

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

Response Summary

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

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

Yes. Strategic public investment in these conversions is crucial, as it leverages significant private capital to reactivate our downtown, creating housing and a stronger, more resilient city for everyone. It also brings vibrancy to our downtown neighbourhood.

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?

Most recent submission was around sourcewater protection of the Bearspaw reservoir (2025-05-06). Previous to that was the Glenmore Landing discussion December 3 2024.

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

The City of Calgary should use its zoning authority to ensure a mix of housing types and permit supportive housing facilities in communities across the city. A primary focus must be on accelerating the development of permanent, affordable, and non-market housing to provide stable foundations and supports for recovery. Furthermore, the city should use the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, approved in 2021, to guide collaborations and investments moving forward. Investing in our communities and our people has long-term benefits to all Calgarians.

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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?

Disagree. We need to approach building our city through the lens of sustainability. This includes financial sustainability, environmental sustainability, and social sustainability. We need to prevent eating into some of our most sensitive environmental areas at the edge of the city, instead focusing on growing where we already have the infrastructure and the landscape has already been disturbed. Additionally, new developments do eventually need investments and infrastructure replacement. This comes at a significant cost if there is not enough of a taxbase present to shoulder the burden. Instead, we should be focusing on limiting our sprawl and, instead, investing in our inner-city communities where services, infrastructure, and space already exists. Smart growth also makes our transit system more effective, reduces our impacts on climate change, and increases the strength and vibrancy of our communities.

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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?

The City must shift its role from a gatekeeper of process to a partner in solutions. This means streamlining approvals, updating restrictive zoning to allow more "missing middle" housing, and using city-owned land for affordable projects. Our current processes often inflate costs and time; we must reform them to enable, not impede, the creation of attainable housing for young Calgarians. The addition of preapproved designs could also help streamline the development process and reduce overall costs.

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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?

To improve public engagement, I would implement a clear and accessible reporting system that shows how community feedback directly influences development and city projects. This would include publishing plain-language summaries of public input and explicitly outlining how that feedback was incorporated into final decisions or why it could not be addressed. Ensuring we report back on how public input influenced outcomes is crucial for building trust and demonstrating that engagement truly matters.