

# Calgary 2025 candidate survey

## Response Summary

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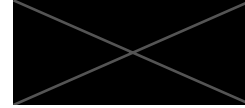
### 01 Your name

Nathaniel Schmidt

#### Participant Information

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

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

Yes, when done through strong public-private partnerships. Revitalizing downtown requires collaboration that derisks and accelerates conversions while ensuring public dollars deliver real value. By working with investors to share risk and align outcomes, we can create more housing, attract investment, and build a vibrant, resilient, and affordable city core.

### 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?

December 4 2024 - Glenmore Landing and Trellis Bowness affordable housing items.

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

The City has a responsibility to ensure our streets, transit, and public spaces are safe and welcoming, while partnering with health providers and using that tools at our disposal to address root causes and help Calgarians who are struggling. Mental health and addiction require coordinated action - expanding programs like police PACT Teams, Transit Peace Officer outreach teams, improving access to supports through projects like day spaces for homeless populations, and ensuring frontline responders have the resources to help people with dignity. Visit [www.nathanielschmidt.ca/platform](http://www.nathanielschmidt.ca/platform) for my full approach.

**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?

I'm fine with building new communities, as long as those homes pay their fair share and stop placing an increased tax burden on our established neighbourhoods while also ensuring we protect valuable ecological and agricultural land. I understand Calgary is growing rapidly, and that many people are drawn to new suburban neighbourhoods. But expanding further outward makes our city more expensive to service and less affordable in the long run. A better approach is to focus growth within existing communities, pairing new housing with transit, parks, and infrastructure in order to build complete, vibrant neighbourhoods. Sprawl drives up costs and puts a greater tax burden on everyone.

**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.

**12** 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 has a clear role to play in ensuring young Calgarians can access affordable homes and rentals. Housing is essential infrastructure, and it must keep pace with growth if we want Calgary to remain livable and competitive. That means removing unnecessary barriers to building, encouraging a mix of housing types - including more affordable starter homes and rental options - and working with partners to deliver them. It also means continuing to move forward with the Housing Strategy actions, including gifting city land to reputable, non-market housing providers. Just as important, we need to pair new housing with transit, parks, and services so that growth creates complete, vibrant communities rather than stretching neighbourhoods thin. Ensuring affordability and adequate housing options is how we give the next generation a fair start in our city.

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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 should reflect the full diversity of Calgary, not just those who already have a seat at the table. I want to hear more from young people, newcomers, renters, and those balancing work and family who are often left out of City decisions. That means finding ways to actively seek out those voices. We should aspire for all Calgarians to see their perspectives reflected in the choices we make together.