

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

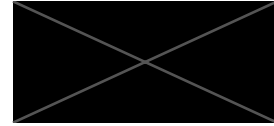
Response Summary

01 Your name

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Participant Information

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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 Housing
- 2 Affordability
- 3 Public safety
- 4 Citywide rezoning
- 5 Property taxes
- 6 Infrastructure
- 7 Better public transit
- 8 Roads
- 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. I support office-to-residence conversion. I have seen conversions that are paying off. The Element Hotel for example. We need to find different ways to make downtown more vibrant, and a combination of providing more housing options and retail business in the core will have an impact in having a more vibrant, prosperous, and cosmopolitan city.

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 at City Council approximately 2 years ago in support of more funding for Calgary Arts Development.

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

We need to advocate for a coordinated program that helps people find real opportunities to rebuild their lives. The City must work hand-in-hand with provincial and federal partners, as well as community organizations, to ensure that every Calgarian has access to safe and affordable housing. Beyond shelter, we need to invest in mental health and addiction-recovery programs that provide care with dignity, and in training and employment initiatives that help people regain stability and become productive members of our society. This is not only about compassion — it's about creating a stronger, safer, and more inclusive Calgary where everyone has a chance to thrive.

08 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.

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

Disagree. While growth is essential, Calgary must prioritize smart, balanced development that strengthens our existing communities before expanding outward. Continuous fringe expansion increases infrastructure costs, strains city services, and contributes to traffic congestion and environmental impact. Our focus should be on repealing blanket zoning, and developing established neighbourhoods, encouraging mixed-use and infill developments where appropriate, and ensuring that growth is supported by proper transit, schools, recreation, and public safety infrastructure. That said, we must also recognize the housing needs of a growing population. Expansion should only occur when it is fiscally responsible, environmentally sustainable, and aligned with a comprehensive growth strategy that benefits the entire city. I love concepts such as University District where there is an integrated approach and you can find densification, underground and street parking, park areas, retail businesses, and a vibrant space.

10 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"/>		

11 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 play a leadership role in ensuring there is adequate and affordable housing for all Calgarians including young people starting their lives here. However, this must be done through balanced and collaborative planning, not through a one-size-fits-all approach. I believe we need to repeal the blanket rezoning policy and instead work collaboratively with developers, city planners, community associations, and non-profit housing organizations to design housing solutions that truly fit each community's character and needs. By engaging residents and supporting organizations that specialize in affordable housing, we can create diverse housing options, for renters and buyers alike, that keep Calgary inclusive, livable, and accessible for future generations.

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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 must be genuine collaboration, not just consultation. I will promote early, transparent, and accessible engagement, using clear communication and multiple ways for residents to participate. By working closely with community associations, local businesses, and cultural groups, and hosting monthly town halls across Ward 8, I will ensure Calgarians have real opportunities to share their ideas and help shape the decisions that impact their neighbourhoods and our city's future.