

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

Response Summary

01 Your name

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02 Do you support citywide rezoning?

Yes

✓ **No**

03 Based on your experience, rank these issues based on importance to your voters.

- 1 Affordability
- 2 Property taxes
- 3 Citywide rezoning
- 4 Infrastructure
- 5 Roads
- 6 Housing
- 7 Public safety
- 8 Better public transit
- 9 Parks and open spaces
- 10 City hall transparency

04 Do you support the use of property tax dollars for the downtown office-to-residential conversions? Why or why not?

Yes. A main reason property taxes have increased these past four years is because of the tax shift from business to residential, coming about in response to downtown property values cratering following downtown vacancy rates reaching 30%. The only way to stop this trend is to fill downtown towers again.

05 Do you believe the City of Calgary has a climate plan that will cost \$87 billion in city tax dollars to implement?

Yes

✓ **No**

06 When was the last time you participated in a city council meeting in person?

I don't recall the exact dates, but I have presented to council many times and led the creation of the City's Open Data Policy, Poet Laureate Program, and Digital Strategy, all of which were passed by council.

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What role should the City of Calgary play in dealing with mental health and addiction?

Mental health and addiction are healthcare issues and thus primarily the responsibility of the province. That being said, both have a significant impact on perceptions of public safety, which is the City's responsibility. The two levels of government must work together on this issue because the actions of one will affect the other. Another topic that must be addressed when discussing mental health and addiction is the availability of housing. Affordable housing, homelessness, mental health, addictions and public safety are frequently connected and need to be considered together when planning appropriate interventions.

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When you are making promises at the doors, are you informing voters on where the money will come from or what you will cut to make it happen?

✓ Yes.

No.

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Statement: The City of Calgary should continue building new communities on its outer fringe. Agree or disagree and why?

In 2024 we had more people move to Calgary than ever before and at a rate higher than any Canadian city in history. At the same time we had one new housing start for every person who moved to the city. To accommodate this influx in new neighbours we must build housing in every location available to us. This includes on the outer fringes, where, for the last 10-15 years, we have been building much denser communities that are far more sustainable than previous decades.

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More, less or the same?

	MORE	LESS	SAME
Bike lanes			✓
Transit frequency	✓		
Pothole fixes	✓		
Public engagement	✓		
Density	✓		
Parks	✓		
Police officers			✓
Trees	✓		
Fire service	✓		

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Choose the option that best represents your position on property taxes.

Increase by population growth + inflation.

Property tax cut.

✓ Increase by inflation only.

Fluctuate year to year based on needs.

No clue.

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What's the best alignment option for the downtown portion of Calgary's Green Line?

Elevated line.

Below ground.

✓ **Whatever way the province will fund.**

No downtown Green Line

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What role should the City of Calgary play, if any, in ensuring there is adequate, affordable starter housing stock, or rentals available for young Calgarians?

Housing must be a top priority for the City because it impacts so many other outcomes the City is striving for, such as public safety. We know there is a shortage of Affordable Housing as well as housing that is affordable. The City should do everything in it's power to ensure land is available and the economic conditions are right for both of these types of affordable housing to meet the demand, including ensuring there is a variety of housing stock.

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On a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being of utmost importance), please rank the pursuit of these initiatives.

	1	2	3	4	5
Airport to DT rail			✓		
Green Line north				✓	
Olympics-like event	✓				
Net zero emissions by 2035		✓			
High speed rail to Edmonton	✓				
Prairie Economic Gateway					✓
Foothills Multisport Fieldhouse					✓
Calgary to Banff rail	✓				
West Village creosote remediation			✓		
Regional rail transit			✓		

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What would you do to improve the City of Calgary's public engagement?

Public engagement undertaken by the City needs to move earlier in the process. Far too often it feels like they ask if we would like something to be red or blue when neighbours haven't been asked if they would like it in the first place. One way to address this is by moving the engagement budget from the delivery unit to the Engage Resource Unit. Having one team responsible for all public engagement simplifies expectations.