

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

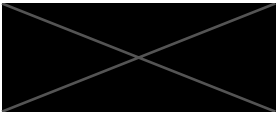
Response Summary

01 Your name

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Participant Information

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

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

I do. We should look at every incentive we might be able to provide to encourage this important transition. Public dollars supporting private interests should always be appropriately scrutinized. If there are non-cash or supplementary investments that can be made, I think we should pursue them.

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?

During the conversion therapy ban conversations - I do not recall the date.

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

We should explore every opportunity to strengthen and connect the organizations and supports already on the front lines of these issues. One of the major things I've observed while campaigning this year is that we can do a better job of reinforcing the interconnectivity and crossover supports being provided by our social service agencies. I believe we should approach crime and safety with an appreciation for the fact that many of these chronic societal issues are evolving. Our approaches with policing and social services must adapt or we will continue to trail these growing concerns. One of the things I would like us to do is fully fund our CPS Community Resource Officer program, which, in my learning is an excellent bridge building tool between CPS and the agencies looking to provide meaningful and safe support to these vulnerable populations.

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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. I believe we are even now struggling to maintain the expansive infrastructure to support our sprawl. We need to turn our focus back to our inner city and ensure we have the recreation, green space, 3rd spaces, and infrastructure to support bringing more people into the urban lifestyle that is quickly emerging here. As our population grows, more of those arriving in Calgary will be looking for an urban lifestyle. If we invest properly we can support it and even encourage it.

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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?

There are a number of things we can really do, to really bring more affordable housing stock online. The rezoning policy you asked me about earlier started with good intentions: streamline bureaucratic process and bring more affordable housing online. Unfortunately, this hasn't worked out just so. Some problems have been made clear: sincere concerns of residents have been ignored in some instances and the rents and purchase prices of these new builds do not align with the average person's interpretation of "affordable". Let's review this strategy, see what did work, what didn't and reset the process. In Ward 9 specifically, we should look to strengthen existing historic preservation bylaw and expand grant funding to maintain and restore these spaces. In my strategic plan, I've highlighted a number of incentives to support builders retaining even elements of some of these historic spaces. I've discussed at length how important I think it is that we put of NFPs to the front of the line for city owned land sales and permitting. I've also suggested we look at some of the legacy industrial zones on the boundaries of communities like Inglewood, Ramsay, Ogden and Dover and look for opportunities to rethink zoning in these spaces. Finally, I cannot speak of affordable housing without acknowledging that Ward 9 is home to a number of mobile home parks. Some are privately owned and some are on city owned land. These have traditionally been safe spaces for low income seniors and low income families. They are not immune to predatory pad rental rate increases and the pressures of a for-profit housing system.

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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?

Revisit existing channels of communication with in-community organizations like our Community Associations and our Business Improvement Areas. I would like to see us make communicating with the City something one can do in their own neighbourhood. It is 2025 and I think we're seeing an unbalanced showing of opinion at city hall. A large majority of people cannot take a day or two off work to wait for the opportunity to speak at a public hearing. I don't necessarily have the exact answer about how to resolve this. But how we offer/use alternative forms of communication - like pre-recorded messages, zoom sessions and written correspondence should be reviewed.