

# Calgary 2025 candidate survey

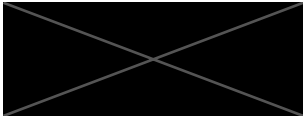
## Response Summary

01 Your name

Sonya Sharp

### Participant Information

Name  
**Sonya Sharp**  
Location  
**Canada**  
Unknown



02 Do you support citywide rezoning?

Yes

✓ No

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03 Based on your experience, rank these issues based on importance to your voters.

- 1 Public safety
- 2 Citywide rezoning
- 3 City hall transparency
- 4 Property taxes
- 5 Affordability
- 6 Infrastructure
- 7 Roads
- 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?

We need to let private industry, and the market, decide where housing should go and how much of it. As mayor, property tax dollars will go to essential services that Calgarians depend on. We need to focus on safety in our downtown core before we expect Calgarians to want to live there. I'm very reluctant to continue with taxpayer money without province stepping up to support.

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?

Wednesday September 17th, 2025

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

The City of Calgary has a supporting role to play in supporting mental health and addiction initiatives, but we must recognize and respect the boundaries of municipal responsibilities. Mental health and addiction services are primarily the responsibility of the provincial government, and it's essential that we advocate for the province to fulfill its obligations in these areas. The City can and should complement provincial efforts by focusing on the following:

1. Advocacy for Provincial Responsibility: I will work to re-establish the 3Rs Committee, a dedicated working group on municipal-provincial Roles, Responsibilities, and Resources, to ensure that the province is held accountable for its responsibilities in mental health and addiction services.
2. Community Safety and Support: While the province manages treatment and recovery programs inside the buildings, the City must ensure that our communities are safe and supportive outside of these buildings. This includes addressing public safety concerns related to addiction and mental health issues, such as those observed around the Sheldon Chumir Supervised Consumption Site. If elected, I will formally request the Premier to close this site and work with the province to find appropriate alternatives that do not compromise community safety.
3. Collaboration with Community Organizations: The City should collaborate with local organizations that provide support services for individuals affected by mental health and addiction issues. By working together, we can create a network of support that complements provincial services and addresses the unique needs of our communities. While the City of Calgary has a role in supporting mental health and addiction initiatives, we must not take on responsibilities that belong to the provincial government. Instead, we should focus on advocacy, community safety, and collaboration to ensure that all Calgarians have access to the services and support they need.

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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 agree with this statement. Growth needs to happen in many different ways, and new communities help pay for themselves through development levies. At the same time, we can't vilify people for choosing where they want to live. It's about balancing growth, infrastructure planning, and ensuring all communities—new and established—have the services they need to thrive.

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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 province is in the business of funding all of the above including student housing, senior housing and affordable housing. What The City can control is bringing land to market and property taxes.

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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, transparent, and responsive. Too often, the City has approached engagement as a one-way communication, informing citizens rather than truly listening to them. As Mayor, I will prioritize meaningful engagement by:

- Implementing measurable outcomes: Each engagement process will have clear goals, and we will report back to citizens on how their input has influenced decisions.
- Streamlining communication processes: I will review and restructure the City's communication efforts to eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy, ensuring timely and effective communication with Calgarians.
- Empowering staff: Rather than adding layers of approval, I will provide our communications staff with the tools and support they need to do their jobs effectively.