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## Verbatim Comments

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## **We want to understand what you value about the environment. Tell us more about why you selected the theme(s) you chose.**

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- The rejuvenating effects of spending time outdoors in nature, especially when you truly see nature thriving - healthy trees, healthy animals and clear water. I really appreciate how many natural parks there are within Calgary. I have lived near Fish Creek my entire life and love living so close to nature. I really admire the commitment to water treatment and keeping our City and water clean.
- I honestly couldn't NOT select any of them as they all resonate deeply. I specifically chose a dayhome for my 1 year old daughter that spends the majority of time outdoors, with trees, on the Earth and snow - not tarmac, turf, and concrete. As much as I try to do, and as much as I try to share with colleagues and friends, there is SO much consumer waste.
- Plant more [removed] trees, and in the SW stop cutting down old trees for bigger homes and new areas. Calgary is doing a horrible job. Start there then we can heal. Calgary has long history of



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cutting down old trees for no [removed] reason, work around these beautiful trees. There is no hope without large trees.

- Environment is everything that surrounds us and there is beauty in it. It is not selective as made out by the activists!
- I love the trees in our city. I think there should be a rebate for people who have trees in their property to encourage them to keep them in our city, providing oxygen and cleaning the air.
- [removed]
- All points resonated with me, so I selected every point.  
While much of Alberta's economy and past economic booms were based off of the Oil and Gas Industry, I believe it is not sustainable. We have already taken out more than we can imagine and that will leave a negative footprint. Movement toward more sustainable energy such as Solar Power is much more beneficial for the sunniest city in Canada.
- we as humans seem to view ourselves as separate from the environment around us the land the air the water but in reality we are all part of that and need to remember that we only have one planet there is no plan B
- Our environment gives us absolutely everything. The environment deserves more respect.
- Taking a better approach to protect the environment is urgent
- That we have clean air, water, parks, land for agriculture/food, entertainment.
- we already have adverse health effects from poor air quality and increased frequency of natural disasters, in part due to climate change. There are already proven ways to significantly reduce our emissions and we need to act now.
- Clean water and air is always good
- Parks parks natural beauty.... not modern art paid to artists from outside Alberta!!!
- I value that humans need to live within a natural environment and there are positive and negative environmental impacts to humans. The environment can kill you just as fast as it can fascinate you. I avoided picking themes that seem "pre-loaded" with negative environmental stereotypes.
- We're one of the few species on earth that takes more than we need and wastes.
- I believe strongly that we (humans) can only be as healthy as our environment is, and therefore we need to do everything we can to protect the environment. Even if that means making sacrifices from the way we currently live.
- I disagree with a lot more government regulations trying to protect the government. Taxes and restrictions are worse on the population right now while the regulations imposed are not creating a good return on the tax payer dollars paid.
- They are all important. But seriously, dog owners are not respecting laws in communities with dog parks. They smell if you live at all close! They're in lower income areas where rich can bring their dogs to crap! It's not okay. Playgrounds must be dog free. City parks within neighbourhoods need to go. Dog owners think they have too many rights, more than that communities residents. Enough!
- the city is going to far on environmental projects and tax increase are the result
- More important than environment is people.



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- Without the environment we could not exist. It offers so much more than just a space that is undeveloped. It offers life, nutrients, and necessities that are needed for all animals on this planet (including humans) to thrive.
- This one should resonate with everyone: "Make thoughtful, creative and proactive changes to improve the health of the environment because the decisions we make today affect our future." We are still relying on coal to light our homes for instance, which in returns produces emissions thus it has an affect on climate change.
- Our health and well-being as individuals and society at large is dependent on our environment.
- The environment is important because we are connected. People are stewards of the environment and have a responsibility to use resources wisely and carefully.
- I enjoy the outdoors and the city parks. We need keep the environment in good condition for future generations.
- All of the choices are true. Also, the negatives not mentioned are that people will suffer and die if nothing is done to reduce emissions and increase biodiversity, now - not later.
- All the above themes above resonate, however i feel that time is of the essence and that often we are too focused on the present, sacrificing on what we may have on the future. This is a touchy topic and there are many points of view so a proactive and creative approach is required to make things happen. It wont be easy for sure
- Wow, this is a really abstract set of statements. My understanding of the environment is more direct. First, it is the source of all of our wealth, and second we are only guests here. We should endeavor to have as little impact on the environment as possible while not being completely impoverished. Wise use of resources to conserve them for future generations and for other species is important.
- The environment underpins all types of prosperity and success of the people of Calgary. As we have seen with COVID we cannot pit the economy against people's health; the economy and prosperity we enjoy exist only because it is built on the base of a clean environment and healthy population.
- I value the environment because I want to live, but also I feel we have a duty to future generations and to people in parts of the world more immediately affected by our environmental degradation. We are connected as humans by our shared need of the environment and have been selfishly taking too much of that share for far too long.
- The first comment is a no brainer, ofcourse the environment provides resources for us such as water, energy, etc.  
The 2nd was because nature spots can be beautiful.
- I feel a kinship with other species - I want them to flourish along with my own species. I think we are all part of one interconnected world and we risk serious damage to our economy, health, and well-being if we forget this.
- The earth doesn't need us, but we need the earth. We need to consume and develop sustainably so that our future generations can inherit a health earth.



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- The environment is the foundation of everything we can and will do. Within the environmental base is our societal objectives. The economy is a tool to achieve our societal and environmental objectives.
- Trees, water, landscaped and maintained areas. Clean weed free parks. Gravel and weed free roadways and boulevards. Proper waste water filtration.
- Environment is important for us to have a better life
- Balance and harmony with the environment is very important. As well as moving away from wasteful practices that pollute our environment.
- Leading by example and producing a regulatory and investment environment that encourages responsible development will keep Calgary at the top of the list for desired livable cities. Promoting densification and limiting sprawl are critical in any environmental framework
- Waste Stream Management is VERY IMPORTANT - GREEN BOX IS REALLY GOOD, ADOPT IT MORE.  
BAN SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS IN GROCERY STORES - REPLACE WITH COMPOSTABLE, NOT BIODEGRABLE.  
ALSO BUILD ALL 46 KILOMETRES OF THE GREEN LINE LRT. JUSTIN TRUDEAU GOT THE TMX BUILT, WHAT IS KENNEY'S PROBLEM.
- We are in a climate emergency and need to act now. I'm 24 and will feel the consequences
- How about i start with the fact that your employees leave their trucks running constantly while they are parked while they are off having coffee, maybe lets start there
- The themes as presented are fairly basic and non-specific. If anybody does not check all of them we have a problem.
- The environment is constantly changing and will continue to do so regardless of what human kind does or does not do. We should not be spending nearly as much time and effort on the environment and instead concentrate our efforts on improving the quality of human life and the standard of living in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and around the world
- Without a healthy environment, there cannot be healthy human life. We are inextricably interconnected and we cannot thrive as a society if we don't take care of what sustains us.
- Too many people say that humanity as a whole is a parasite on the earth when that ignores the fact that many people do not contribute much CO2 while others contribute a lot of CO2. According to the Guardian, 20 firms contribute a third of the world's emissions. Those firms should be tightly regulated to reduce their emissions. Also, we can't keep sending our recyclables to third world nations.
- Our environment sustains us and therefore itself needs to be sustainable. The health and wealth of our environment has an impact on our own health.
- We need to move away from the ideology that the environment is a resource for us to take from and replenish. It does not belong to us, but it supports us in more natural ways. We need to take the time to respect the environment and encourage everyone to do the same, whether that means regulations or public education.



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- It's important to have natural spaces to help cope with stress, find balance for our own wellbeing. They need to be protected from unnatural sounds and smells, safe, large enough for people to share without feeling crowded.
- We need natural resources to live but we also need to think about the impact of our actions for the future. Countries like Norway and Sweden have considered the environment from a sustainable/economic perspective and Canada falls behind because we have so much space and we take this for granted.
- Human flourishing is the number 1 priority. The environment is an important part of quality of life, but we should not damage economic progress for unmeasurable environmental gains. History has shown that economic progress and environmental progress are strongly correlated. A wealthy society cares more about their environment.
- It allows us to survive, not only does it provide for us, but for all of the organisms that reside within it. The environment is just as needed to us as it is to the living creatures depending on it for the exact same reasons. It allows adventure, exploration, and curiosity. Losing the environment would be losing a part of us!
- I think trash and crime needs to be curbed, especially during a pandemic. From train shelters with people snorting cocaine, to dog parks with left dog poop, it's really gross. 311 service is awful, they always get defensive when you complain about dog poop not being picked up on your lawn, as if it's a personal attack. "dog poop is a problem in Calgary", an operator told me. Please fix it, then!
- I value parks, protected areas, trees, green spaces, litter free environments and clean waterways.
- None of those themes resonate. They are all designed to have the public "feedback" you receive reinforce what you already believe and what you want to hear.
- If we don't protect the environment, no amount of economic stimulus or scientific breakthroughs will help - there are no jobs on a dead planet after all. We need to protect what we have, to ensure our future.
- The environment is our everything
- We are in the midst of an ecological crisis that unchecked threatens civilization as we know it. It is up to people in power to act with future generations in mind to achieve low and zero carbon and low and no waste futures. Business as usual is a death sentence. Now is the time for transformative changes (for the better).
- There is no human race if there is no environment. We are acting unsustainably and like reckless children. We must not take advantage of the beauty of nature and how it supports us so greatly.
- I think we need to examine the First Nations approach to environmental stewardship and integrate those principals into our present lifestyles.
- We are completely and utterly reliant on the Earth--not just economically, but in literally every way, shape, and form. The simple fact is that we don't act in a manner that demonstrates this basic truth. I sincerely believe that with leadership and creativity, we would not only be healthier but happier in a place that thought creatively and proactively about how to minimize our impacts. Thank you



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- I value taking my kids to explore the environment - not just see it from a car window or read about it in a textbook.
- They all apply as they affect not only our wellbeing but that of generations to come. Clean air, water, cohabitation with wildlife and other living creatures will bring a better quality of life, access to resources to find that work/life balance, enable us to escape the technological world and open our eyes to nature's real-time/real life App!
- For me, noise is a chief pollutant. The sounds of the wild are calming. Firetrucks and traffic not so much. Even trains are not so bothersome as sirens.
- All of these are important, but when government gets involved, all that ever comes of it is endless amounts of new taxes, corruption and waste; very little [if anything] is ever done to resolve the initial issue. Environmental initiatives, is just another way spend/waste- happy governments squander tax payer's money and give it to paid lobbyists and incompetent initiatives that accomplish nothing.
- The environment is a key part of living in Calgary but this issue isn't a zero sum. Not all development is dangerous and not all environmental initiatives are anti development. The balance is critical but I sense the power to protect the environment is weaker than the power to exploit it for economic gain.
- We are not separate from the environment and when we disrespect the environment, we disrespect ourselves. For example, if we pollute the environment, we pollute ourselves at a molecular level. There is no trade-off between environment and economy. If we do not preserve our environment and mitigate climate change there will be no people, no wildlife, and no economy.
- The environment changes over time and as humans we must adapt. This is part of the cycle of the earth throughout history. The current citizens of Calgary cannot afford increased costs for environmental issues however efficiency programs that have a positive return can be analyzed with the environmental benefit as the added benefit. Here I'm thinking all energy usage.
- I'm doing all that I can do help the environment in my household but so much of it comes down to government action
- -government must lead because I don't trust business to lead. Business will always seek profit above environment until regulated not to.
- This is a push poll not a survey based on the above choices
- The nature world is a part of existence to have a healthy and livable city, without a diverse ecosystem the city would be awful like Edmonton or Houston
- Everybody has to commit to change. Small daily changes make a big difference.
- Our environment will only be able to provide for us if we respect and take care of all that is around us.
- All things are connected. We have kinship bonds with all people, with the animals, with the land, with the water in the air. We live here, but we also must be stewards of this place for all generations to come.
- The future is a #1 priority. We must ensure we maintain a healthy environment.



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- It is important to safeguard the environment for benevolent reasons (eg. other species have value beyond their utility to humans) and for selfish ones (eg. Eliminating natural spaces will deplete the environmental services we depend on fiscally and for our health. Changing the climate will result in more severe weather and untold damage to our food, health, and economic systems.)
- I resonate with all these themes because all if them are true. We are interconnected with the environment, and because of that it must be protected or we ourselves will suffer consequences if we don't protect the environment.
- We are in our environment called the solar system. We should be able to gather resource from everywhere. I strongly believe that we can and we will be more than just earthling.
- We should be focusing on technology to deal with the resources we use (compostable bags and packaging and the technology needed to break them down), so we can move away from single use plastics and non-renewable resources
- Absolutely none of the above - this appears to be a heavily biased "questionnaire" designed for a pre-determined outcome. Is this going to be another one of your 'survey-not-really-a-survey' ones??
- Cleanliness! We are located right by the Superstore, McDonalds and 7/11's and other stop-shop gas station stores and there is ALWAYS garbage on the sidewalks and just trash thrown around this area and it's disheartening - especially when I'm walking my dog and find she starts choking on a tossed chicken bone. Terrifying!
- Ensuring environmental media are protected while the city grows and thrives is a challenge requiring great thoughtfulness and care. The city has made decisions in the past, including the recent past, which certainly don't resonate with any of the themes.
- Views, sounds, smells along with clean air, water, food, rivers/lakes, viable forests. Beautiful large parks, not small one block parks that are in the city centre.
- Stop exaggerating the flu into a pandemic and bring back freedom of speech
- I value natural beauty. We have do much of that here, most other countries can only dream of that. And we have wilderness right in Calgary! I hope we keep that always. And yet, we need energy, too. And that should be done carefully and responsibly.
- I think we need to always look at the big picture, answer the W5s, look at processes, work with people of different opinions to cover all bases.
- your themes seem to incorporate what many want, not what we are. My theme is we should be completely off fossil fuels by 2030
- I work as a community livability consultant and believe that the physical and social environment are interconnected in contributing to quality of life. The natural environment is essential to our well being and we as inhabitants have a responsibility to co-exist (if not enhance) the natural environment. I believe we owe it to the planet to return the environments we have tampered with.
- I value biodiversity and the importance of a diverse and respected land, water and air. I have lived here all my life and I used to see frogs, salamanders, caterpillars, snakes, many birds and owls, and butterflies. Now, I don't - and it's not from lack of looking! The natural world is my top priority.



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Please help others understand that we are all part of nature and our surroundings.

- I like how we can sell it for money
- I value clean air. Smog distresses me. I value sounds of nature birds, breeze etc. I value high canopy and would like our city to treat neighbourhood trees as worth protecting.
- There are many grassroots, small organizations ready and willing to give their time and energy to sustaining better managing our cities parks, water ways, food waste and growth, etc. We should divert funding and support to these teams that already exist, and support them in their work, instead of starting from scratch. Or create an association between them all to help create a cohesive plan onward
- We need to get back to nature and respect our lands. If Covid had taught us anything it's that we need to slow down. Take time in nature and live a simple Life.
- The environment is fluid, as are our interactions with it, it needs to be managed as we have removed a lot of the natural processes.
- I see our current relationship with the environment as almost abusive, we continuously take and overindulge giving little back, what's worse is that uneducated individuals see it appropriate to spread misinformation to defend our neglect. We all want a better future, and the best way to do that is to sustain what we have now and plan for what we can gain by giving back and make a change.
- Running the Greenline through Prince's Island park will cause irreparable harm.
- The government has a duty to uphold our surrounding natural environment as the decisions they make directly influence this. This includes the protection against private corporations and destructive practices. It should definitely be more of an immediate concern of the government
- Because it's plain and simple explanation of why environment matters.
- Climate scientists agree that the warming of the planet you render it uninhabitable for humans very soon. If I didn't have kids I might be fine with that. Greed has ruined the human race.
- Our environment is nice enough. Please don't waste our money on these promotions.
- I value the ecosystem services that the environment provides as well as the cost savings that can be avoided for societies by responsibly managing the environment through the precautionary principle and avoidance strategies, as well as active environmental rehabilitation efforts. I also value the recreational and quality of life benefits of a healthy environment.
- The future is in the next generations hands, and we should do our best to make it as easy possible for them, rather than let them deal with previous environmental mistakes. We also need to save the environment so they can experience the beauty of nature, and everything it has to offer.
- The environment is not something that can be ignored seeing as we are fully dependent on it.
- I feel our rate of consumption far exceeds any efforts we make to replenish the resources we use or rectify the pollution we cause
- I selected all of the themes because they are all so important. I selected the one about government leading because I feel that we must make changes collectively; we are not merely individuals or





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consumers—were citizens and community members. The only way we can face the crises of climate change, food insecurity and environmental degradation is together.

- The last 400 years of promoting the economy over environment have landed us in the current situation, where the economy and our own lives are diminished by environmental degradation.
- The environment is my home and I want it to be clean, healthy and beautiful for me and for all living things that also call it home. The environment has wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the economy, that will also prosper if we take care of it. Our environment is the source of beauty, diversity and sustenance, bringing peace, wonder, curiosity, health & wellness. We do well when it does well.
- I like being able to connect with nature within my community and outside of it. I like large beautiful trees, wild flowers not WEEDS, which is what we find in most city parks. I want to see initiatives that help our citizens have a better understanding of what we do does impacts the environment.
- I picked the last item because it covers most of the ones above. We need to make sure that what we want and need are relayed by our reps to city hall. I have lived in Calgary since 1975 and feel that we are spreading too fast. Let's look at this beautiful place and make what we have even better,
- Environment means interconnectedness and life and if we aren't taking action now to bridge this concept, how are we creating a sustainable future?
- Need to choose wisely, not jump on latest buzz issues. Try to protect what we have and make small changes that will have long term impact
- Most of them sound pretty hockey, the one about government sounds like government control. The last statement is simply true so it's the best one in my opinion
- Focus on business and reinvesting in Calgary instead of this pie in the sky
- A sense of responsibility towards the environment helps change our habits. Seeing landfills, we would ask ourselves twice before throwing something away.
- Environmental stewardship impacts enjoyment of life today, and impacts the legacy we leave for our children. Environmental debate tends to focus on climate change, but I believe all aspects of environmental stewardship are critical. Water stewardship, litter control etc all contribute to a healthy environment today and tomorrow
- Nature nourishes the body, mind and soul. I don't want to live in a city that doesn't allow its citizens to enjoy nature. We have a responsibility to protect it.
- None resonate. The questions presuppose that we think we have a problem. I'd like to reduce pollution in general, and have a clean community. I enjoy the parks.
- Environment is very important in our way of life. Saving the environment will continue and better our way of life
- the environment is more important than \$\$, we need to encourage the use of self-sustaining practices in all walks of life
- Environmental concerns need to be integrated into all decision making - not an after thought.
- The rest is just exaggerated BS, celebrities, the news, and other forms of entertainment use as a scare tactic. (Fun fact: Canada is so large, and sparse we cannot destroy all our environment)



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- We need to be more symbiotic with our environment and decrease our impact.
- It is important that we respect the environment. Excessive taxation makes it more difficult for us to do that.
- I believe the environment is vital for mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well being. We must do everything we can to live in a way that works with the environment and protects it. We also must reverse the damage done and make meaningful change. It's very stressful knowing how devastating we are on our earth and how little action is taken. Please make change I don't need premature greying
- Alberta's main industry, oil, is a major contributor to environmental destruction and climate change. We have vast alternative renewable resources at our disposal. It's time to phase out big oil and start supporting more environmentally responsible industries.
- We rely on the environment for the many natural resources it offers including air, water, wood, food, metal ores, fuels, aggregates, scenery, wild spaces, wildlife. We must be wise stewards.
- As humans we need to start viewing ourselves as part of the environment not separate from it. In doing so we will start to see how connected everything is and that we do not have time to delay in nurturing Mother Nature instead of just viewing the world around us as resources to sell and use.
- I appreciate the indigenous way of thinking - we are borrowing this earth and must keep it safe and clean for our generations to come.
- In the city, it's easy to think of "the environment" as "out there" when in fact we are part of it. All of our energy (for transport, from food, for heating, etc.) comes from the environment, and it all returns as well (rivers, air, landfill, etc.). We are at a point where we have all the solutions, but "the market" is not fast enough. It's time for our governments to intervene in a big way.
- Coming from the west coast I have always felt very connected to the environment. The environment is very important to me because it is what enables us to sustain life on this planet, and this is the only planet we have. I want Calgary to be a healthy place to raise my own children in the future, and preserve all the natural beauty of Calgary for the next generation of Calgarians.
- I believe that protecting the environment and reducing our impact on the earth to combat climate change is the most important issue of our generation.
- It has been made clear during the pandemic that people need government intervention to make positive choices. I don't believe that the majority of people will take responsibility on their own and they must have legislation created to do their part to improve the environment
- This "survey" is anything but neutral. But it's typical of how the City operates.
- I'm far from a "return-to-nature" kind of person. I love (dense) urban environments and cityscapes. However, we could do far, far more to maintain the environment and our natural resources and incorporate nature/greenspace into the cityscape. To me, the environment is more than trees and frogs, it's stable weather patterns, healthy soil, and clean water (upstream and downstream).
- I feel that a municipal government's role with respect to the environment is to set a tone of expectation in terms of concrete behaviour: stop littering (how are people littering in 2021? I spent



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1.5 hours picking up a full bag of litter in a 7-block radius yesterday), quit using single-use plastics, quit idling vehicles, pick up after your pet, respect your city and fellow citizens.

- I value it's health, appropriate weather for the time of year, it's beauty, is conservation. Don't let Kenny or anyone destroy our planet, province and city
- The City has a strategy and does NOT want input even though it pretends to ask for input. The City must clean up visible dog shit and plant trees with berries for disappearing birds and plants for disappearing insects. Plow snow from City of Calgary sidewalks in parks and residential streets and stop saying we'll fine you if you don't shovel your snow.
- The environment is the basis of our existence- health, food, quality of life. Everything we do that degrades the environment is hurting us and the decisions we make affect future generations. It's vital that we take steps to interact with the environment in a less destructive manner.
- I believe that we cannot live in a healthy balanced manner without taking care of the environment. We have a duty to protect our environment, and that means government and industry as well as individuals need to take responsibility.
- Fresh water for future generations.  
We are only guardians of the land and must consider short term gains vs environmental impact. What we do now can affect the environment decades from now. We cannot be short sighted.
- The environment is at the root of everything. It allows society and the economy to exist. We should do everything we can to protect it from abuse.
- The beauty and serenity
- the environment is there for our survival, our needs, and respect.
- I believe that utilizing, harvesting, replenishing, preserving the environment is for everyone's benefit, health and is also everyone's responsibility to make sure that all is done to make sure we do everything to preserve and keep it as a clean, healthy and enjoyable resource. However i believe that less government intervention, less laws is better for society
- We all have a responsibility to be an engaged and well informed citizen. Not just adults but there should be a focus on educating our children about the environment through offering programs in their schools to make it accessible.
- You are overthinking this subject. Stop spending high priced city union wages on a make work project. Tgis really is silly.
- Cities are challenging from an environmental perspective. We have already paved over and destroyed most of the natural landscape. It is critical that we preserve what we have and restore more areas to ensure we have clean water, better air quality and don't harm local flora and fauna. Our natural parks and green spaces are critical and the health of our rivers is essential to our future.
- I value the environment for the things it gives me, which isn't just the resources it provides so that I can live a comfortable, happy life, but also the mental aspects. The peace and solitude of getting away from the city into the quiet of nature, watching nature just be is also a big part for me.



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- I appreciate the proactive and long-term thoughts of many of the statements. I believe we are connected to nature and the environment in every way and it is the connection that is critical to our existence. Guidance and demonstration is necessary and the government needs to step up to that.
- My children are fearful that their future has already been irreversibly damaged by the current state of the environment. We are temporary citizens and the effects of our actions today will resonate for generations; we need to act to show we are not selfish and small-minded.
- We are interconnected and share the world with nature and animals
- Everything is finite, poisoning the environment ensures the end to our species.
- I am a professional on the environment. Over 20 years of professional career. I am deeply disappointed how nowadays 'environmentalism' misses the point that humans are part of the natural environment and we need to exploit it.
- I think all of the themes are actually correct. The choices we make today will be felt for generations to come, just as those of the past we are dealing with today. Policy and action should focus on what future generations will thank us for rather than how inconvenient it might be today.
- Conceptualizing ourselves as distinct from our environment is a mistake, we are part of the environment, and do not exist independently of it; the damage that we do to it is damage that we do to ourselves.
- We are dependent on the environment so we need to replenish what we have used from it for the future.
- Obviously the environment is important for us to continue living. Albertans have a responsibility to care for the environment because we play a large part in the destruction humans are bringing to it, but we also gain so much beauty and life from it. I'm moving back to Calgary partially because of that environmental beauty. I think we have a responsibility to future generations to take control.
- It's where we live, pretty self explanatory.
- During the covid crisis it has become very clear that being able to access green spaces is incredibly important for both our physical and mental health. Wild spaces within the city bring us closer to our environment and are vital for all of our wellbeing. Clean air, water, and space that is not over crowded is invaluable and a place for both individuals, families, communities and wildlife.
- I value our mountains and forests and our clean rivers. We are lucky to live in a province rich in natural resources but it has made us too reliant on oil and gas instead of diversifying our industries. The climate crisis seems to be getting exponentially worse and it's scary to imagine what things will look like 20 years from now. We need enforceable provincial and municipal legislation.
- We want you [removed] to get your heads out of the clouds and your hands out of taxpayers wallets. The City should be focused on providing services that a City needs and not wasting money on things like this.
- I think the City is already configured based on its history and current economic challenges warrant doing projects that are low cost but with high environment improvement impact. Encourage community/communal gardens, bike lane improvements, residential PV solar, smart controls incentives, etc.



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- We are inter connected, and must protect, preserve and be progressive in our environmental policies.
- I recognize our inherent reliance on and relationship with the environment. However, our current practices are causing harm. I see great potential for local government to take action to not only replenish what has been damaged but also ensure decisions being made improve the future of the environment. I also have great pride in the sustainable initiatives the City takes on to make a greener future
- I think the selections say it all
- The environment we live in sustains us as a species. Without it, we will die.
- It's the only one I agree with. Although I may agree with some of the other statements with regard to the environment in general, I don't agree with their involvement with the city.
- We must act now to prevent further climate change, in order to do that we need to appreciate our relationship to nature.
- I love Nature but I don't believe government (city) should bully citizens into not ever driving a car. Quite a self righteous group of iPhone users, Patagonia youth saying what's needed
- Everything is connected. Water is life.
- Everything we do to the environment we do to ourselves. We don't have a right to nature but rather, a responsibility.
- I am not interested in extracting more oil, spun as 'energy'. We have a wealth of sunlight, which we could capitalize upon. We have a lot of cleaning and rebuilding to do in order to ethically pass the world to future generations.
- Clean air, open space, a place to connect with all things important in life
- Too many times I hear " We can't " from city hall ... like the fiasco of clam shell packages , and normal weekly pickup of recycling and garbage . Why we can't do things done in every other city like Prince George BC and Saint John NB I will never know ... I'm tired of the excuses ... do the job or find someone that will .
- I value its beauty, its ability to sustain all life forms, and the wonder of its complexity. Our society is moving forward too quickly and without considering the major damages we inflict on our environment. We take it for granted, and we need to start treating nature with respect. Now.
- We have limited resources and I believe the city should implement education and policies around water, food and climate change. We can not continue to expand the city without consequences.
- hiking- pack out your garbage is a good motto for all aspects of your life
- Without a healthy surrounding environment we do not stand a chance of living a quality lifestyle in the future. A lot of research backs this up.
- The beauty of the environment is apparent therefore further discussion, taxpayer money spent and time and resources of City of Calgary employees paid for by taxpayer dollars is not required. This is not a pressing issue despite all of the left wing councillors on council. The time and resources from this initiative which clearly negatively impact Calgary need to shifted to homelessness initiatives



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- I am studying environmental science, and want to pursue working with green energy in some way or another.
- Strong policy that is actively enforced/measured and achieved is the only way to move the needle on any measure of environmental success. Policy that just sits in a document and never actioned is a waste of time. An initiative is not strong enough. We need laws that are actioned and penalized if non compliant.
- I want my daughter to experience the natural world as I have, which means reducing my impact now as much as possible and helping to keep out winters cold.
- Nature is an integral part of our well being, our physical, mental, emotional health. A healthy community relies less on health care dollars. A healthy community is productive.
- Mother Earth is our home and we need to protect her from our pollution.
- To stop Political hidden priorities... we must involve public input to see water protection in Alberta with less open pit mining...
- Future health is important but may not look exactly like today or the past. We tend to be reactive and changing to a proactive approach will serve us better in the long run.
- We have a responsibility to our environment. It's not morally right that we just take from it and not give back.
- That's the LEAST sappy alternative. The rest are far more 'pie in the sky' nonsense.
- The health of the people rely on the health of the land. That is both physical and mental health!
- We can't undo the past, but we can make changes now the will effect future generations
- With Covid the importance of having many healthy, diverse and engaging outside spaces become evident. Nature is beautiful and deserve to be protected because it is a living thing, but also because it restores us mentally and physically. Further, protecting the environment is more important than ever as we try and keep the world liveable for future generations.
- All the above seems reasonable.
- The environment is everything we perceive through our senses. While we should steward the environment, we should neither worship nor destroy it. Humans too are an integral part of the environment, rather than some alien monstrosity to be eliminated.
- Calgary is already nice and tidy. We should be careful about things Calgary can not control (like car emission targets) and not put in place more overhead. Love what we have, work on some sensible improvements and keep cost low. Hopefully flood mitigation gets underway and Calgary is perfect.
- I think we have normalized the harmful things we do today. The pandemic helped me in realizing how amazing a Calgary without internal combustion engines (or anything) could be. Quieter, healthier and the smell, the sweet smell of fresh air. I miss it. The technologies are all there today, we just have to be smart enough and think long term enough to make it happen. We'll be wealthier for it
- The "environment" is too vague a term. The worry right now is that the balance between ecosystems and ourselves is failing and we will begin to see the results of our mindless wastefulness very soon.



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Our legacy will be the plastic that we've left behind, the extinct animals that our children can only see in textbooks and the degradation of their quality of life.

- Why are the above choices worded so long? This isn't some idealistic approach. It's simple - we take care of where we live the best. P.s. where was the choice to strive for sustainability?
- Companies and individuals can't be relied upon, the government must legislate environmental protection and punish those who don't follow the rules.
- The biggest threat facing us is climate change. I would like to see the city take real action on climate including greater investment in programs for rooftop solar and energy efficiency. In addition I am concerned with our water management systems and the lack of permeable surfaces.
- I value clean air and water, healthy soil to produce the food we eat, biodiversity to support ecosystem health. I value having natural environments to recreate in. I value the interconnectedness of our ecosystem.
- the government should implement stronger laws and fines for damaging the environment. I once saw a man pay an 80K fine for dumping waste into the bow river like the money didn't mean anything. Maybe have mandatory jail time for such offenses. Don't tax us or raise taxes. Just create opportunities and penalties. Band plastic bags. Create incentives for businesses that actually recycle waste.
- I have been working in biology for over 40 years but grew up in a small town and time when there was lots of wilderness around. The presence of wild spaces and green spaces has diminished over the years in Calgary and it is upsetting seeing the loss of these areas due to entitlement of people and growing development.
- I value the interconnections between people, other animals and the non-living environment. We are all connected and it is the responsibility of people to support the health of our entire ecosystem. Biodiversity helps foster resilience and makes us all stronger. By working to have clean, healthy resources for biodiversity, we support people as well.
- I value the interconnect of people and the environment that we live in. Our buildings, roads, parks, etc should all be designed with the vegetation and animals that live in our area.
- My form of exercise is walking. It gives me peace while getting my daily exercise. It disturbs me that there are so few areas where we can interact with the wild. We need to preserve areas where people can get out with their families and enjoy it.
- our land and water provide us with everything we need to survive as humans. while we use these resources we need to use them wisely and protect them. as humans we also appreciate the beauty, the sounds, the smells etc of our world.
- I chose none. Survey and options above appear to have clearly been create to provide a predetermined result. Enviro stewardship is important. However, municipal env initiative must be balanced with the \$ capacity to achieve them. Taxpayers are not an unlimited ATM. A better balanced and more thoughtful survey is required. Any reasonable responder to survey with see this.
- On a selfish level, we need the environment and so must protect it for our own sake, but also all other plants and animals have a right to live in a suitable and thriving environment, and we are



threatening that. We need to reach a state where the environment is not suffering in order for us to live our daily lives.

- So my unborn grandchildren can have a clean world to live in.
- It was the least ridiculous sounding.
- I enjoy the peace and beauty of green spaces in Canada, but I do feel a great amount of concern about the damage we've already caused and how much we can do to counteract the past
- I value the fact that we are so close to the mountains and have a lot of paths in the city. However, some lakes or paths in the NE are not well kept or maintained.
- Policies and initiatives towards a green future is not worth destroying our oil & gas industry which is what has sustained our province for many decades. Calgarians do not support a government that attempts to create more policies and regulations with regards to the environment.
- It's necessary for good physical and mental health. Clean air and water, quiet spaces, chances to interact with nature and learn from it and enjoy it are so important. We could do even better with policies like Bird Friendly guidelines or not replacing park flowerbeds several times a year.
- We need to protect the land and waterways as much as possible and not allow anyone to pollute and litter in our city. We need to learn how to regenerate soil where soil degradation exists in Calgary. Encourage people to garden in their community and yard without too much work on their part, which community gardens do have to do-work too hard to maintain them.
- Plants trees green spaces paths are part of life and the animals they support we live together and share
- Uhh... none of these really resonate with me. Why don't you ask some REAL questions, instead of this vague flowery [removed]?
- E: would you be in favor of which of the following?  
Solar  
Nuclear  
Wind  
etc.
- its all a feel good thing and a ways for those beauracrats to be kept employed
- Without clean air, water and land we cannot live  
Humans are responsible for looking after all forms of life on the planet
- I chose my theme because it seemed the least leading of the choices offered. The choices offered make me concerned the remainder of this survey is not balanced or credible.
- The Health of the environment affects my Health.  
Change and Action need to be made now for the health of the environment.
- I believe we have a duty to do more to protect the environment and use resources responsibly.
- We are not the only residents here. The earth will survive us, but we have a responsibility to not endanger and/or wipe out the other tenants from microbes all the way up.
- Our planet is dying. If we do not save it now, we all will die. There is not an option of if. We HAVE to do better.





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- I value the environment, but I do not agree with too much government involvement as it invites inefficiencies and excessive cost.
- We can't separate what we do from the environment we live in and the impact we have on it. The air we breathe, the food we eat, the water we drink all affect our health and quality of life.
- There is intersectionality between the environment and so much about our city: quality of life, health, wellbeing, public spaces, etc.
- Our emphasis should be on practical solutions for pollution.
- We, humankind, are at a turning point in regards to our relationship with the environment. Environmental resources have been exploited to improve our quality of life. Now we must stop exploitation and use our environment wisely but without apologies or attempts to fix our past. We must move forward with respect for our past and maintain the beauty that we have.
- We live in it, why would we mess it up
- We only have one natural environment, and even through reclamation, we cannot restore things back to 100%. We have a duty to each other and the Earth to take care of the resources we have for the natural world and future generations.
- Environmental responsibility and stewardship belongs to everyone, it is not a government initiative. All three levels of government should provide guidance and learning resources only.
- The environment is something that all people should respect and understand clearly what their real impact is on their surroundings. We also must realize that we have achieved a high standard of living over the past 100 years rooted in technological advancement in utilizing the resources we around us. We cannot save the world by imposing rules/regulations - we should embrace it with care.
- I chose them all but our environment is everything. It's the resources like clean air and water that we literally require for survival, but it's also our livelihood in terms of economy. If we lose the environment, we lose ourselves shortly after.
- All living systems are interconnected, the whole lifecycle of products needs to be considered
- Without it we are dead, as a society and as individuals. With it we breathe and live and laugh and love.
- Ultimately, humans have had impacts on the environment during a time when we didn't know better. Now that we do, we have a responsibility to make up for the damage that was done in ignorance and not do more intentionally.
- Did not do this one fast enough, I make most decisions from a practical perspective, but resonate, that's an emotional term. I don't need convincing... the civic government and my fellow citizens apparently do.
- Every one of these themes resonates, and is vital to keep in mind if we are to ensure truly sustainable living long into the future.
- People don't understand how our existence links back to the environment. Making plastic Christmas trees was never an environmentally responsible chose but once someone said it was, everyone



jumped on bored and criticized those of us who just shook our heads. The environmental group is full of uneducated, righteous folk who judge anyone who disagrees with them with disdain.

- I'd like to see Calgary be a leader on this issue than follow when more convenient or cheaper. We are in a rare situation where we have many not working and many changes to put on place.
- People do not know true value the env gives us. I moved here for the beautiful environment. If degraded it impacts attracting people and business. Govt is key in setting outcomes - its hard to get similar actions going and unfortunately there needs to be a rule or requirement for some to adjust behaviour. Also govt is traditional stewards of env protection - City needs to do its part.
- The economy and environment can both be pushed forward, you don't have to push one back to push one forward. Let's take advantage of the resources we have available AND push the environment forward. We should be showing the rest of the world how to use natural resources and preserve the environment, not moving away from natural resources just to buy it somewhere else that isn't environment focused
- I value the environment for the services it provides for me and my children .
- We are stewards of the environment and it's a gift. Therefore we need to care for it. However, prioritizing the environment over humans is wrong. Human life carries more value than the environment. I believe we have lost that balance.
- At the end of the day - we depend on the environment, and hence must take a long term sustainable approach.
- Without a healthy environment the entire biosphere will collapse, and ultimately the human race.
- I think the environment is important; however, this needs to be tempered with the realities that Calgary is an urban city and that is not going to change. We should be prioritizing not increasing (and ideally decreasing) Calgary's footprint to avoid impacting more natural areas and valuable farmland that surround the City.
- I want to have children, and I care about the world they will enter. Humans often forget our reliance on natural resources and ecosystems, and forget that cities are part of that.
- "The environment" is literally the part of our planet that sustains life. We are extremely short-sited in our use of it, and everyone currently living plus all our ancestors to come will enjoy improved health if we are better stewards of our environment today.
- Animal Agriculture is the leading cause of climate change.
- Without the earth we have nothing. Quality of life is directly linked to the environment.
- The environment is very important for us to protect and utilized in fashion for future generations along with all species that reside on the earth. There needs to be more nature areas in areas of dense populations for peoples mental health and to learn to appreciate these special areas. In addition larger natural also need to protected near our cities for environmental protection.
- Without our environment, we would not be able to have life on earth. I believe cities are more livable when we work WITH and mimic nature in design. We need to be able to preserve our natural habitats as much as possible.
- Quit spending money we do not have.



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- None of them. They are based on "feelings" not facts. When you decide to follow the real science of the climate and make statements that make sense, then I will decide which statements reflect my attitude and what "resonates" with me.
- Respect for all aspects of the environment is key. Education is critical. The health of the environment also includes noise, as it affects the degree of peaceful enjoyment citizens of Calgary can realize.
- I agree with all of these statements. Too often, we tend to see our role in the natural world as a dichotomy: man-made vs. natural; cities vs. wilderness; human vs. plant/animal kingdoms. In reality, we are part of the interconnected web of our environment, so anything that affects our environment affects our own current and future health and survival.
- I was raised on a farm, had a cabin in the wilderness that was so pristine that we could drink the lake water, I was the Alberta Water Analyst at the OS Longman Toxicology lab, wrote a carbon offset in grad school, and I teach native landscaping and gardening. Tried to get the city to put in more native landscapes in 2006. Also founded and am Calgary Bike Swap. I'm green with no greenwashing.
- I'm concerned about what we are leaving the next generations and I am wanting to see more walkable communities. Our boomers are aging and need to have communities where they can easily access the services they need by walking.
- None of these themes resonate with me. They seem to focus primarily on humans as "users" of the environment.
- We take far more from the environment than we give back or protect, and it is urgent and essential that we take large scale and immediate action to reverse our negative impacts. This must come from all levels, but individual action is not enough to create meaningful impact - so government must lead with both regulation, policy and inspiration that will create and ensure the 180 that is required.
- While I don't feel a "spiritual" connection to the environment, all of the other themes resonated with me. As a farmer I understand the practical value of land and what springs from it, and as a young person I want our environment to last long enough for a healthy future
- I want to live in a toxin free environment where I don't have to worry that everywhere I go something has been sprayed with a poison.
- We're a part of the environment and can't live without it. Natural spaces, forests, trees, animals, gardens make us feel happy and at peace. We should protect what we have, restaure what we're depleting and give more space to environment downtown.
- Globa warming / Climate change is the biggest threat to humanity. It's crazy we are not doing anything about it. Soon, it will be too late. We need to take huge steps right now to ensure a future.
- It is our responsibility to have as little impact on our environment as possible, while continuing to grow as a city and utilizing green initiatives like solar, wind.... etc
- It's important for us to think about our future generations. We can do better to not leave environmental and economic burdens behind similar to what we are dealing with currently. We must learn from our mistakes or we will always fail.



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- We need to be concerned for the future and not only worry about the present moment. We have a responsibility to future generations. It is important that we be good stewards of our world.
- We are all users and we need to take responsibility and recognize the changes that need to be made to allow our environment to survive so that we may prosper. Not just recognize but take action and change our behaviour.
- I would choose other options if possible. I see the city and residential developers destroying valuable natural ecosystems that should NOT be allowed. I see very poor care for the trees in our city as well as other 'natural' habitats. I do not see proactive or preservative measures in any thoughtful regard. The city scores a 'F' in environmental stewardship.
- Environmental protection and conservation is the defining challenge of our generation. We need to be doing more to ensure that we protect and manage natural resources and assets in a sustainable way.
- Humans are not separate from the natural environment: they are completely dependent upon it, and yet they are damaging it to the point where human life may not be sustainable for long.
- It is important that we care for our ecosystem because pollution causes health difficulties. People and the city should work together to protect the land, water and air through regulation of industries such as logging and mining as well as punishment for actions that pollute our water (dumping industrial waste). Action must be taken to protect the Rockies where our water comes from.
- The personal is political, the political is economic, the economic is social, the social is spiritual, the spiritual is communal, and the communal is personal; in other words, they intersect in complex and multiple ways, but they are not independent of each other and, therefore, cannot be meaningfully addressed unless that is addressed. Climate justice is linked to other systems of injustice.
- The environment is a precious resource full of beauty that has often been exploited in the pursuit of material gain. The resources provided by the vast biodiversity of the planet are often times irreplaceable and provide unmeasurable value. The consistent usage of the environment with little regard for the species that occupy it has allowed an anthropocentric view to flourish.
- I can't leave any unchecked. We are all connected and we have been nearsighted to think we can take without consequence. \$ spent or lost on env issues is viewed as a cost or loss but we have lagged in viewing it as an investment in the future. All levels of health depend on us recognizing this. We are already paying \$ and otherwise for what previous generations failed to see and we can't continue.
- All of the themes resonated with me, however, the one that made the greatest impact was "we are rooted in the environment. It is our source of life, and sense of place and belonging." We need to stop viewing the environment as a series of resources for our use only. We need to practice reciprocity, take only what we need, and give back to the entities that give us life and spiritual connection.
- The environment is also for other animals and plants. We rarely consider what these living beings would choose if they could vote. We should stop trying to control the environment and stop focusing so much on the wants of humans and our "economy". We are not leaving this world in a better state than we found it. We are exploiting and wasting it, covering it with concrete and monstrous structures.



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- It embodies the urgency of what actions are needed.
- Alberta has been blessed by its natural resources. Now it's up to us to protect them for future generations. The headwaters, the birds and animals, the forests and mountains need us to protect them. They have been a key place for Calgarians as we experience COVID lockdowns and isolation.
- We will all die if we don't do something about the failing environment.
- We need to protect our Mother Nature, and have a symbiotic relationship with her.
- When I am dead and gone, my kids and their kids will still be here. It would be nice if the decisions we make today support a healthy environment for our kids to thrive and raise their family.
- I am increasingly concerned about climate change, and irreversible damage to our world. I am increasingly anxious for my children and their future. If my grandchildren will even see some of the beautiful things within nature that my generation took for granted.
- The environment affects all that we do. Nature allows for a feeling of peace. We all have a responsibility of taking care of the environment so future generations can enjoy clean air, water and nature.
- We need to respect the environment to have a healthy planet, healthy city and relationship to our surroundings. It is our responsibility to repair and give back what we have destroyed or continue to take and protect the animals and resources that share our space. Respect to everything and all creatures great and small.
- I have lived along the Elbow River since 1959 and enjoy all aspects of the Elbow River valley whether Kayaking up or down it or xcountry skiing/skating on it. The River and its banks have remained mostly the same/are a constant beauty and stimulate all senses. Government needs to continually protect the River and its banks with policies, laws, policing and monitoring so all can enjoy.
- As an Albertan I am keenly aware that we are using far more from the earth's resources than the earth has left. We now are facing a serious threat to our watershed by coal developers that we must face as a city if we are to keep our water safe.
- Nature is a source of peace, inspiration, mental wellbeing and so many other things. It is important to protect it for us and the next generations to have a healthy life. We share the environment with many other sentient beings, they also need to be considered in the actions by our government, companies, and us. We cannot keep plundering it at the whims of private corporations for profits.
- The environment is one of the fundamental aspects of human survival. In the past, we have taken it for advantage as a result, we have received fluctuations in our climate worldwide. It is important to sustain a sense of equilibrium.
- Preserve the natural environment and protect all the creatures that live in it. Animals - wild or domestic - need to be protected and need to live in a safe environment. A clean environment will benefit all, including humans. Factory farming must be banned and the war on wildlife must stop.
- I value clean air, pollution needs to stop. If we continue on the current trend, then global warming will damage this planet beyond repair.
- basically it's don't piss in the water you drink



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- All of the above themes are important and have an impact on our lives and in some case our health, and our civic pride. I particularly like walking and biking. I'm grateful for the pathway systems and love the vast parks and green-spaces throughout the city.
- Calgary has some great natural areas; however, we are losing more and more to urban sprawl. We need to recognize that we cannot exist without a healthy environment and to protect it while our population continues to grow will require entertaining new approaches and ideas.
- The environment cannot be ignored any longer. We must step up and preserve and conserve
- I value sustainability. I am afraid that Naheed Nenshi will eat all the food extinguishing all the species and my family and all of my friends will starve to death.
- The environment we have collectively manipulated to suit sprawling city life has not cared enough for the original nature of it. We have enough knowledge about caring for the welfare of our land, resources and animals we share it with that responsible choices reflecting that care must always be the prime consideration.
- We need to take action as a city, not just as individuals. We can make a significant change. We should educate people on how to live more sustainably, but also convince them. Don't just say it's good for the environment, give citizens a reason why they should stop using plastic bags. Some people won't change if they aren't educated enough to know why they should change.
- The environment is here for responsible use by small populations.
- I value the large open, undeveloped green spaces in the city
- We are intricately connected with the environment. We can build a healthier, more resilient community if we care for each other and our environment. There are more efficient and humane ways to develop our cities. Currently, people need to drive in Calgary. We spend a lot of money paying for cars, roads, insurance. People also spend a lot of their time driving. It doesn't have to be this way.
- Both are positive statements that reflect my enjoyment in the beauty of my surroundings and that a thoughtful journey of actions to protect/enhance our environment is the best course.
- I believe government generally puts too much value on development (particularly tax revenues) and too little value on the environment where it is harder to quantify or measure benefits. I also think that government needs to provide more tools to protect significant natural areas from development and to maintain connectivity of parks and open space.
- We can only have a healthy society if we have a healthy environment.
- It is the only ecosystem we have and our lives and well-being ultimately depend on it. Also, we need to respect the rights of the flora and fauna with which we share this place.
- Just want next generation live in a clean and healthy environment, a sustainable growth without scarify the places we live is good for the humanity.
- The environment is more precious than ever. We should protect locally, and everything upstream to the headwaters. Protect, educate. Our mountains supply all living things downstream, including us.
- The foothills and mountains in proximity to Calgary provide some of the worlds greatest outdoor environment. It is one of the last untainted locations where local families can enjoy time together.



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Permitting open pit excavation or intrusion for resources would be irreversible. Gov't needs to focus on quality of life in all aspects, not just provincial or market income.

- A connection to the land is what defines me as a Calgarian and Albertan. My childhood memories are connected to the land and my occupation as an adult (rancher) has deepened my connection to nature both in Calgary and surrounding area. Sense of place is the same as sense of self. And it is that identity that makes me committed to my family and community.
- The environment in Calgary and the surrounding areas is one of the reasons our city is so great. When you actually see greenery and large parks all over the city and not just in small perfectly cut out areas it gives a feeling of pride that this is not like any other city in the world. This place is more than just a concrete jungle.
- The environment is the reason humans exist. We are a product of nature and it's vast biodiversity and in order for us to thrive so must the environment. From our health, both mental and physical, to food security to our economy the environment plays an integral role. We must move away from our current "extract and discard" way of life to regenerative and sustainable practices. Then we will prosper
- I believe we have a shared responsibility to preserve and protect our environment and ensure that it is preserved for future generations. I also believe the municipality should lead by example and ensure that actions are consistent and responsive to changing social, economic and environmental conditions.
- Now, more than ever we need to fight for sustainability and stewardship. We have the opportunity to give future generations access to the beauty of nature, rather than cold, harsh industrial landscapes and polluted water. I think I've always seen the ideal future as one where we finally balance stewardship of nature with our needs.
- A healthy environment is imperative to our health and wellness as individuals, families and communities. If we do not take action immediately to reverse the trend, we will lose any opportunity we have to repair the destruction and provide future generations with a world worth living in.
- I chose to live in Calgary because of the access to natural environment both inside the city and in the mountains. This aspect of quality of life has a competitive edge over Toronto and Vancouver.
- I want to preserve green spaces and river systems.
- The environment affects everything. Without clean water and air we cannot survive. The natural spaces keep animals safe. What kind of world will our children see when they only know animals and plants in books because none are left.
- We cannot continue to use non renewable resources in this city and although I no longer live in Calgary - everything Calgary does impacts the rest of us. We must take care of our environment
- I chose all because they are all true in today's world. We need to preserve our environment and to help it recover from our damaging impacts on it as soon as possible. We often forget we are part of the environment, but due to the huge stresses humanity has been placing on the environment for decades, it is high time we took action to create a sustainable society that prospers ALONGSIDE nature.
- Regulations to protect cutting trees. Regulations to protect deers and coyote ecosystems.



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- I feel that natural spaces are of great benefit to Calgary. Aside from that this place is where we live and we must take care of it. If we destroy our home, then where will we live? We will eventually run out of space
- We need to have more respect. We are just one part of the environment, we are not above it or outside of it. We are just as natural as plants and we need to start behaving like it.
- I chose the above themes because I believe we should strive to have a reciprocal relationship with the environment. We are not separate from the environment, but a part of it, so what we do to the environment we ultimately do to ourselves.
- The environment affects our overall quality of life. We need to manage our resources wisely. We need to promote more green space and urban canopy to maintain our quality of life in a city.
- They are all important. The planet is our home and provides us with the essential elements of life. We need to protect what is precious in order to both survive and thrive.
- I chose all the themes possible, as the environment and natural areas are very meaningful to me. There are the places I go to relax, refresh, and get out of my daily work routine. Now more than ever, they have helped my mental health and I wish to leave this connection and beauty to future generations.
- I value the connection to the environment and the peace it can provide. Space left untouched where the wild can be wild is important to me. The health of the planet is critical and impacts us much more than we know. I hunt and fish with my dog and being part of a health and sustained earth is vital for the both of us and others.
- I have always felt connected to, rooted in the environment. We evolved in a symbiotic/interconnected relationship with nature and our modern society has fallen away from that. For the health of ourselves and our more than human relatives, we need to change the way we do things!
- 2020 has reminded us that we are all connected - as humans we are connected to each other and we are connected to the natural world around us. Making choices/policies that benefit the natural world also benefits us (and vice versa). The trees, grasses, plants, animals, air, water are all citizens and we have a duty to act as responsible stewards for those who cannot speak for themselves.
- We keep viewing the environment as something separate from ourselves that we can consume, but it is not. We are nothing without it. We need the environment to live and should treat it with respect and as the precious partner that it is. We need to view nature as "more-than-human" rather than "less-than", and take way bigger steps to protecting her, both for ourselves and the future.
- these are all good points, but turning a blind eye on energy sector is a mistake.
- We all rely heavily on the well being of the planet. We need to work today for a better tomorrow.
- Urban sprawl is a problem leading to increased air pollution due to traffic. City should repurpose downtown commercial properties to encourage more people to live there will a smaller eco footprint.
- Most estimates say that we have limited time until there is irreversible damage done to our environment(making it important). I hope Calgary is able to be one of the leading cities in this fight and that when we look back we will be able to feel good about the change that we brought about.





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This is a huge uphill battle but I think we can manage it if we learn to work together and take it seriously.

- I value the life-enabling and -sustaining environment that has enabled all living things to develop to this point. I am worried that GHGs have already caused great damage and will cause further damage, leading to a world that is much less hospitable to life - one that will be less beautiful and much harsher than the one we live in today.
- We have a responsibility to not degrade our environment, for ourselves and for others, including animals. The physical environment is also a great resource for people's mental and physical health.
- They are ALL important.
- What I value is clean air & water, habitat for wildlife, a place for children to play, and an oasis for adults to re-connect with their center. I think that government needs to protect the environment from urban sprawl, and pollution but excessive government regulation and micromanagement (especially when pandering to activists) are almost always more harmful than doing nothing.
- I selected all the themes above since I believe with live interconnected and dependent of nature, not just IN nature. It sustains us, feeds us. We cannot be without nature.
- Mankind's harmful actions on the environment - often fuelled by inequality, and the 1% - leave a long lasting footprint on the environment, to everyone's detriment. Making changes to live more in harmony with our environment will leave an equally long footprint - but one that is beneficial to everyone instead.
- I like natural environments without man-made structures or at least minimal disruption. Where I live in Calgary provides exactly this beauty and closeness to nature.
- I most value that we have green spaces we can take refuge in and feel restored by. They don't need to be big spaces, but they do need to be welcoming and not filled with garbage.
- We often view the resources in our environment as infinite, most likely because we do not see where it comes from or where it goes when we are done with it. It is important to value and respect our natural environment, take proactive action to protect it and reverse the negative effects we've already created. It is also important to apply values of sustainability to our built environment.
- We need to use the resources wisely. We can not just blindly and noisily oppose using resources in the manner of loud environmentalists that seem to be drowning out all rational discussion with religious fervor. Ensure that your approach is not tainted by this loud, unthinking and pervasive mentality.
- Our city isn't doing enough to combat climate change. We must be serious about the lasting effects (ie. flood and hail storm) while pushing forward a highly progressive agenda that puts our environment at the forefront of all of our policy and decision making. We live in a city that for FAR too long preferred talk (ie. oil & gas; incrementalism) over action.
- This world is our home. It is up to us to nurture the planet with care, and doing so, both the land and our souls flourish. Being a good steward to our home is my calling and purpose, but it is a team effort required. For our wellbeing, preserving the beauty, and caring for other species other than ourselves, it is critical we care for the environment!



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- I mean, it's our Earth. We live here. I don't want to destroy what we have. We should be taking steps to reverse the damage we've done, and create a healthy ecosystem going forward. We have the technology to thrive without damaging this planet, we need to utilize that.
- want to see better roads in Calgary and more wild life protection in and around the city
- I think as a society we have been poor stewards of this planet with little regard for our impact on the climate and the other species we share this world with. I am looking forward to correcting these mistakes of the past and finding ways to sustain our society without damaging our environment any further.
- I have a deep love and respect for the natural environment and fully believe and strive to embody all the values listed above.
- While we have enjoyed the benefits of harvesting resources from our environment in decades past, which has also fueled a good portion of the Canadian economy and allowed us to enjoy a high standard of living, the negative impact of those actions, both here and abroad, are now reaching a critical point via climate change. We have to change the way we view the environment, and quickly.
- My primary concern is around the respect the environment currently receives. If it is not convenient for someone, the environment becomes secondary. Which is completely opposite to how it should be. We depend entirely on the health of our natural world, not only physically for clean air, water, nourishment, goods, but mentally as well. We need a paradigm shift towards the common good over the "me"
- I selected those because they are true. Our life as species depends on health of our environment.
- We are not separate from our environment. And we cannot continue acting as if we are.
- The health of the environment - rather than the economic benefit of its resources - is our most important resource.
- the ability to leverage the environment and its resources to continue to keep Calgarians and Albertans employed.
- Using it.
- Because I'm tired of the government supporting big businesses destroying the earth, and thereby sponsoring our own extinction
- I can't believe that my tax dollars go to pay someone to ask me questions like. What is the point of this? What a ridiculous waste of time and money.
- I believe that there are greener alternatives to anything, it's about focusing on innovating. Our environment in Canada is very important to me and I want to help maintain and improve it at all costs.
- Clean water
- The environment action we take today last for generations and create the scenery of the city
- All sustainable life requires the correct environment to live.
- Humans are not outside of nature; we are nature. We have an obligation to be part of the solution for how to live in harmony with the rest of nature.



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- Green spaces, bike paths, sustainable environment where we share don't disrupt the environment of the animals. Need to coexist with them and not take up their space. We need effective modes of transportation better bike path connectivity, walking trails more tennis courts, basketball courts, calisthenic parks so people can enjoy the outdoors with families and adults can get out and stay fit
- Telling people to wear a sweater or recycle is not really helping anything and municipal government is an appropriate level to start making real policy changes. I think many don't know or understand that the quality of our lives is directly connected to the quality of our environment. Shouldn't be a climate-horror story of doom but rather helping people see that connection will go a long way.
- I love the beauty of the environment and the benefits of having a healthy environment. We take so much but we need to make sure we give back more than what we take. We need to renew our relationship and focus on planting native species of plants and encouraging biodiversity
- I have been recycling for 33 years. I am passionate about the environment and I'm trying to help save it because this earth is not ours. It belongs to nature - the plants and animals that are desperately trying to survive while selfish humans are treating the world like a huge garbage dump without thinking of the consequences of their actions - especially those with children.
- A healthy physical environment leads to a healthy mental environment. Public spaces where people can enjoy nature is an important part of the Calgary I value.
- The environment, and the diversity of the species within it, are important to our own survival as a species. Yet despite that we take take take from it; we are all selfish with our big houses, our cars and the continuous city spread. It will be the death of our civilization if we do not stop. I don't think people have the self control to do that alone; we need government help to enforce it.
- I value the beauty of the environment and if no action is taken for the pollution and climate change the world won't be as beautiful as it is now
- I value and long for a community that honours what the environment gives as we take from it. Do we understand where things come from? How the environment serves us? Do we reciprocate sufficient gratitude for this by being respectful and minimizing our impact as we take?
- All the above shows that we affect the surroundings around us. Part of that comes from the waste we create to live our lives. The question is, was that waste really needed in the first place?
- We are part of creation and cannot exist in an ecosystem that is not healthy. A healthy ecosystem will provide us with abundance.
- NW Calgary Connector now closed, was a peaceful space with: views, fresh air, watersheds, trees, natural grasses, housed migratory birds & more. West Arbour was similar, now lost. Need more spaces like this to connect to nature, quiet for health reasons and to preserve clean air/land, water, house wildlife-protect key resources for generations. Educate and stop polluters (dog/home owners, corps).
- I value the environment being kept free of as many city vehicles driving around the city as possible, such as the many blue and green bin trucks. I also value the environment being maintained, which is harmed by the drug trade that the city keeps vibrant with its illegal drug shoot up sites for junkies.
- We need nature



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- We live in the most beautiful province in the world. Our city needs to reflect our surroundings. We live on a prairie that is an hour from the mountains. We need to look back to our roots when the west was settled. Value the nature around us and bring more of that nature into the city. We need to add as much green back to the city as we can. We need to halt all the urban sprawl
- I value less government involvement. Tax dollars should not be used to support those who use 'environmental' issues as a means to further other agendas.
- The environment is important and with rising climate change it is important we actively do something to if not completely stop, Atleast reduce its impacts.
- I value the environment because it provides valuable ecosystem services and sustains cherished nature that brings us joy, such as wildlife. I am particularly interested in stronger gov't action on climate change because I feel that there is a limit to what can be accomplished by individuals alone.
- Environment should not be touched nor manipulated.
- I like nosehill park
- The environment of the world is now an issue of concern for the entire world. It is our responsibility to replenish what we have taken from the Earth, and make efforts to ensure that our children, and our children's children live in a world that is not merely habitable, but beautiful. The environment needs to be saved, and we are now looking at our leaders for their guidance.
- I have deep existential dread and fear when I think of the current challenges human activity is inflicting on our natural world- climate change, loss of biodiversity, loss of access to clean drinking water. I see a healthy, thriving environment as the number one priority for mankind today- I value environmental stewardship over economic growth.
- A healthy environment includes a healthy economy. If we can not sustain both we will not survive. And an unhealthy economy will kill us and our city faster. We do not currently have a healthy economy. If making a healthy environment does not also improve the economy it is wasted time until we stabilize.
- We are using way too many resources and not treating the environment well. Besides encouraging all Canadians to treat the environment in a more respectful manner, all levels of government should implement incentives to reach that goal as well.
- We live in an urban environment and there will be negative impacts based on our current way of life. I think we need to put significant effort into planning for the future and setting ourselves up for success. Municipal government should be leading the way, with the help of private industry, to insure there is cohesion and forethought in how our city protects and manages its environment.
- Our very existence is rooted in the health of our environment. Without a healthy environment, our health, economy, and way of living would be in jeopardy.
- These days it's easy to separate yourself from the environment, but if you stop and think, you can't ignore the fact that we can't survive a day without a healthy environment. We need to take some more time to appreciate and revive the ecosystems that we live on.
- I believe government should lead on making sure our world/country have the necessary resources and energy to support future generations. While doing this on a sustainable way.



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- The beauty of our environment affects our mental health.
- I think it important to know whether people understand the value of protecting our environment. Government led action is extremely important but based on recent headlines our current provincial government doesn't appear to value what we have, other than as a source of revenue. I don't know that we can trust them to listen or to protect what we all rely on.
- I think all of these are great themes, we really need to take a stand and make Calgary an environmental leader in Canada.
- Alberta is a beautiful and bountiful place, with many resources, stunning views and a variety of climates that should be preserved.
- Because I don't want to kill kittens, These were [removed] choices
- Think of pictures of the world from the early 1900s, then think of now. The change is enormous, and will only accelerate. If we do not begin to consider our impact beyond a single political term or immediate economic gain our children's future will be dire indeed.
- Particularly in Alberta and Calgary, we take our environment and its resources for granted, focusing on long term exploitation for short term gain. While individuals and businesses may make choices that benefit them in the short term it is up to our government to take the long view and do what is best for our populace overall and for the future. Our environment is our future. Protect it.
- These are bs questions that are all the same, you're trying to get to a predetermined position. This questionnaire should be scrapped and redone
- We need it to function, and are using it in non-sustainable manner. Our civilization depends on policies and actions that protect it, and at the same time don't stall economic development. This balance is extremely hard to achieve. I don't see the role of gov to come up with solutions, but to create policies and rules. Carbon tax will drive solutions. People are innovative when it comes to \$.
- We need more incentives for people to continue to choose environmental products ie home improvements or electric cars. Also business need incentives to continue to think environment 1st and diversify.
- Climate change is the largest problem facing my (young) generation. We need an ambitious plan, and I truly believe Calgary can become a leader in creating resilient communities. Our environment is precious: it sustains life. I also believe that public green spaces and parks are invaluable for mental health and healthy communities, as well as the environment.
- None of these themes resonate. The City of Calgary is not responsible for the environment and should immediately cease all such programs and spending.
- City needs to replace dead trees on the city properties with alive trees.
- The environment needs our help. We have taken from and used our environment to its limits.
- Ensuring that future generations have the same or better access to the beauty of nature is important to me. Humanity as a whole depends on the planet, and right now it needs our help for us to continue to coexist.
- Not the time to be pushing this



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- Our lives and the lives of all living things on earth depend on a healthy environment which is characterized by maximum biodiversity and minimum pollution.
- The environmental crisis is the most important crisis that we face. We need our environment to be healthy and happy.
- Enjoying the many beautiful parks, wildlife and vistas in the city helps with my physical and mental health. This city and its environment promotes a healthy life.
- I believe that as urban residence we have lost the understanding of how dependent we are on the natural environment. With that knowledge people would be more open to addressing and supporting environmental actions as they would understand how important these are to the larger ecosystem.
- I love our many natural parks such as Fish Creek, Nose Hill and Edworthy Park. They are a part of our identity and an important part of the ecosystem.
- We won't exist without a healthy environment. So far Calgary has been very complacent in sustainability initiatives. If that attitude continues we and our children will experience the impact of complacency.
- My concern is air quality. I suffer from asthma triggered by environmental pollutants I do not see the City doing anything to change the air we breathe. Every summer and fall the fire pits in my neighborhood burn. I am unable to go outside and have to close up my home as well. I feel I have the right to clean breathable air. The city needs to legislate gas only fire pits and no meat smokers.
- I'm tired of government agendas being pushed on us. The environment is important to all of us, but it is not in as bad a state as government officials would have us believe. All people need to have a say, not just those that agree with the government or the less educated who think with their hearts instead of their brain.
- we must steward the lands in which we live to ensure that our actions do not create permanent and irreparable losses to the ecology that sustains us all.
- We are a province that has a long, deep history of extracting resources and holding profits above all else. It's high time we, as a city, start to harness the power of our population in changing that narrative. We can initiate the change we want to see in the province and in the country.
- The environment sustains all living things!
- The environment directly affects our ability to be healthy, happy and economically successful. This critical component to our lives has been utilized and degraded to a point where it now must take precedence on all future decisions. We need to adapt to the carrying capacity of our environment by changing and reducing our impact. Future change needs to be how we alter our actions not control nature
- The environment is very much like the mother of all living things. She has taken care of the human race and provides us with everything we need to be successful. Now it is our turn to give back to her by working towards creating a sustainable and functioning society led by role models and people we trust. Our current relationship is not balanced, but together we can change that.
- I value a livable climate for the future. I value a healthy ecosystem, of which we are only one part.



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- The environment its being destroyed at an alarming pace these days: We urgently need to regenerate it and stop destroying all aspects of it before it is too late. Our physical and spiritual health depends on an intact, functioning nature system. Without it we are finished, as a city, as a civilization and as individuals.
- The environment is important, but not primarily for itself. It was created to serve the needs of mankind. The Creator has entrusted it to our care, so we must be wise in our stewardship of it. I disagree with the progressive ideas surrounding the environment that are vogue in our day, particularly that exalt the environment over the dignity of human beings. Thank you for your consideration.
- Humans are inseparable from an environment that supports human life. The lack of respect for the what supports sustains us, is destruction of ourselves. The planet itself would survive without us.
- We belong in nature, living in a congested city is unnatural to begin with.
- Everything we have and are and need comes from the environment. It is to be respected in and of itself and for the countless services it provides to us as humans.
- My job is related to the environment so I want others to see it as important as I do
- Clean air, clean water.
- I value the environment and do everything I can to leave the world a better place.
- We use the natural environment to our advantage. To do that we need to ensure it remains functioning and healthy for the long-term benefit of Calgarian's and local businesses. If people aren't successful then the environment can't be successful. Protecting the environment shouldn't cost us more when we factor in the benefits it provides across the board - understand and communicate this better.
- It makes me sad when I see our environment mistreated.
- We are not at all separate from our environment. We depend fully on it's success and health for our well-being. Being in a large city, we can sometimes feel very disconnected from our natural resources and environment and therefore government initiative should set the stage for an interconnected existence.
- I grew up in Calgary and have always valued the natural beauty of the city setting. We need to preserve and look after the natural spaces we have inside the city. We do need to balance this with the ability of people to get around the city quickly and efficiently. Sometimes this means more roads, not more congestion. You cannot legislate methods, and forcing inefficiency is a lose-lose plan.
- If we destroy the environment, we destroy ourselves. Over population is at the root of our environmental problems.
- I think people have lost the connection to the environment and the land and need to be educated again on their effects on it as well as their responsibility to care for it.
- The two themes I chose seem to illustrate our connection to nature the best.
- It is clear that when we don't value our planet we are the ones who suffer. If we deplete all the resources we need and destroy the environments they need to thrive humans will suffer. The planet does not need us to exist but we need the planet.



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- My major issue is that we hurt our biodiversity which plays directly in a number of different potential life-threatening problems (hence, the multiple themes I selected) that we'll have to face and requires specific governmental policies. Honestly, the esthetics and pride of a pristine environment would be nice too, but let's deal with the survival issues first.
- I did not choose any themes. This list is misleading on the connections between the environment and my sense of values. The best choice for me would be "I value the environment as a means to the end of human flourishing".
- Without nature/environment we wouldn't be here/exist on this planet
- I value the global environment, in that sense enacting policies in Canada and at the municipal level needs to be cognizant of the fact we will shift economic activity to foreign jurisdictions with bad environmental standards if rules are too strict. In that sense, I fear your movement will actually lead to lower global environmental outcomes.
- I didn't choose any of your themes because this survey is obviously slanted towards getting the results you have already decided you want. Your entire project is a massive waste of taxpayer money.
- The natural environment is a living and breathing being who's life is wholly integrated with that of human's and other creatures. The more harm we do to the environment, the more harm we do to ourselves.
- Our environment is everything. It is the basis of everything we are and everything we have. If we do not take care of the environment, in turn this will harm us and all of the creatures we share this planet with- physically, mentally, and our basic human needs. Change and respect need to occur on every level to make the significant difference needed.
- It's ability to recover quickly
- The City of Calgary needs to challenge the provinces decision to rescind Peter Lougheeds Coal policy. Our watersheds should not be mined. This affects all Calgarians. Protection of our drinking water, watersheds and water ways is paramount. Just wait for the next 100 year flood to wash all those chemicals in to our waters systems.
- Surprised by the questions. Few people would completely disagree with any of them, but the slant is sometimes hard to take (eg. question #1)
- I think we've depleted natural resources and landscapes for too long and we need to reinvest in the environment and work towards a sustainable future and growth
- I live in my environment and it sustains me.
- We are dependent upon the environment for our very survival, we cannot live separated from it and thus we must prioritize the health of the environment above all else - any other choice would be suicidal and foolish.
- Sustainable resource development. Our water sources next to be kept clean for drinking and agriculture. Our lands need to be kept clear of toxic products that would spoil their economic utility and future use.





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- It is the most matter-of-fact, and least loaded with a bias toward government claiming a mandate to stifle freedom and individual resourcefulness in working within our environment.
- We are just here for a short time in the big picture and need to begin transitioning to a more sustainable way of living so that future generations have some beauty and resources such as water, oil, and green spaces left for them to enjoy and utilise responsibly. I believe in the permaculture ethics of Care of Earth, Care of People and fair share of resources” ie share time, Money, expertise
- We live in an environment that is designed to separate us from the natural environment. Because of that many people discount its importance
- I didn't check any of your fairy tale boxes. Climate change is a naturally occurring cycle and we do not have an effect on it so stop wasting my tax dollars on this garbage
- I value ecological diversity and wildlife that we see and what goes unseen. I believe in reducing our waste and believe we need to shift our cultural beliefs away from consumption and more towards re-use, considering what we truly need vs. what we do not and to consider the impact our presence makes
- We require a healthy environment to survive both physically and mental health wise.
- That natural world is the only reason we exist. Without clean water, air, soil, and trees, we will not be able to drink, grow food, or breath. We need more policy to regulate how products are manufactured and what materials are used to encourage innovation and reduce the destruction of our planet.
- the future, my kids, having access to natural areas, wildlife and habitat.
- Connecting any issue regarding environment to the future is what resonates with me. Many other statements here are true, but it isn't just about today.
- Without a healthy functioning environment we cannot thrive as a species/civilization. We are most fundamentally dependent on the environment for all our needs. We cannot put a monetary price tag on the values that the environment has for our well being.
- Visually-nature is beautiful. More trees along road edges, garden islands as car lane separation. Wildflowers for bees. It helps make a place look beautiful and increase value.
- The environment and the resources we take from it to survive and thrive are a privilege, not a right; as such we have a responsibility to aid in the regeneration of the environment, rather than just taking from it with no regard for the impact we have. The environment in Calgary and area is also one of our greatest assets, so we need to do everything we can to maintain, if not improve on it.
- I chose them all, as I believe protecting and living in harmony with the environment is the only way we can survive
- Our environment, the natural world is very important to me. I feel connected to it, a part of it, and view it as essential for the well-being of not only each individual but society.
- According to the Citizen Satisfaction Surveys conducted over the past 12(?) years “traffic/traffic congestion” continued to be the top dissatisfaction.
- My quest is to reduce Calgary’s vehicle emissions and pollution by Traffic Optimization.
- Our traffic signals are not actively managed to promote efficient flow of vehicles, nor do these systems possess any AI for self adjustment.



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- The "environment", is a very large, all-encompassing description of LITERALLY the entire planet and all things thereon. As far as the LOCAL environment, are you talking natural environment? Man-enhanced environment? Economic environment?
- the environment is THE most critical thing in our lives, without it, we would not exist, plain and simple, every time we damage it we are inevitably damaging ourselves, the simplest of things such as changing the course of a stream/river will have a snowball effect on other things, we must be careful when deciding how or why to do such things, is it really necessary is a question we should ask
- The nature tries to kill us all the time through disease , predators and extreme weather. We modify the environment around us as much as we need to stay alive.
- Mother Earth is our home. She provides for all. You don't disrespect your mother and you should never destroy your mother. So why do we do it to the Earth.
- We need a healthy environment to live and we are stripping it its ability to sustain us. Corporations have infiltrated politics and pushed their agendas for far too long. Governments need to take a stand and kick polluting industries out of politics and make policies that both restore and rehabilitate our environment. That includes saying no to more god-awful suburbs on the outskirts of the city.
- I believe in the commitment we have the ultimate responsibility to ensure and guarantee the future of our environment is kept and maintained to the highest standard of care and regeneration.
- I am not an eloquent person, however my thoughts and values were captured by the statements. I can't really add anymore.
- more and more meaningless constructions. Focusing on building houses only instead we can build some entertainment and cultural sites which can also bring jobs and attraction to the city
- In Calgary we are very blessed with an abundance of parks, green space, and vast nature around us. Growing up in a city such as ours greatly fosters a sense of the importance of balance between nature and urban living. The city acts as a "gateway" to the mountains, or the prairies, depending on your travel direction, and this should be showcased for all visitors and residents to see and understand
- All of it! Our earth, environment, ecosystem is ALL connected, and if we don't start living in a way that understands that, only we will suffer. Nature lives in harmony, and will always try and restore its balance. We are the ones making it off kilter.
- We need to give incentives to those that recycle and have contests for the best ideas how to create jobs around saving the environment. As an example, using grey water for toilets instead of regular water.
- If you guys cut costs, saved money and let Calgary thrive then the citizens would have money to create technology to improve the environment. Your socialist [removed] troughs have drained all innovation capabilities. Step back and look at the real problems, you.
- Everyday I walk in the parks around my neighborhood and take in the beauty. It is important for my mentle and physical health. The clean air, the majestic trees and the clear water of the Bow River are sources of beauty that enhance our quality of life and the lives of our children.



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- We need to use the resources available to build a civilization. Obtaining food, oil, wood, and other resources is necessary for life, and can be done without harming the environment.
- Ecosystem integrity, a place to reconnect and rejuvenate, the vital ecosystem services such as providing clean air, water and healthy soil. Flora and fauna diversity. Bobcats, American mink, eagles and moose are cool and have a much right to this land as we do if not more
- There is lots of effort by many Calgarians to make Calgary a more sustainable city, but the reality is that there are laws that need to be put in place to nudge more Calgarians to make better choices regarding the impact we have on the environment and how we affect the city's land and resources. We also have to realize that most resources we have in Calgary are finite, and need to be protected.
- What I enjoy most about living in Calgary is that we are so close to the mountains, to some of the most beautiful camping spots, hiking trails and sights in all of the world. The biggest reason I stay in Calgary is truly being able to enjoy nature regularly in my life. I think we are extremely blessed to live in such a place, therefore it is our absolute responsibility to take care of the land
- I value living in a city that respects a quality of life that encourages interaction with the environment. For me, that includes making a city visually pleasing as well as functional . More small parks, and green spaces . Great that bicycle trails are added so that you can use them around the city. would be appreciated. Art, attractive street lighting etc. encouraging public interaction.
- Ecosystems, beauty of nature. Science behind keeping our nature or else other things are indirectly impacted
- We interact with the environment on a daily basis. If we don't take care of it and practice sustainability, we will destroy ourselves. The city will become unlivable and undesirable if we don't protect the environment.
- A beautiful environment benefits the city. It reduces stress and generally improves productivity. It also helps attract young workers and tourists.  
Furthermore, improving our environmental performance also helps reduce costs.  
By improving on Calgary's natural amenities, and focusing on improving environmental performance, we get economic benefits and reduced costs at city hall.
- Future generations will suffer if we destroy earth.
- I chose nothing, People need jobs! None of this creates jobs
- I value its ability to relax me, improve my mental and physical health, as well as providing a good future. I want to be proud of my city for caring for the environment, providing greenspacesz wildlife pathways, native species AND BEAUTY!! I love the idea of putting wildflowers in ditches and medians because it helps pollinators + also calms me down when I'm driving. I want to be proud of my city.
- They all resonate for me but I chose the ones I did because I think we need to be more thoughtful, creative and proactive in our choices and that government can support that creativity by investing in and encouraging proactive rather than reactive programs. We need to be more forward thinking and we need to stop being defined by how well we extract resources and more by how we steward them.



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- Well, all of the themes are generally the same. Nature has ruling power. If we destroy the ecosystem we in turn destroy ourselves. However, I do not trust that the government has the interests of the people and environment in mind. I think this is more about capitalizing off of our efforts and I disagree with that immensely. All of us do.
- All of these themes are great. It is evident from climate change that a drastic reorienting of our relationship with the environment is necessary.
- Our family are avid outdoors people. Our 3 children spend 75% of their time outside with us. We teach them there, we share meals there, we explore, we respect and love everything about mother nature. We believe the earth has been abused and taken for granted, it needs our help and our commitment to be made whole again. I believe it is our duty as humans to leave the earth better than we found it.
- What are we without our planet? Our planet is our environment. If we wreck it to the point of being inhabitable... well...?
- Its beauty, diversity, source of all life and non-life. Our Mother Earth, who we need to love, cherish and respect for eternity.
- I agree with the point about having a symbiotic relationship with nature but currently we are taking much more than we are giving back, so the relationship is unbalanced and unsustainable. This imbalance is probably because of the view of nature as simply a resource to be exploited, and not as having any intrinsic value apart from its use to us. We need to do a better job of taking care of it..
- The three themes I chose are more focused on action, responsibility and decision making, which I feel is needed right now.
- I value space reserved for nature and for people to get out and enjoy. I value taking back space that was previously devoted to cars, especially roads and parking lots, and converting them to pedestrian/cycling paths and natural landscapes. I value conservation of land and resources. I value clean air and water.
- Deploy means that people can spend more time outside safely. There are no parks in the NE community of Cornerstone and seniors need to either walk on the paths or streets. We need more natural park like facilities.
- Respect of the symbiotic relationship is required. Perhaps education would be the best route rather than governmental intervention.
- My environmental focus is on doing our part to reduce and ultimately stop global warming. Local environmental issues are also important, but we should focus most of our effort on the larger issues.
- On the crazy list above the only theme that "resonated" was There is beauty in our environment, including the smells, sounds, colors and textures. All the other statements were slanted garbage
- We are meant to have relationship with the environment, which means that we may use its resources but that we also have to do so sustainability and to treat the environment with respect by protecting it from harm as well.
- The environment provides a home for us all. If it is destroyed, no amount of money can help us.



- Living in insulated, heated, comfortable homes is anathema to the environment (apparently). Bulldoze it all and a diet of twigs and berries is good for the environment. It would also negate the need for any city services whatsoever.
- I find with the govt, environment usually means more taxes for citizens. We need to develop new sources of energy. We can't stop oil until you have something to replace it. In business, it makes no sense. We also have to preserve the environment for our kids. Fine. But if 9% of them aren't active anyway... we need to change lots of things. I want to see if green energies actually work.

## What is a key action that you feel we need to take to achieve a healthy and sustainable environmental future for Calgary and why do you think it is important?

- I don't think most people will change their habits unless they are forced to and/or if government is really serious about leading the way when it comes to action. We need to work as a collective to sustain and improve in these areas, with clear goals, actions and leadership being foundation.
- Expedite the banning of takeout containers that cannot be composted in our municipal facility. There is so much waste and litter created by these items.
- Plant more trees and leave old trees alone. Alberta is backwards.
- Nothing, just stop wasting money and reduce taxes !
- Wasteful. Promoting transit and bike paths, yet new communities and urban sprawl is never ending. The new garbage system doesn't encourage people to use it. Why isn't it paying for itself or reducing our taxes? Also, why make a fake ecosystem by the fish hatchery when there was already a real one?
- Quit virtue signaling by installing more solar panels. That's the taxpayers money not yours.
- Get the green line built, that would reduce so many commuters including myself from driving downtown every day.
- I think there are many benefits to help improving our city and making it more green, and create more sustainable outlets. These changes, if made properly, will transition toward other major cities and towns and Calgary will be considered at the top of innovators in Canada, and likely in the world.
- we can all make a huge difference by changing just one thing and that is waste , we waste so much. food fuel water etc watering your driveway will not make it grow , half the food we buy is wasted and yet there are hungry and thirsty people in our city .
- Sustainable neighbourhoods - people need to be able live more environmentally friendly lives without great effort. Water stewardship - Calgary has water scarcity and can't afford to get this wrong.
- Me to build neighbourhoods in them for structure that reduces our reliance on fossil fuels and emissions



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- I would like to see more garbage being able to be recycled, and those that can't, banned from being sold.
- We need to do more to protect the environment and stop wasting resources
- Our waste, what we do with the waste, other options besides landfills (biomass burning - making energy from garbage), recycling
- We need to require all new buildings and major renovations are built to a passive house standard. Emissions from buildings are a major portion of our emissions yet we keep building structures that leak heat. Building to a passive house standard costs 5-15% more, offset by low utility bills.
- Green space is important, density runs counter to that, having small sporadic parks is not as good as everyone having a yard, trees along the street
- Parks parks parks....NOT modern art paid to artists from outside of Alberta!!!.....Natural Beauty with benches to sit and admire
- I think the sustainable in "sustainable environment" is applicable to the economics of a practice. If we're paying for something now but have no intention to in the future, it is by definition not sustainable. All environmental initiatives need to be sustainable. Zero waste is not sustainable.
- Teach people reduce reuse recycle!!!
- I think we should protect the remaining green spaces we currently have in Calgary and if at all possible add more. I also think our green spaces should have more trees.
- I think more focus should be on providing communities with services such as high speed internet, rapid bus (maybe ctrain) routes, I don't believe consumption to the population should be restricted or major projects like bike lanes and retrofitting buildings should be a priority.
- No more weeds overrunning our parks. Clear snow, don't just push it around, remove it. Stop prioritizing only wealthy areas and leaving others without care. I've lived here all my life and frankly, they took better care when I was younger. I'm under 40. People do not use transit... not really safe.
- we spend too much money already and these changes will cost taxpayers more, changes can be made but must show ROI and real numbers used
- Focus on people not environment.
- I think recycling should be more strict. For example I work in a shop and they recycle next to nothing. Metal, cardboard etc should all be separated and recycled.
- Everything that is noted above needs attention. They are all interconnected with one another and you can't ignore one aspect if you want another to succeed. I believe for the people to respect these, it comes down to education and educating the public on what matters.
- Key actions:  
 Better public transportation, better use of space. City is expanding too much.  
 Energy efficient and eco-friendly homes. It would be nice if new/old condos/apartments would have Electric Vehicle charging stations. (I hope to buy one in the near future)
- Thinking beyond the actions of individuals and instead viewing this as an interconnected issue. You cannot address climate change without address transportation - you can't address transportation unless you change community planning and neighborhood build out. No single key action.



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- Protect natural areas and focus on reducing waste and water consumption.
- I am not concerned about greenhouse gases as each ton of co2 has less effect than the previous. We should instead focus water quality, preservation of wildlife habitat and cleanup of polluted sites.
- What this should point out is that all of these initiatives have been put off or ignored for so long that we now need to act aggressively and with urgency on all fronts.. I would like to see priority on initiatives that reduce uses (reduce energy use in homes by making homes passive code compliant)
- Educate the public on the situation , Educate the public on what you are doing about it, and why are you doing it and if and when the public has a say give them the opportunity to do so.
- Social and built environment change is required if we are going to meet any of these. I chose to live in an inner suburb in a smaller house in order to have a more walkable neighbourhood. Designing lowrise walkable neighbourhoods throughout Calgary is needed, not high density in the core and low else
- Start pricing externalities. If a neighbourhood requires 2 interchanges and kms of road to be accessible to the rest of the city that is either a design that needs to be rejected or the cost of that needs to be paid at higher rate by the residents enjoying the benefits (newer homes, bigger yards)
- Make public transit /cycling etc less miserable options! Right now I drive even though I worry about the environmental impacts because calgary is so big and buses are so infrequent. I walked or took the bus all my life until I moved to Calgary.
- I do not believe we need to act on these things except for obvious energy loss issues in building such as drafty doors, indecent light bulbs, low quality windows that transfer heat. Etc
- Move the above considerations to a central role when thinking about changes in the City.... Environmental consequences (good and bad) should be as important as cost of a project, effect on economy/jobs etc
- I thought about the deterioration speed and impacts of these areas if we are not going to do anything about it. Climate change, efficient energy use and air quality are somewhat overlapped. In order to stop climate change, we should promote vegetarian lifestyle. Plastic waste is another huge issue.
- This question not positioned correctly. All of these things are important. To go from this is a priority to not a priority in one step is not optimal. They must be looked at as interconnected (e.g. Sustainable Neighbourhoods cannot be separated from the others).
- Plant trees, maintain parks. Spend more on green beautification both natural and maintained areas.
- Cleaner air ..as the city has grown the air quality has deteriorated ..as an asthmatic this is a concern...I'd like to see a reduction in fire pit usage for a start ...I live between to regular users ..my house stinks when the smell enters the "fresh" air ducts and breathing is an issue
- As we grow as a city all of these things are a priority. Setting the framework to ensure we can sustain growth and reduce environmental impact is critical.
- IF ALL THE BOXES ARE PRORITIZED WE CAN BE A NET ZERO CITY, WHERE WE ARE NOT DIGGING OURSELVES OUT OF TRASH IN THE FUTURE.
- Don't expand Deerfoot Trail, expand public transit. This should be a no-brainer. Ban the sales of gas powered cars (or lobby federal government to do so). Be a leader



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- You know that these are the most important issues of our time. It is your job to address them all and I will not absolve you by giving lesser priorities to any of them.
- Climate adaptation is key. The climate will continue to change no matter what we do so we need to make sure that we are as best prepared to thrive in any and all climatic conditions.
- I bike a lot in the NW and NE, we need more cycling and pedestrian infrastructure to help those of us who rely on this form of low-impact, low-emmission travel. Its very important!
- Awareness and will to change as individuals is key, but there is only so much we can do as individuals. We need major policy change to force a shift from the top down to more symbiotic way of living to prevent having to focus on climate adaptation - that should be a last resort.
- Although we should try our best to mitigate our city's own impact to climate change, at the end of the day our city is home to many oil companies which should be more tightly regulated. If we are going to go below a 1.5C increase in global temperature they need to be held to account.
  1. Build the green line in North Central already! Our bus corridor is at capacity, so people are driving to ensure they can get where they need to go on time.
  2. STOP allowing developers off the hook of building local, walkable retail. A mega mall 5km away on major roads is NOT walkable.
- Prioritizing green infrastructure, supporting zero-waste businesses, diversifying our economy (e.g. solar energy in addition to oil), and providing accessible information to the public about the science-informed decision-making process.
- There needs to be a shift in priorities from economics, which constantly changes, to preserving and protecting those things that cannot be replaced once they're gone.
- All these areas are a key priority for a sustainable future. Zero Waste is one that consumers can do now and sustainable transportation.
- Worry about core civic issues affecting quality of life -economy and freedom. Calgary already has clean air, great parks and pathways, clean water etc. A healthy economy will help to keep it that way.
- I personally feel that the affects of climate change and greenhouse games is a key action that needs to be addressed immediately. Leaving it too late will result in irreversible consequences, diminishing our quality of life and potential future.
- I'm always worried about recycling. Even though I see ads in shelters and buses, a lot of the fifties and up population don't pay any attention to the different types of recyclables. Which by the way, our trashman changed a greasy pizza box from our compost to recycling.
- I think Calgary needs to focus on revitalizing and improving existing neighbourhoods and not add any new communities for a very long time (>10 years). The city has a huge footprint, it's bad for the environment and not cost effective.
- You all need to resign and stop wasting taxpayer money. Small businesses in Calgary are going bankrupt because of Covid and high taxes while you collect full salaries and pensions having meetings about stupid surveys like this.





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- While these are all noble goals and would make Calgary a better place to live, we can't keep downloading the onus of climate change on individuals; corporations need to step up even more. 70-odd percent of the world's GHGs come from 100 companies.
- Less cars and less idling will give us more breathable air. And is necessary to reduce carbon in the atmosphere
- While adapting to climate change is important, I worry that it will be shortlived if we don't also radically transform our energy, transportation, and food systems. I'm glad the city is concerned about this and let me apologize for others who disparage you in this effort. They are poorly informed.
- Enact strict laws to keep companies and businesses from emitting too many greenhouse gases. If they don't have the money to limit emissions, give them money.
- Develop an alternative to salting the roadways in winter. It is a horrible pollutant in our water system, causes needless damage to our roads (which will have to be repaired/replaced - adding to the landfill), and damages our vehicles (which will also end up creating waste waste when replaced).
- Halifax banned plastic bags ages ago. I was disappointed that Calgary wasn't brave enough to do the same. The cycling infrastructure, particularly downtown, has improved but could be more robust. The interest is obvious given the utilization of e-scooters. Make taking transit/biking the EASIEST way.
- Neighborhoods need to planned to limited the need for vehicles. The city needs to work with school boards to develop walkable/bikeable schools. Students who bike and walk to school will be adults who bike and walk to work.
- I feel our water quality is at an acceptable level and does not require additives or chemicals. reducing flood risk should be done naturally through flood plains and flow management, not concrete structures and walls.
- So many initiatives wind up being window dressing. Please show us how recycling actually helps us. A dollar spent is a dollar of impact, in my view. We actually need to get away from pursuing things and move towards a service economy.
- The MOST PROFOUND PROBLEM, with waste/garbage facing the inner city, is the amount of refuse and filth littering every street corner train station parking lot and alley way, left by bums/drug addicts. It's like they have an endless supply of garbage and waste to leave all over every corner of the cc
- We should discourage spreading out of the city and use all means possible to encourage density development. Without moving this way it is hard or impossible to establish better transportation systems away from cars. This is a big county. Big city. So what works in Europe might not here.
- All municipal decisions must consider climate change and environmental protection. We must implement energy conservation programs, offer rebates for Calgarians to install solar panels on their roof, address local food security, and build the Green line.
- We need to put all projects into the economic analysis first and added benefits can be environment impacts. Its important Calgarians cost of living does not increase as a result of environmental concerns but rather benefit from efficient planning and analysis related to economic projects .



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- Green Line
- All of the above, as fast as possible.
- Address the rampant beaver issues in our parks. Destroying so many trees!
- Pesticide/Herbicide Free; plastic free; more green energy initiatives; more natural spaces (green roofs, parks, wetlands, beehives, ect.)
- The extreme weather in recent years has been getting worse as a result of climate change. Weather like this is only going to get worse and we need to do more to prepare for and mitigate the fallout of extreme weather events and limit further climate change
- Find ways to reduce consumption, then find ways to reduce waste. Protect our water.
- Water stewardship. We cannot let industry or anything else impact our clean water supply.
- We need to reduce our power and fuel usage. Compactness, public transport, people-powered infrastructure, and climate resilience are going to be essential going forward.
- Climate change. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Mandatory community services within each new community
- Waste management (solid, gaseous and water) and energy efficiency. Restoring and interconnecting park spaces for animal use (habitat and riparian restoration) and human use (cycling path connections especially in NE and underserved areas).
- We need to create clean, renewable sources of energy (Solar, wind etc.). It is extremely important that we address our cities impact on climate change, and if we are to make a meaningful difference it has to include creating many more sources of renewable energy in our city.
- We should be looking in consuming more not reducing anything what so ever. Think big or get lost. Think that one day Calgary could be 20 millions peoples and how we are going to support this with strategies that imply reducing "ridiculous". I strongly disagree with all the premise in this survey.
- Stopping expansion and rejuvenating land use with city limits. Tearing down old, rundown houses and building new energy efficient homes
- Nothing - as previously stated, this appears to be yet another 'survey' designed to not actually listen to any opinions other than as pre-determined by those who created this joke of a survey in order to get what they want with the pretense of having asked.
- We need to penalize those who don't responsibly dispose of waste - There is far too much garbage on the side walks and this affects the entire demeanor of the neighbourhood.
- Some of the items listed are important to the cities future and the environment and don't appear to have been worked too much. Others (please don't build more bike lanes and if there's more transit please make sure the drivers are at least somewhat competent) have been overdone.
- Turn off the lights in your buildings (+libraries) in the nights and weekends. Use efficient heating. Preserve/increase parks. Plant more trees (there's no shade @ Silver Springs pool). Forbid unrecyclable packaging. Increase connectivity. Hire contractors that are competent and care for the result.
- Keep areas such as Nose Hill, Fish Creek and Weaselhead, such treasures in a big city! We need to continue to foster a closeness to nature. Waste reduction is very important to me.
- Water Stewardship and flood mitigation, water is life and a strong force.



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- I am most concerned with issues that if implemented now will provide long term sustainable solutions. The first question about adaption honestly, bothered me. We shouldnt be adapting but rather mitigating (i understand certain components are past mitigation, but we should shift the narrative).
- Our home, our environment is THE top priority! I wish more Calgarians cared and prioritized this topic. As a gateway city to the mountains, we have a responsibility to lead by example and model environmental stewardship. Protecting biodiversity and species (caribou), using less, eliminating plastic.
- Lower taxes
- public transport needs to become so convenient that people can and will choose not to drive. Calgary has to integrate shops into communities and not have a conglomerates of big box stores. Cities that prioritize public transport and walking were designed for people and horses
- Better waste management and support for our waterways. People will always float the bow and leave trash, so implementing a much needed system that adds more garbage and recycling receptacles at key river points, and a team to take care of them, would have an immediately noticeable impact.
- Compact city where less cars are necessary. Much like Blue Zone cities.
- This is an overwhelming question. So much is so important. The city needs to strike a balance, do all that can be done to minimize contamination of our environment affordably. Better, eliminating overspending and introducing sustainable services that generate income for continued improvements.
- Proper balanced education around the issues and solutions based in science and common sense.
- The most important factor right now to me is how climate change has given us all a deadline and is frighteningly close to being irreversible at this point. If the issue is not dealt with we will all suffer in the worst ways possible and the grave is only getting deeper the more we ignore it.
- Don't run an industrial train through Prince's Island Park.
- There is not enough being done. It is imperative to focus on these areas before it is too late
- Water quality and watershed health - Bow is not a big river
- Educate Calgarians on green living. Offer incentives to implement the green city strategy.
- I guess healthy ecosystems but there is really no time to waste on any of it.
- Sustainability is the responsibly of the provincial and federal government. Our municipal government should focus on promoting a livable city. I do not agree we have jurisdiction on natural resources management.
- Limit urban sprawl, increase density/transit. Floodplain buyouts and re-naturalization implemented with a clear 100 year vision. Municipal daylighting strategy created and implemented for buried streams. Source-water storage volume targets (dam3) using beaver restoration upstream, no dams/reservoirs



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- We need to focus on sustainability and reusable energy as soon as possible, and we need to use the energy we have now to make it an easier transition for everyone. This is important because, and to restate, the next generation shouldn't have to deal with current and previous mistakes
- It is important to get more people involved with the movement. Many Albertans fail to see the severity of climate change and that attitude needs to be revised either through marketing or schooling.
- Fire Nenshi
- We need to protect the natural beauty of our province. Particularly from external investors largely unconcerned with the destruction of our land, water and the future health of our communities
- Every element is essential and connected: restoring ecosystems helps watersheds; planting trees cleans air; fewer cars are on the road (because of transit and walkable neighbourhoods) reduces pollution. One missing key is local food: we need gardens and fruit trees, nut bushes, etc in public places.
- Enforce the City's own transit-oriented development policy by a cluster of carrots and sticks.
- We need to make people aware that the environment and its resources isn't free and isn't unlimited . I see the old issue of the tragedy of the commons taking place right here, right now. Our choices as individuals matter even if they are small.
- Building energy
- Improve citizens' understanding of linkages between the environment and the economy. For example, at Ralph Klein Park there is environmental education. It is not connected to the economy. There is discussion of what species do but not how they contribute to the economy. This would engage people.
- I think we must continue to improve public transportation. There is still not enough areas of the city where easy access is available. The green line is a start but we must speed up the process and get it finished earlier so that existing neighbourhoods have access.
- Collaborate with the First Nations people who know the land best and have the knowledge we need to achieve and healthy and sustainable future. Evidence based research has shown that if we continue to live in this way and prioritize short term profit over the land, then we will have no future.
- Stop pushing all transportation projects to get people downtown, time to start circle routes for transportation to create a connected city. Will create a atmosphere of togetherness and let people get to know the whole city
- I can't believe how the city deals with landfills why don't they have a shop that resells or gives away perfectly good items people drop off rather than throw it away?
- We've got one - No need to do anything else
- Sustainable neighbourhoods- by doing that you would be tackling at the same time problems of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions (less driving around), promoting sustainable transportation. Integrated neighbourhoods are also more likely to take action to tackle other issues.



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- Our natural areas are struggling and many of our city trees need attention after storms, disease and cold winters. The impact is very noticeable across our mature neighborhoods. Some serious maintenance is required.
- planning is something the city can control that will impact the environment today and tomorrow. "do it right the first time" can positively impact sustainable neighborhoods and a sustainable city
- A balanced approach is necessary. When we are spending money to collect recyclables, but are throwing them into the landfill, that is ridiculous. Don't do things just to make people feel good - they need to provide results.
- Recycling, Reuse, energy efficient to help curve greenhouse effect. But no increase in tax
- less packaging, more efficient use of all resources
- Each citizen needs to act, and be supported in, reducing their environmental footprint. The city should be reducing barriers to people living more sustainably.
- Never thought I'd be doing a school assignment, but air pollution I care about the most, considering even if we are making a change it means [removed], because guess what in the east you have China destroying it, so even if we are perfect and reach Net 0, china is still killing our air with coal.
- Actual action. Strong progression and an ignorance of conservative critics.
- Have politicians and celebrities practice what they preach, especially in terms of carbon footprints
- Literally all of these are extremely vital and the bare minimum.
- Educate the next generation about pollution and climate change. Teach them how to effect change and why change is vital. Many Alberta seniors who became wealthy and comfortable through the oil & gas industry are too set in their ways to see a different route forward. The future lies with youth.
- waste reduction
- We need to stop our urban sprawl. Green energy! Ban single use plastics. Initiatives for passive houses and buildings. Community gardens, greenhouses and food forests in all areas. Calgary could grow so much of its own food, especially in the summer to preserve for the winter months.
- These issues have always been political but they shouldn't be. It should be a responsibility that every leader brings to the table - how they approach it should be different NOT whether it's important or not
- Creating livable communities needs to be a top priority. This includes three main aspects: energy efficient buildings, livable densification, and safe active transportation infrastructure (5A - Always Available for All Ages and Abilities!).
- I think one of the most important things we can do is prevent urban sprawl. Calgary is a large city that is projected to grow faster than average in the next few decades. Keeping our footprint small and making communities walkable is extremely important for overall sustainability.
- Promote public transportation. In spring and summer make commercials promoting biking and walking. Push to update old and inefficient buildings - this will also create more affordable living for people. Push the government to switch to renewable energy sources.
- Eliminating single use plastics is necessary. We must implement legislation to reduce packaging used by manufacturers. Our compost and recycling program is amazing but not enough companies



are using it all the time or correctly so we should be doing audits of corporations that produce lots of waste

- City Administration is doing great work in these areas, but there's always more to be done! I personally am most invested in climate adaptation/resilience. The 2013 floods and (outside of Calgary) more recent wildfires have left scars with my family. Climate adaptation intersects with the others.
- In defiance of climate-change-oblivious behaviour in our provincial government, at a civic level, can we please name climate change, acknowledge it's here and caused by humans, not pussyfoot around what's at stake (life as we know it), cultivate a we're-all-in-this-together solidarity.
- Better green public transport, less cars on the road. Protect more green spaces, promote a more green life style, make the environment a top priority
- Pick up the dog and [removed] EVERYWHERE! Plant trees with berries for disappearing birds and other plants for disappearing insects like bees and butterflies. Plant gardens in parks and on rooftops.
- Reduce energy consumption and urban sprawl, as both feed into larger environmental concerns like climate change
- Educating the public about the impact humans are having on our environment and the immediate actions we can take and how they improve environmental health.
- using new technologies and not being afraid of trying new things will greatly improve our environmental future. We need to not be afraid of what we will lose (jobs, economy, etc.) because new technologies and training programs will help lessen those losses. Climate adaptation is my key action
- Calgary is COLD 6-8 months out of the year. Increasing bike lanes, fees for paving walkways? Funds may be better spent on infrastructure, transportation (c trains and buses) and programs for seniors and disabled persons to access these modes of transportation for free would be preferred.
- We need to add density and allow a diverse mixture of uses everywhere because there are too many communities in Calgary that you can't walk to anything of importance.
- built an incinerator to burn garbage, use heat to produce electricity for Calgary, and add a greenhouse to use secondary heat .
- Ideas that improve or maintain these goals that are implemented using low or no cost solutions, find raising or business funded/ taxed solutions Adding additional programs that add mandatory costs to low and middle class citizens creates immense stress sometimes detrimental stress financially
- We need to ensure there is access to nature so that people of all ages have the opportunity to develop a relationship with nature, especially our youth as they are the future and need to understand the importance of our environment from a young age.
- The governments spend way too much time and money on this subject. Canada/Calgary is a tiny contributor to pollution, even if you believe greenhouse gas is a pollutant. It is not.
- We need to build the Green Line asap. Access to affordable public transit is essential as we are going to keep cars off the road and improve our air quality.



- I think that if Calgary focuses on making sustainable choices easier for the general public they will be more likely to adopt it and make an impact. As well, Calgary needs to speak out against what the UCP is doing to our parks. Those are a huge for Alberta and Calgary and need to be protected.
- I think building and retrofitting sustainable neighbourhoods could lead the way - it then touches upon all the other key actions from transportation to watershed stewardship, not to mention citizen values.
- Stopping urban sprawl. Developers should innovate, and, instead of always destroying virgin land start redevelopment. There are areas in Calgary that aren't being used wisely. But re-zoning the land near COP was a terrible decision. Why have zoning if a developer can buy land and change it?
- Calgary needs to do more research on how we LONG term can be sustainable. Look to Netherlands Green houses or Europe we are doing things the old fashioned way that is proven to not actually be a better choice for the environment .
- The government proves every day that it doesn't give a [removed] about these things. Here are some things that could change the outlook today:
  - 1) make polystyrene packaging illegal - replace with rice or corn
  - 2) require that packaging contain a minimum 85% recycled material
  - 3) make plastic bags illegal
- Stop recycling paper, glass and plastics, it is energy negative. This means more resources are required to recycle them than to make them new.  
A proper landfill or incineration for energy is the best approach for plastics.  
Incineration for energy or compost for paper.  
Glass should just be landfilled
- Honestly these are all priority areas that we should be consistently working on, constantly and long term. None of these things can be fixed and forgotten, the work in these areas will be constantly evolving. These are all components of an environmental improvement strategy.
- A reconceptualization and redesign of the urban landscape in order to create communities that are more ecological which grow their own food, as local food production would go a long way towards combating climate change and create more integrated local communities that are healthier for humans.
- Action on climate change with the help of the other topics listed.
- The city can lead by making procurement guidelines align with environmentally responsible policies in all areas including capital construction, transportation and energy sources.
- Transfer Calgary's economic dependence on fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.
- Lowering the impact on residents of new massive transportation project (SWCRR)
- Life goes on
- This has little effect on our environment, it's not like the river is full of trash.
- Please provide free biodegradable bags to people. I have seen organic waste go in black Bins In plastic bags because majority of the people procrastinate about buying or making biodegradable bags. Can. Make a huge difference



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- We have a tendency as a society to measure wealth in terms of monetary value. True wealth is found within health, a clean environment, clean air and our living spaces. Not until after commercial properties and urban sprawl encompass our communities do we realize what we have lost. We must adapt.
- Create support systems or sponsor sustainable initiatives to create an integrated environmental approach to city planning to protect the environment for the future
- Promote zero waste/waste reduction vs. waste management, advocate for EPR programs, provide incentives for sustainability initiatives, enact a watering bylaw
- You should look at the costs of your entire department and then look at what private and corporate taxpayers are going through and then ask yourselves why your department needs to exist.
- Take immediate action with low cost max results methods to improve environmental impact. Rely on local neighborhood groups like community associations to rally communities to work with City planning for success.
- Encourage people to connect with their community
- We need to educate and progress the conversation around climate action. It is imperative that O&G no longer dominates the economy, nor small minded / selfish perspectives that prevent citizens from engaging in meaningful changes to their daily habits.  
It is essential that policies reflect this.
- I think that sustainable neighbourhoods is very important for the resilience of our city. In looking at compact, complete, healthy communities, I see that as including sustainable transportation, food security, access to nature, etc. - important for social capital, individual health and wellbeing
- Privatize waste and water management. Keep the city out of the business to manage the environment. The cost is so high that requires Calgarians to work harder and so pollute.
- Water stewardship, zero waste, and protecting and restoring natural areas. Because if we don't do something, we will die.
- We're already doing well. Don't spend more tax dollars fixing something that isn't broken.
- Calgary is a very car centric city and it is currently very hard to get most places efficiently without a car. It is hard to live sustainably even if you want to in this city.
- Where is the no way in hell option. Again and again you produce these surveys to reflect the answers you want. It's just suck a joke you think no one notices.
- We must collaborate with indigenous voices and respect mother earth. We are all connected;
- Calgary is possibly the least walkable city I've ever been in. Transit is lacking, and getting rid of parking spaces doesn't get rid of cars. It just makes people mad because they can access places due to poor transit and lack of parking
- The impact of urban sprawl is very unrated. Urban sprawl is a double whammy: First, it causes more pollution because more people have to drive further. Second, the land that is developed can no longer sequester carbon dioxide (no vegetation because the land is covered by roads and buildings).
- Green line, better bus service, rethinking extraction as our energy advantage





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- Please think long term. Think education. Not just how but why things are important. kids need to know- they don't because our generation (parents today) are just catching up.
- We need a better solution than pages upon pages of “ Dont put this in the blue bin “
- I think we need to take action to prevent further damage rather than prepare for the effects of damage in the future. We should promote and enforce sustainability now, not prepare for effects of climate change.
- Key action for a sustainable future for Calgarians starts with stopping the expansion of the city and depleting our resources. We already know that Alberta has limited water resources. We need to take action against over consumption of water before it's too late.
- way more focus on pedestrian mode of travel - pedestrian infrastructure is deficient in many areas - even neighbourhoods 70 + years old
- We need strong policies coming from our city officials. These policies need to be clear and approachable as not everyone understands how if all of the above aren't addressed, will have a direct and fast approaching negative impact that cannot be reversed.
- Continue innovations regarding recycling. No further use of taxpayer money is required on this file. The word "environment" has been overused and politically used for far too long. This must stop.
- it is important not to just focus on one focus area as it is the interconnectedness between all of them and our environment that must be looked at as a whole rather than just pieces to a puzzle.
- Stop building giant ring roads, diverting rivers for them, giving up land to developers on the fringe, stop building out, build the green line.
- Focus on increasing low carbon transportation, especially in a city like Calgary that has experienced so much urban sprawl.
- Walking paths are critical to all ages. Parks, for example Babbling Brook is used by every age. Metal play parks are ages 4-12yrs and are a huge expense. Poor air quality affects peoples ability to breath. I'd love to see restrictions on burning wood in fire pits within the city.
- Stop all the littering! Calgary is a filthy place to live full of selfish people who discard their junk wherever they go! Disposable masks and gloves are now littering the pristine beauty of our local parks.
- Runoff, pollution and garbage in the Bow River Watershed must be audited at much higher standard which also requires strict consequences.
- Educate people in reducing consumption because recycling is not the answer and is not actually done with most items in the blue bin.
- Efficient energy production and use.
- Reduce light pollution, stop installing lights under overpasses that shine into the drivers' eyes, stop installing lights that spill light horizontally.  
No streetlight should be visible until you're almost right under it, so it illuminates the pavement and not the drivers.
- Listen to Indigenous groups
- What's really achievable?



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- Making the city liveable and enjoyable and accessible to all. Beautiful and healthy outdoor spaces shouldn't be a privilege only accessible to higher income neighborhoods away from the city center. Also, as a cyclist it's important that there be enough room for everyone to participate in nature.
- Abandon fossil fuels as they have multiple negative effects through the lifecycle.
- I believe it is important to not use "the environment" as a one-size-fits-all cudgel for which to increase taxes, impose fees, or signal virtue. If recycling is not being accepted and thrown in the landfill anyway, for example, do away with green and blue carts and revert to the old garbage system.
- Calgary is already clean, while I certainly applaud efforts to save energy sensibly I think we can do with less government and I do not support a large City department focusing on this
- We need to think long term. That goes for spending decisions, infrastructure decisions...everything. Any purchasing or retrofits for infrastructure should be made with a zero carbon intent. New buses, city vehicles, building heating systems...lead by example and we'll be surprised at the \$ we save
- I think it's most important that we drastically decrease the use of single use plastics and our carbon emissions. Climate change will have huge implications for us and our children and we need to be leaders in making changes.
- Reducing GHG emissions.
- Have programs to support rooftop solar and energy efficiency. The work by city-owned Enmax is woefully inadequate.
- From the perspective of The City of Calgary, Transportation, neighborhoods and waste should be key focus areas, although the sustainability impacts of all of the above are connected as a system.
- We have a collective responsibility to urgently take action on climate change, and I'd love to see the City act meaningfully because our provincial government certainly won't. And let's deal with our sprawl problem, which isn't sustainable and contributes to over-reliance on cars and waste.
- Healthy Ecosystems – Protect, restore and enhance natural areas, parks and trees and provide access to nature
- Work on reducing our overall footprint through waste reduction, cleaner water and air while allowing for the ecosystem services of a connected ecological network to help support biodiversity and healthier human communities.
- I think Calgary is decades behind in environmental planning. Roadways are a major concern as the city planning is so car centric, it can be hard to get around the city by any other means.
- I assume most key actions are identified or underway already by the City. this project could have been scaled down considerably. a lot of human resources for another paper strategy - i would prefer to see resources focused on your existing environmental commitments and show some fiscal constraint.
- My main concern is for maintaining or preferably increasing wild areas as our city expands.
- we need to improve access to parks and educate people about picking up after their animals as feces make their way into our water systems. you will never achieve zero waste



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- The city is already doing plenty in all of these areas except adaptation. We don't need more, we need to act on/complete existing commitments.
- Easy to get someone to say "very concerned" to all above. Without the context of \$ and other opportunity costs related to the above, a fully considered answer cannot be provided. Makes the responses invalid in my view. Until full context is provided, I can't waste time being concerned.
- Being a fairly large city, reducing waste and use of personal transport (like cars) can have a large impact on the space.
- Laws need to be put into place to ensure corporations pollute less...stop picking on individuals. The city needs to greatly improve their recycling. So many plastics that say they are recyclable are not in Calgary. They go into the landfill. Not acceptable.
- Protecting wildlife habitats and creating sustainable clean energy sources. Habitat protection keeps us safe by keeping animals safe, and cleaner energy means we won't need to destroy the atmosphere to heat our homes.
- We need to do better when it comes to recycling. Our plastics are still being buried in the ground, styrofoam is still not recyclable, etc. Kudos though for the composting program!
- There is nothing that should be done. Please stop wasting tax payers money on these environment initiatives. Please remove all bike lanes as very few people use them.
- Sustainable neighborhoods with natural spaces, sidewalks that can be accessed by people with mobility issues, and not always building more suburbs. Maintaining current park spaces and promoting some of the fantastic educational spaces like Ralph Klein Park is good.
- We need to make sure recycling and compost bins are plentiful and visible in all areas of the city, inside and outside. We need to bring back the Alberta Energy efficiency board at a local level and give rebates on environmentally friendly purchases again, like sun panels.
- Would like to hear more about nuclear this is the way and Calgary could lead this
- Push the provincial government to look into nuclear, until we can get off of fossil fuels. We won't have time to transition to full solar, and need something as a stopgap.
- stop wasting money on things you cannot control
- First and foremost we need to drastically reduce the size of this city. The amount of urban sprawl in Calgary is totally unsustainable and produces many avenues of environmental deterioration. This would make it easier to implement environmental policies that would actually help make things better.
- Follow Next 20, the CTP, the MDP, the pedestrian strategy, the cycling strategy, and the many policies and strategies already in place at The City to make responsible use of land while using as little energy as possible and giving people transportation choice. Make driving unnecessary & inconvenient
- Not one of the questions included anything on economic sustainability. None of these aspirations can be achieved unless economic. Rebalance this survey.
- You need to work on the air quality. The air quality is more frequently in the moderate risk range compared to other cities. I would like to see it in the mild range.



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So more electric cars and vehicles in the near future for Calgary? More charging stations?

- We, as a province and a country, are behind in enacting necessary changes to save our environment to save our future
- Look to take recycling even further and look at ways to become a circular city, implement policy to ban single use plastic and take climate action. Move to net zero high performance building.
- I do not see how we cannot care about everything. It is all interconnected, none of these issues is a standalone problem.
- We need to focus on our waste output. We need better options for recycling. Easier to access, so people will actual participant. I don't think that people don't care, I just think they don't have the time or energy to put much thought into it.
- Acknowledge that we all use energy from oil and gas, and that we should use it as efficiently a possible
- Need to wean ourselves off fossil fuels over the next 10-20 years. It won't happen overnight, but it has to happen. Trying to do my part with my recent purchase of an EV.
- I think supporting and improving active and public transportation in our city is the more important thing we can do to improve the health of our city. This will improve the connectedness and connectivity of our city and the health of our citizens.
- An incineration plant for garbage.
- I think the city has done a good job with waste management, however there needs to be education to tenants of rental or transient properties to take stewardship for the environment wherever they live. Also, don't take any more roadways/parking lane away for bicycles. We have enough bike lanes.
- We need to transition into relying on green energy, which will work to cut down emissions as well as help with air and water pollution.
- It is my opinion that parks and natural habitat should be protected and left in their natural wilderness state ... it is not desirable and nor do we need additional manicured parks. For that reason natural areas should be left free from government (and planners) interference
- Support and protect the natural spaces in Calgary and effectively utilize/manage water. We, as a city and a municipality will have the highest impact and control on these areas - all others will likely cost more than any benefits that result.
- Less development, more preservation. We don't need 100 new fancy "lakeside luxury" neighborhoods as much as we need intact wetlands.
- Stop approving development on the edges of the city. Rethink our downtown core creatively. Shift mindsets around cycling/walking
- We need to realize that the environment is the infrastructure upon which our infrastructure depends.. without it we can't live
- We need to re-imagine how our city can work in a post-COVID world, and understand that things have changed from our old normal lives.



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- We need to adopt building standards... a decade ago. EV stuff buy one now or three years from now, not much difference. Build a house that heats with gas, you have a 100 year problem.
- Put hard limits on the spread of Calgary's urban footprint. Increasing sprawl means more driving, stretched resources, and lower quality of life.
- Protect natural areas by not allowing so many off leash areas where dogs terrorize wildlife. Stop cutting natural pollinator forage and save a few bucks in the meantime. Stop spraying for dandelions and stop letting LEAF programs over spray.
- Measure and report the costs associated with a "do" approach vs a "do nothing" approach, for example, the health effects of air pollution is currently costing our health care system billion of dollars - the cost of doing nothing.
- Work has been done but haven't convinced Calgarians to adjust behaviour. Poorly planned new development. If we have better neighbourhoods, it makes it easier for people to live a green lifestyle. Preserve or restore watershed and ecosystems - so much impairment with the way this city has grown.
- With environment I believe it is very important to protect it and be a leader to the rest of the world, but not to be hypocritical by hurting a local industry just to go and purchase somewhere else where the environment isn't going to be preserved. Care about the world not just your city.
- Creating communities that are vibrant and don't require personal automobiles and zero waste are areas with mature technology and are within city control to act
- Response options not meaningful enough given the loaded questions. ie: Zero Waste-Responsible consumption+waste: absolutely, but 0? We need to care for our environment, water, ecosystems responsibly and logically and not rely on slogans and impossible goals.
- Key areas to focus on are the ones that might have potential catastrophic outcomes should we continue ignoring the issues - Climate Change, Water, and Air.
- More green space with NATIVE PLANTS, community gardens, native flower corridors for pollinators
- Increasing the number of people that can walk, cycle or take transit instead of driving everywhere in large, empty vehicles. In the suburbs people have to drive to even just pick up milk at the nearest store as houses are so far from shops - this is not sustainable or environmentally responsible.
- Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, especially the burning of them (rather than using them for making things)
- Change will start with legislation at the government level. There is not enough incentive for private companies to make these changes on their own, and it is difficult for individuals to make a big enough impact with their household choices.
- zero waste and responsible consumption are a primary concern, best way to ensure longevity is to reduce consumption especially of harmful products
- Tell the public the realities of animal agriculture
- Being realistic about the oil and gas industry and create a clear vision for the future both environmentally and economically. It is important in todays political climate is is easy for citizens to feel downtrodden and left behind or even personally attacked by decision making in office.



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- For the past 3 years I am concerned with regard to the the program to densify areas. With many of these new apartments we have lost access to the benefit daily sunlight and created wind tunnels if we want to enjoy the outdoors the local residents should influence decisions & not the builders.
- Building communities that focus on being "ecovillages" which promote walking and biking and making highways for cars which circulate the community. Cars are much more efficient when they are not constantly intersecting with pedestrians.
- Anything you do is a complete waste of money. Quit spending our money and reduce our taxes
- We do not need the city to waste money on separate departments for "Climate". We have been told that there is no market for recycled material - so why are we collecting it? Climate change is a natural and ever present phenomena that has happened over millennia. We cannot change that.
- Reducing energy consumption is key. It will only become more expensive in the future. Ensuring citizens understand what is energy intensive (packaging, not local, etc) and what isn't is important.
- Climate adaptation, including protection of the Bow watershed (and conservation of water) and promoting a healthy urban forest (to stabilize the climate locally) will be key in coming years. Climate change is a global issue, but we will feel it's effects locally regardless of international action.
- Native landscapes, grow food, reduce carbon. Need my carbon offset again? My carbon offset is based on all of these, plus bees.
- stop the sprawl  
improve existing communities
- Match population growth and urban development to the limits of our watershed and water availability. Reduce urban sprawl and greenfield development. Protect natural areas for ecosystems, not primarily for human recreation.
- You can't choose just one - change must be across all areas, as the whole of these areas is the actual ecosystem; creating a "green city".
- Ban toxic chemicals that pollute our air, water and/or land. The CO2 issue has distracted politicians from focusing on the true pollutants.
- Reduce the use of cars in Calgary and give more space to pedestrians, bikers and overall natural environment. This will help clean the air, bring more 'peace' and life downtown. We need to make the downtown greener for our health, wellness but also reputation.
- I think the city is doing a good job in these areas. No further action is needed.
- Solar panels, wind, moving away from coal (I heard they just approved a new coal plant?). More vibrant park areas. More sustainable food supply by producing more food in and around the city. On the former, there are companies looking to grow in the city
- The biggest impact and threat is global warming / climate change. We must act now. Only solution is alternative energy. Changing to walking, public transit, etc won't fix the issues. Those are just a temporary bandage. Also, we are way behind and running out of time. We must act now.
- We need to improve our public transit giving people the opportunity to use a more efficient LRT system. We need to stop putting human waste into our rivers and allow safe use of swimming and such. These are important for a cleaner more enjoyable city.



- We need to take responsibility for our actions against the environment because future generations shouldn't be left lacking and have to pay the price for our carelessness and irresponsibility.
- Advocate for protecting our water upstream as well as through our city limits watershed. Further garbage/recycling sorting efficiencies, construction waste will not be effectively sorted with out mandate. It costs money to sort, need to make it cost money if you don't...
- 1)Less concrete, more green environments. Focus on soil health and plant many more trees to offset carbon. 2)Consider birds and other wildlife habitat. 3) Emulate Paris by creating a healthy water system w/o chlorine n chemicals, Calgary's water makes us and our animals sick.
- healthy ecosystems are critical to sustaining health and well being.
- Sustainable neighbourhoods and healthy ecosystems. Communities need to be designed in a way that promote sustainable lifestyles; more efforts also needed to protect vital natural areas and biodiversity.
- Revenue neutral carbon taxes, which increase year over year. Anthropometric climate change is the paramount problem facing the world today.
- Mostly we just need to be fighting the mines in the east rockies because if mining waste gets into the bow or elbow rivers we could have a health crisis on our hands. Also more work should be done to keep our parks clean many local parks are full of trash and it is not cleaned regularly enough.
- Sustainable Neighborhoods: affordable housing; green space (gardens and greenhouses); access to healthy food (no food deserts); designed around walking and biking and well-connected to public transit; mixed income levels to counter NIMBYism; and incorporates principles of universal design.
- I think it is important that a transition away from non-renewable energy sources is emphasized. The diversification of our economy through variable renewable energy methods would allow for significant career opportunities that don't solely depend on the demand of a single resource.
- Use of native plants
  - Single-use plastic regulation
  - Lawn and yard chemical regulation
  - Lawn watering regulation
  - Healthy wetlands in the city
  - Trees. Diverse urban forests
- Reducing urban sprawl, focusing on densification, increasing sustainable (and active) transportation options will create a healthy and sustainable future for Calgarians and allow for reallocation of funds to other initiatives. For example, moving money from road repairs to bike paths and LRTs.
- People in this city throw away all sorts of things, demolish functional buildings. Is there a recycling program for anything anymore? Why are so many buildings being demolished for "density" when there are parking lots everywhere? Why can't the Green Line go down Centre St Bridge and Centre St?
- Stopping the sprawl by putting a protected green-belt around the boarder of the city. Stimulate retrofits of aging communities to improve building envelope efficiency. Require developers to install geothermal wells for all new construction. Have enmax offer Alberta Solar Club rates (\$0.22/kWh)



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- Calgarians are kind of gross. I'm talking dog poo, masks, bleach wipes ... it is depressing how much garbage we have even in the burbs. We need to learn to clean up after ourselves.
- We will all die as a species if we dont correct our environment
- Because we need to act responsibly and locally for having a sustainable development, so that we have offer our children the same or better quality of life than what we have now.
- Policies need to be put in place to reduce waste and improve the environment and water quality
- I want to see waste to energy. Why are we putting items into landfill that can create energy rather than rot away??  
The mess to c of c did with the plastic food shells was an indication how waist and recycling is so far out of touch. If that plastic can's be recycled why bury it, energy from it!
- Number 1 - protect our water sources. It is the one thing that everyone needs. Use energy more efficiently and use more sustainable forms of energy. Building codes for new builds need to enforce a net zero construction.
- We need to stop coal mining, reduce our reliance on oil and gas, remove barriers and increase incentives for organic and regenerative farming. We need legislation in place targeted against planned obsolescence. We need to invest in our local economy, small business, tourism and agriculture
- I think we need to reduce urban sprawl. It would be nice to live in an environment where you can walk or bike to the majority of your day to day needs. It's very difficult to live without a car in Calgary.
- I believe we need to start cleaning up the issues that we already have before we can start to build on... Cleaning up our ecosystems, air, energy efficiency, etc, are all things at the core, we are a wasteful society we need to learn to be better...build on once we get things in place functioning.
- Protecting the Elbow/Bow Rivers and banks with policies, laws, policing and monitoring so all can enjoy is of utmost importance. It should be unacceptable to allow the River or its banks to be damaged/polluted/disrespected. When I see people "camping" along the Rivers in violation is maddening.
- Educate Calgarians toward a cultural change of how wastefully we use energy. We must fully embrace climate action and no longer pander to the few among us who deny the science. We as a global community are facing a serious threat to our very survival as a species.
- Our government needs to start taking climate change as a pressing issue instead of re-election. These are not just platform topics to be brought up every 4 years, they are problems which need to be addressed now. Gorverments need toinvestment into renewable energy and into public transport system
- In general, I believe actions within all of these categories need to be exerted to ensure a healthy and sustainable future. Though, since we live in such an oil-driven province, adapting efficient and sustainable means of energy should be given the most concern.
- We need to stop wasting resources and drastically limit the use of plastics.
- Switch to green energy sources, and power storage systems. Stop using oil bad gas for power.





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- education not indoctrination there are many ways to be environmental
- Work toward making more accessible to pedestrian use. More walking, biking. Manage urban sprawl. Continue to improve public transportation.
- Plan for a compact city. Otherwise, sustainable transportation will not be obtainable and more of our watershed will get paved over.
- Remove nenshi from office ASAP. He must not damage this city any further!
- Education and empathy training. If people do not grasp the relevance of a behaviour, compliance and collective change become much harder to get. I remember hearing that empathy is taught in schools in Denmark. That country rates consistently near or at the top of the happiness ratings.
- We should focus on green communities and water. We have high-quality water, but we need to educate more people on how lucky we are to have clean water. If we can improve our water awareness, we can use less of it. Also, if we start making green communities now, we can reduce future emissions.
- Calgary should limit population growth and migration.
- Take all and any opportunities to expand green spaces - for example, turn retired city golf courses into multi-use parks rather than selling them to developers.
- Reduce the barriers for people to walk, cycle or take transit. incorporate other businesses/facilities in transit stations. More connected bike lanes. Indoor public multi-use shelters for people to socialize, access washrooms. More indoor and outdoor gardens. Stop sprawling development.
- Scrap future developments which make our city's environmental footprint larger, stop building freeways, invest in transit and infrastructure to encourage commuting by cycling/walking. Slowly modify established neighborhoods to have a mix of residences/businesses.
- Limiting election contributions and full disclosure would help reduce imbalance of influence from Developers and allow greater opportunity to reform land use and development rules so that legislation, policies and practises could be improved and more proactive environmental protection brought about.
- water stewardship, we can't destroy the clean water we have with coal mining.
- WE need to make it our first priority. All proposed developments must be measured against their potential benefits and detrimental effects on our environment.
- Reduce the waste, air pollution--use electric cars, solar power, build recycling facilities in the city, instead of ship them to other city or country.
- We need to strengthen and protect environmental policy, and ensure than an incoming government can't overthrow, rescind, or modify it.
- Global warming and Climate Change are catchphrases for new markets. There is no proof that humans are contributing to, or that the changes in environmental conditions are related to human activities. It is more likely that it is the earth's natural phases.
- Stand up to the GOA and demand they reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy and put a full stop to open pit coal mines in our eastern slopes and headwaters.



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- I believe that the preservation and management of watersheds must be a top priority for the city. All life depends on waterways. Why else would the city be built at the convergence of the two largest rivers in the area? If watersheds are in pristine condition the rest of the environment will follow.
- We must take a multifaceted approach. From a circular (donut) economy to regenerative agriculture to zero waste/emissions. In order to successfully achieve these goals we must first start by properly educating the public. We cannot take the necessary action without them.
- More compact cities generate more opportunities for locally housed solutions. The sprawl depletes resources and increases stratification.
- Deal with plastic bags (ban) and work toward ensuring microplastic pollution does not invade our water supply. Also, we need to be more definitive about energy efficiency - what does that look like for everyday Calgarians versus utility scale solutions.
- Fight to stop the coal mining. It will effect Calgarians access to clean water, and effect our aquatic wildlife.  
Lets create jobs and sustainability by utilizing new technologies, rather than relying on out-dated industries that will only prevent tourism and lower quality of life.
- There is no more time. The debate is over. Now we must act and that must begin with policy.
- Government lead by example and consult with citizens, because government should have a progressive position and creatively integrate with local circumstances.
- Continue to improve recycling initiatives, protect waterways, reduce air pollution.
- Cleaner energy which will cut down on air pollution
- Businesses need to be held accountable for the effects they have on the environment and the impact this has on our plans to become a green city, province and country.
- The City continues to grant permission to build additional housing estates - these consume far too many resources to build (water, sewer, fire). The City should focus on building up the downtown area - and now we have 30% vacancy rate - there are buildings that could be converted instead of buildin
- We should do everything in our power to make our city as efficient as possible. This includes STOPPING the city's expansion, investing in public transit (ex Green Line), protecting renewable resources, increasing energy efficiency in EVERY building to reduce energy consumption, limiting waste, etc.
- Protect natural areas. I have seen how all our trees have been cut in the Aspen area and Coach Hills. It has been a lot if damage with no government intervention.
- It is important to make Calgary a city where living environmentally responsible should be encouraged and easy to do
- Stop supporting oil drilling. Defund companies that drill oil and gas. Fund environmental groups and renewable energy companies and research.
- The key action is the Sustainable Transportation-Make walking, cycling, and public transit preferred mobility choices.



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- I think we need to have BIPOC leaders at the helm to help ensure that no one gets left behind and to ensure that Calgary's environmental policy is informed by a reciprocal understanding of our place on Earth.
- Start charging people more for water USAGE; reduce distribution costs. People will only reduce consumption if they see a direct connection between the WATER they are using and the cost they pay. High distribution charges mean people use more water since it is cheap. Add parks and green spaces.
- These are all important and are support one another. The biggest threat is climate change and all of the actions outlined above are needed to both mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.
- Honestly, when I think of my responses, I am not sure what "key action" needs to take place to provide a healthy and sustainable environmental future. I want to focus on what the ecosystem can provide for humans and what we can provide for it. In this way, we may be able to find a proper balance.
- Focus on the renewal of our wild lands. Efforts to integrate nature as part of the city. Neshi seems to think art is important and spends a lot of money on having be part of Calgary. I say adding natural elements, growth of green space, parks, trees, and protected habitat for wildlife is artful.
- 100% climate action - we are at a tipping point in our world and drastically need to mitigate climate change for the sake of our future
- Stop the sprawl. Introduce a greenbelt that acts as a hard barrier to development. Introduce property tax credits for naturalized yards and charge developers a levy for tree removal (value of the tree + carbon offset equivalent). This \$ would be collected into a fund to plant trees/naturalize spaces
- We need to take almost all of the above actions. Affordable safe housing with sustainable transportation to get around in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save the planet. If we don't take action soon there will not be an environment for us to live with.
- We need to make the city more biking friendly (without using the river path) and enforce recycling/composting.
- Downtown needs more accessible housing to reduce need for having to travel further and further to the downtown core for work after COVID is resolved and companies go back to offices.
- The green cart and blue cart are already costly and being subsidized enough
- I think any action would help. One small step at a time - make sure it's something that is manageable and we'll soon be able to make much bigger changes once we start.
- Reduce GHG!! Therefore - focus on (1) Sustainable Transportation and (2) Efficient Energy Use. But it's a false choice. ALL of these items are important.
- When making decisions, consider the long range impacts, not just 'cheapest' today.
- Each of the areas mentioned are important. It is a connected system. The key action for Calgary is to allocate sufficient funds for each. The City needs to allocate funds in the budget otherwise you are wasting people's time with engagement.



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- Prevent urban sprawl (build up not out). This will help almost every aspect of the environment. Reduced transportation distances (fuel consumption), provide more space for farms and parks, contain pollution/disturbance from human activity, allow greater habitat for wildlife etc.
- Consider sustainable action not only from an environment lense, but also social justice lense. Vulnerable populations are more at risk of living in an unhealthy, urban environment. Inclusion and diversity should be integrated within each area of work.
- Protecting access to water and reducing energy consumption on behalf of individuals where possible (e.g. public transport, pandemic notwithstanding) can go a long way towards ensuring sustainability.
- Leave well enough alone. Preserve natural areas and quit letting developers run roughshod over unique habitats and landscape. I literally moved from Montgomery Bowness when the city allowed the paskapoo escarpment to be decimated with ugly infill and estate homes.
- Reducing our waste. Garbage, use of disposable items, waste such as emissions from buildings and vehicles. I think doing this will help with all the other areas. One area that is receiving little attention, but contributes greatly to waste is disposable diapers.
- The City has the power to implement policies to encourage sustainability (e.g. green roofs, green infrastructure, banning of single use plastics beyond straws/plastic bags, etc). The City also has a role to play in encouraging and educating citizens to do their individual part in waste management.
- Make changes to adapt to climate change which is real and coming. Efforts to stop climate change will not be successful. Those who promote this concept are ignorant and arrogant members of the human species. Spend the money to adapt, not to foolishly think humans are more powerful than nature.
- We need bold and powerful leadership that will not sway to special interest groups. We must be progressive in our thinking and create a framework for change that has policies with significant financial consequences for those who do not contribute to the betterment of society.
- Only take an action or make a change if it is going to save the city money
- I think people need to change in general, and reduce the consumption of animal products. It is most important to lower our waste, and the meat and dairy industry is the main cause of the climate crisis. We can thrive without harming animals and the planet, however, many choose to ignore this fact.
- Under sustainable transport, you cite walking, cycling, and public transport. While these are better for the environment than driving, individual transport is still necessary. There should be an equal focus on making that sustainable by incentivizing the sale of renewable energy vehicles.
- We need to focus on reducing fossil fuel use and the pollution of our air land and water. These initiatives need to be priorities for all individuals and all levels of government.
- All of these are very important and I think we need to see much more leadership from The City of Calgary and other levels of government, as well as businesses and other levels of society in moving them forward.
- 1. Improve public transit by prioritizing the Green Line and extending the Blue Line to the Airport and Aspen. I would also like to see the prov/fed gov'ts offering rebates for electric vehicles, while City builds out infrastructure.



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## 2. Improve recycling, particularly plastics. Where does it go?

- These are all very interrelated, so I chose what I see as the critical overarching themes that will have positive trickle down effects to other areas. As far as I know we are also doing well in terms of natural areas and protection of clean water (at the municipal level).
- I live in a high density part of the city. Downtown has very few parks reducing the amount of trees we have to clean the air. Condo buildings don't use efficient windows, as a result creating cold during the winter and high heat during the summer. Noise pollution is an issue as well. We quiet cars.
- We must look into more ways to improve our environment. We can look at other countries that ahead of us in this field, and learn from their mistakes.
- Compact and liveable communities. Urban sprawl is the greatest threat to managing our environmental impact.
- We need to put a moratorium on outward development and intensify existing neighborhoods and invest in their existing neighborhood, park, school and business infrastructure so that communities are effectively self-sufficient within a 5 km radius.
- Emissions reduction is a way to open the door for other solutions like healthier ecosystems and water, sustainable communities, and transportation.
- Well - outside of Calgary - we need to stop the coal mines. That is an absolutely unforgivable disgraceful action of the provincial government. In Calgary we should try to focus on sustainable transportation as Calgary is still far behind most other cities.
- We need slowly move towards elimination of fossil fuels over the next 20-50+ yrs, keeping step with technology. Electric does not yet work for us that drive to Vancouver in 10 hrs on a weekend. I like most Calgarians cannot afford to replace my old vehicle and would not until electric meets my needs
- The city needs to ensure lights are synchronized potholes fixed and garbage picked up. Kindly[removed] on vietually anything else
- Put a stop to human impact on the environment
- The city council needs to make informed decisions. There is plenty of green energy studies being done so we need to look to countries who are leading the charge (I.e. Europe). It is incredibly important to push for a greener environment.
- better buildings. reduce new community developments in far corners of the city
- It is difficult to change the actions of people. Focus should be on creating offsets such as tree planting.
- Realistic goals rather than WOKE DREAMS of utopia where it requires even more fossil fuels to produce your solar panel. A solar panel can not mine the silver,copper, lithium etc it requires to produce it.
- Reduce sprawl; protect the lands on the outskirts of the city. Stop building on ecosystems and re-distribute population within the city instead. This can be linked with an economic action plan which seeks to understand and prevent so-called gentrification of older areas.



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- We need to act now. The councilors need to get out and talk to people and need to raise these issues immediately. You have a moral obligation to do this for citizens of this city so get to it.
- Our city has a massive sprawl problem. We need to first stop building large communities that push our city boundaries and then focus on building the environmental infrastructure of the community.
- Albertans s/b able to have grey water tanks in their homes. The City itself needs to stop expanding! We need a better recycling program than the one we have! There s/b tougher restrictions on developments, tearing old homes down considering our landfill is around 75% construction materials.
- Protecting our environment, and preparing for our future now is a necessary action for our own peace of mind and the wellbeing of future generations.
- I think the biggest action we can take in Calgary is to limit/prevent city spread; build up instead of out, make the city more compact, with family-size apartments. This in itself, along with good infrastructure choices, will improve the environmental impact of every Calgarian.
- We should protect and preserve the environment by adding more trash cans to major parks like Nose Hill, promote electric cars and the use of wind and solar power around the province and city.
- Making our environment more sustainable is a huge value of mine so all of these are things I think about all the time. I think mitigating the impact of climate change now can make Calgary an appealing place to live for decades.
- For example, why do people need to wrap their bananas in a plastic bag. It has a skin that you are going to peel off and throw away. Ban ALL single use plastics and clam shell plastics.
- we need to do all we can to reduce our GHG emissions and we need to protect and augment our natural areas as carbon sinks. our future survival depends on it.
- Educate & Change. More recycling/compost/water collection, 100% collected not recycled. Overhaul Permits, fine/remove offenders. More natural spaces in communities. Schools incorporate respect w/gardens (foodbank), composting, garbage pickup-eg Japan. Better transit. More eat, work, live communities
- We need to massively reduce the size of government by permanently eliminating entire departments and drastically decreasing the number of public sector unions employees across the board.
- Restore native biodiversity
- I feel our success comes from sustainable neighborhoods. Make it easier for people to walk to pick up daily essentials, for entertainment and safety enjoy walks and other outdoor activities. This city is spread out a lot and cold winters are what force us to drive our cars. Transit is inefficient
- Again. Less government involvement, however I'm very concerned about wasted tax dollars being spent towards a recycling program...where items are NOT being recycled. Further, there are leaf programs that promote increased property values...which really only benefit government 'friends'.
- Mitigating the effects of climate change and utilizing alternative energy sources should be prioritized. Our abundance of natural sunlight makes Calgary a prime candidate for the use of solar panels, but I would be encouraged by any action that moves us away from relying on fossil fuels.



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- All other options means humans want to do something with the environment. Just don't touch it and stay away.
- I'm happy with the ways are right now for the most part maybe we could hire some more people to pick up litter in the parks some of them look trashy
- Understand how much air pollution we generate through the buildings and infrastructure we allow; the climate of the entire world is at risk.
- The City needs to provide incentives/resources to citizens to assist the process of decarbonization. Incentives should match the scale of change needed - deep energy retrofits should come deep incentives for carbon reductions and not just small/incremental rebates. Free transit is another example.
- All of these priorities are important if we think about planning for the future with 7th generation thinking in mind. Why is Calgary's footprint always growing- the urban sprawl on the west end of the city needs to stop.
- Not building the new train line over princes island park, ensuring the damn isn't affecting the wetlands and the elbow. Consulting the First Nations in same.
- Cooperate with other levels of governments to vastly reduce the use of plastics and discourage the throw away mentality.  
Implement a do not idle law when temperatures are above -10 C.
- The city should supply more trees than just one for houses in new neighbourhoods. Parks get many trees but houses get one. This should change to make our neighborhoods greener and help with clean air
- Stronger environmental policies accompanied by an outreach program to inform citizens and industries about the changes and the reasons behind them (broader than web-based).
- Climate change could be a touchy and often, privileged subject. By working together and including diverse voices on the table (ie. inclusive languages, reducing language barriers), we can build an equitable and sustainable community that works for everyone.
- Making companies and governments take more responsibility. A lot of time people will only go as far as they are told to, so legislation is necessary. Then education when it comes to personal responsibility, and teaching people how to take care of things in their own backyard.
- Keeping natural areas just that, restoring parkland and not further developing out.
- No overcrowding of homes and roads; make recycling, composting, and garbage easy; require restaurants to use compostable containers. This is important because high density means less space/natural areas and more pollution, and creates high risk for the next pandemic.
- Everything is interconnected. How can we improve our air, water or ecosystems without also taking action on GHG emissions, reducing waste etc? If we want to do more than survive we have to find better ways of doing things - ways that enhance our quality of life without destroying the environment.
- The waste infrastructure needs to improve, for example have you ever seen an in side out garbage bag from a garbage can flying up in the wind? The bag is still attached but the garbage well-



intentioned people put there is now gone. Special attention should be made to improve cans near the river.

- Mandatory recycling, sorting, composting, etc. Delivering fines to households and businesses that don't comply
- Impede capitalism
- Focusing on a green economy. Calgary is so steeped in O&G that the general population will not want to make changes until it benefits them economically. Don't just shed the image of O&G paradise, actively become an economic hub for green energy.
- Climate adaptation is the number one concern. Responding to this issue involves many of the other focus areas and can start with the government prioritizing efficient energy use, decreasing waste and urban sprawl, and building healthy neighbourhoods.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle. Our world has too much one time use items. This is what is destroying the planet, not ghg
- Reduce brightness of street lights. With LEDs everything is brighter.  
Grocery stores have open fridges - no doors. Consider bylaw - fridges with doors.  
Real support for microgen. Enmax support is a joke.  
Carbon tax  
Electric buses  
Less water demanding lawns  
Composting for restaurants, stores
- Incentives is the best way.. Albertans always talk money...
- We need to plan for sustainable communities. No more suburban expansion which leads to increased vehicle dependence. Medium-density housing with public green spaces will create walkable, sustainable, and energy-efficient communities. A holistic (and bold) plan will help tackle many of these areas.
- Cease all activity. Terminate all such spending. Calgary's taxpayers do not support, and specifically oppose ALL of these initiatives.
- Better city planning for communities
- Reduce waste and consumption (unfortunately this usually needs to start with manufacturers), and protecting our headwaters (quality and quantity) for drinking and fish & wildlife use
- Efficient Energy and Healthy Ecosystems. Calgary is a city with lots of potential and great reputation. When we make changes it is viewed on a Global Scale. It's time we stepped up and get with the future.
- The largest issue in answering questions like this for me is that it is all connected and an important component of being environmentally responsible. The most important for the city is probably transit as that will have the largest impact on other categories as well, such as air quality.
- Responsible government
- Reduce consumption and waste.
- All important. I guess focusing on green transit and development an waste diaposal





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- 100000% make the city less car reliant. Continue the investment in biking infrastructure, shared pathways, transit and most importantly of all, Transit Oriented Development. We are miles behind other cities when it comes to vibrant TOD.
- The three most important responses are similar in waste / energy reduction. With these as a fundamental the others and impacts of the reductions will follow.
- Reduce urban sprawl and improve transit corridors and connections between communities. Too many isolated suburbs.
- Complacency is the enemy of the good. Calgary and Ab are very complacent worried about grasping stuff when we can all have much better quality of life without that stuff.
- Again air quality is an easy solution gas vs wood fire pits. Or completely eradicate all fire pits and smokers in Calgary neighborhoods. Plant more trees and shrubs in parks and water shed areas. Educate public and have school kids use reusable containers and no plastics and paper waste products.
- I am all for more sustainable clean energy, but it is governments that makes it challenging. Just try to get away from paying energy bills by going solar..... we are locked into being grid tied and will continue to pay even if we are self sustained. There is not enough characters allowed to answer
- provide local open spaces, reduce the upkeep and energy costs on our infrastructure, and redevelop existing communities rather than continue to support sprawl and unreasoned development.
- PUBLIC TRANSIT AND HIGHER TAXES FOR HIGH INCOME EARNERS.
- One is encouraging good bee habitat.
- Less waste and use of fossil fuels in our everyday lives. Be healthier and more active. BUILD communities where people have access to most things they need with 20 minute walk and connect through active transport corridors (safe ones). Open spaces for the community to move through and interact.
- Managing transport is very important to me when thinking about the environment. Transit could adopt a similar system to Edmonton where the biological wastes are used as biofuel to power buildings and trains. Efficient and reliable busing will also help create sustainable way of life for Calgarians.
- We need to achieve GHG emissions reductions rather than increase them each year. This means planning a SMART city, prioritizing transit and active transportation, leading by example, implementing the Climate Resilience Strategy. We are currently not succeeding at any of these.
- Companies need to be held accountable for packaging and waste so less is put on the end user. Less packaging. Less plastic. More initiatives for companies that encourage replacement parts rather than replacing the whole
- Little impact from municipal actions, therefore should not be a priority.
- Key action: stop thinking in terms of what businesses want, 'need', and start thinking in terms of harm, 'life' , joy and regeneration
- Air, water, and park spaces are the keys in my estimation.



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- Land use policies and public transportation planning go hand in hand. Ideally these would be in the same City department.
- Well for starters, do not encourage the use of electric vehicles, lithium batteries are extremely dangerous not to mention when they are disposed of they have a high cost to the environment. Instead encourage hydrogen fuel cells and rotary engine valves.
- Sustainable transportation choices, because in a car-centric sprawling city like Calgary it's difficult to move around without a car. And smaller changes like this could also pave the way for bigger changes like density zoning and lead to improved air quality.
- Long-term environmental sustainability must be integrated into every aspect of the City. The City should invest in active transportation and incentivize waste diversion.
- Keeping as much nature in our city- designing infrastructure to allow nature to continue
- clean air as it is most important to existing
- Clean water and watershed management.
- We have to move forward thoughtfully and rationally. Some initiatives the City has undertaken are well intentioned but misguided. I don't like these type of surveys where words are put in people's mouths, I think they are usually misinterpreted.
- I'm less interested in hearing about how our actions impact the world at large, what are the local impacts? I want to continue to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and have healthy trees and parks in my community. How do we achieve this without it costing more or drastically changing my habits?
- reducing greenhouse gasses
- The integration of local food systems and urban agriculture into our city. This is ESSENTIAL as we continue to sprawl and eat up farm land, and depend on imports for the majority of our food supply. Local, urban agriculture can promote environmental regeneration while being profitable.
- Limit growth of city, improve public public transport (let us curb those monster vehicles that make up for 90 % of the private vehicles, while the weather and road conditions are not suitable for smaller cars), and manage recycling better.
- We need to accept that not everyone wants to live jammed right next to each other like sardines in a can - and plan accordingly. The city needs space for people to have a personal escape from the crowding (backyards, etc). Efficient personal transportation is required.
- Put an end to urban sprawl. Save our farmlands and natural areas.
- Local Government needs to keep out of anything environmental- completely.
- All of these focus areas will be an important part of achieving and maintaining a healthy environment. They are also connected to one another. For example, a climate adaptation plan needs to include a plan to protect, restore, and enhance natural areas, parks, and trees.
- Reduce emissions, leave oil and gas in the past and invest in green energy solutions. The faster we make this transition the better off the people in those industries will be in the long run. They need to make changes which will be hard but those industries are harmful to our planet.
- All of these are absolutely crucial and need to be addressed right now if we want to lessen the inevitable detrimental effects of our over-consumption. We don't have time to waste.



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- So many people tune their trucks to emit extra pollution, coal rolling, just for the heck of it. Here you are wasting scarce tax resources on all kinds of [removed] when two thirds of the diesel half ton trucks in YYC run with their emissions systems removed. Get a grip on what is important dude.
- There should be no products in stores which are not 100% recyclable including packaging. Everything that is manufactured should be repairable.
- A healthy environmental future is based on the recognition of human rights as an aspect of environmental rights. I have a close friend with a feeding tube who is paying something like \$100 monthly for extra garbage tags because the garbage waste products of a medical condition are not accommodated.
- You, and your entire department, need to resign so that the City can stop squandering scarce resources on frivolous activities. The environment is already covered by the Federal and Provincial governments. Meanwhile, you are sucking tax dollars from businesses that are barely surviving.
- Create vibrant communities with infrastructure that encourages people to dispense with their cars.
- More initiatives for the public and businesses to make environmentally friendly changes. I feel there are some good strategies in place, but they are not used to full extent. Environmentally friendly choices are also not always the cheaper option and seems to be available to those who have money.
- Drive energy, water and waste efficiency
- Calgary's ongoing sprawl is getting ridiculous. More focus should be in building up not out. We have prime real estate undeveloped down town. Build residential towers with commercial space on the bottom. Adopt live, work and play communities. The sprawl out words puts huge strains on resources.
- Protect wetlands and reclaim former wetland if possible.
- I think we need to introduce styrofoam recycling and do more bin audits and PSAs about the bun system so people are using it more effectively and less is put in the trash. If public transit went further I think less people would drive, but that's going to take a long time.
- I love Calgary and how huge and populous and exciting it has become, but I am concerned that the environment might not be able to support unbound population growth. Will there be enough water for another million? Will the landscape tolerate the use and abuse it is subjected to by another million? &c
- Emissions reduction is key to slowing or halting global warming along with increasing and protecting green space for the purpose of CO2 sequestration/reduction. Healthy water is essential to supporting life and robust ecosystems that can better mitigate climate change impacts.
- The city should focus on self centralized communities incorporating large business and commercial parks surrounded by large residential districts all within the community and decentralize downtown by restricting future development downtown.
- The best action is to preserve our parks and keep them accessible, and is definitely NOT to try to implement restrictive planning measures to densify the city. It's not up to the government to tell citizens what kind of communities they should have.



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- Adopt the permaculture ethics as guiding principles. Government needs to start backing green energy ie solar, wind and helping people transition to electric vehicles or transit. We need to think forward and look to other European nations like Norway who are transitioning away from oil to renewables
- Reduce/eliminate sprawl
- This push for walking, cycling and mass transit is a joke. This is Canada and it gets cold for half the year. Also, who is going to pay for the roadway infrastructure when pedestrians and cyclists and bus riders don't pay provincial registration fees or taxes at the pump? This council is moronic
- Protect wildlife species whether it's birds, squirrels, bears, cougars, coyotes, etc. Spread awareness and respect for wildlife and ecosystems. Stop building outwards and begin building upwards.
- Protect quality of natural environments, air and water
- We need a strategy for sustained growth. The pace at which the city has been growing at is outrageous. I'm frustrated by the suburbs and how much more affordable it is for many when realistically there are huge infrastructure considerations that have costs tax payers shouldn't be on the hook for.
- bike lanes, community hubs, engaging and connecting schools
- Being sustainable can be about band-aids, it needs to be structural first. More specifically, I am more concerned about the development of new neighbourhoods that are on the outskirts of the City and require more roads, more infrastructure, more fuel for everything than I am about green space.
- Environmental and climate wise policy needs to be embedded across all decisions and actions moving forward. The city needs to integrate this into all departments and as part of a triple bottom line. Any new capital projects or investments need to be driven by this. Buildings, no new communities
- Each neighbourhood should have a pretty high street + supports good quality biz. Focus on walkable grocery + restaurants. More walking/biking bridges to connect communities for flow that do not involve cars. Put more trees on 3rd Av + Parkdale blvd to keep tree line continuous + connected to Memorial Dr.
- All of the focus areas are important and interconnected. One action that could have a positive impact is to leverage urban food production as a tool to achieve impact and as a model to demonstrate, throughout the city, what a healthy environment looks like and how to achieve it.
- I think the city needs to lead in an aggressive campaign to make the environment forefront in \*businesses\* minds, and in our economic development - otherwise we will get nowhere.
- Focus on watershed protection to help mitigate flood risk and protect our drinking water. I think Calgary has a great recycling and composting program so let's keep building on that. Perhaps some initiatives could be put in place to limit packaging, eg., why is produce often wrapped in plastic?
- Reduce vehicle pollution by Traffic Optimization AND address the "traffic dissatisfaction" of our road users by decreasing stop times, consecutive red lights etc.

I do not now nor ever will use transit services (like hundreds of thousands of others)

Save us all time, money and energy. Please!



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- The city can stop wasting resources and look at ways to conserve energy, money and manpower in providing city services. Focus on the basics and stop this "pie-in-the-sky" navel gazing.
- condensed living spaces should be a priority, stopping the sprawl of the major cities should be seriously considered, protecting our parks and resources is as important, worrying about floods that only occur once in a 100 yrs should not be a priority
- Prepare for tangible threats, such as floods, but do not wrap it in environmentalist ideology.
- Stop prioritizing snow clearing on bike lanes over residential streets
- All these areas are important because they are complimentary. You cannot do one without doing the other simultaneously. Calgary is an innovative city and needs to be environmentally forward.
- We need to cap the physical growth of the city. It is big enough. I weep for the native prairie that's being destroyed to make room for more ugly Jaymen homes. Make a long term strategy that focuses on improving the footprint we already have by making the city more bike/public transit/walk friendly.
- As I have stated it is our collective responsibility to ensure a sustainable environmental future. The key action needed is to listen actively to the responses of citizens and take quick positive actions that reflect those responses and ideas.
- Lower Green house gas emissions. It is proven that high emissions does have a negative impact on our ecosystems. I would start by banning wood burning firepits/fireplaces. The particulates in smoke is very harmful.
- Build if necessary
- Promote active transportation and mass transit options - more bicycling infrastructure (especially geared towards less confident cyclists), more transit options
- The city needs to shift it's focus away from created further urban sprawl. The current city boundaries are ridiculously large already. We need to create healthy and walk-able neighborhoods to enjoy. Our current systems forces residents to need cars, as those in the outskirts have poor transit
- Further incentives for people to reduce their waste, like from making it in the first place. More business that sell bulk refillable things, incentive to ride bike to work, electric cars, CARPOOL LANES on Deerfoot. More city community garden plots.
- We need to teach our kids how to use less of our resources. As an example, turning of the light when leaving a room, not to keep water running, use water barrels in the summer etc.
- Learn how to run a city. Your costs are out of control. Your budget should be slashed by 50% or more. Like everyone else in the province. Letting the city take full pay while noone else is working is truly disgusting. [removed]
- Clean air, clean water, recycling and reduced waste will enhance the health and quality of life for everyone which in turn will create a prosperous and happy population.
- I think Calgary is doing just fine. Our environment is great. Let's not get crazy by adding any useless and expensive measures.
- Slow down on urban sprawl that is segmenting ecosystems and begin/ continue preservation and restoration activities in critical areas... not just in pretty parks but where we actually need to do restoration...



- Once covid is behind us, keep attending conferences and set up booths (ie, Seedy Saturday etc.) to educate Calgarians about what the city is doing, and also what Calgarians can do to help with the effort to become more environmentally sustainable.
- Living in a majorly conservative city, it is extremely important to act on climate change. Although our highest paid industry is oil and gas, I'd like to sleep better at night knowing we are doing something about the climate crisis immediately. For the future of our world, we need to act now.
- Consider the future in decisions and capital expenditure. Make sure city planners have input in developing Calgary and not just developers interested in making money. Calgary in some ways looks like a city of the 70s ... square, high density, and ugly. No imagination or respect for aesthetics.
- calgary needs to prepare for climate change now while taking steps to mitigate pollution
- More water fountains for reusable bottles. Better routes for transportation to make the entire city accessible by c-train (this is good for tourists who visit Calgary too ). Less expansions of the city, encourages buying second hand homes and less deforesting land around Calgary.
- It is difficult to choose just 1 key action as they are all important and interdependent. All contribute to our health and well being. On a personal level, Sustainable Transportation is the most important to me. Removing our dependence on cars is key. Too much focus is spent on accommodating cars.
- The biggest thing is a greater focus on higher density, mixed use development, and improvements to Calgary Transit.

These will leave more space for green spaces, but more importantly is it is good for the city's bottom line.

These are what young people are looking for in cities, this is the future.

- Ban plastic.
- Reduce urban sprawl and implement the Green Line as promised
- Most of it is not important, but why doesn't the city look into incineration of waste to generate power/heat for buildings like they do in Europe? Instead of burying it burn it and make use of it
- Focus on the areas we already have, expand wildlife pathways (connecting areas), providing beautiful flowers for us and pollinators, less urban runoff so less concrete, etc --> more permeable + light coloured surfaces, quick access to groceries, urban gardens, EASY TRANSPORT, more renewable energy.
- I think we need major retrofit programs for building across the city. Especially multiuse buildings like community halls and recreation centres. I would like to see our schools retrofitted as well. Energy efficiency measures should also be mandated by the City for all new buildings.
- One thing I think you guys forget, is that it really doesn't matter what we do, because Canada is not a driving source of climate issues. You need to put more focus on China and India. You need to put more pressure on foreign nations to clean up their act.
- I'm not an expert so I don't know which areas should take priority but a better relationship with the environment is very important to me. I care about leaving a safe and healthy planet for the next generation of people, and other living things.



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- Water stewardship is essential, protecting and conserving our natural spaces so the earth can regenerate, waste management and consumption needs to be a priority as well
- We need to take environmental degradation seriously. Half measures are no longer adequate. Unfortunately we require tougher policies to address the change that's needed. Calgary's spirit needs to understand that oil and gas is never going to be its bread winner in the same manner it was in the past.
- We need to avoid building in flood prone areas and provide sufficient natural buffers to safeguard both nature as well as our resources and natural infrastructure. We need to work with nature not against it. Being proactive today safeguards our tomorrow!
- A key action would be to invest in better planning/ infrastructure to reduce the need to drive everywhere in the city. For example: better public transportation, bike lanes, amenities generally being less spread out.  
Stewardship of our natural areas and waterways is also a key action.
- Climate Adaptation – Prepare for, and adapt to, climate change impacts. If we focus on this, the solutions that result will address the other actions addressed, because it is all interconnected.
- I believe the decisions made by the City of Calgary in regards to development, transportation and conservation programs have the greatest impact on the population's lived environment compared with those of any other level of government or any organization for that matter. It's time for action.
- Health and environment go hand in hand. Our community once a haven surrounded by fields is now surrounded by warehouses with sounds and bright lights 24x7. This should be balanced by trees and greenery that balance this out
- No more lawn!
- Continued development of car free infrastructure including bike lanes, public transit, and the creating of highly walkable pedestrian corridors to reduce the need for car transport.
- Education re the symbiotic relationship.
- 1. Targeted awareness campaigns and funding regarding housing insulation. See [myheat.ca](http://myheat.ca) for insight. 2. Expand geothermal and district heating, as seen in Edmonton Blatchford and downtown Calgary. Pair this with initiatives to densify near train lines. 3. Electrify bus fleet.
- Get rid of agenda driven politicians. The climate changes and has for billions of years. Man may have some affect but has NO control over the climate. "Zero waste" is a great but totally unattainable and expensive goal.
- None of these are important if we don't have jobs and can't afford to live in this city
- Make walk-able neighbourhoods that encourage walking to get groceries, the library, etc., with local businesses, green spaces
- Maintain existing and plan for future green spaces within the city and then get back to your job of servicing the people that pay your salaries. That means roads, utilities, garbage collection, water. Anything more is "nice to have" and we pretty much can't afford it.



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- Climate changes in Calgary are going to be unaffected due 2 chinooks. I do wish the city would develop better systems to clear roads though. Does turning a lightbulb off really have an impact? Im skeptical. Clean air is impt. Elon put 1b into planting trees. I hate bike lanes. Find ppl work
- You don't always incentivize people to avoid driving well. Monthly transit user fees are rising as parking rates drop, making more people decide to drive. Barriers on the bike lanes were a good idea, feels safe to a non experienced biker. E-scooters also positive overall.

## Barriers

If there were no barriers in your way, what action would you be inspired to take to reduce your impact on our local environment?	What is preventing you from being able to take this action?
Reducing waste through reduction in packaging materials + more community recycling/composting drop offs or pick up of materials beside blue/green bins. Increase commuting via biking/walking/transit if better systems were in place and more local amenities were present.	No way to regulate packaging reductions (that would have to be a gov intervention). Distance to "local" destinations and lack of pathways ultimately makes it more appealing to drive. I want to love transit, but it is so bad in Calgary...hard to justify the time trade off as well as the congestion.
I would not get takeout containers made of non-compostable material	Most restaurants use styrofoam or plastic takeout containers, plastic bags and plastic utensils. The City needs to ban these harmful and wasteful items, especially since plastic "recycling" is a fallacy.
I do alot for the environment, governments don't [removed], look at all the pollution and waste the city of Calgary does how much paper is wasted all old cars... It's crap other countries are advanced. Yyc sucks.	Alberta government needs to take action, instead of hoping for more oil.....[removed]
I don't need to reduce my impact on the environment any further.	Nothing
I would love to see bat roosts at Elliston park to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in the area.	Pretty sure I can't just install those in a park. But someone should be doing it near all of the slews.
Quit expanding the city into the countryside. Quit wasting money on trying to stop climate change.	
The commute to downtown wastes gas and emissions. Bussing takes too long from McKenzie towne. We need the green line	Bad public transportation options
Solar energy, more C-Train lines to provide cleaner transport to more of the city, and major tax increases toward oil and gas powerhouse companies.	Money.





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I tread very lightly anyway , i have lived with nothing so appreciate all that I have . every year we give school kids trees on arbor day but no where to plant them. teach them young and they will be the stewards of tomorrow	nothing i do all i can . I do what needs to be done i dont wait for someone to tell me its ok etc.
Net zero house. No car.	Lack of car-free alternatives outside the inner city - need more bike lanes and pedestrian paths. High cost of making housing upgrades and not knowing what will make the biggest difference - need energy/water audits.
Zero waste from household with products I purchase	Products that are sold come in single use plastic, stirofoam etc
Reduce my use of plastics	Lack of alternative products/packaging
Convert our building to solar power.	Money and condo board
Focus more on consuming local products to reduce carbon footprint	Sometimes there are additional costs or no good options
passive home, geothermal heated home, use of grey water around yard, greenhouse to grow food year round,	Costs are prohibitive and not everything is available for what I envision
I would renovate my townhouse condo to a passive house standard	cost and the fact that the condo corporation is responsible for the exterior
Solar panels, geothermal heating full led lighting in my house, energy efficient appliances	Cost. Every level of government reaching into my pocket and taking more in taxes leaves me with less money to spend on these things.
I would plant more trees on my property and most importantly properly care for them. The City "owns" three trees on my property which were planted in the 1960s and they do not get appropriate care or attention. I could care for them but I am not allowed to due to City rules.	Remove the City regulations which prevent competant home gardeners from looking after the trees which are on private property. It pains me to see how poorly the City tends to my trees once every two to four years.
Try to reduce waste and emissions. Be energy efficient	Cost of upgrading house to energy efficient. Transit is limited in my area. Cheaper sometimes to buy new than fix.
I would love to live a no waste life.	It is next to impossible to buy most items from stores without producing waste.
I would donate more to local charities to help children get the best education possible. I would support food banks to ensure children and adults have access to a secure food source each day, and I would focus on getting people out of work (kids out of school) back working and in school.	Having to worry about high bills due to carbon taxes and city taxes to support programs that are not a cost effective use of my tax dollars.
DOG OWNERS do NOT respect bylaws. DO NOT respect on leash areas. It's a problem. Same with snow removal and weeds in public parks. Seriously! It's not hard. Stop projects that waste money and reinvest into the areas you cut from that now screw the average person. Stop bending to the rich in Calgary.	Um we can't. It's the zoning on your end, the snow removal budgets inadequate, and you think weeds are great! Stop screwing us with huge taxes and use them more responsibly and the city needs to spend less money on its PR, and surveys like this which you never listen to anyways and Pandemic travel.



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make transit free for kids under 18	costs money
None. Environment isn't a priority.	It's been shoved down my throat and the throats of my children so now I don't care.
I constantly try to recycle and reuse. I am always looking for ways to reuse.	Imagine a location in which you could pick used building materials to build into art etc. Reuse. Stop people sending old building materials to the land fill.
Cycling to more places by using any street and not feeling like an annoyance.	Busy streets that can't accommodate cyclists. Sidewalks that are designed only for pedestrians. Cyclists are left out in the dark and always thought as an afterthought.
Suggestion: Encourage restaurants to use compostable food containers instead of plastic ones. We know not a lot of plastics get actually recycled.	None.
Reduce my waste	Lack of producer responsibility for the products and packaging they make = products and packaging that either cannot be reduced, reused or recycled or there is no program in place to divert that material due to lack of funding from producers.
Donate money to causes that work for conservation	Financial
There is nothing I would change about my lifestyle. I support keeping all the Alberta parks. Fortunately none of them have been removed.	If I had more money, I would support conservation initiatives.
My home would instantly be passive building code compliant. My vehicle would not be required 90% of the time because the city is built in a dense manner. My vehicle is electric or hydrogen and only required for longer trips. When I purchase goods, they are no longer made from fossil plastics.	The solution needs to be from the top down. From Bottom-up perspective, individuals only have so much financial room to make changes. Many individuals dont have the foresight to see the benefits of making the switch; the incentives coming from the top-down must be no-brainers to take advantage of.
\$\$\$\$, in order to make choices that are better for the environment, those choices always seem to be in sacrifice of what I can have now. Too much opposing views that one has a hard time knowing what actions actual make an impact and which ones dont.	Lazy, and easier to do things as we have always done. Unfortunately when it comes to change unless there is real instant consequences that is felt. Change is hard.
Time, effort, perception of a reasonable time/rate of return are all difficult	I have already taken a lot of action that my neighbours may have not. To do more would require social changes.
I would walk, bike and transit everywhere. I would have solar on my house and a tankless hot water heater.	Insufficient bike and transit infrastructure. I don't have bus tickets so I can't just hop on a bus easily. It feels unsafe to ride my bike on many streets with parked cars and traffic. Adding solar was not a consideration when my



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	house was build 30 years ago making it more costly now.
I would love to grocery shop zero waste	The shops near me don't have reusable options. I can only get part of what I need at bulk barn but that is a 25 minute drive - - very much missing the point of environmental action!
Replace windows doors furnace and other building structures with higher efficiency. Plant more trees in the park and along the highway.	Cost is too high. For example I want to replace my windows by 8000\$ for a window vs 2\$ more for heating every month for the future. Its not worth cost.  Too much bureaucracy to plant tree. Regardless of underground utilities, if there is an empty spot why cant I plant a tree there vs so many permits
Stop using plastic packaging; turn my back alley into wildlife habitat; use grey water to water my yard; improve house insulation; install solar panels; make my back and front yard more wildlife friendly	not many alternatives to plastic packaging (food etc comes already packaged); not jurisdiction over back alley; I think grey water use is illegal(?); cost of improving insulation a barrier; not sure if solar panels are environmentally friendly; not what to do to improve my yard
Zero waste	zero waste stores are far from my area, and there are no delivery options for most of products from those stores. Also, lots of other daily essentials products come with too many packaging, and some mixed material packaging can not even be recycled.
This isn't about what an individual wants to do or is willing to do, it is about creating societal constructs that make the responsible decision the default for the individual. Asking the individual to "sacrifice" or take on the "burden" to act is victim blaming.	We need to normalize the low carbon pathway, the barrier is a lack of policy and regulatory direction that leads us down that path, not what the individual is willing to or no willing to do.
Less plastic and packaging usage.	Manufacturers need to rethink packaging and use less plastic and or mixed non recyclable packaging.
Recycle all I can but some items that cant be recycled have to go to landfill ..ie small household appliances..would be nice if there was something that could be done with these	No facilities available that I know of
I would like to use public transit more but it's not that convenient. There also aren't many incentives to move from polluting devices/vehicles to less polluting ones in Calgary/Alberta.	Bad policies



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Reduced reliance on cars for transportation around the city. Walkable and livable communities with easy access to grocery stores, businesses and other amenities.	Practicality of leveraging public transportation. Individual cost to use the bus/c-train for trips around the city are doable, but for a family of 4 it makes more sense to drive and park in many cases.
BAN SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS.	HAVE YOU TRIED GETTING IN TOUCH WITH LOBLAWS OR SAFEWAY CANADA.
Take transit or bike to work everyday. I can't because transit isn't feasible from my area to downtown.	It would take at least an hour to get downtown from my area. I can't justify this
I would make administration address the issues mentioned in previous question (and much more) on a systemic basis instead of let them phrase questions as if individual responsibility has anything to do with the solution to the problems we as a society created.	Class based society where everybody by definition has to be concerned about their own survival more than societal wellbeing as a whole.
See changes to infrastructure that would actually have a significant effect with minimal individual effort. Electricity from truly environmentally responsible choices such as nuclear and garbage incinerated (scrubbed emissions, CO2 capture, and cogen) instead of putting it in the ground to rot	These are the collective actions that we need to see our governments undertake to make productive change. We do not need to see our governments overregulate the actions of individual citizens which is exactly where I fear that this City of Calgary initiative is leading.
More cycling to work and to events should there be more cycling networks in NW and NE specifically near the airport and McCall way	The infrastructure.
Eliminate food waste and increase food sovereignty. Introduce policy that: - forces food producers/distributors/retailers to follow food recovery hierarchy, such that NO food ends up in landfills - supports local/organic producers over imported/conventional - promotes educating the general public	- unfounded worries about liability wrt food donation - profits above all else mindset - industrial food production system that puts profits over health of the environment (and therefore health of people)
We'd get rid of our remaining car.	No access to walkable, local retail. No local high school or health centre available. No community centre. Still no green line & our express buses were cut in frequency.
Be completely zero waste	It is difficult to balance quality of life with zero waste at this time because so many products come in non-recyclable packaging
Relying less on personal vehicle.	Unreliable, infrequent transportation options. Nothing is designed for easy access on foot, too spread out and distant.
bike to work	traffic and safety
Reduce taxes and regulations on businesses so they can employ more people, providing resources for optional things like further incremental environmental	I am not in power. Focus on what actually improves the quality of life for citizens of the city. Environmental issues are not even close to the top of the priority list. Return focus to



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improvements. Invest in infrastructure to reduce traffic bottlenecks and idling, which is beneficial to air quality.	efficiently running the city, dealing with basic services, and ensuring economic competitiveness.
I would definitely plant more trees, and I would live to install solar panels for some energy (to not be completely reliant on fossil fuels) and create my own compost bin. I think it would be partially beneficial to try solar powered streets for energy, or some other alternative way!	Like most issues, the problem would be financially. My family would be incapable of affording the equipment needed, and so at the moment I am unable to take this action
I think lesser trash and pet poops, and make sure that homelessness are off the streets and are properly given a safe place to live. Keep public places safe from drugs and crime.	Being an Asian descent in Calgary right now is disheartening and frightening, especially because of the pandemic. I've experienced racism in my own neighbourhood several times.  I do what I can in my community, like pick up trash and wear my mask, but Calgary is stifling to a PoC. I wish it's safer.
I'm afraid to pick up trash because of covid, but there is more litter around the city than I can remember ever before.	Covid
I would like the Glue bin program shut down until you can actually recycle the things you collect.	Excessively high civic taxes and the unwillingness of people who work at City Hall to understand that financial resources are not unlimited.
Stop using my car for daily transportation.	No adequate transit to where I work [personal information removed], limited service elsewhere in the city, most communities are not walkable at all, and our definition of walkable in Calgary is laughable compared to Europe or Asia.
Drive less walk and cycle and take public transport more	Advance age and covid
Eliminate non-compostable and non-recyclable packaging in my life. Heat my home with renewable green energy, perhaps solar thermal or, perhaps, heat pumps.	I purchase foods for my family in all kinds of packaging. I wish it were regulated so that it was all recyclable or compostable. I have solar for electricity, but still heat using gas, would be great to eliminate it.
Use biking as my main form of transportation.	Confusing laws and expectations regarding riding a bike on busy roads.
Take the bus instead of driving	Bus pass is the same price as owning a car. Bus is a lot slower.
I'd use my green bin more in the winter. I do not eat out often, but would like to request napkins, plastic cutlery, ketchup, etc. instead of having it always included. No more plastic bags anywhere in the grocery stores.	In the winter, our green bin contents freeze to the bin and don't get collected. This is a big disincentive. It think it's up to food and grocery retailers to take the lead on reducing plastic waste.



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<p>Because of the transit and cycling networks, I no longer drive which I am ECSTATIC about. These need to continue to be developed. There is tons of litter however -- make recycling and disposing of waste part of public engagement/art. Encourage people to want to make the city an eco-paradise.</p>	<p>Infrastructure and development. I already sold my car, eliminated meat consumption, and rarely use plastics/excess energy. I need my city to keep up with ME. Make it fun to cycle/take transit/recycle. Get creative. I appreciate you asking for feedback...plenty of more creative ideas on Twitter!</p>
<p>Commute by bike year round Bike everywhere.</p>	<p>Fear of cars on streets, ice on pathways Lack of safe biking infrastructure for my kids. It's pretty good where I live but could be better. Also the hills. Haha.</p>
<p>Reduce the traffic and number of car journeys. Our reliance on cars is ridiculous and this would give us a quick win. Perhaps offer a rebate for e-bikes and promote not using a car to get to school.</p>	<p>The government seems to only pay lip service to the alternate methods of travel. We need strong policy, education, budget and infrastructure to change our activities.</p>
<p>Stop wasting tax payers money on silly topics of the day. Be more accountable. No more bike lanes that infringe on existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>City hall</p>
<p>compost toilets; xeriscape yard; every tenth road or alley would be designated bikes only; emergency vehicles would shut up when possible; free universal public transit (just like the libraries)</p>	<p>building code, expense, cars still rule, EMS still thinks they will crash into us even when we are in bed trying to sleep, people fear the homeless will sleep on the bus</p>
<p>1. Get rid of all bums + addicts that are responsible for 95% of mess and filth in the downtown core, on train platforms and trains themselves 2. Get rid of Dodge Rams and oversized pick up trucks driven by tiny-midget, Napoleonic-type men; trucks that spew huge clouds of black exhaust into the air.</p>	<p>1. a stupid/incompetent/corrupt municipal government that wants drug addiction, filth and epic stupidity within municipal government to flourish uncontrollably. 2. An unwillingness to bar certain types of vehicles from city roads.</p>
<p>I would like to look into working with restaurants to reduce their footprint by finding affordable ways to limit take out packaging in the landfills and establish proper compost. Another area is in plastic gloves, and research ways to make these more biodegradable while still being effective PPE.H2O</p>	<p>I have never been involved in politics nor initiatives, so it would be not knowing how to get involved with initiatives that seek change. The other thing is how to find initiatives that I can do while I am in school and trying to follow politics. Its overwhelming.</p>
<p>Live in a area where I can walk to most services. More areas like marda loop. I have a 2 km drive to a grocery store.</p>	<p>Cost of moving. Limited options in Calgary for such communities. Living in the core makes no sense for me. I don't work in the core.</p>
<p>I would start a community garden and food forest.</p>	<p>Time and money. A community project of this scale needs a lot of volunteers and I don't have the capacity to take this on at the time.</p>
<p>Immediate reliance on fossil fuel and dirty energy while completely transferring to green energy. No more plastic products that can not be recycled. Plant based food!!! For the environment and our own health.</p>	<p>Nothing. I do what I can and have been vegan for 18 years.</p>
<p>Work more from home, plant trees, compost instead of green bin recycling,</p>	<p>cost and increased costs of living. Dubious economic benefits of green products ( often</p>



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	more carbon in green products and waste such as batteries, high property taxes reduce income left over for green projects or any projects. Taxes are too high in Calgary. Much more of a concern for this family.
Solar Panels	Money/Renting
-I personally don't drive a car but I understand this city is built for cars. Getting the green line built is key. I'm curious if there is incentives for me to not drive a car. -Businesses need to be mandated on their non renewables use (use of plastics, incentivize changes to reduce waste in ops)	-a lot of my household waste is the responsibility of businesses to find new ways of packaging
Plant more trees/shrubs, install a clover lawn, install a beehive, install a bat house, more bird feeders and houses, Community gardens, ect.	The use of herbicides and pesticides within Calgary, unsure how to request additional trees around property on public land.
Decommissioned oil and gas base energy production and completely transition to renewable electricity	I'm not a energy executive or government official
Buy a home that is net zero emissions.	Too damn poor.
Ban single use plastic.	This is something that has to be legislated.
I would drive substantially less.	There is almost nothing in this city that can be reliably and rapidly accessed by foot, bike, or transit. The shape and sprawl of the city demand that I drive anywhere that I want to reach in under 2 hours.
Already reduce, reuse,recycle.	Nothing.
Carbon free transportation (cycling, electric vehicle, carbon-neutral city transit).	Cycling: need to work on cycling paths from homes to shopping areas or services especially in NE. Electric Vehicles: encourage more charging stations, incentives for renewable energy providers. Transit: electrified fleet or trains running on renewable energy chargers.
I would not reduce. I would make sure we get nuclear energy and develop our full potential. Even if it mean terraforming our environment.	You.
Purchase compostable packaging, reduce garbage, purchase local produce.	Packaging is all plastic. Local produce is too expensive and not accessible for lower to mid-income families. I keep hearing "you know they don't recycle that, they just throw that away". There is no regulation or incentive for companies to change packaging to more sustainable types.
Getting rid of unions in order to have real decisions made by people who are accountable to those they supposedly work for.	Weak-willed governments.



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Not enough community support - I feel like there is some apathy in these areas specific to the common local stores that people may not immediately live in but still make use of. A sense of community might make those less likely to litter.	Supervision, more accessible garbage bins, even an incentive program to clean up the sidewalks and community streets.
install solar, purchase an EV vehicle, grow more of my own food at least in the summer	cost
Buy plug-in hybrid car. Increase the R number of our windows i.g., have inert gas between the panels of our windows.	Money.
Better house insulation, use zero waste products/ideas	Too expensive
we should make a bylaw that car dealerships sell only electric vehicles by 2030	right wing consevative finatics
Active transportation. Buy local produce/grow my own food. Reuse items for waste reduction. Vibrant public spaces.	Lack of infrastructure. Limited access. Manufactures make material reuse nearly impossible
Could we actually recycle styrofoam? I would want to help people understand that the first of the R's is Reduce or Refuse. Everyone wants to recycle and feel like they are doing something good but it's not the case. I would like to make more gardens and increase composting in my neighborhood.	It's really hard to connect with others you don't know right now with COvid. Also time and money and maybe a little gumption is needed.
I would skateboard everywhere	Winter
I would like to drive less. I would like to have less packaging associated with food. I would like diaper services to be more affordable	The time it takes to use public transit is prohibitive. I can only grow my own food for a few months of the year. Many grocery store products comes pre packaged in plastic. I'd like to buy milk and yogurt iin reusable glass containers. I wish diaper services were tax deductible.
Retrofitting my house with renewable energy and permaculturd in my yard	Price incentives
Instal a water filtration system to utilize rain and melt water, instead of city water. Install solar. Recycle more items, creating less trash. Install a composting toilet.	Currentl city bylawys, lack of funds, and lack of adequate processing facilities limit what I am able to do.
Driving way less than I do now. Have solar and have the best environmentally friendly building code technology at my home, support safe nuclear power	Poor transportation systems, cost since building code improvements are not mandatory
By reducing the size of the government. Locally, the City of Government is the biggest negative contributor to environmental impact through its shear size of the bureaucracy, the paperwork and energy use in wasteful governmental operations, structures and projects.	





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	Place to store bikes. We have a high bike theft the city. Driving expensive bikes won't happen unless we have secure places to put them. So many office spaces downtown could be turned into bike garage.
I'm doing all I can and am not aware of any barriers.	Nothing.
None	Nothing
I personally wish Calgary's new 'Ring Road' was thought out more thoroughly give that it cuts through a significant chunk of the Westhead park, which is vital habitat as it houses a diverse number of plants animals. It cuts off migratory routs, will cause flooding, pollute, etc.	Given the lack of authority I have over this decision and it's already been set in stone, my concerns and criticism for the Ring Road are unfortunately next to nothing.
Enjoy Prince's Island Park.	The City wanting to run an industrial train through our central park causing irreparable harm and sending a terrible message regarding the City's lack of respect for our natural environment.
Less (preferably zero) waste in households (packaging on purchased goods changed to eco-friendly/reusable/recycled), much larger taxes on corporations/entities that produce GHG/harmful emissions, higher sustainable codes for new buildings (and renovations) and finally MORE/EFFICIENT public transport	I cannot make these policies as I am not involved in the conversation as a citizen
Properly sorting recyclables/refuse	Inadequate frequency of garbage pickup and annoying tag system
Switch all my energy sources to renewable and electrical.	The cost of doing so. Even going electrical from gas is a far fetch right now, and my family has median earnings. I can only imagine how impossible this must be to low income Calgarians. This is where the city and the province need to step in, perhaps by taxing the super rich.
Get a greenhouse, eco-car, solar heating.	Finances
Perhaps producer and supplier responsibilities should be promoted.	I have no authority.
discontinue plastic use, achieve net zero energy consumption, harvest 100% of summer produce from within city limits	Lack of an urban food forest strategy, municipal regulations on plastic waste, and over-reliance on hydropower and natural gas power generation (both GHG emitters)
I would focus resources into nuclear energy, which is a much more sustainable source of energy, and reduce the resources used on power plants and infrastructure that causes more damage to the environment.	The economy and location are the largest factors, such as where the nuclear energy plants would go, and how much they would cost in place of what is currently available.
I would like to buy food that has little to no packaging.	It is near impossible to find what I need to have a well balanced diet without packaging.



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Im vegan so I'm ahead of anyone who isn't in protecting the environment	Nothing
Growing my own food and trading resources rather than just money	Access to the expertise and the time to learn
I would participate in rewilding and city-wide permaculture planting initiatives, to plant food forests and restore wild spaces to increase food security, beautify the city, reduce pollution, etc.	Public medians and parks are often unused and inspiring; the city mows and fertilizes the grass, which is wasteful. Calgary could be the permaculture (growing perennial food that regenerates itself and so requires little maintenance) capital of Canada; we have lots of space and could use it well.
While I take ownership of my family's environmental footprint, the local of action and attention should be at the municipal, provincial and national levels. Individual contributions pale in comparison to those needed from the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors.	The intransigence of many politicians at various levels of gov't., provincial just being the most obvious troglodyte. The so-called Alberta consensus of oil and gas dev't. at all costs is the other major factor.
Reduce energy use! Walking more, driving less to reduce emissions. Incredibly the pandemic has made this real for many of us already -- working from home is a bonus for the environment. Solar panels.	The city is built first for cars and then for people. Front-facing, two car garages on most homes contribute to social isolation. The distance of homes from essential services makes driving essential. Cost of installation of solar panels.
I would turn my front yard into plants and grasses that are only from Alberta prairies	Cost of landscaping .
I would vote for more environmentally focused candidates in municipal elections.	Calgary does not currently use a ranked-ballot voting method which would facilitate such outcomes.
I would build community by having my community connected to the land by going out for walks and getting them familiar with the nature, nurture and medicines that grow on this land.	Environmental racism. The lack of the city addressing racism has created many barriers economically and systemically accessing the resources I need to create this action.
Switch to solar energy in my house, get an electric car, take public transportation or a bike more often	Investment money, unreliable and inconvenient public transportation
Fully utilize public transportation, zero waste consumption (e.g. reduce packaging in grocery stores), renewable energy use (e.g. solar, if it was ore affordable to install or if there were incentives)	Public transit is not fully developed to utilize as only mean of transportation, unable to buy groceries in bulk/with reduced packaging as it's not offered broadly, cost of solar panels.
Help plant more fruit trees in community	Park rules
Nothing we are doing fine	No action needed
I would like to drive less - having grocery stores and other businesses within neighbourhoods. In winter having the snow removed from crossings and sidewalks to be able to navigate with a stroller or a bike.	Businesses in conglomerates in isolated parts of the city - need to drive. Sidewalks, roads and crossings not cleared of snow, impossible to use with stroller or bike.
there are more opportunities to reduce impact on the local environment than barriers. most citizens can enhance their positive impact on the environment	I would encourage the City to continue to promote individual ways to contribute to environmental stewardship. we need to shift



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	the focus from "waiting for government to act" to "what can I do today to help the environment"
I think I have done, and am doing the right things already, and I resent the claims that Calgarians are bad for the environment. I am a cyclist, but it is ridiculous to have bike lanes everywhere when they are not being used. We need to do a better job at cost/benefit analysis.	I am happy with my balanced approach already.
Change all appliances and lights to energy efficient, use renewable energy as much as possible, educate on environmental issues and recycling, planting more variations of trees,	Money, price
living off grid, growing own food,	usually cost and bylaws or government rules
Try to reduce environmental footprint in all aspects of i we live.	Systemic issues make it harder to reduce footprint than we already have. For example, still many limits to bike lanes which makes it harder to bike places, initial invest on items such as installation of solar panels etc.
I'd say get an electric car, but y'know Teslas are 100,000\$ plus those lithium mines aren't too environmentally friendly. But, if I honestly chose one, I'd remove coal powerplants that's the main problem.	[personal information removed]. Plus I'm one person, so if I just showed up randomly to one, sign in hand I'd probably be laughed at.
Install sustainable retrofits to my home, reduce my consumption of water and natural gas.	Cost.
More plant based options, better public transit, Long commute times because this city is so big, oil and gas it's so scary like a cult in Alberta	Expensive or inaccessibility to plant based options, Lack of public transit, long commute times, the oil and gas cult members 🙄👎
I would use the car less, buy a bicycle, walk, take public transit.	1. Calgary winter - who wants to bike or wait for a bus when it's freezing outside. 2. Calgary is a vastly spread-out city. It's difficult to get anywhere efficiently without a car.
Buy groceries and goods without any plastic bags, plastic containers, bottles, etc.	Grocery stores and hardware store sell everything in packages, I may still buy 25 of something, but I don't need or want the packaging that goes with the multiple items.
Start a community garden, food forest and greenhouse	Cost and time
Alternative energy inputs on house, gray water cycling on property, rain water harvesting, ability to activate grass unto food forests	Red tap, financing, bylaws
Get rid of my car and get around on bike, foot and transit only (with the occasional rental for getting out of town, of course!).	My neighbourhood does not have all services I need. As well, the cycling infrastructure has insufficient maintenance, is missing connections, has no wayfinding signage, or is unsafe/nonexistent.



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<p>I would purchase an electric vehicle to greatly diminish my carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions. Calgary is still a car-reliant city so if we can't get away from cars completely, the best we can do is go electric.</p>	<p>The strong economic ties the city still has to oil and gas make it difficult to implement this action. The lack of availability of electric cars for purchase in the city, as well as the lack of charging stations make it difficult to justify an electric vehicle.</p>
<p>Significantly reduce my use of single use plastics or stop using them at all.</p>	<p>There are little to no businesses that promote and use biodegradable products and environmentally friendly products so it's expensive when it is available.</p>
<p>Taking public transit to work</p>	<p>The route from southeast Calgary to the airport takes several hours. If we had a light rail transit system to the airport from major points in the city it would benefit our residents as well as our tourism industry. The transit routes in YYC are seriously lacking.</p>
<p>Calgary is FAR too car-centric. We're always developing outwards, not upwards. I love the downtown core - it's beautiful and walkable, and there aren't nearly enough spaces like it in Calgary.</p>	<p>Intermittent access to transit in the afterhours, particularly bus services with long headways and short hours (impossible to have a night out downtown and transit home without being at a bus stop in one of the more distant neighborhoods by 12, which means leaving downtown by/before 11).</p>
<p>I'd buy a condo that is sustainably heated and powered, very efficient, and built with sustainably-sourced materials. Otherwise, I'm already trying to keep my footprint tiny: no car, almost no bus use even, avoid single-use plastics, try not to consume much of anything... basically the 3 Rs.</p>	<p>A sustainably heated and powered condo made to last and be efficient with sustainably-sourced local materials is hard to find in Calgary... It would be more feasible if I were inclined to build myself, but I don't have those skills, or that budget. No developers seem interested in building like this</p>
<p>I would like bike to places more, I would want more thorough recycling and composting. I would have solar panels, eliminate plastic.</p>	<p>infrastructure and sprawl. I live far from places I can't just ride my bike everywhere. I do other activities in my life such as shopping local and eco friendly, I pick up litter when I see it, I'm cautious of my impact but I can do better. The city must mobilize more ppl to save the environment</p>
<p>I recycle EVERYTHING. Workshops should be offered. Fine those who toss COVID facemasks and gloves on the ground.</p>	<p>I'd love to recycle styrofoam but you can only recycle it in Airdrie, not Calgary!</p>
<p>None</p>	
<p>Reduce driving. Having public transportation to the mountains and Edmonton from Calgary. And being able to walk to work.</p>	<p>Lack of public transportation and my work is too far away from my home.</p>
<p>Nothing different I don't believe we are harming our environment</p>	<p>Nothing</p>



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an electric car would be great. also, bring back outdoor clothing lines to dry clothes	cost of the electric car is too high. even a hybrid is still a little too expensive. My condo board doesn't allow for clothing lines, or even outdoor drying racks
Take public transit exclusively for work	Poor transit scheduling and availability
Build a zero net tiny home in backyard/gardens; encouraging multi generational living inner city, allow for supplementary income as a rental/air B and B. Build a secondary suite in a home.	Cost vs reward. Fees for garbage bins, plus green bins plus blue bins. In a condominium, not incentives/tax breaks/ offered for implementing these mandatory programs.
I would shrink the land area of Calgary by 50% so more things (work, groceries, activities) are within walking distance.	Calgary has already experienced too much urban sprawl. The land use bylaws and community association typically prevent density from occurring.
Heat the house with geothermal. Switch out all plastics with plant based materials. Drive an electric vehicle	Im broke and I think geothermal is illegal in Calgary city limits.
allow more dense structures on existing properties, also taller. New areas to pay for all services, not existing tax payers. stop urban sprawl.	Incompetent city counselor and city management.
I would do anything in my power to do the most i could do for the environment	Financial, medical, mobility barriers
I feel like I do take action to reduce my impact. The biggest issue my household faces is waste.	It is not convenient to purchase certain low waste options for a family. Maybe if there could be some education surrounding how families can reduce waste that would be great.
Decrease the size of provincial and federal and municipal governments. You are totally unaffordable.	Costs. Government union wages and bennefits are so expensive, the taxpayer cannot afford to live netherlone thrive.
I would take public transit to everywhere I need to go.	I am now 70 years of age and can't walk as far as I used to or carry as heavy a load. The LRT is close, but doesn't take me to a grocery store. Also, I try not to shop for groceries more than once a week and couldn't possibly manage carrying 3 or 4 bags of groceries from the bus stop to home.
I would like to be able to bike/take transit and walk more places.	The bike lanes are great, but they also can be improved to reach more of the city. I can make it from my house to downtown/inglewood very easily, but to access the rest of the city its extremely difficult. The greenline is a great start but we need to make it more of a focus for future projects.
would like to significantly reduce my garbage and waste and recycling. And, would like to be able to walk more easily to get what I need.	No responsibility for producers or businesses (e.g. Costco, or Walmart) to reduce their packaging. And, would like to see incentives for putting less waste or recycling in bins. So, perhaps a pay-for-what you use type of



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	approach. No more super centres where you have to drive to every store/service.
I'd build a net zero home centrally and use carbon-free transportation.	Barriers are solely financial.
Lower taxes based on size of homes not just where they are located. Encourage smaller homes - free rain barrels help with water. Look into nuclear power maybe.	Nothing I do take action.
Showers should be required to have a temperature setting and single touch on/off to encourage turning off the water to lather. Stop importing third world educated people who have no concern for the environment and over breed.	I have a shower of the kind I describe. It seems the government, unable to control it's spending or manage it's debt, has brainwashed everyone into accepting unchecked immigration, but I would put a stop to it. Certainly until we understand the impacts like the reduced birthrate and wage stagnation.
Stop senseless recycling	Ideologies and bad policies
Reduce single use and unnecessary packaging	Practicality and convenience. Stores sell products pre packaged, and the few stores that allow you to bring your own refillable container can be more expensive, and with COVID19 many places no longer allow you to byo containers. Take away food/drink is the same. Much can't be recycled or composted
I would be prepared to offer my labour to whatever collective project the city decided was necessary to help redesign our environment to help combat climate change; it would be a duty and honour to serve in work bridges whose purpose was to help us build an ecological future.	The city & government aren't taking these sorts of collective actions. What we need is a 'war-style' mobilization to help us transform our society; I & others would answer the call if our leaders were to make it. Expecting us to take 'personal initiative' on a collective problem is a non-starter.
Drive a hybrid vehicle, use products with more sustainable packaging, reduce consumption of consumable items and toys.	Cost of a new hybrid vehicle and the old one still runs. Some products are needed in my life and have unsustainable packaging-manufacturers need to change. With kids it is hard to reduce consumable items and toys.
upgrade my house to net zero and add solar.	Far too expensive.
Already one car family and take transit (pre-covid) to go to work	
None	Nothing
??? Barriers.. like the ones on the road that make you detour and drive 3 blocks because the shortcut is blocked off.. maybe start there.	I need a loader to move those blocks.
Lower cost and improved transit would encourage greater use. Our LRT is pitiful compared to other cities I have lived in. More green and wild spaces for kids would	Because transit is inefficient and poorly thought out, its use is minimized. Intersecting loops that passed below destinations rather than a parking lot and busy street away. Cost



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encourage more outside play and healthier children. More interconnecting green spaces and nature corridors.	is also a big factor. Who has say in how we can rewild our green spaces and connect them?
More transit More trains More bike paths (which are so needed especially for safety of cyclists!)	Poor transit
Install low flow toilets, faucets, only water when necessary, only buy products without packaging, walk or bike everywhere	Zero waste options are not readily available and are much more costly. There is no legislation preventing anyone from idling, creating excessive waste, wasting water etc. People won't stop choosing the convenient option until there are consequences (ie. texting while driving.)
I do not make much of an impact on my local environment. I would suggest, however, that City Council give up their heated parking stalls and cycle to work each and every day.	Naheed Nenshi sets an incredibly bad example. He should be [removed] cycling to work every day using his expensive bike lanes.
I would PV solar panel my house but I don't have time to pilot study best way (low cost and reliable function) to take on such a big personal project. If City guidance and help was in place maybe more residents would invest in this. I would volunteer to build more community gardens.	My time to resolve PV solar panel system investment. Reliable supply install contractors.
I would walk everywhere. I find Calgary deplorable when it comes to being a walker in the city. From the sad tiny sidewalks, to the lack of curb dips for strollers and wheel chairs, to having no snow plows on many streets. This city is built For drivers, and drivers alone.	I cant change the sidewalks. The conservative culture thinks city improvements and expenses aren't worth it. I have considered running for office , thinking this might literally the only way we'll see change.
I would reduce my impact by never using car to get around the city	First, how much Calgary has sprawled. Second, sustainable transportation infrastructure is lacking and not as developed as it could be - e.g. lack of bike lanes or enough walking space, you require multiple transfers to get from one end of the city to the other, bus routes not always efficient, etc.
there is no connection with good buses in the industrial area in SE. All the people are obliged to go to work by car. Reduce taxes and regulations and no unions. In this way construction work are affordable. Green line it will cost double for the half of it. It is 4 time higher.	I know that any action from the City it will cost to much money and create fake jobs. We have no money, we need to face it instead of destroying the future of the city.
Use transit more; protect natural spaces by promoting or leading responsible use	For transit use: my "home" station is Victoria Park Stampede, which cannot be renovated fast enough. (Thought work here was supposed to start a year ago?) LRT needs to



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	expand in the city. And it needs to do more than serve downtown commuters.
I would choose to have a zero waste lifestyle.	It is hard to find affordable products and food that come in recyclable or compostable packaging.
Take more public transit.	Infrequency of routes, and lack of easily accessible transit.
I feel my impact on the local environment is reasonable. I see no need for change.	Nothing
I would bike to most places and take public transit when needed, instead of driving a car.	The transit system is not very reliable and it takes a long time to get to different places in the city because of the sprawling neighborhoods in Calgary.
Ha on you, I already drive a Hybrid. I'm no longer able to ride a bike but also didn't need a special lane to cycle across town	Do the best I can. Can the city say the same? How much of my blue bin ended up in the landfill?
Increase in neighborhood gardens/composting and community initiatives of cleaning/recycling and rain capture.	not enough community engagement of how important the environment and ecosystems are to the different species living in them.
Ride my bike more without being afraid of mental truck driving rednecks running me over	I like my body unmangled
Drive less	Lack of amenities within walking distance of my home
Stop urban sprawl	Local politics.
All of above	Petrochemical lobbyists reframing old/dying industry to hold onto existing wealth holdings. Mindset of Calgarians.
Reduction of consumption of goods (we consume a produce a lot of garbage)	A family with kids + time and convenience )-:
An all in solution to the garbage and recycling solutions , environmental actions that actually work for all Calgary including those with little means . And being able to process 80% of our own stuff .	I'm disabled ... when collection was weekly we didn't miss the day ... also having to scan a book sized list of objects to know what can and can't be recycled. Go look at that list ... is it any wonder ppl consider the project a waste of time and expense... there's more that CANT than can !
Increase our city and province's focus on sustainable energy. Right now, Alberta has pledged to run on 30% renewable energy by 2030. I would like the pledge to be 50% renewable by 2030, with the promise to continue innovating sustainable energy and diversifying our options.	I am not a politician or executive of a major energy company, so there is not much I can do to enforce this idea or make it happen.
My main barrier would be that I don't have the right to stop the city from expanding or educating the public on lowering there water consumption.	Not having the authority to stop others from over consuming our resources including the city





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walk more, spend more time in the park	missing sidewalks - sidewalks not cleared in cold weather community park -flowering weeds attract stinging insects where my feet / seat are - making this a high risk area for me
Live in a home that was net zero	cost of home
Reduce waste, and improve and increase green energy usage within all spaces. Protect parks and such from deteriorating and being destroyed by decreasing the negative impacts corporations are having. Decrease how people take advantage of what nature gives us without respecting the space properly.	I take action within my own community but the government needs to be more active and take actually action to preventing the detriments happening in our communities.
I would be able to recycle everything I use. I would be use transit on a more consistent basis.	Financial cost, and current special interest groups lobbying the city to hinder the progress of projects such as the green line
No reduction is required.	Stop this "environmental" taxpayer dollar drain. I do not appreciate my taxpayer dollars to be used on anything you "think" is "environmental", since it is far too left-wing politically motivated.
invent	time and energy and knowledge
I would never drive if i could safely and quickly ride to groceries/place of work etc.	Giant roads that cut communities off from each other, excessive speed limits, parking minimums that create strip malls of nothing but cars
Electric car for longer drives, use primarily my bike for most errands and commuting, and public transport for commute when weather doesn't permit biking.	Fear of having my bike stolen, and bike lanes are not cleared so I feel unsafe with a child trailer on road.
I'd plant trees on public land.	It's likely illegal to plant trees on public land.
I take care and try not to impact the environment. Do not use herbicides and pesticides, plant local plants for pollinators and would love some action to be taken to reduce use of environmental poisons!	Municipal ,provincial and federal indifference. A green weed free lawn is the goal of most homeowners as they have never been educated on the harm they are doing.
Redevelop and install geothermal systems...	Cost and infrastructure placement
Drive less, walk more.	Working outside the home means driving for me as the time to get there is not reasonable by any other means. The pandemic has allowed me to work from home.
Water my yard less in the summer, less mowing and more naturalization of my yard. Drive my car less, use more public transit.	No barriers at this time.
Impose restrictions on light trespass and light pollution	Mostly bureaucratic sclerosis and widespread propaganda promoting the overuse and ineffective use of lighting.
solar panels, allowance to keep chickens and bees	money



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I would install hail proof solar panels	cost and availability
I would remove parking lanes from downtown and replace them with more walking space for pedestrians and cycling lanes. I would invest in more public transport (the c train specifically) and protect green spaces and even expand them.	I feel like Calgary has really catered to the outer neighborhoods and fostered a reliance on single occupancy vehicles to get around. I think that with a perspective shift of those who resist greener transport is necessary and investing in that infrastructure so that those who want to can use it.
Switch to renewable sources of energy.	Cost associated with it.
I would assess every project on its merits and approve those that would benefit wealth creation and abundance while maintaining stewardship of the environment. An assessment would take at most two weeks instead of upwards of five years.	Most people who tout the environment are rent seekers who use it as a means to impose expensive legal and bureaucratic roadblocks to justify their existence without adding any value to the process. Many run climate change as an elaborate racketeering scheme.
Calgary runs on natural gas which is very clean. I think all City vehicles should run on natural gas (LNG) and I think that all parkades should be compelled to allow LNG vehicles to park in there. From an Alberta point of view I would promote LNG. The best practical step to reduce smog gasses.	I am not a legislator
One of the downfalls of cycling is the pollution that a cyclists injects and our diesel buses are a real problem, esp. downtown so I don't cycle as much as I should esp. with my daughter. City rules and regs for solar panels are also a prohibitive/punitive...I would install more solar if I could	Injesting air pollution makes me cycle less. I also would have installed more solar panels but the permit cost and rules are prohibitive/punitive. I could have built a 3rd story on my house and shaded the neighbors but I was severely restricted on where I could put solar panels b/c of shading
I would like to have solar panels on my roof. I would like to have more options for eliminating my plastic usage. I would like a greenhouse in my front yard for growing food and to have chickens.	Solar panels are expensive and i would still have to buy electricity from a power company rather than use the energy i produce. Single use plastics are often impossible to avoid (ie. In the grocery stores). Bylaws prevent me from putting a greenhouse in my front yard and from having chickens.
Cycle everywhere	Safe separated protected cycling infrastructure for me and my kids
Always taking transit.	Poor transit availability and reliability.
I'd love to invest in a community solar project and an EV	The lack of charging infrastructure (I am renting). And there are no programs for community solar projects.
Low impact transportation, zero waste, more local food and a plant based diet are easy wins. How do individuals impact clean air and water?	We need more collective action to tackle some of the actions in order to achieve outcomes.
no more single-use packaging. Just visit a bulk barn and incorporate it into other stores.	everything comes in single-use packaging.



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I'd love to ditch my car and not have to buy food with so much packaging.	Local public transport isn't good enough to do away with a private vehicle entirely, and our bike route system could be expanded and improved (though what an awesome job you've done on it!). Also, I'd like to see bylaws against excess packaging, single-use plastics, and other waste.
even through barriers I have already taken action by reducing my footprint (garbage etc), I walk, bike or take public transit everywhere, I do not change the trails or green areas I take my dog to (I am a responsible dog owner)	
move towards zero waste	cost and accessibility. There is little financial incentive for people to move away from cheaper, disposable options and more environmentally friendly options are not widespread in the city.
I would buy a heat pump for my home and increase the insulation of the main flow of my 1959 house.	Money
really appreciate the blue and green carts but i would reduce more waste	packaging, cost, lack of gov't regs/incentives on packaging
Since the city determines building plans there is little action I can take short of my vote	Nothing.
I would not drive downtown but take public transit	public transit takes to long (1.25 hours one way) and not safe. my time is valuable
Commute by bike more	Winter Weather and lack of biking infrastructure in some areas
Consistent with previous response, there always are barriers both financial and capacity. Redo with a realistic survey and balanced context.	Insisting that the City redo this survey is my belief as to the appropriate course of action. And, I plan to vote as do the other members of my family. We are going to support candidates for mayor and council who will put a stop to nonsense like unbalanced, leading surveys like this.
I would like to compost and reduce or eliminate single use plastics.	My building does not have a green bin for me to compost, and plastic free options are limited and more expensive.
I would like to recycle all that is recyclable but in Calgary this is not possible. Step up your game city!	Large corporations poluting and the city not stepping up.
I would not choose to reduce my impact on the local environment.	
Invest in solar power energy, and plant more trees	Mostly cost, though availability and access to enough resources are also of concern
I would love for the city to invest in vertical farming. Even if groceries cost a tad bit more, I would be more inclined to purchase this local produce.	I don't think produce from vertical farming is yet widely available.



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There is literally nothing that Calgarians need to do any further to reduce our impact on the environment. Please stop this insanity and stop wasting tax payers money.	I believe that City officials need to take a hard look at how disconnected they are with what Calgarians actually support. The environment is not a concern that we have. Major changes are needed in city hall and we're hopeful that the fall election with move our city is a totally different direction
Make Bird friendly design mandatory before building permits were issued, and to make this part of LEED certification, even at the lowest level.	Slowly working with a group to at least start educating people about what can be done!
I would love to bike more for transportation	Poorly thought out neighborhood exit, random spots where it's difficult for bikes to go, cost of an electric bike (living in hilly NW)
Have more gardens to grow more food, but an inexpensive electric vehicle or hybrid, get sun panels for my home, and buy a wood fire place so not to use so much LNG at out home. Participate in a soil replenishing program from home or at the community garden.	Mostly cost, and the knowledge and help to get soil regeneration program started.
I looked into solar but it is wasteful in the long run current ideas are antiquated and nuclear is better - water barrel program rebate or discount	cost
off grid solar	requirement to be grid tied.
none	city waste of time and resources
I would take public transit. I would plant native plants to reduce water usage on my property. I would build an energy efficient home. I would walk or cycle to complete every errand. I would recycle everything that can actually be recycled.	This city is built for cars. You need a car to get literally anywhere in a reasonable amount of time. The bylaws surrounding lawns and personal property mean I can't maintain a low water, native lawn. The recycling program in Calgary will not accept some things that can be recycled.
Stop driving	Staying at my partner's house in the suburbs during the pandemic to avoid loneliness during social restrictions.
This is an unrealistic question. Unless the city has an unlimited supply of \$ then the economics of all initiatives are a factor which must be considered.	The "un-economics" of alternative energy, the mistaken belief that major public investment is a panacea and the reality we live in a cold climate and need to stay warm to survive.
An electric or non-fossil fuel vehicle to replace my gasoline engine car or truck. They are expensive which is a barrier now.	Price of the replacement electric vehicle. Lack of charging stations to support the new technology. Get with it!
Complete off grid or environmentally friendly energy usage, urban farming, reduction in plastic use, electric vehicle use	Infrastructure and financial restraints
I would be able to access refill stations and take back container depots everywhere, I'd find fair trade choices at every store and restaurant in Calgary, I'd use transit	Not many stores offer refill options, stores do not prioritize container take back options, minimizing packaging , and Fairtrade options.



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or walk safely to all the services I need. I'd be able to recycle all materials conveniently. Default would be low energy	Ctrain service is sometimes not able to access certain services I need. Condos and buildings are not equipped with motion sensors and low energy lights.
Remove plastics. Travel everywhere on transit. Give up meats	Seriously...what a question. Plastics are everywhere. Too many places are not served by transit. We are destroying the forests, etc. By clearing space to graze animals that cannot survive without human intervention.
I would try to go waste free. It would be extremely hard though.	Everything has packaging, and the options for recycling is limited.
Less household waste, less intense roads	Reality
Better home energy efficiency	Money
Rooftop solar panels, upgrade house envelope	Cash - recently retired. Can do these thing but have to plan and spend wisely.
Give up driving in our city.	The lack of reliable, frequent, connected public transportation and the lack of city planning to encourage walking and cycling across our city.
None. I do all I can.	None.
grow a garden	I will build one in spring.
Government needs to stop putting the problem off and needs to act on it. Enough pointing fingers get to work, do your job and solve this.	Ask yourself
Living entire plastic free.	Plastic is everywhere, and there are not yet systems in place to majorly reduce plastic waste, or have adequate recycling programs.
There are no barriers in my way. I have elected to live a compact lifestyle (many years ago - long before the city started to be concerned about the environment).	
Nothing particular. We live in a first world country and we have a never ending focus on acting prudently as it relates to the environment. We have few barriers right now and none which have a noticeable impact on improving the local environment.	nothing
If Calgary wasn't a network of highways that isolate neighbourhoods, I would walk and bike more often.	Infrastructure
I drive very little, cycle when possible. Would like to purchase in reusable containers, manufacturers should be responsible for lifecycle of their products as they are in much of Europe.	Lack of options
Active transport, fix things instead of throwing them out, reduce garbage, ...	Our whole society is built on a philosophy of consume as much and as far as possible... We need a new operating system for society.



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<p>Reduce energy waste in my current residence, and ensure that efficiency was maximized in my vehicle and other transportation modes.</p>	<p>I am currently a renter and without incentives, my landlord will not make expensive changes that don't benefit them. More ability to utilize electric recharging stations would also incentivize me to switch to an electric vehicle.</p>
<p>My next vehicle will be electric but I have a couple years before that is a necessity. But my house emits as much carbon as the car. I would like to eliminate natural gas from the house.</p>	<p>Information on how a person could do this is difficult to put together. I would really like to see practical case studies on what people in Calgary have done. Include cost analysis that take into account the carbon taxes.</p>
<p>I would like to be at or near plastic-free.</p>	<p>It is hard to access bulk goods for specific allergy concerns (my partner has celiac).</p>
<p>Work with others in my community to construct a solar system that could generate energy for multiple homes in my neighborhood  <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/alberta/article-alberta-green-power-co-op-sees-the-light-at-a-church-in-canmore/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/alberta/article-alberta-green-power-co-op-sees-the-light-at-a-church-in-canmore/</a></p>	<p>Finances and community engagement</p>
<p>I would enjoy our green spaces better if their were more than just basic lawns. I would retrofit/insulate my home to be energy efficient and plant better landscapes/food gardens. Would love to use my grey water.</p>	<p>I don't control the green space and development chopping it all up. Money to insulate my home, new windows, construction costs are crazy here, buying a new house in the burbs is cheaper - makes no sense. We also need better building codes to build/reno better. Grey water is restricted too! Boo!</p>
<p>Push the narrative that you can mine natural resources and be a global leader in environment preservation</p>	<p>The fact it's either left or right, no political party (municipal or etc) seems to get the majority. They push hard one way or the other and end up creating a great divide</p>
<p>Solar panel installation.</p>	<p>Cost, city permits are still a cost barrier while panel costs have come down significantly</p>
<p>Reduce my waste even further.</p>	<p>The city is not being responsible in how they treat our recyclables. We work hard at recycling, sorting, organizing; then hear that it's going to landfill. How disheartening. Find a responsible company to deal with our recyclables appropriately. Incentivize business to produce less recyclables</p>
<p>1) Transition to Zero emission transportation and power generation          2) Avoiding plastics, and potential chemical pollutants (paint, solvents, etc)          3) Reducing and eventually eliminating emissions from heating (geothermal, better insulation, etc)</p>	<p>1) Done - we have invested in Electric vehicle, and Solar generation on our property          2) Ubiquity of plastics - its virtually impossible to completely avoid it          3) Financial strain</p>
<p>A more natural way of looking at our green spaces and increasing the number of them with native plants, no</p>	<p>Stupid amount of red tape and paperwork from the City of Calgary</p>



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<p>pesticides or herbicides. They don't have to be big spaces, just a change of thought re every little green space. We don't need lawns everywhere.</p>	
<p>I would very much prefer to walk or take transit to work. We live in an inner city mixed-use condo because we don't want a large yard and love walking to the store, restaurants and along the river. We generally only drive to get to work and would prefer not to.</p>	<p>My company moved to be located outside downtown as parking is cheaper and readily available for staff and the office space costs are way less. There is no incentive for businesses to be downtown as rent and parking are very expensive.</p>
<p>If train/bus available out of city, would use car much less</p>	<p>Loss of greyhound, no passenger train</p>
<p>I do not feel safe to bike on a road shared with cars - if there were enough bike paths and protected lanes to move throughout the city, I would drive way less and choose to bike instead.</p>	<p>Lack of infrastructure</p>
<p>zero waste food shopping</p>	<p>companies ie Loblaws and Sobeys do not support this form of consumerism, everything is wrapped in plastic. i can only make an individual choice, they could change the industry</p>
<p>While reducing impact on an individual level is important, I am more concerned with the larger scale of things, and the responsibility that companies, organizations, and governments have as well.</p>	<p>No political commentary on this crisis Encourage recycling and compost, specifically in apartment buildings where it is often determined by the building owner/management.</p>
<p>Take public transit, eat less meat/more plant based and more locally sourced ingredients.</p>	<p>For public transit use: it is slower than driving and changes to Calgary transit- after driving for 4 years, the bus routes I used to take have changed and some caused commutes to become longer/more complex. For eating locally and more plant based cost is the biggest barrier.</p>
<p>In our household we already try to be efficient and reduce our impact on the environment. In our local area we walk to stores. The disappointing part is the lack of clean up by the developers in the area. There should be more expectation from the developers to maintain clean sites ( no garbage).</p>	<p>I have given up talking to the City as many of our Councillors and staff have their own agendas and ignore the community concerns. I am very disappointed with the response from the city on several developments in the inner city with pushing ahead with their own agenda.</p>
<p>Living in a smaller, single detached home where community members have more shared amenities (ie. cohousing) outside of traditional sense (ie. carpooling, sharing tools/storage garages, community fridge to reduce food waste)</p>	<p>Comes down to these pesky zoning laws that literally do not let you live in small homes.....(ie. ~400 sqfoot). Cohousing only exists in two places in Calgary, started by a group of friends and families but I believe it should be a widespread concept.</p>



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You are the barrier. Quit spending our money on useless projects	No further action required
I have virtually no impact on the environment.	What action?
I'd install efficient insulation and heating in our home, a system to better manage water in the house, install solar hot water heating. I would also close the Calgary international airport until the Federal Transportation Authority agreed to quit flying every plane over the city (noise pollution).	No money coming in. No influence. Other priorities.
I would like to walk and cycle more for transportation and errands. Also I'd love to dispose of less plastic waste	- suburban communities are still very car-centric in design and feel unsafe for cycling and routes are indirect - it's difficult to buy groceries without plastic packaging (why does everything come in a clamshell?!)
Financial incentive to remove lawns and put in native landscapes. Every 20th home would have bees. All city land would either be native landscape or grow food if the area is not being used for sports.	The city didn't even respond when I sent in an EOI in 2006 after I sent in my carbon offset. Since I [personal information removed] got a contact at city parks and but the city did nothing.. Bike swap? Would be nice to have city recovered bikes, but that's been a flat no for over a decade. Why?
i would walk more...to the grocery store, the doctor, the pharmacy, the pub, but in my community there are none of the above.	There are two neighborhoods I am considering moving to, but the cost is prohibitive.
Live in a smaller, more energy efficient house.	Few single-family dwelling options (with a yard for growing food!) that are smaller than my current 1200 sq. ft. house.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. use grey water for our yard</li> <li>2. install curb cut outs and bioswales everywhere possible to stop stormdrain runoff and put the water back into the ground</li> <li>3. install solar panels or geothermal to power home</li> <li>4. grow more food and fruit trees on our property</li> <li>5. shop 100% local &amp; zero waste</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. against bylaw</li> <li>2. would need to be included in city planning and reno's - or allowed by city</li> <li>3. prohibitive cost</li> <li>4. cost</li> <li>5. the few options available are prohibitively expensive compared to conventional &amp; box stores. Big business and our overall economy actively encourage over-consumption &amp; waste</li> </ol>
I am personally drawn to replanting native species and actual clean-up days.	Season and the volunteer signup for river cleanups are all full.
I'm not sure. I recycle or compost everything that I possibly can, have a large toxin free vegetable and fruit garden, drive only when I need to, and keep my thermostat as low as comfortably possible.	Nothing. I do what I reasonably can. However, shutting down the responsibly producing oil and gas industry in Canada is not the solution. We are a long way from being able to rely on unreliable wind and solar, which also depend on oil and gas.





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Biking for everyday trips (work, groceries, leisure..)	Not enough bike lanes, shared roads with cars are dangerous. Suburbs aren't connected enough with bike lanes.
Electric car, minimal plug in spots in condo and apartment buildings. Support green energy, feel the current utility companies (ex enmax) don't offer this option or it isn't clear that you are supporting solar/wind/hydro	See above
Switch energy production to alternative fuels rather than fossil fuel. Covert at many cars and trucks to alternative fuel like electric. Switch many fuel station to electric fuel stations. This will have a huge impact to global warming/climate change.	I don't have control over any of those things. We have to change as a society. It needs to start with a strong leadership, preferably the elected officials in power and the government.
I would take transit to and from work each day.	A planned, efficient, extensive transit system
I think a lot of waste could be cut down if companies had to follow strict regulations on packaging their products. There is so much waste caused by completely unnecessary, ridiculous, environmentally unfriendly packaging.	It's so much work to email and write to complain to all these companies. Feels like they won't listen to the little guy but if government actually developed policy for this then they'd have to be accountable.
Solar power on my home	cost, dealing with enmax and grid tie requirements
I would stop developers/construction companies from tearing down natural environments destroyed for roads and new communities. If these important environments were not disturbed or destroyed 'my impact' (our impact) would be minimal.	The city of Calgary doesn't have their priorities in place. In Auckland, NZ no tree's can be removed when building new homes. In many large cities in the US, natural environments sit closely beside roadways/highways where as CALGARY bulldozes extensively to build a modest road system. Infuriating!
You are asking the wrong questions?!	
Using my car less. It's easy to take transit downtown but many areas are not serviced by frequent transit and may not be great place to walk in.	Many communities in Calgary are not that walkable. More efforts needed on improving pedestrian realm in many areas.
cycling to work downtown	safety on roads for cyclist; more dedicated lanes needed and easy and secure places to lock up bicycles
Reduce petroleum consumption/carbon footprint.	Cost of electric vehicles. Lack of convenient, carbon-neutral public transportation. Cost of electricity vs. natural gas for heating, for example.
If sidewalks around CBE schools were cleared faster I think many students would bike to school more in the winter. I just graduated but as a student I found the whole neighborhood to be safe for biking except around the schools which should have been fined.	I don't really have the power as a citizen to make other people clear their walkways so biking is safe.
Retrofits for alternative and green energy: solar panels, grey water system, better insulation to use less gas. Invest in alternative energy programs for low income	High property taxes, expensive utility bills, Covid-19.



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Calgarians. Grassroots community initiatives that can motivate participation in climate justice.	
I would prefer to use alternative transportation methods such as public transit, walking, and riding a bike. I would also be motivated to install solar panels and forms of energy not reliant on oil and gas within my home.	The lack of accessibility to reliable public transit prevents me from depending on it as my main mode of transportation. The cost of renewable energy technology is a barrier preventing the utilization of these alternative methods to oil and gas.
Take-out containers. I would be able to support local restaurants and feel good about it if I knew containers would be compostable.	Lack of regulation on takeout containers.  I also think that plastic recycling is a bit of a sham and I'd like to know what kinds of plastic collected in Calgary are actually being recycled.
With no barriers, I would focus on increasing waste diversion rates in the building I live in, I would ride my bike everywhere (and feel safe doing it), I would take public transportation everywhere I cannot reach by bike.	I do not feel safe riding my bike everywhere. More protected bike lanes are a must! Additionally, it is often FAR more convenient to drive than to take public transportation. As an example, a < 20 minute drive to work is about 1 hour, ten minutes by public transportation.
I would like to not deal with any disposable packaging. I would like people to choose public transit.	Practically everything has disposable packaging and there is no recycling system here as far as I can tell. Public transit is still considered for poor people by many. It is also still more inconvenient than driving and always will be until transit is prioritized over single occupant vehicle roads.
Replace my gas furnace with a heat pump. Strap +4" of external insulation to my home. Triple Pane windows. Attic insulation. Inject foam insulation into walls. Install solar thermal panels to heat hot water. Plant trees along side Deerfoot Trail to absorb vehicle emissions.	Cost of insulation.
An anti-littering communications campaign and punitive fines.	I don't work for the city.
Convert to solar energy,	Cost
Reducing the carbon footprint by replacing the energy coming from coal with renewable energy. By reducing waste disposal to zero. By reducing energy use by a lot, and by reducing the impact from our builders to our environment to zero, every tree should be protected and relocated and not cut.	I am doing all that I can: reducing energy use, recycling, protecting our nature, reducing waste disposal, using my bike, buying energy from renewable resources, using a small car, replacing lights with LEDs, upgrading my house if affordable.



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<p>Improve traffic flow by busses not stopping on the road way, give them a pull off lane. Stop with all the snow clearing, yes major roads and collectors but NEVER a local residential street, thats a waist of money, fuel, etc.</p>	<p>C of C needs to be more responsible with spending, Example are vehicles, I see lots of vehicles from the city fleet in auction with low millage, WHY? I see c of c vehicles at residents of the employee during the day on my dime, WHY??</p>
<p>Retrofitting an older home to be net zero can get expensive. Incentives that entice people to take the plunge would be helpful. I did a solar array because of the previous rebate. Would love to upgrade my windows to triple pane and reduce heat loss / gain, but windows are too pricey.</p>	<p>Costs. Would love to upgrade my windows to triple pane and reduce heat loss / gain, but windows are too pricey.</p>
<p>I would only buy local, I would live zero waste and I would eat only organics.</p>	<p>Cost and accessibility.</p>
<p>I would love to bike to work but I hate biking on roads. I would love more bike lanes.</p>	<p>I don't like biking on roads.</p>
<p>I would love to see "clean up" days which are advertised for citizens to come to locations and clean up litter together. Actually promote clean up days to get communities working together to clean up garbage and take pride in where they live. We used to be one of the cleanest most beautiful cities.</p>	
<p>I would personally remove all the junk people leave along the Elbow River from "camping" along the Banks and put in the trash</p>	<p>I have asked police if I can remove the items from "homeless" encampments along the Elbow River, they told me not to touch anything and leave a picture/location on 311, which I do, but nothing is ever done.</p>
<p>Achieve 100% compliance to no idling in cars, trucks, etc. Secondly, create a world class year round cycling culture by continually improving the cycling infrastructure.</p>	<p>The actions I propose need structural changes at the City level.</p>
<p>I would begin by changing the nutritional education we give to young children. Schools need to start teaching children the effects of their consumerism. I would also invest more into our transit system, it is a disgrace that a city like Calgary has such a poor public transit system.</p>	<p>not being in government?</p>
<p>Buying local and seasonal produce while simultaneously reducing plastic consumption.</p>	<p>Personal income and time of day to act sustainability. Especially in a large family that does not generate a large amount of income to cover all our costs AND act sustainably.</p>
<p>Take public transit more often.</p>	<p>Public transit needs to be easily available, efficient, reliable, comfortable, clean and safe.</p>
<p>Have a solar powered home, drive an electric car (given that the city's energy is coming from a clean source), recycle, demand that other developing countries stop polluting the air and find cleaner methods.</p>	<p>Most of these things are voted on and signed off by officials, unfortunately I only have a single vote that doesn't seem to say anything in Alberta. The Conservative party seems to</p>



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	like cutting costs rather than find a creative ways to improve standard of living.
build a more efficient house	taxation and government bureaucracy
Less reliance on fossil fuels.	Cost
Drive less. Waste less. Purchase less online (supporting local business and reducing delivery traffic).	Proximity to services, and convenience and price competitiveness in the case of online shopping.
Use my bicycle more to get around.	Fear of riding on the road. The bike pathway system is great and I definitely appreciate that the pathway to downtown gets cleared in the winter. However, we could do with more and better connected pathways.
Id remove Nenshi from office. He is a detriment to society and his mask policy is absolute bull!	Its illegal for citizens to forcefully remove an elected official from office.
Personal changes 1.Geothermal heating of my home, and 2. Buy a hydrogen vehicle. Together. Eliminate industrial animal farming, feedlots, slaughter houses. Plant more trees and natural grasses especially along waterways. Eliminate single use plastics. Discourage lawn grass/encourage organic gardens	Cost of geothermal heating and cost/availability of hydrogen vehicles. Collective apathy and failure of government will to drive big change.
I would start by making a social media page and maybe even a blog about sustainable living in Calgary. I could help people by telling them where the local, green businesses are.	Being able to find the local green businesses myself. It would take a lot of time and digging to find sustainable and local businesses in Calgary
Our community has no ability to limit the mass influx of people with low respect and values for the environment.	Property developers teamed up with federal authorities interested in securing votes through demographic manipulation.
I cannot prevent the city spraying poisonous chemicals in the city, but we do not use them on our property and provide a wildlife friendly yard/garden.	
Take transit more, grow more food locally, get rid of my personal vehicle or at least not drive in the city	No washrooms at transit stations, no access to public space to garden, transit is expensive, busy roads so can't ride my bike (some bike lanes, but not connected), huge travelling distances, no shelter from cold/wet weather,
Sell my car.	The barriers are carrying heavy groceries and visiting friends who live in the suburbs.
I live in a small apartment as a single to conserve energy & reduce emissions. I cycle 5,000 km a year, reducing driving to 4500 km/year, walk lots and take public transit to: stay healthy, conserve energy, reduce pollution and save money.	Nothing, doing it baby!
Solar panels for house or geothermal heating, plug-in hybrid vehicle, more use of bicycle for shopping and trips.	Many energy initiatives are very costly to retrofit on existing houses and not very commonly available from builders/developers. More incentives or requirements from



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	government to provide this type of housing (even a percentage of homes) or safer bike storage at stores or businesses would help.
I would get solar panels on my roof and get a system that takes my waste water and makes it usable for my lawn and garden.	The cost.
1. Stop using single-use plastic packaging. 2. Increase residential density to reduce vehicle use and pollution. 3. Require that new developments use sustainable (e.g., geothermal?) energy sources for home heating, made cost-effective by using local central heating plants.	1. Most food and groceries are often grossly over packaged, with no environmentally friendly alternatives. 2 and 3: vote for alderpersons who share my vision.
I would make my home self sustaining, off the grid, more gardens, greenhouse, more composting,	Cash
I will buy a electric car, put solar panel on the roof, buy products not in the plastic packaging.	Not much electric charging station due to our STRONG OIL AND GAS present in this province. No battery storage technology ready for electricity generated from the solar panel. 90% of groceries are packed in the plastic, I have no alternative.
I would stand up, as should our entire City council, and demand the the UCP government reinstate the 1976 coal policy. Our mountains are precious and provide our municipalities downstream. Without protecting our mountains & headwaters we put ourselves at risk.	No communication from our provincial government. Despite writing personal letters, all efforts fall on deaf ears. All provincial municipalities need to come together in a common front. No strip mining in Albertas Rocky Mountains. The trickle down effects will affect us all.
More natural gas. Fewer electric cars. Batteries cause more damage to the environment, their chemicals being destructive and non-absorbable into the ecosystem. Natural gas and fuel exhausts are naturally handled by the environment, with a limited overall impact.	Too many people being convinced by MSM and uneducated gov'ts that batteries are the way to save our planet.
I would install solar panels on the roofs of all the buildings I own.	Finances, cutting of the grant program and carbon tax by the UCP.
I would love to be able to explore our local environments more and learn more about how I can be a better citizen and reduce my impact.	There is not much infrastructure supporting education around our ecosystems. Especially in the NW of Calgary. Opportunities for common citizens to learn about the environment we reside in are few and far between. Calgary needs more places like the bow habitat station and the Ralph Klein park.
A decentralized grid system. More local and community based energy programs i.e. green powerhouse as well as local and community based food sources i.e. urban farms, school farm programs that teach children the importance of fresh/nutritious food and biodiversity.	Public awareness, willingness to depart from the status quo. Government support and subsidies for these types of programs.
I would be vehicle free.	The size of our city



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Community waste clean-ups, community garden support, enlist Indigenous communities to lead on certain actions,	Communications, community funding, NGO funding
I would have a solar roof, that generates power for an electric car and my pedal assist bike. I would use geothermal sources to heat my house. I would utilize less waste when shopping for essentials.	Cost prohibitive. I live in a condo so I can't make these changes. Most grocery stores still utilize plastic bags, and excessive packaging, so I have to go out of my way for alternatives.
I am prepared to do whatever it takes to repair the damage and protect the earth. I would give up cars, traveling, plastics, traditional work. It will now require a complete re-framing of our world and our communities to achieve what is absolutely imperative to our health and the earth's health.	Infrastructure and government policy designed to protect and encourage oil and gas development prevents me from living outside the current system.
Purchase groceries not wrapped in plastic, eat much more vegan food, user less fossil fuel.	Our crippling reliance on fossil fuels both as a revenue source and as a means of power generation. There should be more regulation around food packaging and the city should promote people eating much less meat which has been proven to not only improve one's health, but also the environment.
I prefer to take public transit to work, but cannot currently do so , especially during winter, because of slow and poor transit connections.	because of slow and poor transit connections.
Everything I can. Electric vehicle, solar power. I already put in geothermal instead of natural gas.	Some is money. But there isn't as many options.
Participating in city programs. If I had more access to green programs, I would use them	Lack of knowledge or access to green programs
Buy an electric car	No provincial government rebates and lack of charging infrastructure. Yes there is a federal rebate but that should be supported locally as well.
For the city, expansion. For myself, energy efficiency. It would be amazing if where I lived (and everyone else as well) was so energy efficient that very little energy would have to be generated to sustain our way of life. If our city used a fraction of the energy we did now, it would help a lot.	For the expansion of the city, I have no control over permits and over what gets built. For energy efficiency, cost. It is sadly very expensive to make an existing house very efficient. Furthermore, we should foster community gardens and cultivate wild species inside city boundaries for our health.
Avoid cutting trees	Private lands and no enough government regulations
I would prefer to never have to drive to work.	Our transit system, as good as it has gotten, would still take me almost triple the time.
Stop the coal mine. Preserve the natural places we have left.	It seems that money is the only thing that gets a response, so preserving areas won't be



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	done unless it is more profitable than destroying it for resources. That is messed up.
Public transport.	Lack thereof to south of city.
Reduce or stop food waste; walk, bicycle, use public transit instead of use car	It is not safe to bike on streets or go to shopping, and it's far away to bus stop, and waiting time is long.
I would transition to low waste options and I would switch to a more vegan diet.	Low waste options can be more expensive up front and are not readily available everywhere, especially during the pandemic, so a lack of funds and time to find and purchase such items prevents me from going low waste. In addition, the difficulty of changing my diet prevents me from going vegan.
I am extremely environmentally conscious already, and do things like walk to work, use the toilet multiple times before flushing, washing daily, but only showering every 4 days, etc	Nothing. I have made the decision to do so already.
We do most of the low cost options (bike, walk, compost/recycle). The biggest barriers for doing more probably relate to cost (buying an electric car, solar panels, etc.).	The low hanging fruit is gone, as a family we are looking at items that are costly (electric car, solar panels, high efficiency furnace).
With no barriers, I would reduce human impact on our watershed. I firmly believe that the watershed provides for the rest of the natural environments and our own city, so it is of utmost importance. Thus, calling for priority in our conservation and protection efforts.	I am prevented from taking this action because I am not sure how to get involved with protecting our waters. If there was a method to do this, I would participate.
Changing my methods of transportation to lower my natural gas consumption and carbon emissions.	The areas designed for pedestrian walkways/bikeways are very small and poorly designed in relation to where people actually need to access. With this, the walkways/pathways have no elements of nature added to them - they are for the most part small roads that have eaten away at natural land.
Put solar panels on our new house / purchase green energy	Financial barriers
I would naturalize our yard.	Funds.
I would buy an electric car and put solar panels in place to charge it; I would be apart of a community garden to grow my own food and buy local when I can't grow it myself; I would bike to work if it was safer to do so; I would take a train to Edmonton/Canmore rather than drive.	For the car it would be money as Alberta has no subsidies for electric vehicles, and dealerships don't even bother bringing them to Alberta in the first place. Not enough space/ access for community gardens; not enough pathways or safe road sides for biking; no public transportation option
n/a	n/a



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Enforce recycling and composting.	I don't make the legislation to ensure that everyone is doing their part.
If downtown was more affordable (less commercial, more living space) my family would be able to live a smaller eco footprint and use public transportation	Availability of downtown living spaces. Downtown core has 30% vacancy which is restricting the ability of affordable housing options.
Kind of a stupid question. Without barriers is like asking someone to blue sky 'if you won the lottery' kind of day dreaming make belief crap. What value does mythical unrealistic dreams have to do with city policy? Sadly we all know the true answer to that sad reality.	
Getting my family to be mindful about everything they do and how it affects the environment.	Nothing - or them not listening to me.
Purchase zero waste goods. Drive nowhere	Offerings of non packaged goods at affordable prices.  Urban sprawl and lack of convenient ammentities within walking distance
Drive less.	I don't have a grocery store or library within walking distance. There is no direct bus route to the nearby library, and the busses that go to the grocery stores do not run frequently enough.
1. Tankless water heater 2. sell second car 3. Energy audit	1. Cost 2. Haven't moved to partner businesses closer to home office yet (head office inertia) 3. Cost (fear of cost :) as I don't know how much it would cost)
More frequent and broader transit coverage would increase my use. If more garden space was available I would grow more food. Better cycling/walking infrastructure would decrease car use. More inner city housing options would allow me to age in place.	The city cuts back on services i.e. transit and doesn't allow bikes on trains during rush hours. Proportionally the City spends A LOT on infrastructure for cars and not on safe, accessible cycling/walking. The City continues to develop in suburbs rather than densifying current communities.
My household already REDUCES, RE-USES, and recycles, compost and garden everything we can. I would like to be able to purchase products with less packaging &/or compostable packaging. So much of what we see in stores can't be recycled from foil lined coffee cans to a lot of the plastics used.	Price differences and availability of products. I don't think there's any thing the city can do about it but I would like to see recycled paper bags without printed inks return to popularity. Trees are renewable and if the paper has already been recycled a time or two even better!
I already take substantive action in my personal life, but should I want to take it to the next level I would invest in a hybrid vehicle	Economic considerations, I don't have the funds currently and there is still a lack of infrastructure.





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Replacing the Premier with a more competent one who does not torch the environment to fill his and his corporate donors' coffers	It's undemocratic, frowned upon and illegal
I would cancel the City's ill conceived and useless berm project for Bowness. As a riparian dweller we are not allowed to touch a plant or move a stone on the riverbank yet the City is planning to devastate the entire eco-system for the sake of a berm that will protect no one from ground water.	I am taking action via the BRFM society and public education via our own hydrologist analysis and news releases and social media.
Helping people understand the impact of disposable items. They're convenient, and many we don't even think about any more. Reducing the use may initially be a nuisance to each of us, but it's not impossible to get used to something new, or maybe old, as the case may be.	I wouldn't know where to start , nor how to get people who are very ingrained in their ways to understand what they are doing to the point where they're willing to make the change.
I would optimally be zero-waste and I would like to see all Calgary citizens move towards zero-waste. In addition to Part 3B: the city does a great job on recycling/compost programs (What Goes Where Tool, variety of recyclable/compostable material, efficiency) so kudos!	Is what I'm doing making an impact? Access to education (videos) on how recycling works, why Calgary has ability to recycle certain materials compared to other countries, what happens to the material. Incentivize zero-waste (black bin pay per use) since neighbour's green/blue bins not utilized.
We can improve waste diversion, particularly in organics which produce reusable material. Also increase low water use landscaping.	I personally am doing these things. We need more participation from others who have not yet embraced these activities. More leadership and support in terms of education and reward from the City of Calgary should be taken.
There needs to be strong, layman communication about what climate change is and how it impacts everyone's lives. No need to quote science, or some thought leader. Keep it simple.	The only thing preventing this city from change is that nobody has the courage to take a stand. This is a very politically weak city who admires words over action.
I would purchase all food and household products that are packaged using bio-degradable or reusable packaging.	Too many food and household products still use far too much single-use plastic and alternatives are few or non-existent.
If there were no barriers in my way I'd be furthering my quest to zero waste and encouraging others to do so. I'd be a year round cyclist (it's WAY too dangerous on the roads with lack of snow/ice clearing & pushes cyclists into the way of cars) and I'd have renewable energy powering my home.	The Zero Waste movement is expensive, & while the City has made big steps in recycling & composting initiatives, we can do more work here Cycling lanes need to be extended, fully protected & cleared regularly. Make it safe for all Calgarians all year round Solar panel subsidies for condo buildings
I don't think any drastic actions need to be taken	
Planting community gardens, raising money and organizing fundraisers, making fertilizer illegal, and adding a "waste" tax. It would be nice to have more	I believe that the community doesn't offer many ways for us to get together as a group-- it is only individual action I can make. I



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community involvement, like a youth volunteer program where we can clean up the land and gain volunteer experience/credit.	understand that it takes a team to make a change, but right now I am struggling to find others nearby who share my passion and concerns.
I'd like to purchase an electric vehicle. I drive a lot for work, and being able to reduce how much my driving impacts the environment would be great.	Pricing. The lack of provincial incentives for EV's/hybrids makes them more inaccessible than they already are with their high costs. Compared to somewhere like B.C. or Quebec, people here have to pay significantly more to save the Earth. There's also a lack of charging infrastructure.
I would like to have a carbon neutral home, whether through on site power generation or the ability to purchase carbon neutral energy.	money
Sell my car	I live in an apartment where I cannot install wind/solar energy, or purchase these alternatives from energy providers.
invest more in renewable energy, build more hydroelectric water dams, improve electric cars charging stations, reduce tax on electric cars, invest more in local parks	Need it to get to places transit won't take us old minded government
I would start an intentional community that is off-grid, demonstrating renewable energy and permaculture principles, and be an environmental learning and retreat centre.	lack of access to capital, poor zoning and regulatory allowances for collective housing i.e. the building code gives preference to single family residences and doesn't allow for the kind of collective housing arrangements I envision; our electrical and water treatment grid is not decentralized etc
We've cut consumption so that our household generates only one bin of garbage every 2 months, and reuse as much as we can to reduce recycling. Next I would like to switch to an electric vehicle and continue to reduce water consumption.	Electric vehicle charging stations are almost non-existent in Western Canada when compared to Europe.
Making the better environmental choice should not be a choice between one's convenience and one's morals. I see these on a regularly basis with my friends and family. And can sympathize. Often trying to make the right individual choice is more expensive + time consuming.	Lack of convenience and affordability. It's easier and 'normal' to drive to errands than bike or walk. It's cheaper and more convenient to buy the heavily packaging products than support the local businesses providing an alternative, which also means I have more waste to be managed by The City.
I think I already do this. I drive less than 5k Km/yr. Walk where I can, transit use where possible. I would like to move to a neighborhood where everything was available.	Poorly designed neighborhoods that don't have amenities for living, walking/cycling.
Purchase an electric vehicle. Reduce plastic waste.	Financial reasons. No other alternatives.



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<p>Solar panels on our condo building I would shop only locally.</p>	<p>Funding and incentives for all residents Calgary is set up with few neighborhood shops and mostly large shopping centres and big box stores. I'd like to walk to green grocers, butchers, bakers and other service providers instead of driving in my car to many different places to purchase these items.</p>
<p>Short-sighted decisions from politicians pandering to small, but wealthy interest groups who are not acting in the best interest of all Calgarians.  Incentivization for active transport, increased density, and reducing waste - like EPR provincially.</p>	<p>The increased politicization of the environment locally, provincially, and federally.</p>
<p>I would love to bike more to and from work.</p>	<p>The cold and the uncertain status of the clearing of the bike paths stops me. I'm not sure why a live clearing update isn't available? You must spend so much on clearing the pathways but you don't have a proper resource to communicate their status?</p>
<p>I would buy an electric vehicle only when its capable of driving for a full day without recharge (or similar to fueling up only takes 5 minutes to charge), plus it must be able to tow my boat.</p>	<p>a) The technology does not yet exist. b) When technology can do this, Costs are a concern.</p>
<p>None. Its pretty good as is</p>	
<p>Eliminate single use plastics, use only renewable energy, get an electric car, install rainwater barrels for gardening and personal use, install energy efficient Windows and appliances, low flow plumbing, have a grassless lawn</p>	<p>Money, and social stigma</p>
<p>Take transit daily, use my bike more often. Recycle more actively. Install solar panels. Drive electric car. Participate in community cleanup programs.</p>	<p>I think that Calgary has put a lot of they're efforts into the downtown core area with bike lanes, solar panels, efficient transit. Living in the Acadia with minimal income makes it difficult to take of advantage of many environmental programs.</p>
<p>live near the transit station</p>	<p>less bike paths</p>
<p>No action opportunities to take. I still recall flying into Calgary next to an older married couple from Nashville. They looked out the window and then turned to me to ask why the city doesn't have trees.</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>City policies of lying to us about their recycling program. Telling us to recycle when the blue bin ends up in the landfill anyways because we have no clients or the capacity to separate properly.</p>



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<p>I would also like to reduce my work commute (currently 30 minutes each way by car)</p>	<p>My union has placed me in a position that is far away from my house. There isn't adequate public transportation from my house to my work, and I have two small children. I need to be available to them quickly (especially with Covid).</p>
<p>Better means of transportation, Recycling, Reduction of energy consumption (Heat,Hydro) better use of solar power and efficient city planning</p>	<p>I am not a counselor or member of the city.</p>
<p>I would stop driving my car entirely and rely on public transit, cycling, walking. Accordingly, I'd live closer to all the places I need to go and be content with an overall smaller living space.</p>	<p>Calgary is a suburban city and using a car is the most efficient way to get around. All housing that is located more central is also wildly unaffordable.</p>
<p>Have more community gardens, beehives in local parks, community micro farms with chicken and goats to teach people about urban farming. I'd also like to have more support in getting rid of lawns as they are wasteful and a hazard due to fertilizer run off and water consumption</p>	<p>Many community associations have rules about keeping a nice lawn and we could do more to encourage people to have food forests or low water front yards. There are lots of rules about keeping animals like chickens that prevent people from doing it - maybe there is a compromise that could be found</p>
<p>Since our City doesn't recycle everything (Calgary pretty much just recycles cardboard and tin) I have to order a zero-waste box from Terracycle every month for \$257.00. This way I know my items are being recycled properly.</p>	<p>It angers me to see on the City's website under "what goes where" to "place in black bin as garbage" is still a suggestion. There ARE places that will take some of these items and there s/b links or phone numbers on the City's page directing people to these sites!</p>
<p>If public transport was faster than it currently is, with more busses and more efficient train commute times, using a personal vehicle would not be a necessity.</p> <p>If bike lanes were more accessible though out the city, with a greater buffer between car and bike, I would bike more often.</p>	<p>Availability.</p>
<p>I would support a nearby nuclear plant, I'd go 100% solar on my house if that was an option in Calgary, I would buy an electric car if the electricity generation was environmentally friendly, I would continue to work from home to reduce car travel. I'll move to an apartment when my kids move out.</p>	<p>Solar power is still insufficient, electricity generation is not environmentally friendly. I have a new car so don't need a new one for a while, and I have 3 kids - I don't want to live in the tiny apartments with no storage space and high condo fees that are currently available for families.</p>
<p>I would add more trash bins around parks</p>	<p>Local laws.</p>
<p>walking or biking more.</p>	<p>I do bike to work but its not a straight forward route and there is some busy road action that makes it a bit scary.</p>
<p>I can't change anymore than I already do.</p>	<p>Something the City should do, is stop all City vehicles from idling.</p>



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<p>I would be able to walk, bike or transit to all my daily destinations within 20min from home.</p>	<p>I live in Rosemont NW and still my destinations are too spread out. Has anyone on your team looked at Doughnut Economics for Cities, out of the UK and being piloted in various European cities. All decisions are made through an environmental sustainability lens.</p>
<p>Recycle/compost more. Condo space is limited- I utilize building compost/recycle bins &amp; bottle depots. In a house I would worm compost, water collect, plant native trees/grass &amp; flowers for bees. Work &amp; shop in community. Rely on transit. Use public driverless car shares w/pickup from home/at shops.</p>	<p>Condos/Apts built w/o kitchen/storage space. I don't have a house/yard. No community garden. Affordability. Ease. Education. Access to native trees/grasses. City's built where you're forced to commute, even downtown re: amenity availability. car2go limited. No car/share taxi w/bus fare price exists.</p>
<p>I would be happy to reduce the number of [removed] in government who don't do their core jobs, but instead push their ultra far-left agendas on us while pretending they're saving the world.</p>	<p>Unfortunately these [removed] a belong to a worldwide system run by the Vatican. Otherwise we would all live in peace, wealth, and happiness.</p>
<p>Replace lawn with biodiverse plants</p>	<p>Bylaws, perception</p>
<p>More efficient use of neighborhoods so I wouldn't have to drive all the time. Transit does not work well and is expensive. Bikes and bike lanes make no sense since we have winter, and makes no sense for families. Walking is hard enough since the city does not clear snow effectively</p>	<p>Poor public transit, transit doesn't even go near my work and there is no housing near my work. The city feels proud of its pointless bike lanes that only serve to clog up traffic causing more delays. Less transit to urban sprawl and more transit for those in industrial areas</p>
<p>[removed]</p>	<p>[removed]</p>
<p>Trick question that only prompts answer government would like to increase taxes (moral suasion). I care about the environment- but do not support government 'using' it to indirectly benefit themselves.</p>	<p>Government.</p>
<p>Rooftop gardens</p>	<p>COVID-19</p>
<p>And eliminating single use plastics such as straws</p>	
<p>Use public transit more, bike/walk more.</p>	<p>Everything is very spread out, getting to grocery stores, shopping centres takes alot of time to get there or you have to have a car to get there. This emits alot of emissions. However it's big corporations that have the biggest impact on the environment, not your average everyday person.</p>
<p>I would install solar panels on my home, I would drive an electric vehicle, and I would be able to buy groceries without generating waste, particularly in the form of plastic packaging.</p>	<p>I do not own my home and do not currently have the funds for an electric vehicle (and trashing my current vehicle would be wasteful). If there were more "zero-waste" grocery stores in my area I would be able to shop without generating so much plastic waste.</p>



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Walk more. Since i have no job to drive to.	I am spending day long searching for a job that I want to have.
I'd hire people to pick up litter and reduce landfill prices do discourage dumping Calgary dissent have a problem with air quality or water	Nenshi keeps [removed] trying to make problems that aren't there. Hire some people to pick up litter the parks are looking trashy lots of syringes and dumping
Helping with local neighborhood cleanups Help plant gardens on rooftops, a "sustainable rooftop" venture that other cities have adapted Lobby for more green energy Lobby against single use plastics	COVID-19 Being unsure who to lobby/ where to express my ideas
This is a bad question emphasizing an individual living in a fantasy/utopia. I can't be inspired to create more bike and pedestrian infrastructure on my own. I can't create more compact development across the city that reduces air pollution for my children due to less vehicle miles travelled.	Financial costs for some activities are enormous - like deep energy housing retrofits or EV purchase. I bike as much as I can but a lot of the city still feels unsafe because of the lack of good infrastructure. Lack of affordable green housing in the city, especially in the inner city.
Continue to bike to work or take transit daily. We have looked into solar panels, but were told by the company that it doesn't make sense financially without the provincial government tax rebate. I want to take part in the Solar Garden project in Renfrew. More zero waste grocery options.	Current UCP provincial government that rescinded the Solar panel tax rebate.
Taking transit, walking more to work, eating less meat	Cost of living (groceries etc) is going up, transit is unreliable, walking is too cold
Invite a viable energy storage method that was not expensive. So that we could harness more renewable energy. Such as hot metal batteries.  That said, we do not even know how much environmental impact taking energy from the wind, or the wasted 80% heat energy of solar panels will have.	The cost of deployment, the lack of concern, and the fact that we use so much energy in the first place.
Renovate our house to reduce energy consumption.	Financial means.
Stop inner city driving. I never owned a car prior to moving to Calgary (having lived in Montreal & Ottawa which have efficient public transit systems).	Our public transit system is not good (ie. a 10 min inner city drive takes approximately an hour by public transit...) and expensive. Walking and biking aren't always an option. A train to the mountains (Canmore, Banff, Lake Louise) and Edmonton would also get a lot of drivers off the roads.
I would like to take transit everyday to reduce carbon footprint.	Growing up in Hong Kong, you can take transit everywhere. Moving to Calgary was a huge cultural shock to see lack of transit access and services, and our neighbourhoods are so sparse to cater to cars on the road. We



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	need denser neighborhoods and more efficient transit system
I would also love to install solar panels and better insulation, and finished xerascaping my yard.	Almost exclusively monetary, but some of it is not having the time to research how to do it. I have redone half of my yard and have the plans to do the other half, but it will have to wait, as will the solar panels and insulation because I don't have the funds.
Using more renewable energy in my day to day life	Lack of affordable options to do this
I would put less things in the garbage if they could easily be recycled.	Trouble finding places that take items.
I'd love to try planting pollinator friendly plants - native species if possible - along sidewalk/median strips adjacent to my property.	Regulatory concerns. We have a utility ROW that can't have permanent structures, shrubs or trees planted on it. Corner lot, so any plants must be under 2 feet in mature height to ensure traffic sight lines are kept clear. Cost, as current rules state only grass/sod need replacing if work is done.
I would love to be able to schedule more garbage cleanups not just in my community but across the city. I have done this already but the infrastructure does not support the prevention side (both city garbage cans and private businesses do not make it easy to dispose). More litterers should be fined.	The problem is the sheer amount of garbage making it onto the ground and into waterways. It feels like there is a never ending amount of garbage on the ground & impossible to get it all (need prevention). Having the city help target problem areas would be helpful. Bylaw should increase litter fines.
Transit	Terrible transit. Over 1 hour to get to work, vs 15-20 by car. Groceries are too far away as well. Preferred store is 3km away. Difficult to shop by bus
suicide	being gutless
I would make sustainable transportation a priority and focus on buying sustainable products. I would also like to eliminate all single use plastics and items from my day to day.	Urban sprawl in Calgary makes it difficult to source needs in the neighborhood. Public transportation is often disjointed when travelling outside central Calgary. Too many restaurants and facilities continue to rely on single use plastics and sustainable products can be scarce and expensive.
All packaging be recyclable	Federal government not focused on recycling.
Would install solar panels on my roof.	Not worth it with the current Enmax support structure
The govt should provide public school in each community so people don't drive their kids to far off schools.,provide essential commodity stores in each community.	I am not the govt or part of the city council.
Electric car, solar power on more homes.	



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I would love to get rid of my car, and live in a medium-density walkable neighbourhood. I would also love to be able to better protect Calgary's biodiversity and construct our communities in a way that encourages native species and biodiversity.	There are very few walkable neighbourhoods that have lots of natural green space, and those that exist are so expensive that I would not be able to afford living there. I'd love to learn more about restoring Calgary's nature but I don't see opportunities to engage in these types of projects.
Electric vehicles	Cost
I would fire at least 25% of city employees starting with anyone involved with "climate change" or "sustainability".	A foolish and extreme leftist administration at the City.
Shovel the city owned walking paths around my neighborhood that the city doesn't.	Disabled, so I can't even enjoy a walk around my neighborhood
I feel there should be limits on water consumption and household garbage production. Encourage more recycling and composting	I am conscientious about water and waste, but many people are wasteful.
Solar panels, rain water collection for dry days, plant vegetables and fruit for people to enjoy (put some apple trees downtown and in densely populated areas), eliminate single use plastic, have citizens be environmental advocates for each sector so it would better reflect the actual needs.	Money. Limited understanding of reduce, reuse, recycle or upcycling. I've rarely seen respect for the environment enforced in the city. Stop wasting money on ridiculous, expensive, useless artworks.
Taking transit to work	As it stands, taking transit from the NE to the SE would add over an hour each way to my 12 hour work day. Completing the green line would shorten this significantly.
Snow removal-easier access for seniors and disabled More trees- houses too close together-less drug addicts leaving their dope and pop in our parks	Not enough police- not safe- too much crime
Get an electric vehicle and a home powered by solar energy.	Coat and availability.
Reduce buying products encased in plastic and buy more local.	Availability and cost
Commuting more with a bicycle and taking transit. Better more reliable (and safer) transit Designated bike lanes on all major roadways. While Calgary has come a long way in the last 10 years, this is still a very car dependent city. Disorderly conduct a crime is still an issue at C-train stations	Cycling: Not enough bike infrastructure (even just more painted bike lanes would make a big difference). Transit: Feeling unsafe at c-train stations when I work early mornings or late night. I avoid transit because of this. Too many "characters" using with little to control from bylaw/CPS
Reduction in waste or increase recycling. More use of passive energy production and decentralized energy distribution.	Consumer goods packaging seems to be excessive with many components seem non recyclable. Cost of solar pannels and long term payback.
Drive less. Have a vegetable garden.	Living in a far out suburb as I cannot afford being more inner city. Lack of yard space to garden as I live in multifamily. New





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	neighbourhoods are so densely packed that there is no yard space even for single family homes.
More sustainable transportation. Bike lanes and cross walk entrances shouldn't be blocked with snow. There Should be a train to Banff and Lake Louise. Better quality building standards, all existing and new buildings should be net positive by 2040. No one should be homeless. City commit to net zero	Province, city and citizen complacency
Cost of gas firepits. Cost of gas line or tanks. Though this is not a necessity. So people can go without these items. They can also go camping if they want that real wood burning fire pit ambiance.	The City needs to make a bylaw with heavy fines for people who do not adhere to the law. Need to educate the public on the effects of smoke in our environment and how it is carcinogenic and affects everyone's health. The Canadian Lung Association can help with information on this.
I would implement solar energy and consider an EV as a daily driver.	Can't have solar because of neighbour's trees. I also refuse to pay energy companies high rates after spending a lot of money on solar. Additionally, EVs are far too expensive when you consider the battery life of the vehicle and may be looking at \$10K or more in new batteries within 10 years.
reroute the trainline around the city and restore the tracks to provide a green corridor through the city. contribute to native species and restoration of existing developments, connect the greenspaces of the city more thoroughly, and restore the river valleys, especially the industrial areas.	private ownership, and lack of concerted action.
Only take public transit/bike, eat only local/organic foods, buy and renovate a home to make it as carbon neutral as possible.	Public transit is not efficient in many suburban neighborhoods, so I'm limited where I can travel. I can't afford to eat organic and grocery stores don't often carry local produce, or push for people to buy it in season. Home prices are too high.
Insulating house better. Planting more bee friendly plants.	Money or lack there of.
Active transport	Unsafe and unconnected pathways to travel. Full commitment to more sustainable travel by decision makers. Lack of science in decision making.
I would walk to work. Buy products with compostable packaging or make products from home. I would shop local. Do regular garbage cleanups.	I live too far from work to be able to walk. It is difficult to make/grow everything from home given the weather and how busy I am. The same goes for the garbage cleanups. I would shop local but I don't out of convenience.



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I am doing everything I can. Use less disposable products	We live in a disposable world where companies make it impossible to use less (packaging, cheaper to buy a new item then replace parts, too much traffic on the roads so fuel efficiency isn't an option and Calgary transit is scary, dirty and unreliable)
There are no barriers.	I take actions every day that reduce my environmental impact.
1. Prevent any new building from being built that is not net zero energy 2. Plant an urban food/shade forest in and around Calgary, water/care for it 3. Stop development spread, protect natural areas, increase forest coverage	Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments, as they repeatedly respond to corporate/financial interests only.
None	N/A
Get rid of my car and use only public transportation. The bus service in Cougar Ridge is very poor. In know quite a few of my neighbours would stop using their cars if the bus service improved.	As per above, improved bus service in Cougar Ridge.
Outlaw every Tesla dealership.	I am not in a position to do so and politicians look no further than what is put in front of them, if they did it would be a wide spread idea that electric cars are not the answer and are more dangerous than any internal combustion engine ever built.
Active transportation! I would get rid of my car. I would also aim to be zero waste.	The City's transportation network is insufficient to get rid of the car entirely. It is difficult to get everything you need without waste, especially during covid.
Less driving	Unless I move most places I need to go for shopping eating are only accessible by driving. Buses only run every 35min where I live. There is not the density to support local shops.
an electric vehicle	the cost is too high for me
Drive an electric car Have a depot to refill my containers of laundry soap , shampoo etc amd cut down on plastics ! Have a pick up depot for Amazon purchases as the packaging is crazy	Finances and choices Nothing exists yet . Shoppers has a few refill options Doesn't exist
I would divert storm drain runoff from entering the river and water bodies without prior treatment.	Financially improbable. Changing storm drain infrastructure would be a monumental task.
I would like to see thorough efficient snow and ice removal to allow for smaller more energy efficient cars be able to navigate our six months of winter.	City policy



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Have better environmental options that don't cost more time, effort or dollars. I would drive less if public transit was more convenient. I would put solar panels on my house if it wasn't cost prohibitive for the short/medium term.	Status quo, limited options, options that cost more, take more time or effort. Calgarian's can't afford to pay more, there needs to be more benefits than it costs. There should be more focus on large corporations than focusing on individuals and small local businesses, Feds Province need to do more.
use public transportation more often	certain activities require use of car ie. grocery shopping
I would convert my home to alternative green energies, and keep chickens in my yard to add to my garden's ecosystem, and my family's ability to feed ourselves.	Finances for the energy piece- installing solar panels is not economically feasible for us right now. Local policy doesn't allow for backyard chickens- please allow for this to be done responsibly!
Better waste management for multi family housing and use public transportation. Also ask my neighbours to reduce their outdoor lights to reduce light pollution :P .	Waste management system. Not enough accessible and frequent public transport (I understand it is not feasible with the number of ridership). The way employers operate. and just the mindset of the people around me. :P
I would take public transit if it was remotely efficient (time-wise).	It takes a minimum of 3 times (300%) the amount of time to take public transit versus personal transportation to get around this city. This does not mean you should make personal transportation worse (removing lanes, making parking unavailable) to make public transit look better.
take transit	it doesn't go where I need to go. Frequency is awful.
Move into a smaller living place.	Need to be close to family so I can help with care needs. Financial constraints.
Put things in place that would make my home less reliant on city resources and better for the environment such as water recycling system and solar panels	Cost and the process of getting approved by the city
I would ensure my own property has net zero water and energy consumption. I would have the ability to easily track my own water and energy consumption so that I can make changes that really do make a difference.	The biggest deterrent is the cost, especially in terms of energy consumption. My house is only 5 years old and yet, I will have to spend considerable money to upgrade features so that I can reduce energy consumption.
Use solar energy, get an electric or solar car, eliminate plastic from my house, get more informed on proper recycling, invest in better recycling facilities, protest against companies that produce plastic	Money and public perception and the policies just don't seem to exist in order to regulate industries to give me options to choose better options that align with my values
Fund, buy, and support local/zero-waste/renewable energy businesses and products	Few cost-effective options are developed or available to me.



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<p>We've already already taken a number of science based actions to lessen our impact, but we need governmental concerted action in areas like recycling (e.g recyclable packaging in stores), public transit, energy efficiency by remodeling of houses, wider availability of electrical car infrastructure.</p>	<p>Personal responsibility can only take you so far. If I don't have the necessary recycling options, for instance, I can't recycle certain items that I would otherwise love to recycle. Getting an electrical vehicle would be pointless if there are no places to charge it. Etc.</p>
<p>Start the switch to clean energy resources Solar, Wind, Water etc.. Plant Plants on roofs and buildings, make more green spaces</p>	<p>Finances, time</p>
<p>I would lay off all city staff, create a bylaw that all city work should be outsourced and removing all "workers" economic means of livelihood. This would result in more people moving to small condos, selling their cars and consuming less within the city. I would also stop paying my property tax.</p>	<p>Legal enforcement of property tax collection; practical reality that many people work for the city. There is an established and correctable link between peoples happiness and their impact on nature. Humans impact nature and this is a good thing and moral if you believe humans are good</p>
<p>Solar energy panels on every roof in the city. Personal transportation like bike paths through city without barriers</p>	<p>Money incentives, tax relief for people using bike to transport to work place and similar stuff</p>
<p>I would stop putting garbage in my green cart</p>	<p>I don't [removed] about the green cart</p>
<p>I will try to shop at local businesses to help them pay their oppressive taxes so that you can waste them.</p>	<p>[removed] at City Hall who are paid far more than they are worth.</p>
<p>Buy everything in bulk and zero waste packaging to completely cut waste</p>	<p>There are not enough stores that offer zero-waste options on all the products that I need. Not to mention, single use plastics and wasteful containers are often given out when it is unnecessary (e.g., take out food coming with plastic cutlery and single-use condiment packages)</p>
<p>Purchase all of the most environmentally friendly food with eco packaging. Eat more vegetarian. Take the train to work or bike. Recycle textiles</p>	<p>Environmentally friendly food/packaging is more expensive than other options. Others in my household prefer eating meat. No train to where I work and a very long bus/bike ride. Unaware of program to recycle old textiles.</p>
<p>Target zero waste and participate in a circular economy</p>	<p>Lack of zero waste supply options and poorly designed products that cannot be repaired easily or cheaply</p>
<p>I would love to have an affordable option for solar generation on my house. Decrease use of single use plastics. Also the ability for self reliance. I find it odd you can own chickens in Vancouver but not Calgary.</p>	<p>I'm not aware of any rebates or programs for solar. Single use plastics are everywhere. My recycling bin is filling up at twice the rate my garbage does. Composting has helped, this program should be expanded. As for chickens, what a ridiculous bylaw. I want to grow a garden and have a few egg hens.</p>



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More parkspace	
If transit was better I would give up driving.	Calgary is so large and spread out and transit is not as effective as in larger cities like Vancouver and Toronto. It's not convenient.
If ours were a year-round temperate climate, with year-round daytime temperatures of 23° and year-round nighttime temperatures of 18°, I would use less natural gas for heating and electricity for the ceiling fan. I would also ride my motorcycles and Bicycle much more and use the truck less.	Reality.
House and vehicle powered by renewable energy. Diet based on local small sustainable farming sources. Clothing made from natural fibers. Home grown garden. Plant a tree.	Availability, expenses, ease of access.
	Money, Time, Energy.
We have added two inches of insulation to our home which should be mandatory in new homes. We have installed solar photovoltaic panels and solar thermal tubes. We have a hybrid Prius and an electric Tesla. We have vowed not to take plane trips. We buy local from farmers and garden and preserve.	We are taking as much action as possible. We re attempting to live a low carbon emission lifestyle. We will continue to try.
Eliminate car use	Layout of the City, and my personal choices to travel for recreation
We do our part by using green and blue bins. Your bin collection service keeps costing more for less service. Shocked	I do not need to take action. I need my money back that is stolen by the federal government for this carbon tax hoax. We also need this terrible excuse for a mayor to leave and never come back
Solar power	Cost and electricity riders
Respect for the issues by leadership	Nothing.
I would make sure that every single Calgarian understands that just because they throw something into the blue bin doesn't make it recyclable. We need much more education and much more action. Plastic bags should not be available. At all.	A platform.
ride to work - need elbow drive bike lanes.	safety -
Install solar panels on my roof.	Barrier is structural: Enmax service area and terms are punitive compared to other areas in the province not served by Enmax.
Not own a vehicle , live a plastic free life, have geothermal/wind/solar micro energy grid access to eliminate fossil fuel use , have ways of disposing of things knowing they are being repurposed in a circular economy model , buy only local produce ,	Lack of leadership in government at all levels to invest in initiatives that would support these kinds of action. a city that continues to pander to developers despite rising costs to taxpayers, worsening service delivery and an astronomical ecological footprint. why didn't you join LCC opportunity?



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Build bridges between communities for more pedestrian flow and more high streets in each neighborhood so people want to visit or locals will shop in own neighbourhood. Reduce car traffic.	Money
Driving less and walking and cycling more to get around.	While I live centrally, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure surrounding me is limited. This makes both activities less enjoyable and when I do walk or cycle, I typically feel unsafe at some point along my route. (Compared to when I lived in Sunnyside and cycled almost exclusively to get around).
Creating vibrant, resource filled communities so that people felt comfortable driving less and participating more.	Nothing - I work at this daily!
I would love to get down to a zero waste lifestyle.	Convenience is the main obstacle. E.G., curbside pick up at the grocery store means way more plastic bags than if I were to shop in store with my reusable ones
Buy items and food with less or no packaging or waste, plant more trees and flowers	Cost, low or no waste food and products are often very expensive. Space-I only have so much room in my yard for trees and flowers to attract bees.
Work with Calgary Roads Traffic Operations to further Traffic Optimization	Courage and commitment. I am currently dipping my toes into this issue with the assistance of alderman Sean Chu
Die	Still living
I have to drive in order to get around the city as it is too large and friends and family live at other ends so a vehicle is an absolute must have	
Install state of the art energy efficient equipment in my house, install solar panels and a rainwater collection system.	Money is being stolen from me by the government through high taxes, including the carbon tax.
Do away with cycle tracks	Stupidity at City Hall
I would install solar panels, bike everywhere and take public transit often, and garden.	Capitalism. I'm too poor to install solar panels. I can't afford to live in a walkable urban neighbourhood, and I am too poor to have a house with a backyard. Capitalism.
I would install solar panels, switch to an electric car, and take more public transit.	Solar panels are cost-prohibitive and take too long to see a return on the initial investment. I can't reliably recreate in the mountains with an electric car because there aren't enough charging stations. The bus is unreliable and Ric McIvor is stalling construction of the green line.
Increased safe walking, less consumption of products that create unnecessary waste.	Too many bikes, runners and scooters on city and park sidewalks ( users are ignoring signs)



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	too much packaging that gets thrown on ground not enough refuse containers in local public community areas and sidewalks Need more cigarette butt containers throughout city and shopping areas and malls
Better mass transit rail system city wide. Thus less motor vehicles usage.	Lack of LRT lines.
Using only reusable products	Trying not to spend money
reducing businesses wastage, easy access to public transport	lack of knowledge to how to approach and lack of time
Not owning a vehicle and using active/mass transportation options exclusively	Unsafe roads (was hit by a car), inconvenience of transit, city sprawl
Enjoy nature	Protestors brainwashed by left wing extremists limiting access
Drive less, retrofit my home (or build new), install solar panels, conduct park clean ups and rehabilitation.	Financials and difficulty accessing government grants to support actions, time commitments, lack of interest from colleagues, family, and friends to take more pride in the city- especially with other issues such as pandemics and political factors.
Current 'refilleries' are novel, boutique and expensive. I think people would be incentivised to reduce consumer waste more if they could afford it. Local restaurants need to use compostable take out, etc... buy an electric car.	Finance. To be eco-friendly is still a pretty bouchie and privileged choice. Most ppl are NOT thinking about environmental impact. Theirs, or others. (I work in Social Work). It takes time to shift to products and items, and a lifestyle that has less of an impact
Teach people on how to use less.	I am working full time.
The city government robbing them blind. Increased taxes, a wasteland of a downtown due to socialist government, and welcome to the new Detroit city. Look outside your borders at Rockyview, your people and businesses are leaving to there in droves because people hate you. Noone wants a bike.	The government of Calgary. If private entrepreneurs were allowed to thrive then Calgary would be one of the best places in the world. Stop pretending Calgary is a bikeable city. Stop pretending that spending money on yourself is a benefit to anyone.
I would buy an electric car, I would put solar panels on my house and ensure that my house has zero impact. I would build and garden and a green house so I could grow all my own food. I would raise chickens.	Lack of funds and the fact that I'm a senior and live alone.
1) Not driving/having a vehicle; 2) Owning an electric vehicle; 3) Run the house on renewable energy	1) The layout of Calgary as a city and neighbourhood availabilities; 2) Cost of personal installation and location of public charging stations; 3) Condo, so this would require city-wide or condo-installed green energy instead of coal/natural gas currently on the grid.
Drive less often and less distance. Buy things with less packaging.	Too much packaging. Recreation opportunities not always available nearby. EG



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	x-c skiing depends on natural snow conditions in the city and near the city. Mountain bike trails limited within and near the city.
I already take good care of my local environment.	Nothing. i'm good, thanks. No additional government actions are required.
Commute everywhere with e- bike and transit. Buy entirely locally produced foods. Cut ghg emissions in half. Be able to swim and recreate in nose creek.	Lack of support for local farms, internal combustion transport biased council and planners. Increased stream pollution levels and lack of effective environmental protection restoration projects in critical wetlands... Stoney industrial planned to further segment and encroach on sensitive habitat
- Use my rain barrel every summer - attend an information session about the City's efforts and how I can change some of choices	I had a baby last year, so some of my summer traditions had to be put on hold. I would be open to attending an education workshop, but am unsure if/when the city hold them.
Truly anything. I was really hoping Trudeau would get use of single use plastics.	Nothing really, I've already been trying to make sure I make a low carbon footprint.... the big problem is oil and gas, in my opinion.
Bike everywhere. I'd love it.	It's getting better with trails. Car sharing. Loved Car to Go. Great little company. Sorry they left. Let's have more choice in that area.
Reducing plastic consumption and waste by not buying pre packaged fruits and vegetables. Buying products in bulk, and cooking more at home.	Time and convenience, sometimes peeling/cutting fruits and vegetables makes cooking time much longer. Eating outside and not home cooked food is convenient as well.
I would drive my car less at a minimum and eliminate owning a car at most. Everything I would need to access could be accomplished either by foot, cycle, transit or ride share.	There is not enough infrastructure to reduce driving. There are barriers to walk-ability, lack of safe cycling infrastructure, insufficient and/or transit options for getting around the city. Getting around the city requires a car.
I'd stick to taking public transit within the city and driving less.	I live in Tuscany and my job is in Sienna. It's a 15 minute drive or ~1.5 hours (I walk fast) by transit. I can take transit some days but not all. I am lucky in that I have better access to transit than many of my friends though.
Stop using plastic.	Some items have to be made of plastic and we have no other options.
Public transportation, stronger sustainability regulation for businesses and corporations because individuals can only do so much	Implementation of the green line
Stop job killing eco projects, if jobs are lost because of the mayors dreams it should be killed on the drawing board	Too many [removed] in city hall





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<p>Take better transit; have solar; rain bins + collection; more gardens; work for eco companies; have zero waste fesitvals; volunteer river cleanup; eco windows and insulation to prevent heat loss; lighter sidewalks and pavement to reduce urban heat island effect; less concrete; community garden.</p>	<p>Cost of solar, not a lot of environmental events here/accepted, cost rain bins, communities paving over grass, the city expanding OUT is so frustrating, as they can't even take care of areas we have (sobuilding up instead of out, being CLOSE to parks, green spaces, walking close to stores), transit.</p>
<p>I would buy a condo in a Leed Certified or net zero building.</p>	<p>I don't know that there are many (or any) to choose from. Developers aren't making it a priority or advertising the sustainability of their buildings. The city doesn't have a culture of environmental stewardship and there is an active bias against "environmental." Change the culture!</p>
<p>Stop expanding the city, for one!!!! Build up not out!!!! Solar energy. Zero waste. Permaculture.</p>	<p>Mostly due to the rising cost of meeting your basic needs, people can't afford to buy reusable products, locally grown food, fit their home with solar panels, live centrally etc. Lack of options.</p>
<p>I would renovate my house to be more energy efficient, use solar panels, and also have a suite above my garage to rent out.</p>	<p>My personal finances.</p>
<p>With no barriers, we would utilize natural energy sources. Solar and wind power. We would harvest and use rain water rather than flush it strait into the storm drains and we would recycle and reuse our grey water</p>	<p>City and provincial bylaws prevent the use of greywater and do not allow rainwater to be used for anything except watering the garden. Converting to solar power is in fortunately beyond our budget and I'm unsure what allowances there are for wind turbines in the city.</p>
<p>Solar panels on my roof</p>	<p>\$\$\$</p>
<p>Less roads, less infrastructure, more nature!</p>	<p>Calgary needs to embrace new, innovative and proactive thinking in the way we build things, e.g., too much space taken up by infrastructure, and leaving more space for nature to thrive. We need to start looking at doing things differently, e.g., taking up less space, think minimalistic/efficiency.</p>
<p>Reducing my own emissions by driving less or not at all and transferring to the use of renewable energy sources for my energy needs (heating/electricity)</p>	<p>The design/ layout of the city makes having a car and driving necessary. Lack of support from the government in regards to the green energy transition and continued investment in the oil and gas industry instead of more sustainable options..</p>
<p>Less driving, if more and better sustainable transportation options were available, or smarter driver with better electric car infrastucture; more eco-friendly</p>	<p>Government policy to support sustainability and contain sprawl, and provide incentives for action. Individual actions help, but government</p>



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retrofits that at present are cost prohibitive (solar panels, upgrade windows, insulation)	action make things happen at a much faster rate and on a larger scale.
Eliminate automobile usage totally. Although I ride my bike and walk more than the average citizen, there are many obstacles to eliminating my car, including insufficient public transportation.	City design and development favours the automobile. The public transportation system is a relic of the past and needs more thoughtful improvement which will increase ridership.
I would ride a cycle to work, I would have a healthier lifestyle. Instead, the once pristine area, is now traversed by vehicles at high speeds, bright lights from commercial activity and two power plants that are hissing day and night	The city has allowed the development and has not put in place balances that encourage greenery. There are no trees, no gardens or pathways that encourage walking and bicycling. The seniors and young ones are forced to ride and walk in the traffic
Planting native plants that support biodiversity.	I have no land under my control.
Reducing home energy consumption and supplementing with home-based renewables (I.e solar, geothermal, etc)	High cost, currently renting
Reduce ongoing governmental studies on environmental impacts and just deal with the basics of ensuring parks and green spaces are maintained.	Ever increasing governmental bureaucracy.
Reduce time spent commuting & travelling by car	Access to areas is the city by public transport is abysmal. It takes forever and/or is unfeasible. Projects like the green line need to be completed to allow for Calgarians to make public transit a reasonable means of transportation
Lead a community based group to create a solar generation and storage micro-grid.	Legislation is not favorable to micro-generators of electricity.
I have very little impact on the environment. However making City Hall more efficient would be a good first step.	City Hall
Walk and bike more to run errands	There are no grocery stores or places I would frequent within a decent walking biking distance.
walk everywhere! by walking i get the opportunity to run into neighbours and catch up, if I get to walk through green spaces it is calming, and of course I reduce my ghg emissions and save money on fuel.	there is no grocery store that is within a 15 minute walk from my house besides Walmart which I do not support
solar panels	\$
If money was no barrier, I would immediately transition all of my sources of energy to sustainable sources for my home and transportation	Finances
Well, I suppose I could crawl into a cave? Cease to be? Move somewhere else?	I'm retired. I'm old. I'll probably die soon. I pay enough taxes for it to be someone else's problem.



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Using less plastic, using primarily cardboard or compostable packaging.	Lack of regulation regarding plastic production. Too much is being made and not nearly enough is biodegradable plastics
Nothing. I think we should focus on getting people jobs first or else you won't have people in Calgary. Priorities should change.	City council. Not a priority.
Upgrading all insulation and windows to drastically reduce energy costs for my home.	Mainly cost. Also the disruption And mess of construction.