude of City hall. Calgary has lost what it meant to be Calgary.
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide the City with feedback.
- Thank you for asking for Calgarians input I truly hope you get a huge response!
- Thank you for asking for input from Calgary's residents!
- Thank you for asking for my input. But please...listen.
- thank you for asking for our opinions. Sometimes the loudest are the minority but are perceived as the majority :)
- Thank you for asking our opinion! It's great to have a government that values the collective opinions of its people.
- Thank you for asking!
- Thank you for asking!
- Thank you for asking...
- Thank you for providing this opportunity to give feedback.
- Thank you for sending this out
- Thank you for serving Calgary!
- Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback.
- Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.
- thank you for the survey
- Thank you for your service to our city!
- Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Thank you to Mayor Naheed Nenshi, your common sense approach plus your passion for what is right is greatly appreciated. Keep the council members in line, encourage public consultation in meetings and keep our city safe. It's a tough job and we need a strong voice to support our city and it's revenues. We as a province made an uneducated vote for NDP, even Edmonton with their almost majority support is not seeing the benefits.
- Thank You!
- Thank you!
- Thank you; this is a good start!
- Thanks for a great city, overall a great place to live.
- Thanks for allowing my input and continuing to do a good job in creating the best Calgary.
- thanks for allowing public input.
- thanks for asking our input for our city
- Thanks for asking! Great way of doing it. I like the web site.
- Thanks for asking, I don't envy you job, spend my taxes wisely.
- Thanks for asking. though I have little confidence much will come of this process. I feel this council and mayor doesn't listen but rather does a lot of telling.
- Thanks for checking in. We all hope that things start to rebound soon.
- Thanks for doing such a great job! Best city in the world.



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- Thanks for doing this public consultation. It's good to have a chance to provide input to my city! :)
- Thanks for letting us have an input.
- Thanks for soliciting input!!!
- thanks for the forum
- thanks for the forum, please honor the input
- Thanks for the opportunity to share feedback! Keep up the great work.
- Thanks for the opportunity.
- Thanks for your hard work
- Thanks to the Garbage Man and the Recycling Man- Excellent Job!!
- Thanks!
- Thanks.
- Thanks.
- That school/playground speed limit time change was ridiculous. I now drive through industrial parks, 5 hours after sunset where there happens to be a school and I have to slow down for the kids that are supposedly out and about.
- That's not fare to increase property taxes to a level where businesses need to close. Something has to give or else our city will slowly die.
- The 14th street plan is the worst case of public engagement I have seen. The alder person is duplicitous and seems to have made up his mind
- the amount of moneys spent on art work, in particular the firemen hat in front of the new fire hall, To me poor choose of tax dollars poor of display,(who sees it??)
- The areas we just were asked to choose from are vague, not specific and intelectually created to blindside residents. Get real and create areas of focus that are real and tangible.
- The city is an unique organization. If you go over budget you raise taxes and everything is fine. In private industry you go over budget you have to find ways to do the same job without any extra money. It is great to wokr for the city wiht endless pockets.
- The city needs to attract other business than big oil as this town will turn into a ghost town like flint Michigan if we don't act now.
- The City needs to make smart choices that benefit the whole city not just bikers
- The City needs to understand that developing only in established areas does not provide appropriate housing choices.
- The city requires strategies and goals for intergovernmental relations with the goal of more control over income, infrastructure spending, etc.. Cities are a cash cow for other levels of government and consequently are kept subservient.
- The focus groups and buses are a poor method of gaining opinions. You only get very extreme points of views. Also, I already paid my taxes and increase so why are you cutting services for 2 years. It should only be one.
- the green program is a good one
- The homeless shelters need to be open more frequently and in less extreme cold days i.e. don't wait for -30. It makes downtown uniniviting and it is also horrible to see these people down on their luck wander the street and building to building. Have more day time resources available in centralized locations and provide more support.
- The issue of the refugees in Canada and Calgary and what the can or can't do for us.



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- The majority of Calgary does not want BRT. Why is it proceeding?
- The mayor has a good shell game . Which shell has the pea under it?
- The Mayor should stick to running this city keep his mouth shut about all other issues in this country it is not his place and the next time there is a law suit against him tax payers should not have to foot the bill, Enough spending at city hall like drunken sailors.
- The move toward privatizing city services is a mistake
- The Municipal government of Calgary is the last bastions of hope for people who call Calgary home. Our Federal and Provincial leadership seems to be making it abundantly clear that they will not be helping us through these difficult times, in any tangible, meaningful ways. You are the only advocates we have now. Thank Mayor Nenshi for me, please - his efforts to help us are not going unnoticed
- The NE communities tend to be neglected more often.
- The new lines for the C train should be a priority project.
- The opportunity to pick an area that you are opposed to instead of just not in favour of would be good.
- The other priority I see relates to the homeless - it may have been in a Category I didn't choose, but I would add that one thing to my list.
- The provincial tax which was considered as "space vacated" and city decided to grab those taxes. Now that the province has increased those taxes in 2016, why is City is still continuing to tax the provincial portion of the taxes. In any other situation it would be considered as fraud. However city of Calgary is getting away with bilking the residents.
- The questionnaire was way to brief and seemed like the questions and possible answers could/should have been better written/thought out. Should be less leading and a much bigger diversity of topics to question the public.
- The reason people rally around Mayor Nenshi is because he really loves Calgary and is our biggest advocate. Would be amazing to see the rest of council build on that positivity.
- The response to the 2013 flood by the employees of The City of Calgary was magnificent. I want Council to ensure that City staff continue to be trained & resourced so that future disasters will be responded to just as well or better than our 2013 experience. To that end, I expect Council to ensure that Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity plans as well as Corporate Policies & Procedures are completed, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis.
- The ridiculous amount of 'behind closed doors' meetings the chamber has."
- the road to hell was paved with good intentions.....(like this one)
- The roads in the city
- The SE (eg New Brighton, Mckenzie Towne) before any other new transit it started. They have waited long enough!!
- The seniors bus pass matters. Those of us who use it are not wealthy retirees In my case it allows reduced care use and I walk more because of it. That keeps me healthy and reduces my need for health care
- The spending is out of controll given the economic times !!!
- The survey forgot to ask what services you feel could be sacrificed, instead it was the exact opposite. We could also do with out those stupid green bins next year, I am to the point I am just throwing everything in the black bin now, you want me to take more time out of my busy day to seperate food from my garbage now, and pay you to take it away to make a product out of it. When does it end
- The survey is leading as it assumes that service cuts are the only method to contain rising taxes.
- The SW BRT is not req'd! Listen to your constituents. Spend our tax dollars wisely!
- The SW BRT is nowhere near ready to tender much less construct!



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- There are many places to cut if you stop spending wildly and DO NOT take away police, fire or parks.
- There are many recent people with financial experience willing to help reduce city hall spending.
- There are other areas of Calgary than East Village, nice but the suburbs need restaurants, recreation areas etc!
- There is Leisure centre in SE.
- There is more to Calgary than just the downtown core. Bike paths are costing a lot for a few people.
- There is no doubt there are projects that can be shelved. You can do it!
- There is very little in the way of recreational opportunities south of Glenmore and east of the Bow. Does anyone care?
- There needs to be something done for small businesses when their property taxes become so high they can no longer afford to operate.
- There was a limit of 3 items per citizen. I'd rather expand on that as I had more to say on transit, security, AB Licensing and how awful people are driving on the roads, lakes, communities and developing more sports features (even if it was outdoors and during winter). There is much more work to do, but was never able to have my say. But thanks for the invite.
- there was no mention of poverty, accommodating newcomers and refugees, rising cost of food/foodbank usage
- these surveys tend to highlight and ask about services, but don't mention the added costs
- The time is long overdue for Nenshi to keep his big fat mouth shut & learn something about humility, as he has become an embarrassment to this city.
- Think about young families!
- Think small, open, efficient and that people count. You could learn from Glasgow's new approach where they are declaring that people are Glasgow.
- Think what is good for the city and not what is good for you (the elected individuals) in your ward.
- This a good way to involve the people
- This city is growing way too fast . Hence the crime, the fear. It has gotten out of control and it all politics and how much money you can make for yourselves
- This is a brilliant survey
- This is a waste of time
- This is a wonderful city but we can't afford to please everyone. We need to do what is best for the majority of the people if it is feasible. People want all sorts of things but are not willing to pay for them. It is time to get back to keeping this city affordable and sustainable.
- This is far too simplistic it doesn't really touch on anything that is important to me.
- This is my big focus at my age, the cost of education to have a better financially stable future seems inpenetrable."
- This survey assumes that you know what is important to me. Otherwise you would have had more categories to choose from.
- This survey brought me right to changing the action plan, but I am not familiar enough to say it needs changing. Perhaps high level points of the action plan should be more clearly built into the survey.
- This survey included too many things that were important and we were limited to selecting three.
- This survey was just a bit too restrictive and not clear.
- This was not well advertised. I like this bus though.
- This was poor timing (long weekend) and not advertised



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- This wasn't too impressive
- Thoroughly disgusted with the present Mayor and council for their uncaring stand on the Tax issue.
- Thx for being inclusive
- Time to reduce costs!
- Time to reign in expenses in areas that are wants but not needs to keep tax increases down. Strive for zero until the economy shows significant improvement. Oh and the Calgary next new arena etc. Forget about giving any public money to that, the owners and overpaid players can pony up for that one.
- Time to start making cuts at City Hall! Wages and benefits are much higher than the private sector. Time to do some research on salaries and benefits of city employees vs. private sector.
- tired of the reputation the North east has received in council and other org.
- Titanic 1) 175 feet tall 2) it hit an iceberg 3) red black & white Question can
- To earn your pay...
- Toilets
- Too much crap art, need better public art, perhaps encouraging graffiti art
- Too much paperwork for persons with disabilities
- Too much to comment on
- Tougher negotiations with the province.
- Traffic flow and lights (timing & more lights)
- Traffic issue on Berkley Dr. before 3-ways stops - flashing light? Reduce speed limit
- Transfer points are far from washrooms
- Transit --> no direct route to downtown. Have to go to Panorama.
- Transit ----> +1
- Transit directly into YYC like other major cities (ex. Vancouver, Toronto)
- Transit is good. User for last 10 years, service is working
- Transit is kind of a lot, honestly when you're making one stop on the train have have to spend \$2.10 it gets a little costly
- Transit planning. --> better planning & underground.
- Transit subsidization should be top priority in your decisions of "where to spend taxpayer monies". People NEED to be able to get around this city in an affordable manner, and not @ the cost bureaucrats determine solely for budgetary reasons.
- Transit to support aging in place?
- Transit. The southeast desperately needs the lrt
- Transparency -We should know what and all efforts that are being made to drive cost out of the City Operations without first attempting to constantly raise taxes annually.
- Transportation infrastructure for all types of transportation car, transit, bike.
- Try and Do it right the first time.
- Try to be the hub of cannabis when the time comes
- Trying something new for the future for jobs.
- Tunnel access Crowchild to downtown (2 or 3 lanes)
- Two final thoughts come to mind: 1) I hope that while diversifying the economy and energy dependence we can maybe get more solar/wind infrastructure in use (even things like micro wind turbines) to support city infrastructure. 2) I am proud that Calgary is accepting refugees, but it makes me wonder why we can aid them



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while Calgary also has homeless. We should be able to do both, and are there process synergies from one that can help the other?

- Uber
- Underground parking for apartments
- University of Calgary should also open courses like Dentistry n Pharmacy, these are common courses but only offered in University of Alberta. We need to develop n invest for our next generation.
- Urban / suburban divide needs to be addressed. Tired of inner city streets serving commuters first.
- Use yours heads, I don't know where you get some of these so called approval ratings but they are out to lunch, 90 percent of the people Italk to are not happy with what council does or how they spend my money
- Utilize local resources and talents, there are amazing talented people here, give them the opportunities
- Very tired of social engineering of our life styles. We still want space around us not to be crammed into every tiny space.
- Wages need to be frozen for all city employees, and rolled back to 2014 rates for non-union/management/elected officials.
- Wages, benefits, pensions, etc account for alot of city spending. Instead of cutting services to all Calgarians, the civil servants need thier wages to be decreased and frozen , lay off unnecessary staff, less red tape and no bonuses for overpaid city and Enmax executives!
- wake up and think for a change
- want to see more clean community and more clean ponds and lake.
- Wanted to say thanks for asking for advice via these surveys. Helps me believe that it's not all lobbyist nonsense...
- Ways and means to assist families and homeless people receive food that is nutritious. and
- Ways to volunteer to ensure a strong city
- We (Kincora) need an express bus direct to downtown am & pm peak.
- We also need to put fluoride back in the water.
- We also organize rally in downtown to show federal government that Calgary needs to have that Eastern Energy project to be approved fast... people loosing jobs, families loosing houses, things getting though to stay in Calgary for middle class people with responsibilities and families to support if current economy continue this way.
- We appreciate y'all and please do make this city affordable to all. Keep the jones away that's very materialistic!
- We are painters and no longer have much work - there needs to be a focus on job creation
- We do not need a perfect city. We need to be safe and secure...Look after these services.
- We do not need the SW BRT with the SW Ring Road a go.
- We do not want Glenmore Landing replaced with 20 story condos
- we dont need all these bike lanes downtown. they are seldom used
- We have enough people now, let's get them working. I'd rather not see the city grow beyond its means.
- We have some GREAT parks so they should be promoted more.
- We have the best mayor in Canada!
- We just moved from Winnipeg. In that city every pool and skating rink had one night per week where access was free. It encouraged everyone to get out and be active as well as make use of city services and facilities. In these economic times I am sure everyone in Calgary could use a little free recreation
- We Live in a great city but we can always be better!



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- we love Calgary, but with small kids, we field the government is more worry about foreigners and not for the ones we work, pay our taxes, honest family,
- We need a Calgary that works for everyone; not just those with money.
- We need a library.... Do something about ... Copperpond and Copperpond has a lot of young kids... We have to travel to Fishcreek for the nearest one.
- We need a new mayor! I now pay more in taxes and get less! Stop wasting my money!
- We need cuts to wages and jobs that are none essential
- We need electric bicycles permitted in Calgary!!!
- we need more noise prevention because of the trains throughout the day
- We need to be more daring and brave with every initiative.
- We need to be more informed on what the Premier is planning on doing to help restore jobs in the province and what steps are being taken to balance the provinces budget. The province needs her to be at the forefront just like our mayor was during the floods a few years ago. Although I don't smoke marijuana, I believe that it should be legalized and the province should be planning now on how it will be distributed or sold. Ontario already has a plan through the LCBO, what are we going to do?
- We need to build legacy. We have labour and materials, low interest rates. Dream big not tiny, invest in the future.
- we need to encourage private sector jobs and reduce public sector costs.
- We need to grow Calgarys Culture!
- We need to spend less and help the energy sector survive. Please no more increase in taxes, especially with so many unemployed. Please try to be more economical in all areas.
- We need walkable energetic neighbourhoods for all ages, not just the odd shopping street or the Red Mile. Small Outside concerts, sidewalk cafes, etc get people together, energized and feeling that they are part of something positive. I would like to feel that Calgary is home but I'm not a hockey fan and I'm not interested in the Stampede so it seems hard to connect with the city although I like love the public art downtown.
- We see good communication, honesty, trust (except for some of the purchased artwork), and engagement from our city leaders.
- We're disappointed with City of Calgary.
- what about human rights??
- what ideas can YOU present to reduce your labour cost?
- What is of little importance to citizens? For example, I personally think that we do NOT need more police or money for CPS.
- What is the average cost per bike user in this city, compared with the costs you are incurring?
- What is your plan to lower city taxes and fees to 0% -- enough out of control spending!
- What were previous concerns about untamed growth and rising costs is now replaced with concern for livelihood and the economic health of the city (over which the city has little control). Keeping people here and not moving away will be the challenge."
- What would you like to see done differently
- When are we going to have a baseline city speed lowered to 40km?
- When improving the transit systems, blocking residential roads for transit only, and not changing the taxation for properties effected. E.g. Our road is no longer a thorough road, but our property is still listed as being on one, decreasing our property value 10-20,000.00. When asked why....."it would be too much work to change it".....?



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- When our street lights go out I would like them fixed asap not 2 months later. I leave to go to work and I get scared walking to my vehicle in complete darkness
- When people say they don't want money spent on a particular proposal, listen to them instead of doing it anyways (bridges, bike paths, Calgary Next, etc.) Our council seems to ignore the people's wishes far too often.
- When will the Green Carts be introduced? This has been a long time coming.
- Where are you Councillor Pincott??
- Where I live shouldn't matter, we all live in Calgary - right?
- Where is Brian Pincott? 12:18
- While I appreciate the opportunity to provide input, the structure of this mechanism will surely result in biased results...I found the same issue with the telephone survey conducted on behalf of the city in the fall of 2014.
- Why are my taxes in the south higher than the NE. It should be looked into?
- Why are the has prices in Edmonton so much cheaper?
- Why do we need to go to information sessions on projects. Can't you put them on the web with streaming video and comment sections that go to the committees. People have lives and the mass of the democratic population cannot put input into these things. Committee discussion can be put up on the web and transferred back to community sessions.
- WHY DO YOU NEED THIS INFORMATION AS IT IS IRRELEVANT UNLESS YOU WANT TO MAKE EXCUSES.
- Why does Calgary Housing Corp. help people in Airdrie but not Cochrane? This changed but hasn't been communicated that i can see."
- Why does it take 3 - 4 weeks for burned out streetlights to be repaired after reporting them on 311? that's a shameful response time. In the meantime, this is a serious safety issue.
- Why have we accepted so many refugees? We have no jobs for ourselves or them.
- Why is the public resonsible for shaping our city? Does Hawaii use the public to develop it's space and could you imaging what the island would look like if it did? Please take a look at what kind of management you employ (white males and top heavy like Air Canada, 1 coodinator for every 3 front line workers, 1 manager for 2 coordinators etc. The City has a revolving door due to terrible management & old boys club hiring practices (favourites). Online reviews state as much and this is costing me the most tax money (as well as alliwing developers to make a small fortune slapping up shantis with so few planning intelligence or environmental initiatives). Shameful when the general public gets to shape a city when we have talented educated professionals who are willing to stans up to developers but Aldermen who are not (more worried about being voted in again).
- why isn't calgary more green?
- Why not find out how long someone has lived in Calgary?
- Widen Symons valley road, raise the speed limit. It's a traffic jam all the way to beddington as people take this way out to deer foot. Opening other roads is not going to help this.
- With costs lower? And more need to keep ppl working, lets push completion of the sw ringroad?
- With number of cars ,due to multifamily dwelling. Driving or even walking has become dagerous.
- With our poor economy, the City residents are prepared for the City to take a tough stance with their unions. Do not disappoint us.
- Woman
- wonderful. Thank you



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- Work on making Calgary less dependent on oil and gas and more viable in other areas such as small business and agriculture (greenhouses). Bring back the beef.
- Work on traffic flow outside of the down town core for ease of travel across the city
- Workers within the city should be alot more respectful. When I have tried asking for help through numerous city workers, they are rude and don't want to help. I may not drive a fancy car or wear nice clothes, but I was born and raised in this city and expect to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Working with new communities to address/enforce the need for schools when young families move in and then overextend surrounding schools that weren't meant to support multiple communities.
- Work-training, education and job-finding programs and support that is for Canadian citizen men (& others)
- Would like a call [personal info removed]
- Would love to see the green cart city wide and sooner
- Wow...pretty thin survey. No branching, no detailed probing. Looks like this is just going through the motions. Ok, if it has to be reduced to just a single idea, try this: the less government the better.
- Write your message here!
- x
- yeah, stop increasing transit fares every year. it is \$100 a month which is ridiculous.
- Yep, why do these surveys always focus on ways to spend money, and then results are cited as "x% of people wanted increased spending on communities". NO, I think many people want wasteful spending eliminated, taxes reduced/maintained, and less spending, not surveys that are positioned to support increased spending. Where are the savings from fueling city vehicles with the drop in gas prices; when will city contracts be negotiated in line with private sector (salary, PENSIONS, benefits). It is exhausting that city savings are consistently pitched as "do you want the roads plowed, do you want police to respond when your house is broken into?", as they only possible savings options.
- Yes fire who ever put this survey together ... poorly done
- Yes - take the surplus money and make the most attractive offer businesses so that they will startup or relocate here. We have everything to offer - including lots of city land and property. The variety out there is amazing - high paying jobs too.
- Yes (to above)
- YES answers to questions.
- Yes time to add fiscal responsibility to the list of priorities
- Yes, lower property taxes. The city doesn't have a funding issue, it has a spending one
- Yes, make cuts. The private sector has made cuts. At least review processes.
- Yes, more pressure on the feds/province to get the economy on track.
- Yes, yes and yes. Reduction in staff and frivolous spending.
- Yes, yet I am not prepared at this point in time to go into such extensive detail.
- yes,my weight
- Yes. No where in the survey does it show the actual budget numbers of what is spent where. If you want informed feedback provide appropriate information otherwise this survey just appears to be another "stunt" so Council can say it "consulted" the people.
- Yes. As one would expect from our current Mayor and Council, none of the questions posed list not spending money as an option. The tax payers of this city are seen as a never ending source of revenue for frivolous projects of dubious merit.
- Yes. You don't listen to people. You need to actually get input from people your "decisions" will affect



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- You are not addressing Poverty, Homelessness, and so on here from what I saw.
- You are not doing your best for the City of Calgary. DO BETTER
- You ask what services we would be willing to do without? Bike lanes, green carts, art projects. How is that? How much money are all these bike lanes costing? Cut that.
- You can also look in to the salary of high paid executives. The whole province is cutting jobs and pay the city should too.
- You can probably bet on the fact that you missed most things that are painfully obvious to most Calgarians
- You controlled the answers by defining the categories.
- You could ask people more detailed questions. I don't think ranking the top three priorities in each category is enough. Help citizens to be able to actively participate in creating a better city by eliciting more in-depth input, and creating channels for people to participate more fully.
- You did not ask if we felt that we could financially cope with the increasing taxes during this hard economic time.
- You don't have to reduce services to cut taxes; efficiencies can easily be found if you look for efficiencies.
- you don't need any of this
- You focussed on "Do's", where is the balance of things & dollars that should never be spent?
- You have a problem in Section 3. It's not working properly
- You haven't asked anything about the energy sector and I think it's ridiculous that we have to bring it up to you. You are only focused on your agenda. Calgary lives on oil and if you don't like that, move. Embrace what Calgary was built on and thrives on. When you stop thinking you are something else, and focusing on what we need, then this city will grow again.
- You include far too many unnecessary things in your survey the city need only provide what the citizens really need. We don't need art or more bike lane or more people
- You likely should have the courage to ask citizens what programs they don't want to see. (you may see people rejecting Green Bins and Bike Lanes in high numbers)
- You missed creating a website that functions properly. Typical City of Calgary!!!
- You missed designing the se ring road properly. I sincerely hope whoever designed the southwest portion is a little more competent.
- You need to be more proactive in dealing with this dire economic problem.
- You work for us!!!!
- Your areas for comment listed at the beginning of this survey did not show any mention of the budget or tax rates. This survey is biased.
- Your bias of public transport is evident, you have many many many options to choose public transport but next to none for normal drivers
- Your have been doing a great job so far. Keep it up.
- Your new logo is very poorly designed. Sorry, its true.
- your questions are missing leading. Very little asked in how to reduce taxes an waste at city Hall.
- Your recycling program is not working very well ????
- Your survey didn't really provide a lot of progressive alternatives that can reduce the criminalization and stigmatization of marginalized groups and individuals.
- Your survey won't allow me to fill out all the tabs.
- Yup! You didn't ask what vowel should go next to the O on 94th, NW!categorized