

# Calgary 2025 candidate survey

## Response Summary

01 Your name

Jeff Watson

### Participant Information

Name  
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Location  
**Canada**  
Unknown



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

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

Ward 6 residents tell me they don't support it. I agree with them. Taxpayers are not lenders to private business.

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 spoke against blanket rezoning on Panel 139, May 23, 2024.

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

Mayor and Council should repair relations with the provincial government. Cooperation will bring much needed addiction recovery spaces and mental health supports.

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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?

I wouldn't call massive new communities deep inside the western boundaries of Ward 6 "outer fringe." New greenfield is still important to Calgary's growth, as population increases.

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More, less or the same?

	MORE	LESS	SAME
Bike lanes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Transit frequency			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pothole fixes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Public engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Density		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Police officers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fire service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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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?

Blanket rezoning is cannibalizing entry-level housing in favour of less affordable yet smaller rowhouse units. Repealing blanket rezoning will stabilize the cost of starter homes/the price of land. Lobbying the federal government for lower immigration caps will help lower demand to better match supply in our local housing market. For below market housing, let's get on with planning and building such projects.

**14** 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			✓		

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

Two public engagement processes to improve: Council and the City. At the City, Engage is outdated, needs updating and ongoing audits. Engagement should be open-ended, not steered to desired result, must demonstrate public input shapes outcomes and include documented rationale for public input rejections. Consider hybrid public meetings. Council should periodically have admin answer for workplan progress. For Council, improve public engagement by limiting in-camera meetings and funding, staffing Ward offices to improve constituent accessibility.