



# YYC Matters 2023 Community Voices

Report Back: What we Heard

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## Project overview

The provincial election on May 29, 2023 will shape the future of Calgary and the province. It's important for the next provincial government to know that Calgary is essential to Alberta's well-being and prosperity. Calgarians deserve to be represented by governments that work together in pursuit of shared goals like economic growth and prosperity, safe and inclusive communities that foster belonging, and a resilient environment.

Leading up to voting day, The City of Calgary has provided a deeper dive into the top issues Calgarians have reported are important to them. These include:

- affordable housing
- a vibrant downtown
- a safe and accessible transit

As a vital partner in Calgary's future, the Province has a significant impact on the affordability, safety and opportunities experienced by all Calgarians.

## Engagement overview

From April 27 to May 7, 2023, The City hosted an online tool where Calgarians could share their perspectives on election priorities. The YYC Matters Community Voices tool was available to the public on The City's Engage portal at <https://engage.calgary.ca/YYC-Matters-2023>. This portal page featured the Community Voices tool, as well as a link back to the main YYC Matters web page ([yycmatters.ca](http://yycmatters.ca)) for those who wanted to learn more. Through the campaign period, the portal page for the Community Voices tool was visited by 564 participants who shared 142 unique contributions.

## What we asked

Participants were asked to respond to the following in their own words:

1. Tell us about your top municipal priorities.  
Municipal priorities may include things like Affordable Housing, Public Transit, Mental-Health Supports, Downtown Revitalization, Public Safety, or something else.
2. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how the Province can best support Calgary.  
Provincial supports may include things like Economic Incentives, Schools, Healthcare Facilities, Affordable Housing, Mental-Health Supports, contributing to Downtown Revitalization, Public Safety, or something else.



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## What we heard

All submitted comments were reviewed, analyzed and grouped together by theme. All of the themes found in the feedback are presented below, starting with more commonly-heard themes and moving to less-commonly heard themes.

An example comment for each theme is also provided and is presented just as written by the participant with no changes to spelling, punctuation or grammar. All verbatim comments can be found at the end of this document in the verbatim-feedback setting.

When reviewing the feedback presented here, it is also important to remember that the themes shared here were gathered through an opening listening tool on The City of Calgary website. This tool is intended to be accessible and open to any interested Calgarians and as a result, no statistical method or statistical significance should be inferred from his feedback.

### 1. Tell us about your top municipal priorities.

The following themes were mentioned more frequently than others:

#### Affordable housing

Most participants said affordable housing should be the top municipal priority.

Sample comment:

- *“Affordable housing is VITAL and of UTMOST IMPORTANCE.”*

#### Public safety

Many participants expressed concern about feeling unsafe in public places.

Sample comment:

- *“My top priority is stemming community crime. As a property taxpayer living in an inner-city community, crime is rampant, and I do not feel that this issue is being taken seriously by the city or council. We need more patrols and police presence to deter open drug consumption, violence, and crime.”*

#### Public transit

Many participants said that transit should be a top municipal priority:

Sample comment:

- *“The Green Line should have been done a long time ago. Future transit should be built at the same time as neighbourhoods. Rapid implementations of additional MAX lines would be a great place to start.”*



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## **Supports for mental health and addictions**

A number of participants included mental health and addiction treatment as being a top priority.

Sample comment:

- *“My top priorities include.... providing mental health and addictions support to those who need it (I think that will help with public safety) ....”*

## **Downtown revitalization**

Several participants mentioned downtown revitalization as a top municipal priority.

Sample comment:

*“I’ve recently returned to working downtown and am disgusted about how dirty the core is and would like to see things done to make downtown more inviting.”*

Less commonly mentioned themes included:

## **Living wage and general affordability**

Some participants said a living wage and general affordability should be a top municipal priority.

Sample comment:

- *“I think a key municipal priority is to advocate for higher minimum wages, indeed Living Wages. While this is not a municipal issue, per se, The City can advocate for adequate income supports and replacement programs through the AUMA. They can also set a standard by paying all staff a Living Wage.”*

## **Rent-control caps**

Some participants expressed concern about the lack of rent control.

Sample comment:

- *“There really should be more control / restrictions on what landlords can charge for rent in Calgary neighbourhoods....”*



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## 2. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how the Province can best support Calgary.

The following themes were mentioned more frequently than others:

### **Affordable housing**

Most participants feel the Province could best support Calgary by providing more housing options.

Sample comment:

- *“Build more affordable housing and implement rent caps.”*

### **Mental health and addiction supports**

Many participants think the Province could support Calgary by increasing mental health and addiction supports.

Sample comment:

- *“By providing the city with funding for social services. We talk about safety, but the underlying problem is that we do not have the social structures to handle the current situation. We do not need more enforcement, but more specialized areas to help with these issues.”*

### **Healthcare**

Some participants cited healthcare as an area the Province could support Calgary.

Sample comment:

- *“The next provincial government should take much more serious consideration in the distribution of health care services – specifically in the downtown core of Calgary.”*

### **Public safety**

Many participants suggested ways on improving public safety in Calgary.

Sample comment:

- *“The City of Calgary should take advantage of the public safety supports that the province is offering eg. Alberta Sheriff resources, financial incentives for CPS members to walk the “beat” and be on the front line to protect Calgarians.”*

### **Education**

Many participants had thoughts on how the Province could better support education in Calgary.

Sample comment:

- *“Support fundamental research at faculty and student level. Improved funding for post-secondary, including better wages and more support staff.”*



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Less commonly-mentioned themes included:

**Supports and resources for low-income/vulnerable citizens**

Several participants shared their thoughts on providing better resources and supports for vulnerable citizens.

Sample comment:

- *“Measures which will get people off the streets, whether it be homeless or youth with nothing better to do than get in trouble.”*

**Climate action/green initiatives**

Some participants think that the Province can support Calgary by providing a strong climate action plan and environmental initiatives.

Sample comment:

*“A proper climate action plan.”*

## Summary of input

The input received was largely thoughtful and constructive in nature, with very few nuisance or offensive comments being shared. Participants shared many comments about the needs of Calgary’s vulnerable populations, including those suffering from mental health and addiction challenges, those impacted by the rising cost of living, increasing rents and the shortage of affordable housing supply. Anxiety about the current public safety situation, on and off transit, and particularly downtown, was also prevalent in responses.

## Next steps

This What We Heard report will be shared on [YYCMatters.ca](https://YYCMatters.ca) and at [engage.calgary.ca/yyc-matters-2023](https://engage.calgary.ca/yyc-matters-2023)



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## Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to project teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

### 1. Tell us about your top municipal priorities.

Municipal priorities may include things like Affordable Housing, Public Transit, Mental-Health Supports, Downtown Revitalization, Public Safety, or something else.

Affordable housing and mental health/addiction support (NOT abstinence-only or forced addiction care!!) are VITAL to addressing the root cause of so many of the other issues we are seeing. We desperately need more investment in affordable/deeply subsidized/free housing, and free/no-cost/immediate mental health and addiction services.
public transit and downtown revitalization are my most important municipal priorities
I am a lifelong Calgarian. I earn nearly 100k a year and I CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY A HOUSE IN CALGARY. Rent has also increased astronomically. Affordable housing impacts all the other municipal priorities - poverty, safety, mental health, DT revitalization, etc. We NEED rent controls and affordable housing options.
Affordable housing is VITAL and of UTMOST IMPORTANCE. LIVABLE AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES. Safe, accessible, and convenient public transit. Proper road and alley maintenance. Utility pricing
I do not use public transit but I do drive in the city frequently , we need to keep our roads in good shape and update, also seniors need a very good access road system so at least they can get to medical appts at a minimum and not have to book weeks ahead or arrive hours before appts
Public safety Fiscal responsibility
Affordable housing: There is no reason for people to be without a safe place to live. Mental-health supports should be tied into this. Public Transit: The Green Line should have been done a long time ago. Future transit should be built at the same time as a neighbourhood. Rapid implementations of additional MAX lines would be a great place to start.
Public safety, Public transit and solutions for those who choose not to avail themselves of the supports already in place.



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Public/Transit safety/security and health supports - seems like the pandemic forced a lot of issues like drug abuse into the open and onto public transit and that, despite increased security presence, many of the related security issues aren't improving in public spaces
Downtown revitalization Crime & addictions
Affordable housing, mental health support, public safety.
Effective and efficient use of tax revenue to provide infrastructure and services that individual Calgarians want and need to facilitate everyday life
Affordable housing, publicly owned affordable housing in the inner city, less money for the police service and more money for social and mental health supports, housing for all instead of criminalization!
Rent control, downtown especially, affordable housing, support for the y housed rather than throwing more police at them
Traffic flow throughout the city, like timing lights and changing stops signs to yields, and realizing the extra carbon dioxide expelled from making vehicles stop at traffic lights that are not timed well. Public safety, on and off transit Fewer bike lanes Better crosswalk alert system Stop changing turning lanes from a smooth turn, to a sharp turn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Affordable housing.</li> <li>- A health centred approach to addictions, homelessness, poverty, &amp; mental health.</li> <li>- Funding for harm reduction (including SCS's).</li> <li>- Funding to improve transit safety that isn't just police (infra. improvements, incentives to ride, cleanliness, business kiosks at stations).</li> </ul>
affordable transit, support for vulnerable citizens
More mental health funding but for front line staff, not wealthy ceos of charity companies Empty house tax surcharge
mental health support, particularly as it pertains to addictions in the downtown core. Public safety, particularly the number of weapons on our streets. I've recently returned to working downtown and am disgusted about how dirty the core is and would like to see things done to make downtown more inviting.
Affordable housing and public safety
Affordable housing, public transit, and NO to the arena deal.
Improved public transit, that is C-train connections across Calgary, to Banff and to the Airport will make this city vibrant, sustainable and tourism friendly. City is massive and it's difficult to move from one place to another, access to C-train across the city will reduce carbon footprint. More plus 15 please and should be open till 8 pm for winter.
Public safety, dignity for people, strong public health system
Affordable housing, mental health supports, affordability in general, reliable transit. To not expand parking permits
Top municipal priorities: Stop wasting money on parked speed trap cars on our roadways. Put those resources into more policing on our transit system. Eliminate the complete Transit Police system and replace with Calgary Police.
Do not proceed with the ridiculous arena deal / gift to the Flames owners! Put the \$1.2B into SIGNIFICANTLY increased policing, accelerated prosecution, Ctrain pay turnstiles and drug rehabilitation.
My top priority is stemming community crime. As a property tax payer living in an inner city community, crime is rampant and I do not feel that this issue is being taken seriously by the city or council. We need more patrols and police presence to deter open drug consumption, violence and crime.



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Then City needs to stay out of the election. Clean up Transit and do the job they were elected to do.
Public safety
Defund planning admin.
We do not need to spend our tax money on a new arena. Only wealthy people can afford to go there but all of us pay for it.
Public Transit, Health Care, Affordable Housing
Crime reduction, end the revolving door catch and release.
Affordable housing
Increasing our green spaces. Encouraging pollinator gardens. Discouraging homeowners from cutting down trees needlessly.
Accessibility in every single building in Calgary and the province of AB. No grandfathering any business, or building. The top priority being a non-gendered washroom at every business - even every gas station - where carers of different genders can help someone with a disability.
(1) Equitable development and infill: In all neighbourhoods, not just the ones too poor or busy to fight back (aka "why have I never seen a duplex in Upper Mount Royal?"). (2) Equitable parking solutions, not just "People in apartments pay extra for parking to subsidize their homeowner neighbour."
Accessible mental-health resources, supports & programs; accessible resources, supports, & programs for people with visible/invisible disabilities; public safety; affordable housing for low-income individuals & families
Affordable housing, Mental Health support, crime reduction and road improvements
Have the Mayor and City Council stop de-funding the Calgary Police and replacing them with social workers. Violent crime and brazen violence is out of control since this mayor/council has taken office. Thank you
Have the Mayor and City Council cease their leftist, socialist strategy. Stop worrying about bike lanes, solar panels, saying sorry... and start worrying about getting the oil/gas sector back to where it used to be when Calgary was a rich, vibrant, safe city. Thank you
Why is the mayor/City Council putting efforts into converting downtown office space into housing? Priority should be focused on getting the hardworking oil/gas industry back into those offices and making Calgary a global leader once again.
Investment in the NE
Improved service levels on Calgary Transit Improved housing access Increase in mental health supports
Climate change resilience, diversity in economy
Affordable Housing, Climate Action, Homeless Support
development of public transit and increasing frequency, which is seriously lacking. also, expanding EV charging stations.
Urban sprawl
Affordable housing, public transit, mental health supports, downtown revitalization in that order. NO, NO, NO TO THE ARENA FOR BILLIONAIRES. You want the event centre and community rink ok but the billionaire Flames owners can build their own rink , no subsidies, no loans, zero, zipo, zilch for them.





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<p>I'm bit concerned that this outreach was a very short time period for public. My priorities to address: Public Safety, Public Transit, Mental Health Supports, Affordable Housing, Downtown Revitalization.</p>
<p>Transit safety, public safety, help for low-income families and unhoused populations.</p>
<p>Good infrastructure and the freedom to engage in entrepreneurialism.</p>
<p>Affordable Housing combined with reducing the sprawl of this city. Safety issues at transit hubs, and on transit vehicles (LRT and Bus). Maintenance of Roads, Parks, and other City facilities -- Much of this results in "Broken Window Syndrome".</p>
<p>Public safety, particularly on transit. Traffic congestion.</p>
<p>My top priorities are affordable housing and mental health supports. You can see a direct correlation between the funding for these programs going down in 2019 to the issues we're experiencing downtown. This is not a coincidence.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Affordable housing targeting those who are homeless</li> <li>-Mental health support for those who are homeless.</li> <li>-Continued work on Bike infrastructure and pathways</li> <li>-creating walkability in communities</li> </ul>
<p>public safety - #1, drug control, affordable housing, rent control, downtown revitalization, business support and attraction, retention of old buildings downtown</p>
<p>Downtown Revitalization, City economy</p>
<p>Public safety; rising costs of services in The City with the services not increasing in return to citizens or scope</p>
<p>Getting a City Council that actually listens to residents-- reasonable recall legislation would be nice. Council has NOT been working toward these priorities-- housing cooperatives, support for our police so we can be safe throughout our city, preserving green space, fiscal management, creating a business friendly environment, adding density on main st.</p>
<p>I would like to see communities that are physically and mentally safe for Calgarians. This means that resources are available to those most vulnerable. This also means that Calgary is a place people can see themselves growing in. This means keeping houses affordable in central locations . I really value a walkable livable city.</p>
<p>Improved affordable housing would have impacts on other areas including downtown revitalization and public safety.</p>
<p>Public Safety Economic Development Infrastructure and Transportation</p>
<p>Affordable housing Public safety, hold criminals accountable Clean up downtown from drug users</p>
<p>Public safety, public transit</p>
<p>Public Safety on Public Transit, Increased Police Force Focused on Making Charges to People Who Are Affecting Public Safety, changing the bad deal of the Calgary Event Centre (too much public funding, should be more on the Flames Owners).</p>
<p>not investing in arena</p>
<p>My top priorities include protecting and improving our environment, providing mental health and addictions support to those who need it (I think that will help with public safety), affordable housing is huge, both rental and ownership and transforming downtown to more residential</p>



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Public safety downtown especially east village area
Public safety, environmental protection, funding healthcare.
More Schools in New Neighborhood. More investment in infrastructure services and investment in Environmentally sustainable materials and strategies to mitigate emissions.
Business competitiveness between provinces and internationally.
Mental health supports and affordable housing
There really should be more controls/restrictions on what landlords can charge for rent in Calgary neighbourhoods - specifically in Beltline, Downtown Core, Inglewood and Ramsay.
Better mental-health supports, increased safety downtown.
1) Cancelling the event center 2) Building affordable housing 3) Mental health supports
I think a key municipal priority is to advocate for higher minimum wages, indeed Living Wages. While this is not a municipal issue, per se, The City can advocate for adequate income support and replacement programs through the AUMA. They can also set a standard by paying all staff a Living Wage.
Affordable Housing, Public Transit Safety, Increased supports for mental health, increased expertise in health care and retention of family doctors, accessibility.
Public Safety, Affordable Housing, Public Art
Affordable housing and public transit.
Housing, improving public transit safety and expansion. Bike infrastructure. Mental health.
Affordable housing Not handing over hundreds of millions of tax payer dollars to a multi billionaire Transit
Affordable housing
Mental-Health Supports, Affordable Housing/low-income housing, safe drug use facilities
Housing affordability, affordable housing, public transit
Keeping municipal taxes as low as possible for Calgarians during these tough economic times. The city of Calgary sticking to their lane and not taking on costs that should be carried by other levels of government. Fostering a healthy working relationship with the provincial government.
Strong and resilient economy, Safe and flourishing neighborhoods (not just downtown), Effective and efficient services
Water, waste, transit, streets, sidewalks, pathways, parks, police, fire etc.
Simplified permitting processes, Public Safety, Recreation Facility access
Here is my list of top municipal priorities: Climate change resilience, mental-health support, public and transit safety.
Public safety and support for the homeless.
Affordable housing through Billion dollar CHC new builds in the mixed market model. This would require a one time investment from the Province and perhaps the Federal government of approximately 2 Billion dollars to create the housing stock.
Public Safety
Affordable Housing, Public Transit, Mental-Health Supports
Pollution Reduction, Active Transportation Improvements, Trees, Motor Vehicle Parking Reform



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mental health supports, outreach and housing-first initiatives, universal basic income
Getting control of homeless people and addicted people - getting them off the streets and out of LRT stations. This will require ongoing policing, affordable housing, and addictions support programs.
Affordable and accessible health care for all, including mental health and addictions.
Public safety both on and off transit. Communities are being over-run with crime.
Public safety not just on transit but everywhere. Things have recently gotten bad with homeless people living in parks and bushes around parks. This isn't safe for people. Yet the new mayor won't let police do their jobs and stop them from living in public parks. Congratulations Jyoti.
quality of life living downtown
We must make downtown feel safer for people. Getting Alberta Sheriffs downtown has been an important first step. However more must be done, and the area around the Drop in Centre in particular must be cleaned up. Also, let's not adopt the West Coast model of "safe open consumption" without treatment, it does not work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Affordable, accessible, and dignified housing is our top priority, especially for students. Rent control could be one policy worth pursuing.</li> <li>-Integrating affordable student housing into the downtown revitalization strategy, including connecting students with art and culture.</li> <li>-Climate justice</li> <li>-Truth and Reconciliation</li> <li>-Addressing root causes of poverty</li> </ul>
Affordable Housing, Safe and Free transit for all Calgarians, Mental health and addiction supports, community hubs, infrastructure upgrades in established neighbourhoods (rec, schools, community parks/playgrounds, bike lanes, pathways, ped crosswalks, bike storage at transit)
Public safety should be the primary priority.
Do some [redacted] proper policing of crime. No one gives a [redacted] about revitalizing downtown. Mental health supports are useless unless you're going to open an asylum.
Affordable and safe housing. Safe sites for homeless (more drop in centers and access to resources). Mental-health and addiction supports.
Post-secondary education and affordable housing
Funding for post secondary education. Affordable housing and more accessible mental health supports
Ridiculous Rent, Terrible Transit
As a Ph.D. student at the University of Calgary, I want more money to be directed towards scientific advancement, which can only happen when students are paid sufficient stipends for their hardwork. The priority should be to increase student funding at a higher educational level and make the housing market more affordable for us low-income students.
My top priorities would be Calgary sidewalks, affordable housing and safe transit.
Mental health and addictions support, with a focus on harm reduction. Affordable housing, including rent control. Increase taxes on the wealth, and close tax loopholes. Increase social supports such as income assistance. Restructure public education curriculum, increase sex education for middle & high schools. More accessible & efficient public transit.
Affordable housing, public safety, homelessness



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Affordable housing, student housing, improvement of transit coverage, scope and safety, downtown revitalization, walkability and abolition of exclusionary zoning and slow approval processes for dense/affordable housing
Affordable Housing, Public Transit (a train line to Foothills Hospital), Mental-Health Supports, Post-secondary financial support
* Climate-Energy efficiency (homes/businesses), affordable solar. *Social housing with integrated health supports. * A transit system where connecting from buses to trains (and possibly to another bus) is not only possible but efficient for commuters to arrive to work on time. * More bylaw enforcement officers hired and staff levels kept up permanently
My top priority is making downtown a safe space again. There are many loiterers in Olympic Plaza, once a great recreatable space. Bike are often stolen, like mine, with very little done about it. It use to be safe to walk alone at night, it is not anymore. This went noticeably bad over the covid pandemic as downtown went vacant for long periods of time.
Housing/Affordability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public transit</li> <li>- public safety</li> <li>- affordable housing</li> <li>- affordability for ALL Albertans, we say a livable wage is \$55T/year - most additional programs target families</li> </ul>
Improved Public Transit Downtown Revitalization
I would like to see out city have more potholes filled. Trees planted and cleaner neighbourhoods by having jobs to sweep, mow, empty garbage cans and even add more garbage cans throughout city to reduce liter.
Financial control. Full Disclosure, the city works for its citizen Not sure where this fits, but if the city builds infrastructure make sure it is maintained With respect to homeless, ensure if housing provided residents can maintain the structure, not destroy like the drop in city, public toilets
Why isn't there any talk about rent control. How many people are having a hard time finding a home because rents are too expensive.
Daniel Smith says there will be 1000 more seats available for students to go to University or college. That is fine but how good is that when students can not afford the student fees to attend University or College and have to get student loans that need to be repaid.
Environmental sustainability, energy transition from fossil fuels (nat gas) to renewables, public transit (less roads - more multiuse areas), downtown revitalization.
Affordable Housing and Rental Lower property tax New hockey arena / Rivers District
The green line should not proceed until our Mayor can comfortably ride the c- train at 9pm by herself.
Public safety Community fencing broken and not being repaired or replaced Roads conditions, traffic flow, speeding and pedestrian safety and accessibility sidewalks Residential Public Park conditions and unsightly garbage Homeless soliciting in front of businesses and at traffic stops plus leaving garbage in communities



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Affordable housing Safe consumption Mental health supports
Public transit safety is diminishing at an alarming rate. I'm in my seventies and I worry about violence escalating daily. I do not feel safe around transit stations and constantly experience aggressive behaviour that seems to be largely unaddressed. I was born and raised in Calgary and have never felt so vulnerable to the potential dangers I see daily.
Mental health support; emergency wait times and response times; living affordability
Separated biking/wheeling network
Free transit, accessible and affordable housing, green spaces everywhere.
1- Safety: stop downtown stabbings, 2- Affordable Housing
Tax cut to property, more investment into small businesses, increase innovation funds, drive and market for more high tech companies to Calgary
Downtown revitalization and public safety
Medium density mixed-use neighborhoods with adequate access to rail and pathways, like Sunalta, or Hillhurst/Sunnyside, but, more of that. And affordable too. It's hard to get a full-time job nowadays and impossible to live alone on a part-time one. The opioid crisis wouldn't be a crisis if all the people shooting heroin had homes to do so in.
Public Safety
Crime, public transit, public education, prudent fiscal management

## 2. Tell us about your top municipal priorities.

Municipal priorities may include things like Affordable Housing, Public Transit, Mental-Health Supports, Downtown Revitalization, Public Safety, or something else.

Increased funding for healthcare and education- we need to ensure our public healthcare system remains PUBLIC. Stop trying to force it to fail in order to push through privatization. Significant investment in public education - again, stop cutting resources and being surprised when these institutions fail. Children are the future - treat them like that.
creating more incentives for low income folks to prevent them slipping into poverty and homelessness
Funding affordable housing and setting limits on rent increases, better tenant rights, etc. Improving access to mental health supports and supporting strong public healthcare.
We need rent control policies including a cap on rent increases, more rentable units, co-op housing, and government funded rent to own programs. We need community design to be accessible and WALKABLE. There needs to be a cap on utility costs that ACTUALLY caps prices and reduces costs for ALL calgarians
we need many more senior facilities , normal ones that dont cost a fortune with bowling allies etc , just a safe clean place to live that wont take a person's total pension
More police, as Calgary's don't seem to be enough, or their priorities are wrongly set.
The province should support the city with robust education and healthcare systems. The city should lead housing, safety, and green transportation initiatives supported by provincial funding as needed.



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<p>Need to work on solutions for safety from targeted gun violence to random street assaults. How do you keep dangerous people off the streets if they don't want to access services already in place? Housing: don't forget single income households. Structure shouldn't be based on dual income scenarios.</p>
<p>Provide mental health and addiction services</p>
<p>Infrastructure, crime prevention addictions/ mental Health Police Force support</p>
<p>Affordable housing is desperately needed!</p>
<p>Enact measures to ensure that the City more effectively and efficiently delivers infrastructure and services to Calgarians which they actually want to facilitate everyday life</p>
<p>Funds for affordable and community housing. Funding to establish safe consumption sites in the city. We need funding in these areas to care for those in our community who are dying from neglect.</p>
<p>Get rid of Danielle Smith, to start.</p>
<p>Mental health supports Public safety Traffic and infrastructure upgrades Not making a provincial police force, and put focus on supporting the CPS/RCMP Create a drivers education media campaign that fosters better driver knowledge, making roads safer Not selling Provincial Parks</p>
<p>Fund: - Safe consumption sites - Mental health programs - Social response teams - Affordable housing - Emergency housing - Alternative addiction treatment programs - Public transit access and safety - Home and community solar grants</p>
<p>reinvesting provincial tax dollars in Calgary through supportive services like FCSS, downtown investments, providing adequate income supports to those most vulnerable so they can afford to live in Calgary</p>
<p>Education and mental health. Centres for addiction recovery Affordable housing is impossible for the actual need. The investors are part of problem like Vancouver</p>
<p>Ensuring that we have health care facilities where they are needed. Investing in programs that help the addicted become contributing members of society. Affordable housing in a variety of locations in the city.</p>
<p>Calgary us attracting a high interprovincial and immigration immigrants to the city. The City cannot accommodate this influx without a lot more help from province and federal pockets. Housing health care and education are all at their max here so much more needs to be done to accommodate these high numbers.</p>
<p>Funding for better rail transit throughout the city, tie infrastructure dollars to density.</p>
<p>Incentive private sector and the municipality to invest in helping homeless people to relocate to affordable housing, transition them from drug abuse with good mental-health support. Incentives for plus 15 infrastructure and make it more connected and open to public till 8 pm during December, January and February.</p>
<p>Fully fund health care, expand mental health care, provide safe and affordable housing as a right</p>



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Advocacy for universal mental health care, affordable housing, but not in the sense of affordable housing units. Moreso restrictions on how much landlords can increase rent, insurance rate increases, etc..
The province needs to assist in hiring more GP doctors.
Increase funding for policing, prosecution, healthcare facilities and drug rehabilitation.
Increase police funding, do not fund 'safe injection' sites or facilities that normalise drug consumption, increase fines and introduce laws to protect families and children, remove criminals from our streets.
The unhoused population leave a lot of their garbage around everynight, makes City Hall look like a dirty town, and often hide in the nooks and crannies of stairwells. Need more enforcement and less 'soft-touch' approach as they intimidate and deter users from using what would otherwise be a convenient and environmental friendly transportation system.
Defund planning admin and this city council
All of those things are important but perhaps affordable housing should come first. Revitalization of the downtown should include that.
Economic incentives for Public Safety and Affordable Housing.
More health care workers and facilities.
Affordable housing! Free health care for all!!!
Increasing support for public education and public Healthcare.
In order for Calgary to grow we need qualified tradespeople. The AB government needs to provide some funding to help apprentices with their education. This would also help keep people employed at SAIT.
Let Calgary keep more of the property tax for properties in the city. Added bonus, that's small government!
Healthcare programs & facilities, affordable housing projects, mental-health supports & programs, social/community worker response teams
Proper and equal health care for all. More doctors and medical staff. Mental health care for children and more help with addiction problems
The best was for the Province to best support Calgary, is for Albertans/Calgarians to vote for a Conservative government.
Province needs to revitalize the oil/gas sector to how it once was when Alberta was a rich, prosperous province. Prevent municipalities from enacting their woke, climate hysteria policies, in addition to their extreme socialist agendas. It's a complete waste of taxpayer money.
Prevent the City of Calgary from converting downtown office space into housing (and wasting hard earned tax payer dollars). Priority should be focused on getting the hardworking oil/gas industry back into those offices and putting Calgary back on the global map. Thank you.
Offer funding community centers and small business that operate for locals etc local grocery stores
Contribute to the operational cost of running Calgary transit Make it easier to access mental health support Incentive new housing projects
End corporate welfare programs and use the money to support the people
Affordable Housing, a proper Climate Action plan, better social supports for housing and healthcare
less investment in highways and more investment in public transit - there is a severe inbalance, and Calgarians are never going to get out of their cars if it's always easier and more convenient to drive everywhere. also, sidewalks and cycling lanes need to be expanded more, especially in the outer city.
The province should provide for all of the above in particular public safety as they are the culprits responsible for the decline in public safety with their decades of willful neglect.



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Prov. supports: economic incentives, school programs with mental health supports, programs for mental health supports that are low-cost/free, affordable housing integrated with mental health supports, public safety integrated with mental health supports.
Affordable housing options, money
By recognizing the City of Calgary is the centre of power of western Canada.
Support/funding for PUBLIC education - not charter schools. - This includes a curriculum developed by TEACHERS, not American institutions. Support for PUBLIC healthcare - not privatized clinics with a profit motive.
Affordable housing & mental-health supports. Measures which will get people off the streets, whether it be homeless or youth with nothing better to do than to get in trouble.
Economic incentives and mental health supports! The province needs to provide funding and let the City handle it from there.
Creating a healthcare system that works and is effective Creating a public school system that works and is effective
affordable housing, rent control, mental-health and policing support, healthcare improvements, and investment into our economy and downtown. Please crack down on either building more infrastructure to accept newcomers, or find a better way to handle it. People here are struggling to afford rent and something needs to be done.
Economic Incentives, New Arena, Downtown Revitalization
Economic incentives, helping to decrease the cost of living in The City, development of schools in existing communities with none, Healthcare Facilities, more family doctors, public safety
Forcing Council to practice better financial management-- stop this tax and spend mentality. By the way, it is NOT your job to try and lobby voters. YOUR job is to listen to residents and ask what we would like to see YOU doing, then follow up on that!
Creating safe healthcare that is always open and accessible to all. Having easier access to family doctors and making the city an attractive place for new doctors. Creating initiatives lead by people who know the most about them (ex. teachers help make changes for schools). It would also help to have mental health resources for our most vulnerable.
Consistent policy decisions and long-term program funding.
Public Safety. Economic Incentives. Downtown Revitalization
We need affordable housing and please clean downtown up from homeless people and drug users.
More funding for public safety, organized crime control and transit safety
Increased Funding to the Police for Public Safety, not cutting funding to healthcare and education, better equitable use of public funding (wasted money on Calgary Event Centre), consequences for businesses/people not following public health guidelines/laws.
give us money and stay away
Predictable and consistent funding supporting top priorities.
Contribute to additional security funding for downtown
Infrastructure of schools, funding for non profits through grants, environmental issues.
Business friendly policies; not "climate emergencies" loading on costs to businesses. Entice business to setup shop with favourable conditions; work with the business to phase in environmental and security drivers.





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Economic incentives for NFP companies to provide mental health supports, affordable housing programs
The next provincial government should take much more serious consideration in the distribution of health care services - specifically in the downtown core of Calgary
Increased funding (or other resources) for mental health support and public safety (that doesn't include more law enforcement).
Funding schools, housing, and mental health supports. Voting against the event center.
Support living wages so folks can afford housing, food etc. This, then, supports dignity and inclusion. It also supports autonomy and agency.
respect and prioritization around health care and professionals, tackling misinformation around climate change, healthcare. Funding into sustainability initiatives and innovation to diversify energy.
Affordable Housing, Mental-Health Supports, better bike lane infrastructure
Financial supports for expanded affordable housing initiatives and public transit.
Grants from the province towards all of those ends.
Fund transit.
Scrap new curriculum
Build more affordable housing and implement rent caps
By providing the city with funding for social services. We talk about safety, but the underlying problem is that we do not have the social structures to handle the current situation. We do not need more enforcement, but more specialized areas to help with these issues. Housing is also insane and we need rent caps before we are all houseless.
open a new university downtown
The city of Calgary should make an effort to take advantage of business tax incentives provided by the province. The city of Calgary should also take advantage of the public safety supports that the province is offering eg Alberta Sheriff resources, financial incentives for CPS members to walk the "beat" and be on the front line to protect Calgarians.
Provide more power to city to make quicker and effective decisions, contribute incentives for public spaces,
Health care, education, funding for transportation in the form of flexible funding for municipalities to operate what we already own (eg. Transit) not more and more highway lanes
Ensuring vulnerable populations seek treatment. Funding police well
Provide incentive for building renewal energy infrastructure and zero emission transportation. Update building code and standard to mitigate impact from extreme weather resilience and improve building energy efficiency. Provide funding for mental-health supports, including mental-health education, consultation, and front-line worker training.
Mental health supports and economic incentives to help the younger generation break the cycle of renting.
Improve working conditions and benefits for health care workers to enable recruiting of new and retention of existing staff
Affordable Housing, contributing to Downtown Revitalization, Public Safety
Economic Incentives, Schools, Affordable Housing, Mental-Health Supports,
Prioritization of active modes
Financial accountability, freezing raises for politicians until all alberta citizens reach a living wage, and holding politicians accountable for harm they do (see: Danielle Smith making a joke out of our province)



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Affordable housing, public health care, downtown revitalization, LRT to the Airport
The healthcare system is deeply, deeply broken due to UCP cuts and mismanagement. This is a priority. Education is a close second.
The province needs to ensure Calgary council does its job, right now council is fixated on and distracting the public with nonsense narratives and activities including limiting Charter & Human Rights.
Public safety, health care free
Contribute more to getting addicts and homeless off streets and do more to encourage coordinated services between non-profit agencies, and do more to support infrastructure that supports aging and disabled population (e.g. bus stop seating at ALL stops, more seating on streets and outside shopping and recreation areas)
Funding for additional Alberta Sheriffs and Transit Peace Officers. There should be at least one officer on every train, who can move between cars. Also consider better dispersing services for addiction, with safe consumption being connected to addiction treatment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Rent control/subsidized (but dignified) housing.</li> <li>-Safe consumption sites.</li> <li>-Diversifying the economy.</li> <li>-Support public health.</li> <li>-Support fundamental research, at faculty and student level.</li> <li>-Improved funding for post-secondary, including better wages and more support staff.</li> <li>-Funding for transit infrastructure.</li> <li>-Funding to retrofit vacant offices.</li> </ul>
Community Schools - stop funding charter and private schools that water down the public system. Smaller class sizes, more EAs and support for IPP and higher need students. Up stream measures to prevent down stream issues. Affordable housing, addiction support, food access, healthcare
The Province can best support Calgary through funding municipal projects and services.
Mo money.
Affordable housing, return funding to healthcare and post secondary institutions.
More funding for post-secondary education, introducing more designated housing for students and lower-income individuals, and higher stipends for PhD and post-doctoral fellows
Affordable housing and more mental health support
Plan out bus routes more effectively to increase service during peak hours, approve substantial developments especially targeted towards tiny homes to increase supply of low cost rental units.
As a Ph.D. student at the University of Calgary, I want more money to be directed towards scientific advancement, which can only happen when students are paid sufficient stipends for their hardwork. The priority should be to increase student funding at a higher educational level and make the housing market more affordable for us low-income students.
Provide better and more accessible public health facilities
Investments into all of these things. Updated school curriculum. More harm reduction, safe supply and supervised consumption sights. RENT CONTROL
Economic incentive, Healthcare facilities, reduced wait time for health care
Affordable housing, more healthcare funding, restoring full amount (previously cut) of higher education grant to UofC/MRU/SAIT
Post-secondary funding, accessible mental-health supports



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The province needs to provide funding for local programs at arms-length and let local administrators manage the spending of said funds. Affordable/social housing, public not-for-profit healthcare including mental health, universal basic income.
Provide or endorse a secondary/private health care system that would serve as additional public capacity during the next pandemic when a state of emergency gets declared. More hospital capacity means less restrictions; see Europe vs Canada. Set it up so that these secondary systems must assist during a pandemic. Resilience is added at no public cost.
Provide more funding to municipalities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EFFECTIVE public transit that supports the sprawling city</li> <li>- affordable housing</li> <li>- deep dive into our issues to address the root causes and not just toss money to 'bandage' issues</li> </ul>
Keeping police force funded so citizens feel safe in every corner of this city
Public safety Healthcare
Affordable housing and making senior housing pet friendly. It's a mental health support as well for us.
We really do not need replace the Saddledome.
economic incentives for renewables/sustainability initiatives, affordable housing and mental health support, funding for downtown revitalization programs.
Affordable Housing / Rent Controls Lower electric/gas/ utilities costs, more monetary assistance Financial support for Rivers District
The municipal government wants the Provincial Government to fund all these projects... does the Mayor understand we the tax payers have to pay more provincial tax?
Road conditions
Defund the police and use the money wasted in that budget (which demonstrably fails to prevent crime and protect citizens) to fund housing, mental health supports, and other social programs that actually prevent crime and protect citizens.
Security should always be present at every station, and violent offenders should be effectively dealt with.
Mental health support; economic support and legislation around affordability;
Improvement of transportation network for people that don't own a car
More funding and freedom for the city to manage administration independently.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Safety: send drug addicts to rehabilitation. Applty heavy fines and punishment for crimes like assault. Involve their families.</li> <li>2- Affordable housing: limit/stop foreign investor speculation with calgarian real state before we become like doomed Toronto.</li> </ol>
Same as previous question. I would ask the City to utilize what the province has offered as incentives.
Contributing to downtown revitalization and public safety.
Investments in affordable housing, public services, upgrading the energy grid to support cleaner energy, and parks conservation
Healthcare, public safety & schools
Fund infrastructure (not an arena handout to the rich), public transit, density, environmental protection, homelessness, public health