

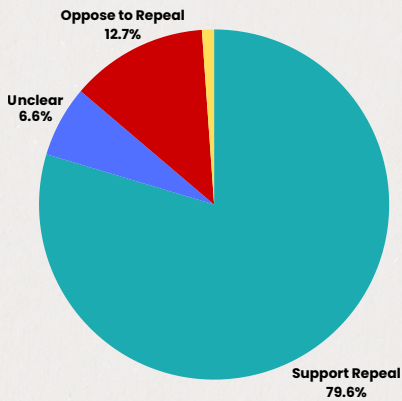
THE WARD 11 WIRE

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Blanket Rezoning Public Hearing



Public hearings are now underway. As we wrap up March and head into our second week of hearings, it's been valuable to hear directly from residents and see such strong participation in this process.

Over several days, between Council meetings and public hearings, I've personally reviewed 2,328 written submissions on blanket rezoning.

Based on this manual review, a clear majority supported repeal:

- 1,854 in support of repeal
- 295 opposed
- 26 neutral
- 153 unclear

At the end of March, we began the public hearing on repealing blanket rezoning, and those discussions have continued into April.

I'll keep showing up - both at City Hall and in the community - to listen and ensure residents' voices are heard.



March Townhalls

Willow Ridge CA Townhall

On March 5, the Ward 11 office hosted its first town hall at the Willow Ridge Community Association, with more than 200 residents in attendance. The discussion focused on the proposed repeal of blanket rezoning and the impacts blanket rezoning has had on the community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and shared their perspectives.



Meadowlark CA Townhall

The Ward 11 office hosted a second town hall on March 19 at the Meadowlark Park Community Association, with nearly 100 residents in attendance. The conversation continued around the repeal of blanket rezoning and its impacts on local neighbourhoods. We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate and contribute to the discussion.



Message from the Cllr. Ward

Happy April! As we welcome the arrival of spring, the Ward 11 office hopes this season brings a renewed sense of energy and optimism to our community. We also want to extend warm wishes to those celebrating Easter and Passover - may this time be filled with joy, reflection, and meaningful moments with family and loved ones.



Local Area Planning

Carburn Communities

A local area plan envisions how an area might evolve over the next 30 years. It identifies the most suitable locations for future development and provides clear guidance for new projects, investments, and local improvements. The Carburn communities include Douglasdale, DouglasGlen, & Riverbend. Throughout March the discovery phase occurred with pre engagement information sharing. Phase 1 begins in June 2026 where residents can provide feedback in this engagement phase. You can find out more information at <https://engage.calgary.ca/carburn>



Property Tax

Many residents are seeing higher-than-expected property tax increases this year. **It's important to note that changes to your bill can result from both tax rate adjustments and how your property's assessed value compares to others across the city.**

While property tax bills are issued by The City of Calgary, they include **two components:** the municipal portion, set by **City Council to fund local services**, and the provincial education property tax, which is set by the Government of Alberta and collected by the City on its behalf.

This year, the increase is significantly higher on the provincial side. For a typical residential property, the municipal portion rose by about 1.81% (approximately \$49 annually), while the provincial portion increased by 19.8% (approximately \$339 annually). In total, Calgary is expected to remit over \$1.2 billion in education property tax to the Province in 2026.

Budget

The City is seeking your input as we begin planning the upcoming budget. Your feedback plays an important role in helping Council understand what matters most to Calgarians - what services you value, where priorities should lie, and how we can make responsible decisions moving forward. I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey at: <https://engage.calgary.ca/budgetinput>



See You in the Community!

Have an upcoming event, grand opening, or community celebration? Councillor Rob Ward and the Ward II team are always happy to connect with residents. Reach out to us at CLWardII@calgary.ca - we'd love to attend, participate, or support your event if we can.

Coyotes



Reporting coyote sightings or encounters

In an emergency situation where there is immediate danger, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency situations and to report coyote sightings, please call 311 (or 403-268-2489 outside city limits), or report online, under 'Wildlife'.

Cllr. Ward in the Ward!



Councillor Ward joined CPS officers from District 6 for a ride along in the community



Tour of Fish Creek Library



Engaging with residents at an Open house hosted by Willowridge Community Association