Calgary

City of Calgary COVID-19 Priorities for the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta

1 Aid to vulnerable citizens and non-profits

Immediate priority for the most vulnerable

- Isolation options for homeless and vulnerable people
- Stronger community and economic supports
- Income and rapid housing supports
- Funding for domestic violence shelters
- Assistance for non-profits serving people in poverty

2 Aid to business

Direct support to business

- Focus on small and medium enterprises and vulnerable industries
- Immediate commercial rent, mortgage and property tax relief
- Coordinated communications to provide businesses with a one-stop-shop hotline to navigate government programs
- Planning for a long recovery, including a small business stabilization fund

3 Aid to municipalities

A backstop for municipalities incurring unrecoverable operating losses

- Cities facing response costs and revenue losses
- Cities cannot easily run deficits
- Substantial losses cannot be recovered from reserves or borrowing
- City of Calgary weekly losses: $10-15 M
- The federal government and provincial government need to provide a backstop within their respective borrowing powers

4 Stimulative infrastructure

A major new infrastructure plan to get people working and the economy humming

- Streamline processes and flexibility for local project funding, while funding municipalities directly
- Mitigate timing or cost escalation for current projects
- Priorities: Immediate repair and maintenance of existing assets including affordable housing, shovel-ready projects for a shorter 2020 construction season, and projects ready for design and procurement now, with shovels in 2021

5 Long term economic resilience and a new deal for cities

A vision to recover and rebuild

- Building a more diversified and resilient economy in Alberta
- Direct supports for the energy industry
- Measures to build capabilities within companies to enable the energy transition
- A whole-of-government approach to help Alberta's economy recover and grow

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