

What We Heard

2027-2030 Business Plans and Budgets Engagement: Verbatim Comments

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Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments and quotes, including all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement, were presented in their entirety in this verbatim report. All input has been reviewed and provided to project teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

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Q4: Why did you select those service areas as the most important for The City to focus on if difficult budget tradeoff decisions must be made?

- affordable housing cannot be left to the private sector to develop. The City must continue to support these initiatives as housing-first initiatives are the most cost effective measure to combatting housing insecurity. - transit will pay long term dividends in terms of supporting the maintenance of our overall transportation infrastructure - we are seeing now the impact of deferring maintenance of our water utilities.
- seems more using banked time and should be more oversight - minor traffic issues do not need a whole fire brigade! - try to send less manpower and save money ! (more accountability!)
- water is the most essential commodity to everyone, and the maintenance of infrastructure, treatment plants, and conservation of the supply is vital - affordable housing and carefully planned communities for disadvantaged and financially challenged citizens should be a goal for the City. Right now, there are very few truly affordable homes for new buyers. - keeping our city safe and making sure that crime is controlled and lessened will benefit everyone -- and this includes speed control and traffic enforcement. There are far too many break-ins, drug overdoses, pedestrian fatalities, and small-business robberies.
- we need more parks, green spaces ns places to gather.
-to provide safe and some of the most essential services. -some other items are still important but maybe not as urgent, can be managed to be stretched over time (though not totally ignored.) -to keep the City as safe and liveable as budget, time and other resources allow.
-We need LOW income housing. All these 6 & 8 plexes are still selling for 700,000$ + an average couple cannot afford that kind of housing. Even condos are ridiculously pricey. Where do the poor live? I'm a volunteer and I'm hearing cases of Calgary Housing actually doubling the rent. People on IS cannot afford this -Water, obviously is a major issue as well. We're working on Bearspaw, how about the other underground systems in Calgary. I understand Blackfoot Trail has an old line, that could face issues soon. Especially with the new development being built on Blackfoot just off Southland Drive. -Police obviously safety is becoming an issue downtown and on the trains, continue with the safety of Calgarians. I applaud you for making some changes now. ***I would like to make a comment about the bike lanes being planned for Acadia and

Kingsland I believe, a total waste of money. There is no need to ruin parking for residents on Acadia drive, for the amount of bike traffic, ie: WINTER
* People need to have a place to live. * Building more roads only leads to more congestion over time, so having an extensive Transit infrastructure is crucial. * Besides work and school, people need opportunities to relax and stay healthy.
• water utilities to help prevent future water main emergencies. • Housing to address housing crisis, provide affordable housing, and help find solutions to help our unhoused population • transit to provide affordable options to all Calgarians. Less dependency on cars makes for more vibrant communities
1) Investing in parks and urban forestry provides a free way for all Calgarians to interact with City services which builds trust 2) one is related to providing reliable infrastructure 3) Recreation provides a low cost social benefit that supports reducing the need for more policing.
1) Parks and Urban Forestry - because we share this land with nature and we owe it to ourselves and future generations to look after it. Also, these are the best part of Calgary; to stop investing in them would be to remove a piece of the city. 2) As Calgary grows, transit is an item that continues to give. It is stable during economic uncertainty (unlike gasoline or energy prices) and can connect the city from corner to corner. This is essential as Calgary continues to grows and is already severely underfunded. 3) Fire - our fire department is one of the best in the world. They respond not just to fires, but to a variety of emergencies, are respected and respectful and keep us safe. A no brainer.

1) The problem with our main water line has shown that putting repairs off is unacceptable and mustn't happen anymore in our city. Water is vital to every citizen and every business, now and in the future. You must not cut or delay any funds from the upkeep and repair of all parts of our water system. 2) Housing - we must stop wasting money on servicing sprawling neighbourhoods on Calgary's edges and concentrate on building sustainable, affordable housing for individuals or families of all economic levels across our existing neighbourhoods. Now you've cancelled Blanket Zoning you need to quickly bring in guidelines that will ensure development is varied but not overwhelming, sustainably built to heat or cool efficiently. Don't lose those Federal housing funds! 3) Community and culture bring people together. The arts, culture, libraries, museums, theatres, festivals make our city a place worth living in. And I'd like to add a fourth, a reliable transit system to get around our city!
1) Transit = it's one of the best "multiplier" investments governments can make. Incentivizing public transit benefits those taking it and those not taking it (fewer cars on roads = less congestion = better experience). It's also a great investment that promotes better access to work, school or to spend money and do their shopping. 2) Housing = Council repealed rezoning - and made it that much more unaffordable to live in Calgary, so what are they going to do to ensure that people can afford a place to live and prioritize families having a roof over their heads and a safe place? As opposed to accommodating those who have cars or too many cars (or don't think to park them IN THEIR GARAGES and therefore impose on public street space and again take from the rest of population)? 3) Community & Culture =investment that really make life better in Calgary = park & green spaces, public spaces, rec centers, bike and multiuse pathways. Budget should be PEOPLE first - NOT CARS first.
1. Housing: there needs to be more affordable housing for Calgary's un- and under-housed populations. Housing needs to be managed in a way that does not add to urban sprawl. 2. Water: The watermains in Calgary need to be twinned to avoid future issues as severe as those experienced in the past few years. 3. Roads and paths: Everyone needs to get around the city one way or another. If roads and paths are not maintained it hurts everyone.
1. Neglect core infrastructure is a top priority thanks to long term negligence by faceless city bureaucrats & past Council(s). 2. Police have 20% of their sworn officers (approx. 400+) being either accommodated or not working, so as a burdened taxpayer, I cannot support giving them any more $. Fix the problem before asking for more $. 3. Same as #2 for the fire department. 4. City roads all over are in terrible disrepair due to neglect. If city employees cannot stay on top of our crumbling infrastructure, then hire a competent 3rd party to do their job & layoff the city employees.

5. Start being serious about careful & vigilant spending of the taxpayer $, reduce non-core function city departments & lay them off!
1. The UCP government has reduced funding for police services. This is egregious. 2. I used to think Wiinnipeg has the worst roads in W Canada, but Calgary is catching up. 3.We need to densify with more legal basement suites, laneway suites, and above-garage suites.
1. Transit- increased transit fees but not always safe to ride the train. People have no sense of respect when riding the train or bus. Homeless people are always a constant scene. People are doing drugs. 2. Police- to avert any criminal activities. People need to be safe wherever they are. 3. Bylaw- some people, particularly some ethnic groups, do not follow rules and regulations. [redacted], for the most part, are very dirty in their communities. They disobey traffic rules.
1. Transit is very important and number onepriority. 2. Local economy and Employment is number 2 priority.
1. Transit, A lot of areas in the city are not easy accessible without a car. 2. Roads, A lot of inner roads in the foothills industrial area are very bad. from Peigan trail down to 114 Ave SE between Barlow trail and Stoney trail. Thousands of tax payers commute these rough roads every single day. 3. water, This has become the costliest household utility. make it more little more affordable.
1. Water Utilities - essential service, old infrastructure requiring years of upgrades 2. Roads & Pathways - dangerous during summer (potholes) and winter (snow/ice covered). Relying on the sun to melt the ice/snow not fit for a city with the largest budget in the province. Extend the services beyond priority 1 roads. Essential for emergency services access both summer and winter. 3. Police - to nip in the bud the trend of unsafe acts: able to feel safe in one's home, downtown, using transit, traffic infractions etc.
3 major basic services, these are all essential for safety and water supply and waste treatment in a City.

311 is main way into request services and find information. Fire needs appropriate response times. Need waste removed for sanitation
311 is not a service. Vecova pool is now closed, I have to take my 6-year-old son to Vivo and we live in [redacted]. The only time that pool doesn't have swimming lessons after school is 8-10 pm which is ridiculous. It takes almost an hour by public transit to get there. We obviously have a water issue.
311 needs a new app and way to report things and the city should respond to them within 72 hours. Like picking up garbage dumped on the side of the road in the NorthEast along with potholes not being filled. There should be more workers and responders.same with waste and recycling a stronger mandate needs to be put in place about recycling like in Vancouver to take things out of the landfill and allow for the the future to be set up for success. More bylaw out to enforce these rules and hand out tickets.
A city can only be a city if there are people living there. The people living here and making it accessible for them to thrive not just survive should be the priority. Then those citizens can give back to the city where they live
A city only works as well as the systems that support its people. I would even go as far to say that the true success of our city depends on how it treats the people who have the least! By fixing public transit and making housing affordable (especially for the most vulnerable), we build a solid foundation for the whole community. When we make sure the people with the fewest resources can get to work and have a stable place to live, the entire city will become stronger and more productive!
A couple essential service and community & culture is one that have huge impact on Calgarians' wellbeing without many noticing.
A few of these are must have necessities. It's not even a question that we need to fund police, fire, transit, and water. It makes this question kind of useless. The more interesting conversation is what else gets extra support after those must haves are funded.
A lot of the others are more administrative in nature rather than focusing directly on things that impact the population on a day to day basis. We need good water, policing and roadways.
A place to live (Housing) Roads to drive on & Fire safety/protection are most important to me

A reliable transit system supports all individuals to commute efficiently and effectively around the City. This can be critical for people to access employment, education, recreation services, community, family, grocery stores, affordable housing, etc. Without reliable and efficient transit, there are direct and negative impacts to individuals lives, specifically the most vulnerable, as well as the environment. A positive externality of good transit is that we can finally move away from being a car dependent city. Affordable, quality, and diverse housing that meets the needs of Calgarians needs to be a council priority. Developers are constantly exploiting the housing market, with cheap builds that are unaffordable for most. Council should support and incentivize developers to help us meet the demand and needs of ALL Calgarians, not just the wealthiest. Water is self explanatory - ignoring this infrastructure has been incredibly costly and should be prioritized.
A robust police force helps us feel safe, everybody uses roads (even transit),planning for emergencies might help reduce large unexpected costs.
À safe and secure transit system would genegit the most people and encourage those currently reluctant to use it. We need recreation infrastructure is the SW to meet the demands of a growing population.
A safe city is very important
A sound economy, housing and drinking water seem like basics.
A stable city and stable society is critical. All other items could be considered a luxury. The hierarchy of needs dictates the greatest priorities. If the base is unstable the tower will topple.
A working and reliable transit system is very important if Calgary keeps growing. Ensuring the green line gets built and we have transit to the airport should be a priority. Parks and housing are also important as growth needs more housing and parks help keep the city feel clean and alive
[Redacted] and I'm tired of seeing the police and police adjacent forces getting more and more money to do nothing for the city.
Access to safe potable water, equitable housing initiatives, and fair access to transit across all income brackets must be maintained, if not expanded.
Access to services that benefit Calgarians most in need is critical

Actually my selections are meaningless. No specificity is presented. Real decisions made made on a complex multi-variant best choices bases
Address crime, particularly crimes committed by migrants as this seems to be an area that has increased significantly, to keep our citizens safe. Address influx of residents - a crisis created by Government that is driving decisions that are degrading the quality of life in Calgary. Address infrastructure to ensure safe water supplies and roadways. Focus planning and implementation, within budgets, on high priority areas to alleviate the need for 'trade-offs.'
Addressing the water pipe issues are essential to community hygiene and stability. Advocating for greater police presence and enforcement helps everyone feel safer. Planning for where, what and how to build defines the type of city Calgary continues to grow into.
Administration needs the resources to manage the housing file. Transit should be high priority.
affecting majority of people positively
Affects many people
Affordability is a challenge right now and decisions that impact the most vulnerable in our community need to be prioritized.
Affordability is a key issue for Calgarians and this was not a topic I could select. So I wanted to choose services that support vulnerable individuals are well funded.
Affordable housing is a driving force in the economy. Planning is integral to future growth and success.
Affordable housing is becoming increasingly important, especially for new families, students/young adults, seniors and individuals moving to the city for work. Fire and Police services should be fully equipped and backed by the city financially, in order to maintain Calgary's safety and adequately control emergencies.
Affordable housing options need to be increased. Transit is too expensive, green line needs to move forward.
After a period of significant population growth, our focus should be on the quality of citizen's lives in Calgary - affordable, accessible housing, in communities that are intelligently and thoughtfully designed, with access the community amenities and culture that build relationships and strength amongst neighbours.

Aging water infrastructure Poor condition of roads Need for policing in a large city
Aligns with main priorities that align with my personal values and main uses as a city taxpayer.
All 3 impact every Calgarian from a safety perspective.
All are critical for a safe city
all are most essential according to me. , for better and sustainable functioning of the city
All critical services.
All essential services that cannot be neglected.
All of these correlate to basic needs for the city and cannot be cut or else it will risk safety and health of the citizens
All three of these options (water, waste rec) support Calgarians equitably, and are integral to the health and happiness in our city.
Alternative ways of transit to areas to: Reduce traffics on road via diff transit means Reduce cars on road Increase safety across city via increase police force
Although all areas are important, we need to address the aging water infrastructure, maintain roads and pathways as companies restrict work from home arrangements, and police to help support people on the streets as more areas of the city have been seeing violent incidents.
Another 8 lane road won't help Calgarians that don't own cars. The same is true in every field listed here. Everyone deserves a safe and accessible community, and this is how I think we get that.
Appears that when things get *tight* the mentality of people goes haywire and seek things they feel entitled to and feel they do not need to pay..ie robbery..assault
are out of space and Calgary is dangerously close to running out of room at all its soccer facilities, putting the future of thousands of young players at risk. There's an urgent need for facilities, without new fieldhouses supported by a solid funding plan, we risk turning families away next season due to a lack of space.
Areas I feel we currently are lacking in with the growth in the city.

As a born and raised Calgarian, I have always felt very safe in my city. Yet I was part of an incident downtown last year that made me feel very unsafe. The downtown core no longer feels like it used to. Like many Calgarians, I was appalled at the way the Bearspaw water main break was handled and would like to see a more robust Emergency Management system. I noticed that nothing to do with services such as mental health were included, but I believe that will contribute to a more well rounded city if we deal with the growing mental health crisis (and make it safer overall).
As a growing city, we need to be able to rely on transit for everyone. If affects affordability. Our water utility is in desperate need of repair and this should remain the focus. For Calgarians to truly enjoy quality of life recreation for everyone should be available and easily affordable.
As a single mother of three young children while working full time, it’s important to me that our roads are safe so we can get to school, work, and activities without worry. Having accessible and well-maintained soccer fields matters because my kids need safe spaces to play, be active, and be part of their community. It’s also important that water services remain affordable so I’m not spending more than necessary on water bills while managing household expenses.
As a student I rely on transit and roads to get around. Reliable transportation is key to my success. I also work downtown, the housing crisis is tragic for everyone but it also makes our communities unsafe.
As a student, it's disheartening and frustrating to have a future where housing is unaffordable and public transportation is getting more expensive. It is crucial to support the upcoming generation with basic necessities in order to foster a city upheld by people who aren't jaded by its mismanagement.
As a tax payer I want more security in the city, the city roads are a mess with pot holes etc, and a city must always be prepare in an emergency.
As a taxpayer I don't accept the "tradeoff" trick of rhetoric. These language games are exactly why we booted the last mayor and council out of office. LOWER taxes. FIND efficiencies. MAINTAIN services. STAY OUT OF DEBT. You have made services and taxes so expensive that families have to do more with less. Now do your part. Fire some bureaucrats. Spend less money on PR and advertising. No more art projects or lavish libraries. Stop spending money on pointless climate change initiatives (provincial mandate and why not an option for the next question?). Reign in the union wages. It's not that hard.
As a well to do calgarian I think the focus should be on things that benefit those with less than me.

As beautiful Calgary inevitably grows, it seems to me that the only efficient and sustainable way to do so is increase densification, build up, not be so reliant on the use of single-user vehicles and to limit the cancerous growth of the city perimeter into productive farm land and wetlands. As such, long range planning is necessary that permits more urban housing (and will require going head to head with community associations that will predictably defend the status quo), improve public transit and active use pathways that offset pressures to use more city space for single passenger vehicle commuting and parking.
As Calgary grows, transit and planning are central to how the city evolved.
As much as transit is import we need jobs and better living wage
As our city has grown and so many people have come to Calgary, there is an increased need to feel secure where we live and work. As for the water need, it's been so forgotten in the past it needs to have some priority just now.
as someone who uses transit daily to get around as I am not in a financial position to have a car it is my main means of getting to and from anywhere in the city. it's already expensive and this years raising of fairs without improving the quality of said transit if u excuse my language, [redacted]. fairs are high and I have been forced to wait for buses that are often very behind or very full. never mind the cost of housing on top of that. it's bad. i am barley getting by even though i work full time. the city seems to not care about people like me and only wants to improve those who have money. also put back garbage and recycling being taken every week. i rent a house with 4 other adults and garbage being taken every 2 weeks is awful. put it back to once a week
As the city continues to deteriorate we will need the protection of Police and Fire - Emergency Management has let Calgarians down the last 10 to 15 years by neglecting their basic responsibilities - if Emergency Management did their job we would not need to worry about the state of infrastructure, EM would ensure that it is up to date, safe and redundant, and built to repel attacks. Instead we have severely leaky water, roads that swallow pickup trucks, existent in name only snow removal, unsafe streets and public facilities, city managers who think THEY exist to run the City instead of being servants to Calgarians.
As the city continues to grow infrastructure, housing and the planning and developing of more affordable housing must be maintained.
As the city continues to grow these services are paramount to responsible growth.

As the city grows, emergencies are going to grow too. More accidents, fires and medical incidents will increase and we need to have our first responders equipped and have the staffing to meet these needs. Our infrastructure for our roads and highways need to keep up with the increased traffic that is coming with the growth of our city. Many roads and highways are in need of repair or need to be reconstructed to meet the growing volume of traffic.
As the city is experiencing many challenges re the rapid growth in population these 3 are, in my opinion the 3 needing to ensure the population experience minimal disruption to general life.
As the population grows, it is vital to rapidly modernise infrastructure (whether its fixing the feeder main, or increasing transit access and expanding roads/freeways). Also in a future society where AI becomes mainstream and takes over majority of labour and the transition to post-labour economics (David Shapiro discusses this in more detail) commences, having our infrastructure ready and transit up to the standards of Japanese bullet trains, and we need to be ready for dividends and wealth transfers and a new way of society, where neoliberalism will no longer be the dominant force.
As they are services everyone uses and there is no/limited work arounds... Eg it would be hard for a citizen to hire private emergency management vs private transportation
As they are underfunded. Focus on recreation and the north east needs a big aquatic facility.
as we all know life on water restrictions is a pain for everyone, so lets fix it and maintain our water supply. roads and pathways are essential for everyone to navigate the city and we need the Police to cut the crime rate and keep everyone safe.
As we have seen recently, adequate water supply is essential. Police are needed more all the time to enforce the law due to civil unrest. Without a good business environment, our tax structure suffers.
At the end of the day if there is no law and order, and/or protection via fire/ems, no amount of budgeting will help.
At this stage - the City needs to fund the MUST HAVES not the nice to haves. Its not that complicated. Funding for re-branding, ARTS, specials interest groups for bike lanes - supports a very minor number of Calgarians. Housing, social services, if the majority of the funding doesn't come for Provincial or Federal government needs to be re-thought entirely. This is no sustainable nor should be funded by Calgary Property Tax.
AT this time these items are a concern to all residents.

Back to basics during budget constraints. Calgarians do not feel safe downtown, fire response times are growing and we need the most basic of basic to be reliable and that's water. These are the items that are in jeapoardy as the city continues to grow at an alaming pace.
Back to basics, NOT climate change!!
Balance between meeting current needs and planning for the future.
Based on what we need the most. Water to drink. Police to maintain a safe environment. Transit so people can travel to work grocery stores doctors visits
Basic (NEEDS) services should first be addressed. I consider water and safety to be prime necessary services. I also consider Fire fighting services to be necessary, but "fire" encompasses too many issues that are not "NEEDS" when looking at prioritizing service. In addition, I believe the City has not clearly identified what is an emergency strategy versus what is a specific departmental "emergency", coordinated when and how such general and specific departmental strategies would overlap developed and communicated a thorough and effective Emergency Strategy to the citizens. I am not sure why an Emergency department should have even been involved in a city water failure caused by lack of leadership and expertise in the actual Water Department. Such emergency plans should have been developed in the Water Department itself in conjunction with the support of the expertise of the emergency dept., but Water should at all times have been lead and responsible department.
Basic human needs first
Basic Infrastructure is important to maintain. Too much emphasis and resources are spent on Climate initiatives.
Basic infrastructure should be brought up to standard and maintained
Basic necessities and to protect our safety
Basic necessities for healthy community
Basic necessities for people to live safe. Water because the infrastructure has been neglected for too long & isn't supporting the sprawling city; Roads and pathways, because people and services need to move throughout the city safely (police, ambulance/fire) and people need to get to their jobs to care for family (economy); And Police, because they've been understaffed for our growing population and not able to keep up with community, city…. Etc concerns.
Basic necessities for those most in need - waste and water is for everyone but transit is make or break it for those most in need. Finally, the city's recreation services are often the only affordable option for many people to maintain health and happiness.

Basic needs and safety
Basic needs city should provide. Done poor effort at them up to this point. Violent crimes increased with fewer police, water (do I really need to say more on its poor management)…
Basic needs everyone needs….housing, water and fire safety (fire safety also requires water).
Basic needs of the city need to be addressed
Basic needs only ! City hall (and the chief administrative officer) wasted money in the past on pet non essential feel good projects like bike lanes and now we have a tight budget. Bikes are NOT a basic need nor is recycling stop grouping them with roads and waste respectively Bylaws only go after getting money for permit they do not seem to actually enforce motorcycle noise etc. Anything involving City Hall is ineffective and inefficient as the union allows them to work slowly as their jobs are not in jeopardy
Basic needs. I also don't choose roads, but infrastructure for cycling.
Basic responsibilities to keep the city safe and functioning. I think the city should consider the privatization of certain services it currently feels responsible for and should not even be financially involved in over half of what it thinks it should be doing such as art and culture
Basic services first, nice-to-have next. That means art goes, bike lanes go, fluff jobs go
Basic services must be provided. there at least 6 of them and then we need Housing and recreation. I could easily have marked yes to them all.
Basic services should be the priority.
Basic services such as water, utilities, roads, fire and police are absolutely vital for a safe and functional city.
Basic services that the city should focus on. Get rid of focus on climate, reconcilation, bike paths.
Basic services to residents to be met.
Basic welfare of the population should be protected.
Basic, core services

Basics must be addressed first, the rest is chaff.
Bearspaw water main is at end of life cycle. Calgary needs to add more missing middle density housing. On any given year we could have a drought, floods and hail storm.
Because
Because
Because a loss of the transit system could lead to several people being unable to continue work, especially in harsher seasons where non-sheltered transportation is unviable
Because all three are very important and save lives!
Because as a citizen who has lived here since I was 11 years old Im sick and tired of every time the budget comes around the city council will throw the most disadvantage under the bus and say we can't help it our hands our tied instead of fighting for your citizens rights. Transit is needed for everyone im sick and tired of everyone pretending nothing is changing and we can continue as if this is 1995. It is 2026 we have no greenline STILL, after years and years decades of planning, we have instead of making transit easier we have reduction in services, increase in prices and scapegoating homeless for transit issues. We have almost no social housing and accessing support is [redacted] near impossible, we have recreation centres, cultural events and more each year suffer funding issues, so many community organizations suffer from budget shortfalls cause the city isn't willing to do more to fight for more equity and fairness
Because as a fast growing city these are the most needed.
Because at the end of the day, people need to be able to move around our city, no matter their income level, and water like housing and food is essential to life.
Because Canada has a culture of spending way too much when we have little. We need to focus on the essentials and politicians need to learn to do more with stricter budgets. Also, widespread handout programs do not help people, they just become reliant on the system.
Because citizens should feel safe above all and be able to move around with minimal hassle
Because City leadership has been so reckless and negligent with respect to water infrastructure for at least the last decade. And, with no one held accountable (so far), there is no reason to expect improvement.

Because city needs better roads , housing and most importantly health emergency management
Because currently I don’t see any efforts that the city is doing to improve the population increase in Calgary. Every day roads are in worse condition, transit is not prioritized and emergency services are overloaded.
Because densification/housing only works if transit is well-funded. And since the province removed speed cameras, then more police are needed to keep people walking and taking transit safe on roads.
Because everyone needs a house
Because healthcare wasnt offered, which is a complete mess and quite frankly, shambolic
Because housing is a right for alland we need more housing. Transportation is a right for all to get around
Because housing, public transit, and community are the backbone of a healthy population. The only other things as important are healthcare and education.
Because I do not want more of my money going to the cops. Because housing and transit would address so many of the issues that lead to poverty. I want Calgary to stop criminalizing poverty and start helping people find safe stable affordable housing and be able to get around.
Because I like to swim
Because I think these are the critically important areas where standards must be maintained for the well being of our city.
because I view that they are the most important.!!!!. A dumb question,repeated .
Because I want the city to provide basic services only (like roads and water treatment), and for the city to reduce red tape and administrative burden to businesses. Cut other city services, lower taxes, and get out of the way of business and job creators to make investments in the city.
Because if more people are unhoused and unable to get to work or access services due to transit issues, we will continue to see our city degrade. People need homes more than they need cops, and it’s cheaper for the city to deal with a housed person who needs services than an unhoused person taking up valuable resources.

Because if there's some type of emergency, we need to uphold the very basics
Because if we don't have social cohesion and strong communities, we'll have bigger challenges.
Because it is the most important issues for safety of people
Because look around you. It sucks [redacted] right now. Homeless [redacted] shooting up and no [redacted] laws to sentence them.
Because low-income and other disenfranchised Calgarians have a more significant need for these things.
Because many folks like myself are living below the poverty line.
Because mental health and physical health are very important to me, as I know when individuals are mentally and physically fit, then we have healthier and more positive communities that work together. Soccer facilities provide both mental and physical fitness to individuals of all ages, races, cultures, and in the process creates a very healthy and diverse community that Calgary greatly benefits from. We need BOTH indoor and outdoor soccer facilities all over the city to provide everyone a spot to play soccer recreationally and competitively. Places where spectators and athletes can gather and celebrate.
Because other thriving cities have went above and beyond making these priorities. I think Calgary needs to start taking ideas from other places to improve our city.
Because our city is a mess, unsafe, and starting to look like a [redacted]
Because our roads are in terrible terrible shape
Because our soccer community is griwing quickly and we need for pitches forour children to play.
Because over a decade of incompetent leadership in Administration has made spending more on water utilities necessary.
Because people need to be protected, get to work and have work to get to
Because policing, fire, and water management are the most critical of all the services of keeping the city safe with access to clean drinking water. Roads should be included also, with the road calming creations & the HATED bike lanes that the city has made which have slowed down access to getting anywhere in the city in a timely manner, plus they are in such rough shape and never seem to be fixed.

Because recreation is the central pillar of a community, without which, we don't have a great City. I argue that Fire and Police are relatively well budgeted. Water Utilities are integral to life and Transit is the best equalizer in Calgary.
Because roads and pathways are essential to get around the city. Fire and police are critical to help save lives and maintain social order.
Because that is important
Because the amount of red tape preventing key developments is absolutely insane
Because the City has so badly mismanaged our water system for over a decade.
Because the city is growing so fast and there aren't enough recreation spaces in the city, specifically for the ever growing sport of soccer, which has been left behind. Without enough facility space, clubs can't take on the demand for the sport because there just isn't enough indoor space for all the kids who want to play in the winter time.
Because the City needs to stay in it's lane. There are very basic services that it is responsible for. We have pot holes that would cause major damage to a car. An example of poor management is that the City doesn't operate like a viable business. The fact that soooo much has been needlessly spent on Climate and Enviornment (again, not in the City's jurisdiction). As well as DEI over the past several years (no one cares about your pronouns) is terrible. This is not what we pay taxes for. Ideologies and WEF / UNDRIP etc. Keep it simple. Police, fire, roads. These are the essential services that are necessary. And taking responsibiliy for the water issues. NOT making citizens 'do their part' and restrict our water access. Again, too much 'environmental ideology'. THis is the City's problem, not the people's problem. We didn't cause this...you need to fix it without putting the responsibility on your over taxed citizens.
Because the city of calgary has failed to maintain our roads for years. They are a disaster. Police and fire always should be top priority in protecting our citizens.
Because the items I've selected will help Calgarians, the others should benefit. For example the emergency services should be funded and you can't put them above others, but developing local business, roads and pathways along with transit would boost the economy. More police doesn't drop crime for example. The City needs to focus on the basics plus making things easier, not grand vote winning projects.
Because the lack of affordability has made life hard. While the City can't impact the price of groceries, it can make wise decisions about our housing and transit (which many of us use to get to work to pay our bills). I chose police because of safety, but the key here is prevention and not intervention. Since I don't see any options for

preventative measures, I chose police given that they've started working with the social sector to decrease instances of social disorder.
Because the previous administrations ignored basic infrastructure
Because the roads are in very bad condition. The parks have homeless and needles etc lying around. Police due to crime and fire because we need firefights.
because there are always going to be pot holes and cigarette butts, but what really makes a city vibrant and attractive for people to live and visit.
Because these are basic necessities
Because these are core City services that everyone depends on.
Because these are essential services that contribute to livelihoods, peace of mind and overall well-being
Because these are weak areas and need to be improved
Because these issues have been neglected and caused the most disruption when they fail. And.....Bike lanes should not be included in roadways. It is something that people who want to ride bikes should support independently. I am tired of our spaces and resources being used for a very small percentage of the people that actually use these. How many actually pay taxes anyway..or just live on the street, steal bikes and live in tents. This is shameful to see.
Because these services directly impact the most vulnerable in society and the most Calgarians over all. We are long overdue for prioritizing the needs of regular Calgarians and those who need more assistance. The province also revoked funding for those with disabilities, so maybe we can help with that.
Because they are absolutely critical.
Because they are absolutely essential services
Because they are absolutely necessary for the city.
Because they are all critical to maintain status quo. Transit needs improvement (and maintenance) so people use it. Police presence is required in more public areas (specifically around transit) and we need to support local businesses and the economy so the city as a whole thrives.

Because they are core city services that benefit all Calgarians.
Because they are essential for the safety and lives of residents
Because they are essential to the well-being of the citizens.
Because they are important
Because they are important and should be prioritized.
Because they are interrelated. When there's a budget crunch, people who facing significant financial strain need affordable housing, reliable and consistent transit to get about to work and other essential needs. Consistent and adequate policing is needed to ensure the safety of residents.
Because they are most vital to maintaining a functioning metropolitan area.
Because they are needed for daily living and safety. Water might not be the focus that it is right now if The City had done ongoing maintenance as it should have.
Because they are the basic necessities of a well run city.
Because they are the most basic.
Because they are the most important to me. Don't you remember your own question?
because they are the ones most people use and benefit from hi
Because they are the ones that affect everyone.
Because they are the things that affect the greatest number of people who rely on the city of Calgary to live. Low income people use most city resources. By bettering these things you will improve those whose lives need help with improvement the most.
Because they are vital to a healthy city and they have been neglected over the past 15 years. The quality of our parks , roadways etc. have deteriorated badly. It is time to spend a greater part of the city budget to restore the excellent levels the city used to enjoy. .
because they help all Calgarians and not just a select few who complain the most or who our City thinks they need to look after. If Fire & Police were actually hiring for front line active service personnel and not back room people, then they also should get more funding. The City should stop all departments from contracting out unless 100% necessary.

Because they should be considered core services needed for a functioning city.
Because they’re essential services.
Because they’re the core services that the city is meant to deliver and do well. Respectfully, housing is a provincial responsibility. Whether they’re delivering on it or not isn’t the city’s responsibility. There is an evident deficit within the city in terms of infrastructure, and services being delivered for the amount of taxes and “fees” collected. Time to get back to basics, even if it’s hard and not preferred.
Because they're important in my opinion
Because this city has plenty of the other resiurces and finding for them they are just mismanaged . The onez i indicated nèd the money
Because this should be the only priority to citizens.
Because those are key areas that benefit Calgary the most and, therefore, should not be subject to budget cutbacks. NOTE: THERE WAS NO QUESTION #1 INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY. Sloppy work!!!
Because those are the most important core services that the city is responsible for providing. The rest are not as important, and some are not important whatsoever.
Because we have been lacking in them significantly. The city has many poorly maintained roads, housing is at an all-time high cost, and bylaw seems to be lacking resources to properly enforce and follow up on 311 complaints regarding bylaw issues.
Because we need basic infrastructure and for that stuff to not burn down.
Because we need to able to respond to emergency situations. The sense of safety in the City, especially the downtown core, is deteriorating. When a person sees open drug use in the streets, that is not acceptable. And I know that "sense" does not necessarily equate to the number of reported crimes, but when things are visible, it is difficult to ignore them. Transit needs to be improved if we want to encourage the mode shift. People won't opt for transit (myself included) if the service is not reliable, convenient, and safe. Lastly, our City is growing quickly, and we need to make sure that services and infrastructure are capable to support future development.
Because we need to focus spending on infrastructure &. Public safety, not climate change or subsidies for foreign nationals.
Because we spend to much on the police
Because we're in a housing crisis with no rent cap, no one can afford anything else when all money is going to rent. Its an emergency situation.

Because when there's a financial crunch they are often the most neglected, and significantly impacts the quality of life for all Calgarians from low income to the wealthy. If parks and roads look run down then people lose pride of place in the city. (Broken window theory) Transit is vital to the economy of the city, trickle down economics don't work but trickle up economics do. People being able to access business and jobs keeps the economy chugging. But when people lose jobs or can't spend money businesses suffer. Business don't create jobs, people spending money do
because you didn't give me the option to have you COMPLETELY STOP ALL focus on Climate Change and Environment
Because you didn't list departments that duplicate provincial responsibility that should be slashed. Putting roads and pathways together...seriously get rid of pathways which are the best in the country and spend more on the [redacted] roads or should I say those patched upon patched pothole poor excuse for roads
because you don’t have an option to cut the bureaucracy and reduce taxes - that is the most important thing to me
Because you'll never have enough money for all the other services.
Becuase it has to do with preserving human life and dignity. City's spending is out of control, need to reevaluate your mandates and slim down.
Being able to get around and safe, clean water are essential, everything else depends on them.
Being our closest form of government- the city can have a great impact on the local economy and economic development which is something that affects everyone. (I want our local businesses to thrive). Investing in the Police is also something that all Calgarians can benefit from. And planning and development is what Calgarians look to the local government to do.
Being retired I like to live in a safe environment and downtown and transit do not always feel safe. Also, one of my main outdoor activities is spending time on the pathways and parks so would like to see more money put towards that, especially finishing the pathway connecting Calgary to Cochrane and Airdrie. I chose transit as i would like to see the new greenline completed.
Benefit the most amount of Calgarians.
Best priorities
Bike lanes are impeding motorists who pay for the right to drive on our roads while the bikes do not.

Our roads, water and other infrastructure have not been maintained and cannot support the growth in inner city neighbourhoods.
Blanket rezoning. Why don't you offer climate change initiatives to be cut? Not even your jurisdiction, its provincial.
Both transit and water become bigger, costlier problems if they are allowed to deteriorate, cutting them back would be a false economy. The sense of community safety is complex, but very central to the city's responsibilities. It starts with good relations with a well-resourced police dept.
Broken or inefficient Water Utilities affects everyone when repairs need to be made. Focusing spending here will hopefully prevent long-term periods of inconvenience and times of water emergency. Transit needs to grow with our city, and its usability and accessibility must always be considered. I am concerned about the city's tree canopy, particularly in denser residential areas where more emphasis seems to be placed on new developments rather than a harmonious balance of urban and natural land area.
Build a stronger and more resilient Calgary. Support vulnerable Calgarians now and in the future.
Building business might hurt residents in the short term as we choose to build the economy and broaden the tax base. More rented space is more tax revenue. More revenue allows for more investment in other city projects once the businesses are paying tax towards the city.
Building more indoor and outdoor recreation facilities is in an investment in the less fortunate, health and community spirit.
Built on much crime in our city
Burn my house down…..shoot me dead….die of dehydration/waterborn illness. Not something I will recover from in my lifetime
Business & Local Economy to grow and diversify the tax base which affords us the financials to spend on other items of importance. Police to ensure our communities remain safe as we grow. Roads and pathways to create efficient people movement.
Business Licensing & Local Economy - If people used own house for open the food services through the basement then they should apply for city aproval and little taxt to pay and make more money and better life & help to government. Police - They helping the people all the time 24/7 and hard job live family life Behind the to servies to country I always respect to my officers. more houseing

Businesses & the local economy are the lifeblood of any City. A City's infrastructure (roads) needs to be continually maintained so that we do not have a disaster like the Bearspaw water main. Police services make a city safe for its citizens and tourists.
By investing in better roadways and increasing funding in fire/EMs and police services, you can significantly improve emergency response times and keep the streets safer with increased patrolling.
Bylaws are important for us as this helps contorl crime and maintains structure.
Bylaws to maintain fairness and equality for everyone without favouring any groups. Roads and pathways maintain good roads and pathways with safety measures in place is very important to promote overall well being of every soul. Emergency Management with efficient safety measures without red tapes ensures that needs are met.
Calgarians are barely making it by with the prices of housing, that should be monitored, mitigated and prioritized. We are currently facing a huge water issue, and have been for years. We need to pay attention to that.
Calgarians are facing an affordability crisis - Transit and housing are the two key pressure areas. [Redacted]
Calgarians are living depending on.
Calgarians are struggling under economic pressure. Housing and transportation are among the highest costs
Calgarians are tapped out because of inflation and taxes. The city needs to cut most spending while ensuring that increasing crime is being addressed and we ensure that our water supply is efficient.
Calgarians need access to quick and reliable emergency services. This is a human right. AHS is unbelievably underfunded.
Calgarians need affordable housing. This is without question. This provides stability to everyone in our city, keeps people off the street and improves the culture. Investing in Community and Culture help provide a sense of place and connect diverse groups. This connection created a more inclusive city and foster a sense of care among residents. And Fire is necessary for the care and well being of all citizens. These first responders provide excellent care to our residents, are the first on scene at most accidents and make people in our city feel safe.
Calgarians need housing and the ability to get around the city. With the recent water main breaks, we need to ensure our infrastructure is robust and long-lasting.

Calgary being one of the big cities in Canada lacks serious commutation modes and as a result businesses and local residents suffer a lot in terms of making a housing decision,job selection and also it matters a lot for work - life balance.If there is a good transit infrastructure, all will prosper including businesses , people, govt and it will directly boost the speed of economic growth.Looking at infrastructure growth, more jobs will be created.There is a stagnant situation in economy and it's been like that since decade so young people like me are frustrated with false promises and waits.I am 34 and live in Calgary for 8 years but now seriously looking to move out of city because city is snatching money from pocket by way of property taxes and in return get no better transit system in the city which disturbs everything in life for couple to raise family and save on transportation(car insurances and fuel cost suck really).It's now or never situation for people so they are leaving.
Calgary city administration and council in the past seem to focused on building new and not maintaining existing. If population increases then it would seem only natural that we would need to increase both police and fire services.
Calgary has a recreation shortage. Look at skyview. The rec facility should be prioritized but instead they put the money into the SW, where Belmont, a newer area, gets all the funds. Also road plans like Airport trail and Metis trail are not being looked at and are in poor condition. Please spend money on these areas.
Calgary has a water shortage we never should have had. Road maintenance is continual yet more is still needed. The sidewalks and bike path work has been Great and I want to encourage it. But the 9th Ave work between Inglewood and NMC had people in wheelchairs and with chronic pain getting stuck in snow banks because it doesn't have a clearly accessible path unless they double the distance of some routes and go along the riverwalk. No emergency plans to make sure everyone can get through. And the Fort Calgary Confluence's field isn't lit. Why were the disabled seemingly not though about during the planning of some of these projects? The province is attacking us: we need the City to stand up for us in these daily issues. Especially if the province is somehow forcing is to go to work we aren't able to do for employers who don't want to hire us. AISH recipients need to know that at least the City occasionally thinks about us and our safety. Thank you.
Calgary has aging infrastructure which needs upgrading which will serve communities. Recreation is preventative health care and fosters community. Police are facing new, emerging and increasingly complex issues and with the high percentage of officers off work the existing employees are stretched.
Calgary has been having issues with water lately. It's better to be proactive than reactive in this situation. Calgary's transit system does not measure up to its size. There are many who are underserved in this area. Emergency management should always be a priority.

Calgary has serious issues with drugs & crime and our police must be well funded in order to protect us all from the growing issues in our city.
Calgary has the most expensive transit in Calgary while not being well-served in most areas. This needs to change. We also have high pedestrian and traffic fatalities. Car culture is a serious problem for the city. Given Council's unresponsible repeal of rezoning, we also need more support for housing density and affordable housing ASAP.
Calgary is a sprawling city that should be world class, but has very poor public transit services, and focuses on building new suburbs instead of caring for the citizens in existing neighbourhoods.
Calgary is dangerously close to not having enough soccer fields for our growing community, and emergency services are always top of mind in a province that is growing population wise by leaps and bounds.
Calgary is growing at a rapid rate and with it come issues associated with a larger city. On the crime front we've seen increasing gang and shooting violence. Funding the police is critical to maintaining safety. The second problem is that recreational facilities are not keeping up with this population growth. We have a diverse population in Calgary - what seems to link many groups is soccer. However the fact that there are insufficient indoor facilities means we are approaching a period where children will not be able to pursue the sport (soccer) many love and want to play.
Calgary is so far behind other cities regarding recreation facilities, indoor fields, etc. It needs to sponsor with groups willing to participate with the City and catch up to other cities or it will continue to fall behind and not be able to service the growing number of need for these facilities.
Calgary made the bold choice to declare a climate emergency, which I strongly supported. Protecting our water supply, investing in greenscaping, and creating a viable transit system that works for all Calgarians are how we can help reduce our climate footprint.
Calgary needs a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
Calgary needs effective policing and fire protection as well as planning, building and development to function well.
Calgary needs more trees for people's mental and physical health. A connected bike lane network should be continued to be built. And 311 is such a great service if it's active.

Calgary needs to be safe for people
Calgary needs to focus on core responsibilities first. Other areas are nice to have when they can be reasonably afforded.
Calgary needs to invest in its water infrastructure, good and reliable public transit is needed to prevent a death spiral, and without affordable housing other problems build up.
Calgary needs to invest in soccer facilities. It is the fastest growing sport in the city. As such, the city's commitment needs to keep pace so that all children who want to play have spaces in which to do so.
Calgary Police are struggling with response times. The focus and funds seem to be funneled into the downtown core. Areas like District 8 seem to be very low on resources, and trying to respond quickly appears almost impossible during when multiple emergencies occur. The south of Calgary also lacks the resources to properly respond if there are multiple fires. There is a very large population south of Stoney Trail with very condensed homes, and the city would not have the ability to respond to multiple emergencies in the area. Focusing on Water Utilities needs to be a priority. There needs to be a way to store more water, and not limit the water usage within the city.
Calgary roads are in disgusting condition with seemingly only bandaid repairs made yearly . With the past years of loss control on development , the city has lost its charm with relentless over development of infill homes and townhomes reeking havoc on community charm and integrity . Lastly , the city needs to get a grip on speeding on our side streets , Stoney trail and any road for that matter seriously ! Get at that ASAp!
Calgary suffers greatly from sprawl. World cities are able to grow efficiently because of efficient space planning, which allows reliable transit. The infrastructure to support Calgary's sprawl without reliable and frequent transit is not maintainable. Think about the difference 100 cars on a road going downtown is versus 100 people on a bus or train.
Calgary’s soccer facilities are at capacity, and we are rapidly running out of space. Thousands of young players face uncertainty as demand continues to grow. Without new fieldhouses backed by a sustainable funding plan, families may be turned away as early as next season simply due to a lack of available space.
Calgary's demographic is surging - ergo people need housing. The majority of city's population use the car for moving around. The roads are in a baleful state that need serious repair. The wellbeing of Calgary depends on planification of R&D and building.

Calgary's going to keep growing. If we keep sprawling (more likely given the braindead decision to undo the zoning change), that's going to mean more cars needing to drive in to the city unless we seriously invest in public transit and densification where possible.
Calgarys housing crisis is out of control we need to focus on housing first
Cannot live without police and fire, recreation impacts future generations to stay out of trouble through accessible activities
Can't get around without roads, can't live without water. CFD is super stretched trying to bail out AHS lack of EMS resources.
Can't have anything else if not for Fire, Police, and emergency management
Certain areas are crucial to a healthy city and have been underfunded.
Choosing transit is a plus because it moves more people using less space and money, cutting traffic, pollution, and long-term infrastructure costs. It also makes cities more accessible and livable by connecting people to jobs and services while supporting healthier, more compact growth. Housing is important because it provides stability and security that underpin people's health, economic opportunity, and ability to participate fully in society while also forming a foundation of a city's social and economic well-being. Emergency planning and management is vital because it helps a city prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters especially given climate change we are seeing in Calgary.
Cities need to have places to work and play that give their people a sense of community and purpose. Infrastructure such as water utilities, power and heat need to be maintained vigilantly. Plans for long term sustainability should also be incorporated into development of properties, new communities and small businesses. We also need to ensure that what has been built continues to serve its purpose it was built for. If it doesn't meet its purpose, then a change will be required.

Cities that invest in public transit experience improved quality of life for residents, as it enhances access to jobs, education, and social activities while reducing traffic congestion and pollution. A housing first strategy reduces homelessness and its associated costs. The happiest cities are those with a small gap between the rich and the poor. Urban natural areas support physical and mental well-being. They are also essential for climate resilience. Improving air quality through an emphasis on public transit and enhancing green spaces is essential. The city needs to enforce strict emissions regulations on vehicles and industries. Implementing measures such as congestion charges, creating car-free streets, and developing safe bike lanes can significantly reduce vehicle usage in cities and improve quality of life for residents.
City budget should support social services that bring all of our community up. Water utilities shiuld be user pay and the expanding developers should pay for this. And Council should approve new suburbs more responsibly assessing infrastructure cost (now and future)
City Hall leadership has failed to competently protect our water supply.
City Hall negligence has put our water supply at risk.
City infrastructure has underspent its capital budget for a decade. This money has been reallocated by city administration in a near criminal act of negligence. Now the city is feeling the results of that negligence and must ensure funds are both allocated to infrastructure and spent. Also, when I select roads and pathways I don't mean bike lanes which serve few Calgarians
City infrastructure is paramount. Deal with core issues before they continue to swallow up more unnecessary issues that will become costly major issues
City infrastructure, safety and increasing economy opportunities are important.
City is becoming less safe by the year. Go take a walk around the library or areas downtown. Subdivisions being broken into all over. LRT still dangerous and dirty. Drug addicts all over. Roads are in terrible shape.
City is getting bigger and our protective services are not keeping pace

City is getting dangerous . Calgary is not safe anymore with exploded uneducated immigrants. Recreation is needed now a days since all kids arw turning sedentary and lazy
City is growing and past council members did not think to manage water and utilities for future generations and now we have infrastructure that is needing to be replaced. City council members should upgrade infrastructure every year in different parts of city to keep up with growth.
City leadership's negligent mismanagement of our water system needs to be addressed. Not firing anyone will just ensure negligence continues.
City needs get back to basics. Roads, water, power, etc
City needs to focus more on core services and less on pet projects that have little to no benefit for the vast majority of its citizens. The constant problem with main water line breaks demonstrates that the city did not focus on core services. The city has put us into a deplorable mess. Reminds me of third world city problems, no or restricted water.
City should focus on infrastructure and police fire transit. No more pet projects. Leave the rest to the province.
City should focus on the basics (simplify)
City should start practicing running in resource conflict mode even sudden development fund coming in because of immigration influx or critical infrastructure failure raise the resource level to manage the risk. At the same time develop the team and organization structure & process to manage the conflicting priorities while managing Calgarian needs immediate and long terms need.
Civic main responsibilities are water, road, police, fire. The rest are not core responsibilities.
Clean and safe Water is needed in almost every building (no more fluoride), police for safety of citizens and quality roads are a very important part of an efficient city. Instead of adding fluoride to the water, the city should purchase fluoride packets to give to citizens for free so they can add it to their own water.
Clean available water affects everyone

Clean drinking water & the proper removal & disposal of garbage are of the highest priority. These infrastructures must be fully operational today & for the future. Policing is very important, when done without political influences. Police are important for maintaining peace, when they do it properly, without any biases - especially political, but in any way. Police are important for dealing with crimes & emergencies in a wide variety of forms. Sadly, policing & the entire law system are becoming far too politicized. Policing & all levels of law MUST BE completely removed / separated & distant from any & ALL politics - COMPLETELY REMOVED / SEPARATED & DISTANT FROM POLITICS, WHICH INCLUDES BEING COMPLETELY SEPARATED & DISTANT FROM ALL POLITICAL AGENDAS & ALL POLITICIANS. THE ONLY CONNECTION TO POLITICIANS WOULD BE TO REPORT ON HOW POLICE & THE LAW SYSTEM ARE FUNCTIONING WITH THE MONEY SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC DOLLARS (PEOPLE'S TAX DOLLARS - NOT POLITICIANS' DOLLARS).
Clean water and waste management are fundamental to healthy cities.
Clean water is necessary to live. With temperatures rising, fire can respond to heat related sicknesses and fires. Housing first - providing housing to everyone stops the drain on police, medical, and other services and helps keep the labour force from leaving.
Clearly the water utility has been painfully neglected and needs to be fixed and upgraded. The City has also deteriorated in terms of safety downtown and in adjacent areas due to the unhoused and drug addicted taking over many areas and encroaching into neighbourhoods and leaving messes and making people feel unsafe. We want our City back.
Clearly the water utility requires ongoing focus; from there I'd like to see investment in transit and if the city doesn't do recreation - no one will.
Climate and Environment needs to be maintained
Climate hazards are having unprecedented costs to infrastructure and services. The magnitude of these costs is such that there may be a cascading effect on City budget for everything else. It is important to prevent these costs (which we can do with proper risk planning) so we can continue to allocate budgets to important services.
CoC roads are an embarrassment. CoC citizen safety is top priority and with current downtown and communities along transit lines crime is rampant and emergency service care with regards to fire needs to be boosted with more fire halls within closer proximity to new communities and higher density housing.
combination of basic need (water), quality of life (recreation) and safety (police)
Common priorities of city services

common sense
Community and culture are embedded in all City service areas and amenities. Focusing on community and culture ensures the most vulnerable Calgarians are being supported. Alongside this, housing and emergency management continue to be areas of high concern for all Calgarians. Focusing on these will prioritize alongside community and culture helps ensure the best choices are made for those with the least amount of power. This budget should focus on ensuring all Calgarians feel they have a fair opportunity to succeed and live in this City.
Community and culture is essential to tourism and the happiness of residents, transit makes it possible for a city that is quickly developing to have people navigate well and also use businesses, planning and development is crucial to a growing city
Community and culture, parks and forestry are what makes the city worthwhile living in. Attracts both new residents and tourist to the city which improves our locally economy. We cannot live without water and it’s unacceptable to keep having water crisis
Community centres in NW area is missing. School is missing in NW.
Community programs and services are important and currently CPS receives too high of a portion of the city's over all budget as is
Community safety always should be any governments first priority, water and roads must be maintained/repaired, therefore 2nd and third priorities. The City of Calgary should look for efficiencies in each department before budget trade-offs.
Community safety is a serious concern to Calgarians therefore police are an important part of that solution. Housing continues to be difficult to find particularly affordable housing. 3 water shut downs in 2 years is trying and frustration for may residents and businesses.
Community safety leads to community development. With the increasing development of new neighborhoods and the increasing density of existing, it is putting a strain on emergency services to maintain effective response times. Ensuring in the new budget that CPS and CFD have the resources, capital development, and funding to maintain service standards should be of the upmost importance.
community security, functioning utilities (water, sewer, etc.) and reliable transport (roads/transit) are minimums for City to function.

Completing the Green Line LRT is absolutely essential for the growing population in Southeast Calgary, especially with increased immigration and rapid growth in areas like Seton. We need faster and more efficient public transit to improve commuting and reduce congestion and pollution.
Concern over public safety, recent water utility failures and increasing population/density requiring investment in roads and pathways
Considered basic needs for a functional city and not managing (2) them appropriately has directly resulted in an emergency situation for these chosen items.
Considering the issues with our water utilities, I would rank this as number one. Police and fire are both very important services. If I had more choices I would add transit and parks and urban forests.
Core City infrastructure certainly includes roads, water utilities and transit, but it also includes cultural, community and parks facilities that make Calgary a great place to build a life. Our City has wisely invested over many decades to create and help sustain community infrastructure like the zoo, Bowness Park, community associations and so many more. That must continue as we grow to a population of 2 million.
Core infrastructure and citizen safety are non negotiable mandatory priorities. Making it easier to build local economy is a necessity as well.
Core infrastructure and public safety services must be protected when budget tradeoffs are unavoidable. These are not discretionary, they are the backbone of a functioning city. Water utilities carry the highest consequence of deferred risk. Aging infrastructure means inconsistent investment creates compounding liability, not just service disruption, but potential public health emergencies no reactive budget can quickly fix. Roads deteriorate faster in freeze-thaw climate than most Canadian cities. Deferred maintenance today becomes full reconstruction costs tomorrow, while emergency response times and economic productivity suffer in the meantime. Police are non-negotiable. Calgarians must feel safe in their homes and communities. Public safety is the most basic contract between a government and its residents. These are services where underinvestment does not save money, it defers and amplifies costs. Protecting them is not a spending choice, it is a risk management decision.
Core municipal services.
Core services
Core services

Core services like safety, transportation, and road infrastructure must be maintained as they directly impact daily life and economic activity. Efficient planning and faster permit approvals are essential to support housing and reduce costs for residents. Priority should be given to services that benefit all citizens, especially vulnerable groups, while ensuring transparency and accountability in how public funds are spent.
Core services must be the priority. The City must also focus on areas within its mandate, not provincial of federal areas such as climate and housing. There are efficiencies to be found in support services such as HR, IT, Finance and Supply Chain. These are four over staffed areas based on ratios found in the private sector. Comparisons to other inefficient organizations (i.e other cities) are not relevant. Hire an outside consultant to show you where staff cuts can be made and systems that can create efficiencies.
Core services should be a priority. As a city, we have felt tbe impacts of reduced police presence and it has lead to streets that used to be safe to walk alone no longer being safe. The way our roads have been managed feels like a joke. The number of pot holes, or holes that go down several feet, seems to be gaining traction, especially with infills and new developments. Plowing, salting and gravelling seems to happen 24 hours after it needed to start. Most of the time on a snow day with heavy accumulation, I dont see a plow anywhere on major roads, such as Crowchild. Water utilities is obvious with the recent emergency repairs. The city failed its core responsibility to the citizens, focused on pet projects and trying to stand on an international stage for items like climate change. The city should hit reset and focus on it's core responsibilities and get Calgary back on track.
Core services that I use
Core services that serve all Calgarians and meet needs that can't otherwise be met with other services.
Core type services and helping the economy matter most and ensure we can come out on the more prosperous side when maybe budgets are better again.
Core values first
Cost of living is a struggle for many Calgarians, a strong transit system serves the needs of lower income communities as well as reducing carbon emissions, and water has been an issue recently.
Council should fortify core services. Public safety and basic infrastructure like water are as core as it gets. In fact, Council should cut other programming to ensure it delivers on core services, including parks and recreation.
Creating/increasing access to stable routines and lifestyles for Calgarians.

Crime and safety need to be top priorities.
Crime has increased, and we need more police resources. Additionally, snow removal is important, yet the city's performance in keeping roads open and clearing snow is a joke
Crime is every area of the city - we need more police to enforce laws. Good roads are necessary for everyone's safety. Planning, building and development keeps the City on track as we grow.
Crime is growing, need to keep that down always. Emergency and water management is critical always - other things can be dealt with but need water and emergency services.
Crime is out of control in Calgary, roads are becoming undriveable in some areas. Fire safety speaks for itself.
Crime needs to be kept in check. Too many pedestrian fatalities. Road safety and enforcement seem to be key issues.
Critical infrastructure and critical safety are highest priority and cannot be left to deteriorate. Other items can be maintained without new funding infusion: i.e. Maintaining regulatory oversight (e.g. business licensing, planning and building development) are important, but should not require large influx of new funds. Transit is also important, but funding mechanism can be altered to maintain less subsidy (e.g. 50 % ridership currently low income transit passes, city of Calgary employees provided free monthly pass, children 12 and under ride for free, free fare zone downtown accounts for 10% of ridership, seniors and students discounted passes etc), while maintaining high or higher level of service.
Critical infrastructure and public safety take priority.
Critical needs
Critical services regarding public safety should have primary focus.
Critical services to support the citizens.
Critical services.
Critical to functioning of the city
Criticality
Criticality and dependence, given the need to make choices. People that depend on transit lose a voice amid the calling for "better roads" to

preserve the condition of private vehicles. We have the best city to drive in - why do we continue this level of investment in roads?
Crucial services for the function of society, the others improve quality of life but arent foundational for society. People can figure out their own housing but cant figure out their own police or fire dept
Current road conditions are insufficient for daily commute.
Currently transit is dangerous. At any time in the day you can expect to meet homeless, high on drugs and disruptive riders on transit. They disrupt people going to work who are simply trying to get to work and now need to deal with foul smelling and talking riders. Using text number for reporting at every instance that there is unsafe environment in transit.
Cut cost
cuts cannot be made to police, fire or emergency management.
Cutting development permit times and processes to that housing can be built. Protecting public safety and maintaining roads are the most impactful to the city.
Cuty is unsafe need more effective policing
Cuz they are important to me
Dear Mayor and Members of Council, Calgary must urgently prioritize repairing and upgrading roads and core infrastructure. The condition of many city streets is unacceptable and does not reflect a modern, world-class city. Infrastructure that meets first-world standards is a basic municipal responsibility that affects safety, mobility, and economic activity for all Calgarians. This issue is directly tied to responsible city planning. New housing and development should not proceed until the City can properly maintain and support the infrastructure serving existing communities. Growth without support increases long-term costs and risks for taxpayers. Tax dollars must be focused on essential needs rather than discretionary, “nice-to-have” projects. Roads, utilities, and infrastructure renewal should take priority over rebranding and cosmetic spending. These services benefit everyone and should be the primary focus of municipal budgets. Sincerely, [redacted]

Despite inroads being made in housing being built at a rapid-fire rate, there still doesn't seem to be enough done to address accessible & affordable housing. As someone living in the Beltline, it's been disappointing to see a district once brimming with entrepreneurial spirit become another high street dedicated solely to chain stores & restaurants with little care for the small businesses being pushed out. The red tape & costs required to maintain a small business in this city make it cost prohibitive & we're losing much of what gave this city its initial character as a result. Accessible, affordable, and reliable transit has to become more of a priority. The systems we have in place now do not adequately cover the insane amount of sprawl in this city. Adding more uber drivers has only added to traffic congestion, while alternate options like bike paths have been ill-maintained if not eradicated altogether in many parts of central Calgary.
develop bike paths
Developing business tax revenue requires the City to create a business-friendly culture. Right now, several infrastructure and transportation issues work against that goal. Road quality is inconsistent, and there are too many unfinished or idle construction projects that disrupt traffic and reduce efficiency. Traffic management is a concern, overuse of traffic lights, restrictive "no-turn-on-red" rules, creating congestion, we need more green turn signals. In addition, business access is often constrained by limited turn-in opportunities from major roadways. At the same time, there appears to be poor transportation planning, some bike pathways underutilized, while key vehicle routes remain inefficient. A more integrated, balanced approach is needed. Cities like Amsterdam demonstrate how pedestrian, cycling, public transit (LRT), and vehicle infrastructure can be designed to work in sync., the City can better support businesses, attract investment, and grow its tax base.
Difficult to select without context of the meaning behind the words, so made some assumptions. Most on the list are important, but some naturally feed the others. Infrastructure expenditures (water, gas, electricity, food, safe travel and safety) are not optional; they are the starting point of our expenses and nothing should come before them. Supporting affordable recreation, particularly healthy recreation such as swimming and biking, will reduce costs such as medical over time, and enhance community & culture.
Downtown crime is escalating. I feel that we need to make people feel safe or they will not use transit, or rec facilities or shop and spend money in downtown if they are apprehensive to come down here.
Each has its benefit to all n getting further behind.
Easy to cut other areas. Labor the biggest cost

Easy. Without local business, big USA corporations will be the only other option. Roads should be a top priority always and Water….. need I say more?
Economy - Ensuring that our system of economics remains stable and people are able to exchange money for goods and services is imperative to a functioning society. Any hinderances to economic prosperity will inevitably lead to disruptions in all other services. Planning and Development - Trends show that Calgary will continue to grow for the foreseeable future, and a City that does not prioritize staying on top of this trend will see a rise in costs with little to no rise in quality of life. Transit - Both economically and environmentally preferable to owning a vehicle, a wide-spread and efficient transit system ensures that even a recession economy cannot stifle growth. People need to get to places, and Transit is the best way to support that.
Effective, reliable, safe, robust transit service is absolutely critical to serve residents today and growing population in the future.
Emergencies can and will come up and preparedness is key. Water utilities have been neglected in maintenance and investment and should be brought up to the level of a large city. Transit is crucial for economic development, help to people who cannot drive for various reasons and for reducing pollution.
Emergencies can happen anywhere and anytime. More funding for transit gives Calgarians more options. Housing must always be a priority.
Emergency and Fire are core services which must be prioritized regardless of budget. Calgary transit, specifically the C-Train is in desperate need of investment, I take the train daily and frequently feel unsafe, have been harassed, or have significant delays due to train issues. The bottom line is our transit isn't reliable.
Emergency management can cause huge issues and costs can be unpredictable, so we need to set aside money for unexpected situations. Police enforcement has proven to be very necessary in our growing city and we need to feel safe here without straining the police force, Roads and pathway maintenance are critically important to a city that is subject to nasty weather with big implications for our road system. Development of pathways is critically important as well to maintain the attractive living environment that Calgary provides
Emergency Management has been frequently relevant over the past several years and has effectively managed those instances. Particularly when the risks of climate incidents is increased Emergency Management will be important to maintain. Community & Culture and Planning, Building, & Development both should maintained for the same reason in contributing across the board to the overall public health of the city by supporting social cohesion and organization in Calgary.

Emergency management should always be number one, we need to be able to manage emergencies quickly. Fire is critical as they are often the first responders to all types of 911 calls such as medical emergencies, car crashes, and fires; they save lives and keep our communities safe. EMS call times are horrible due to poor funding by the UCP so we need to manage this with Fire. After the two consecutive water main breaks, and reading the report which indicated that calls were made for critical repairs roughly 12 years ago, it is imperative that we make repairs needed to keep our water infrastructure up and prevent additional devastating watermain breaks. We rely on water for all aspects of life.
Emergency management should cover fire as well, water has been an ongoing issue, and effective policing affects everybody.
Emergency response should be swift, efficient, and ubiquitous.
Emergency service should not be restricted in a time where we are seeing higher than usual homelessness, addictions, fire events and decreasing services available for citizens to access outside of the emergency provisions
Emergency services and Police are an important lifeline to properly functioning society and Water services is crucial to life and operation everywhere in this city
Emergency services are the most vital, because if the city is facing budget restraints, it's highly likely that citizens are as well, which could lead to higher levels of social disorder.
Emergency Services should always be first on the list of city provided services that are funded fully. Water works because everyone needs access to safe water
Emergency services should be top priority. The city is growing rapidly, and both fire and police are going to need support to keep up and keep Calgary and its citizens safe.
Emergency services such as Police, Fire, and Emergency Management are critical for public safety and must remain a top priority. These services directly protect lives, respond to emergencies, and ensure rapid action in crisis situations. Without reliable funding, response times and effectiveness could decline, putting residents at risk. Maintaining strong emergency services also supports overall community confidence, stability, and resilience, especially during natural disasters or large-scale incidents. In difficult budget situations, protecting core safety services should come before non-essential programs, as they are fundamental to the well-being and security of the city.
Emphasis needs to be on sustaining the most important core services
Ensure critical items for wellness & survival are given priority. Quit wasting money on unnecessary woke initiates such as bike lanes / climate change etc.

Ensuring people can live well and affordably, get around via sustainable modes (transit) and have access to green space are fundamental to living well in this city. I believe these three areas will benefit the most people and the most vulnerable among our neighbours.
Ensuring the health and safety of all Calgarians.
Essential core services to maintain the community and liveablility. We need to get rid of the provincial portion of property taxes. Let them be responsible for raising their own tax revenue.
Essential for a city to operate. They provide benefit to the greatest number of Calgarians.
Essential for live-ability in the city, maintaining rule of law, and personal safety.
Essential for living
Essential for survival.
Essential needs are first and foremost. Wants especially arts and culture can take a backseat.
Essential services are essential for a reason, and I fully expect you to fund the services that keep our city running above all else. The city has already wasted millions of dollars on a sporting stadium and hideous art when there has been a mounting crisis for housing, for the sustainability and stability of utilities, and for the feasibility of public transport for people through the city.
Essential services to maintain good order and discipline.
essential services, we need more police
Essential services, fire, medical, waste, and water
Essential services. They need to get better.
essential to the majority of Calgarians to live and service in a peaceful way.
Essential to wellbeing. Domino (ripple) effect to other areas if those services aren't funded appropriately.
Essential, life saving services should always be top priority. Maintenance of roads in winter is also essential
Essentially, emergency management should encompass the services that keep citizens safe including police, fire, utilities emergency situations etc. it is important that

the city support these foundational services. Roads especially are another area where safety is impacted when they are neglected. A focus on the basics that impact all of us, no matter who we are is what I'd like to see.
Essentials cut extras
Essentials for a safe and productive City
Every Calgarian should have access to a safe, stable, and affordable home, built to last, w/ future generations in mind, durable construction, progressive building codes, & healthy-living standards - LEED. Outcomes are achievable w/ people-centred building codes vs standards that primarily benefit developers. Work with province for rent stabilization measures / housing stability. Calgary needs a fundamental rethink of how communities are designed & connected. The city remains oriented toward car dependency rather than sustainability, walkability, and social connection - Sprawl. Urban models, such as the manzana concept developed by Ildefons Cerdà, demonstrate how community-focused design can improve health, accessibility, & cohesion. Waste is a growing environmental & public-health concern. Stronger legislation is req for companies to take responsibility for products & packaging from cradle to grave policies that prioritize citz over corps.
Every one deserves a roof over their head and the ability to move freely. Affordable, accessible housing and transit will make everyone safer, including those who already live in their own properties.
Everyone deserves housing
Everyone deserves housing and to be safe on transit. We need more people taking transit - and more options (e.g. green line). It shouldn't take hours to get places if you do not have a car.
Everyone needs daily access to clean water. All houses in Calgary are extremely flammable and too close together, so Fire is the second most essential. Third police. Some people would get out of control if the Police were not there. The drug addicts and homeless put us all at risk especially in transit corridors.
Everyone needs places to get out and enjoy nature, walking & enjoying our beautiful nature outdoors. Good for our mental health. City planning should include better parks in ALL communties. We are more pools, rinks and gathering places to enjoy many different types of activities and events. Now that I have mobility issues, it has become even more apparent than before, our city lacks in parts of our city these types of areas in my own neighborhood.

Everyone needs these services.
Everything else is bogus.
Expanding transit access is crucial for safety, family budgets, equity, and sustainability.
Extend the C train to airport connection through north east. Also need more play grounds and cricket fields no place to book and play cricket in the city everything getting occupied by CDCL nothing allocated for adults to book. Also saddletown Ctrain extension pending for while add the new station
Fair Entry and its associated subsidy programs, including low-income transit, are critical services. Cost of living continues to rise across the board, including taxes, and those who are most vulnerable need to maintain access to city services.
Feeder main breaks cannot continue to happen Speeding and poor driving is horrendous. Traffic calming measures need to be added in many playground / school zones
Feeling safe in and around a growing city. Being able to reliably get around in the city without needing to rely on a car. Funds for when critical and unexpected situations occur.
Fire - of course Emergency Mgt - of course Transit - Because it is woefully underfunded & critical for citizens to get around the City in timely manner. Also, we need to prioritize Transit over building Sprawl, highways & more roads - for greenhouse has emission reductions, supporting densification around Major Activity Centres and Main Streets
Fire and emergency management seems mandatory for the safety of the city. Underinvesting in those will cause loss of life. Roads require investment in freeze/thaw cycles or they will quickly become impassable.
Fire and Housing because these are cirtical to the safety and wellbeing of Calgarians. Parks because we should not forget the need for places that can bring us close to nature and foster well-being and community. It is especially important to bring people together during this difficult time in the world.

FIre and police are absolutely necessary for a safe city. Transit is important because it sustains the economy in terms of moving people to their jobs, reduces traffic congestion and accompanying need to build more road infrastructure
Fire and police are basic needs. The expectations put on these two departments is very large. Housing touches so many other industries…..if housing is strong, many other industries will be strong as well.
Fire and police are essential services and the parks are essential to mental health
Fire and Police are essential.
Fire and police are for obvious reasons, water because our ex mayors screwed up our water system so badly we've been forced into restrictions. This can't be allowed to happen again
Fire and Police are obvious. Transit is crucial for our growing city and is something significantly under prioritized by past governments. If people and goods cannot easily, affordably get where they need to go, the economy stops.
Fire and police are part of emergency management and contribute to safety on transit. Fire is often quicker to respond to 911 calls than ambulances. Water utilities is obvious after the fiascos we have experienced the past two years. As far as housing goes, the City messed that up with the blanket rezoning. What has been built is not "affordable" housing at all. (I understand "affordable housing" means a resident doesn't spend more than 30% of their monthly income on housing. So that just depends how much money you make whether something is affordable or not. You need to come up with a different phrase, like low-cost housing, for example. Whatever happened to starter homes?) I know that was previous council and I know that it has been repealed, but going forward, you need to be careful with what gets built where. I think the rest of the items on the list are nice-to-have, not need-to-have.
Fire and police as well as water utilities are essential services. Without them, we will have an accelerated form of "lawlessness", inability to protect properties from fires and enjoy water required for daily life uses.
Fire and police ensure the safety and protection of critical infrastructure. Both ensure business continuity through business's and key person protection, enable traffic flow for critical commerce, and enable Calgarians to live in a safe environment. If a city isn't safe, recreational attractions, parks, etc do not matter.
Fire and police for obvious reasons. Roads because I'm tired of driving down the street and having to try avoiding the potholes. The roads are in terrible shape. And the fence along the centre median on John Laurie is one of the stupidest things this

city has done. I'm not sure the purpose other than to let the weeds grow and make us look like an abandoned lot. Whoever decided this was a good idea needs to be fired.
Fire and Police services are dangerously underfunded and need to be bolstered to keep pace with city growth. Given the current state of Water Services, the whole department and Water assets need to be overhauled and revitalized.
Fire and police to keep us safe, and housing because I feel like housing in Calgary currently is something we are struggling with and we all need a place to rest our heads at the end of the night.
Fire and Water have a potential to be disastrous if ignored Trees are something which take little cash and lots of benefits plus we are losing so many mature trees needed for cooling and carbon sequestration
Fire because we do not have enough stations, firemen, and apparatus to service 2 million people. Response times are climbing and getting worse.
Fire EMS and policing keep our city safe. We are a city of 1.6 million with those departments for a city of 800,000 so severely understaffed which makes our city unsafe to be in.
Fire is obvious BUT THEIR BUDGET IS TOO HIGH it needs to be cut back. Police as we are a multi cultural society and the new immigrants have brought their own social battles to our city. They like what we had but have not embraced it. Water is required for a clean and w biting city. GARBAGE should be on the list as who wants to live in a dirty city. Not me.
Fire service is essential for the cul-de-sacs that have been built illegally close to each other in new developments.
Fire services are essential for emergency response in general and safety of people and property, which should be a top priority. Transit is essential to many Calgarians to get where they need to go on a daily basis and keeping it running benefits everyone. Housing should be a focus as many Calgarians still struggle to find housing and maintain housing, which trickles down into the growing homeless population and the inherent problems of homelessness that puts strains on all public services.
Fire, water and housing should be of first consideration, previously I think our council was pretty focussed on planning and other departments. We don't seem to support affordable housing - which blanket rezoning to allow 10plex homes that are 750 sq ft and $350k and ruin the fabric of our neighbourhoods are not affordable housing. That's a carte blanche for developers to make profits at the expense of our citizens.

True affordable housing needs to be subsidized and done only by a handful of developers that have received money from the feds.
Fire: essential life saving service Water utilities: decades of poor management have left water utilities unstable and set to break at a moments notice. Water is life and citizens deserve secure and safe water access. Park/Urban forestry: with ever increasing cost of living, taxes, and wages not keeping up, people of ALL incomes need access to free safe and well maintained outdoor spaces for exercise, mental health and connection with the environment. Too many recreation programs only subsidize the extreme end of low income which is important but leaves behind the vast majority of the population who do not meet that standard but who don't have spare resources for things like sports, travelling, and exercise.
Fires are devastating and can spread if not handled. The past city councils have kicked the can down the road for water services. All Calgarians need access to fresh water, ban fluoride as it is a neuro toxin. For now roads are important to get around the city. Unfortunately with the freezing and thawing our roads become a mess in spring. Look at alternatives to asphalt or new types of tires to minimize damage to vehicles and roads.
Fires can become major catastrophes if not attended to promptly. People need to get around particularly if the city is making parking such a hassle. Police are needed to keep some semblance of order and safety.
First and foremost we need to ensure that the residents and businesses in Calgary are safe and protected in an emergency situation
First I'd like to see Emergency Management encompass Police and Fire so I could have provided a more balanced selection. While not 'sexy' utilities, waste & recycling, parks, trees, housing and flood mitigation all are important for any viable city.
First of all we need our water systems dealt with asap, secondly crime needs to be dealt with by our police and thirdly with all the chem trails and weather modification we must make sure when the elites start fires yet again we can be prepared with our fire departments!!
First our roads are in a real mess. Utilities costs are off the wall.
First problem we have is drug users on our streets and encampments. Roads and better intersection management is also an issue to address.

First responders are necessary and important to keep Calgarians safe. Having efficient, affordable and excellent quality of service for transit helps decrease the amount of road repairs as less vehicles would be using the roads.
First, clean safe water is essential to life. Can not survive without it. Police, providing they have'nt, been infiltrated by ideologues, need to maintain the peace. Finally, waste in particular needs to be maintained. Waste needs to be picked up and dealt with properly to prevent odour, infestation, disease. Will make any situation much worse.
Firstly , since we are operating with limited budget we need to broaden new business development and creation to diversify our economy since 20 % budget coming from non-renewable resources. Also , population growth 2 million we need good career job opportunities Water infrastructure needs investment with stress reliability and 29% treated water loss in network supply. Criminal element need enforcement to reduce crime / infractions requiring police investment
Fix Deerfoot. Road congestion and traffic issues waste time. Road clearing in winter is a problem. Law and order is paramount. Police need to clamp down on offenders. No need to say anything more about the main line water breaks.
Fix the roads and kill the weeds.
Fix the water system and fire [name removed]
Fix your mistake with the water main replacement (still disappointing that there was no accountability for that). Fund services that matter to people in police and fire- start by hiring proper leadership for those areas- no more woke-a-jokers.
Focus must be on maintaining a city that is prepared for the future. Stopping urban sprawl and a more environmentally friendly city
Focus on basic necessary services first and foremost. Nice to have but not necessary can follow if the budget allows.
Focus on basic services and stop wasting money, particularly on bike lanes
Focus on basic services only
Focus on community, access, and problem solving while being proactive.
Focus on core services not special interest funding. There are too many suckling off the public purse.

Focus on core services such as police and water. Don’t care about transit or subsidizing housing
focus on core services, stop funding pet projects
Focus on critical needs of the community rather than expensive “nice to haves” that benefit only a select few or fill someone’s ideological need.
Focus on essentials and how to facilitate businesses and economic growth
Focus on must haves, not nice to haves. The latter can and will come when times get better. For now, let us all sacrifice a little for the greater and longer term benefit, not just for us, but for our next generations.
Focus on necessary services. The main responsibility of the city, should be safety and provide services that are necessary to support living in a city i.e. water, garbage management, police, fire.
Focus on needs, not wants. We need water. We need functional roads. We don’t need park pathways, bicycle lanes, public art etc.
Focus on responsiveness.
Focus on safety, reliability and supporting the local economy. But the categories you' ve chosen are not consistent or complete. E.g. 311 is a service,
Focus on the basic services and lifting people up, and you take care of other issues
Focus on the basics. The base items that the city council and administration exist to maintain. Get away from the extraneous fluff that increases taxes and wastes our money.
Focus on the core responsibilities a municipality must provide to all citizens.
Focus on the essentials. Fire, police, roads and water infrastructure. Quit wasting my tax dollars on non-essentials.
Focus on the main services for the city.
Focus on the what the City should have been focusing on for the past decades and have not been. Fix our water problem, fix some pot holes, make sure the fire and police departments are running. Stop enormous spending on self gratification art that is horrible and caused distracted driving (and keep in mind I am an interior designer and love art) because the city has no business spending our hard earned tax dollars of frivilous art chosen by people who have no taste. Stop making stupid decisions that line the pockets of developers and destroy our neighborhoods with the introduction of re-zoning under the guise that you are trying to "help the lower class" --

all you are doing is lining your pockets and the pockets of developers -- Calgarians are not naive and even though you try to cleverly market these initiatives, we see through them!!! Take a pay cut, lower the number of city employees that are just bureaucracy, live within your means and stop wasting our money!!!!
Focus on your core services and let go of all the other stuff. Our roads are deteriorating all across the city especially stuff like that.
Focus should be on basic essential services only.
For a city the size of Calgary, reliable, safe and efficient transit is key. Currently, our transit system is not where it should be, and it is causing other issues. If we want to compete with other major cities, our transit system has to be enticing. I selected Parks & Urban Forestry because part of what makes Calgary desirable is the green space throughout The City. It is so important for maintaining citizen satisfaction, and also gives people a free recreation option. I selected roads and pathways for similar reasons - having options for how to get around a city keeps it accessible to all. Pathways provide options for commuting (i.e. biking) but also the green space and recreation I talked about above.
For current and future growth.
For decades Calgary has been attracting people to the city and in light of this, the city has ballooned! The CFD is stretched to thin to adequately serve the massive city that Calgary has become and is no longer recognized as one of the top North American departments because of this. The people of Calgary, especially those in the newly developed communities on the edges of the city are at risk - and they don't even know it. With the rapid expansion also come dilution of community and connections. Parks and Recreation build community and connection naturally and make new and current Calgarians feel a part of this great city.
For every municipality around the world, clean water supply is vital to the health and safety of its population and therefore the highest priority for every government.
For our health and safety.
For safety and health of ALL citizens
For safety and sustainability

For this budget cycle, we should be focused on getting our aging water infrastructure to where it needs to be. As we have seen, there is some apathy from Calgarians when it comes to managing emergencies like we saw with the feeder main. Finally, housing people should always come before building a stronger police force: more housed people means fewer people needing to be policed on the street. Housed people are also happier and will probably be less disruptive of our communities.
For too long our city has focused on social, cultural issues, while failing to maintain basic infrastructure which is crumbling. To me it is a no-brainer to choose water coming out of my tap rather than drag queen story time in the library polluting the minds of pre-schoolers.
Foundation: water, sewer basis of human need that should have no politic associated. Next should be garbage etc. roads and then police and fire, for emergencies. The list is important, however basic needs should be prioritized over others in times of financial duress.
Functional public transit; bike infrastructure
Fundamentally focus on basics of delivering a key services as water and protection for the citizens.
Fundamentals that most people require to function and survive should always take priority.
Get all the money the federal gov't is offering for housing by extending the re-zoning initiative to its fullest extent
Get back to basics and eliminate waste and abuse
Get back to basics Also there should be the option to add other areas such as cost benefit review to reduce and/or eliminate services
Get back to basics! No vanity projects. Infrastructure maintenance and safety is critical.
get back to basics. Police to enforce traffic laws (too many car accidents, hit and runs and pedestrian injuries/deaths - make the streets safer) Fire department is stretched to its limit responding to fire incidents and drug overdoses. Potholes
Get spending under control and reduce utility costs
Get the basics/foundations right first. Housing, water, transit.

geting, gas, oil agraculture and resources to tide water and get the prime minster; off his backside;. its western canada taxes keeping canada affloat ; much more could be accomplished .
Getting around and enjoying the city and various cultures very valuable
Getting people around and making sure we have places to live! Please make sure to support ways for us to get around without expensive cars! People who take transit or bike or walk also need to get to work safely, do their groceries, and get around!
Given limited tax dollars, I would prioritize policing, fire services, and roads because they represent the most essential responsibilities of government—protecting public safety and maintaining the infrastructure that allows society to function.
Given the climate crisis and issues with the water main, maintaining sustainable water services is important for drought-vulnerable southern AB. Good transit is the lifeblood of a good city, and Calgary has already cut too much funding to transit. A key part of maintaining equitable access throughout the city is ensuring that those who are unable to and cannot afford to drive have access to reliable, safe public transit. Cutting these services disproportionately affects Calgary's most vulnerable, who are typically also struggling the most under whatever current crisis is causing budget constraints. Calgary is currently experiencing a housing crisis, and with the city's recent decision to revert blanket rezoning, it is now more important than ever that council shows how it will address the housing crisis and prevent further sprawl. Maintaining the status quo re: housing will cause irreparable harm to future Calgarians. Council must act now, and act decisively.
Good and fast transportation in a city is necessary to support the local economy. It allows people to get to work in a reasonable amount of time and supplies for businesses to be distributed faster. You need to lower the business taxes. It is crippling the economy of this city.
good transit makes for a vibrant city. Roads ...not more new ones, but maintenance of existing ones, also fosters city life. Housing is essential to well being.
Government needs to stick to the basics services. We don’t need large government.
Great cities do not force residents to choose between water utilities and fire, police and garbage. They're all important
Great need for more soccer facilities. Soccer is biggest sport in calgary and far less fatalities than hockey
Great need to control the unsustainable suburban sprawl of Calgary and densify. shortage of housing inner city and ongoing sprawl creates a greater dependency on cars and a more disconnected city. Calgary has a very poor transit system is behind

what a city its size could offer in terms of public transport. Calgary has very poor design being divided by many highways and major roads. This car centered design has made Calgary very poor for walkability and limits connectivity, mobility, and accessibility of the city.
Greater likelihood of economic growth and prosperity for my kids. I am looking for increased optimism about their future and growth of the city.
Grow the economy, meet basic needs, ensure people can get jobs and have a place to live.
Growth in economy, affordable housing and basic needs must be the priority.
Growth of population requires more police and fire to maintain safety. Water is needed by everyone.
Hard times demand hard decisions
Have community and connection to each other is most important in times of crisis or struggle and providing everyone housing as shelter is a basic necessity of life. Having good transit allows people to stay connected and is also good for the environment
Having a well-funded police service is crucial to ensuring the safety of all Calgarians and facilitating an environment where people feel comfortable moving around the city and attending public spaces and small businesses. Effective and long-term planning, building and development are crucial to ensuring our municipal infrastructure can support a growing population and the businesses that will hopefully be built to serve that population. Streamlined and efficient business licensing and initiatives that support the local economy help ensure prosperity for all Calgarians.
Having access to our parks and protecting our environment is very important for the mental health of all Calgarians. Transit has become a nightmare to navigate. There are so many people using drugs, using platforms and trains as living spaces. This is kind of a combo platter for me. What I mean by that is transit needs to be improved as far as safety is concerned, but the reason this is an issue is because affordability is such a problem here. While the roads have improved in my community, thank you very much, there's so many other places where I travel in the city where the roads are in appalling shape. And well more people are going to need to use transit because gas is insanely expensive, we still need to maintain and upgrade the roads and pathways.
Having appropriate housing (especially for our unhoused neighbours) will impact many of the other categories. Water is a continuing issue in the city and needs to be dealt with immediately and for the long term. Fire is essential to support a thriving city to keep people safe.

Health and wellness, and all people with a roof overhead will ease up on other areas (fire, police, emergencies).
Health for families long term, safety and resources.
Helps the Economy, that’s it
Helps the most amount of people across incomes.
history of long term water wastage that has never been addressed for 15+yrs. This needs to be addressed and controlled as infrastructure and costs not passed onto residents by tax increases instead of fixing the problem properly. Police and fire are essential services and for the city to be safe these services must be maintained especially with the cities rapid growth.
Homelessness is connected to the overwork of Police and Emergency Management. Everyone deserves to be safe and have a place to stay.
Homes, roadways and policing are absolutely essential, although all the other service areas are also important.
Housing affordability and transit are good long term investments, especially for those with lower incomes.
Housing affordability is important for a vibrant city. Doing emergency repairs on water utilities and roads is more expensive then proactive planned repairs
Housing and clean water are literal human rights, and if the roads are busted it won't matter whether we've invested in a robust public transit system because the buses are going to get screwed alongside everyone's personal cars.
Housing and development are crucial budget focuses as the city population nears 2 million citizens; we do not have the housing and transit infrastructure to support that population yet and need to play catch-up for the sake of the future (and future budgets). That being said, we also have to invest in things that draw people to Calgary and make those in Calgary happy to live here. To this end, investing in community and culture creates a balance. A sense of city pride, pushing back on the siloing that can happen with a growing population, and giving people something to gather around will help with public sentiment during necessary investments in the city.
Housing and emergency services management are important

Housing and recreation are both important factors related to one's wellness that already have significant gaps in the demographics of people that can easily and consistently access them so we need to make sure that the already most marginalized of Calgary do not lose their access to these services because of budget changes. Following the ill-advised and largely political decision to repeal the housing rezoning policy there needs to be a plan put in place to address the resulting affects to vacancy and rental rates so that low income Calgarians are not disproportionately impacted. Also my understanding of 311 is that service would overlap with other service areas mentioned (like road maintenance and bylaw enforcement).
Housing and support for unhoused and at risk people is probably the city's most important issue right now.
Housing and Transit form the backbone of personal costs, if those two things can be invested in and provided for, it serves as a great base to eventually deliver on other items. Housing is the mechanism by which most taxes are raised. Make it easier to build in our existing infrastructure footprint.
Housing and transportation are vital to the lifeblood of the city. They are necessary to maintain and further invest in order to develop more affordable communities.
Housing costs are out of control and needs to be scaled back. Police personnel need to be trained to handle all situations. We need more officers. Water is a key component in our everyday lives. The work underway to support the needs of the communities must last well beyond 2050.
Housing crisis, crumbling water infrastructure (and infrastructure more broadly), drastically outdated transit system.
Housing development needs to continue to ensure affordability stays within reach. I do think there should be a push towards infill development so that existing infrastructure can be leveraged and the residential / commercial tax base can be increased without additional cost to adding infrastructure capacity.
Housing has been an issue for many years. AFFORDABLE. No way anyone should be living out of their vehicle. No more urban sprawl. Utilities much be maintained. People who have been in Calgary their whole life should not have to ration water or rolling blackouts. Our. Standard must be maintained. Waisted and recycling also need to be maintained as we need less in the landfills and recycling what we can.
Housing in Calgary is a disaster and so is the water system. Both need to be addressed.

Housing is a basic human need and keeping it affordable and ensuring there is enough supply is crucial. Transit in this city is severely lacking. It's essential for so many people and yet the city prioritizes drivers. Making transit accessible and working towards walk-able communities should be a priority. Community is the cornerstone of our society. We have to take care of each other and it's important we form bonds with our communities to keep them strong.
Housing is a basic necessity and the city needs to focus on ways to increase affordable housing. Many people rely on transit, especially lower income families and providing reliable transit is very important. Ensuring our water supply and utilities are reliable and safe if very important.
Housing is a big problem as we have too few units and prices have gone up. Transit is something I use often but it still seems a bit dangerous. Parks are essential for our community's wellbeing.
housing is a human right and should therefore be the highest priority - transit and community & culture directly support housing and providing safe, accessible places to live
Housing is a human right and we have a responsibility to make sure people, not just wealthy homeowners have a home. Housing helps address community safety, reduce pressures on social services and allows everyone to make a life here. These are people - they contribute to our communities and deserve your support to live here with dignity.
Housing is a major issue lack of affordable renting for low income how can a person on AISH and CPP Disability rent an apartment and cover their basic needs just to live Police need more authority with keeping the people who cause harm and violence to others be locked up or forced to suffer more severe consequences for their actions we have a right to feel safe and protected Transit in Calgary is just a known problem it's unreliable, expensive and do not serve the people with ease of access crowded busses, not
Housing is a really big problem for my age group. Not maintaining roads or even building new roads is a huge issue as the city expands. Transit is definitely needs to be improved.
Housing is an essential need. Transit is integral to a functioning city.
Housing is basic and fundamental to living your life
Housing is critical especially public housing. Fill the needs of the neediest first. Assist the homeless and the needless.

Housing is critical infrastructure that is required to address homelessness. Water is something we cannot do without. Police are important as partners in addressing predatory behaviour.
Housing is essential. My kids are teenagers and I'm stressed about where they are going to live when they are ready to move out of our house. I think recreation and community and culture are very important to keep people less isolated and more connected to their communities and neighbors, and also moving their bodies.
Housing is extremely important as a social determinant of health. Water and road infrastructure is essential for ongoing daily maintenance of our city.
Housing is important for growth and a strong economy. Cutting government spending and middle managers is peak
Housing is incredibly important as everyone deserves to have safe affordable housing. We are still in a housing crisis and the city needs to prioritize investing in responsible housing density within our existing city footprint and not sprawling out further. Transit is also very important as our city is large and needs to have adequate transit to ensure everyone has consistent, affordable, and reliable access to transportation. Building and maintaining roadways is expensive and if we can encourage transit use that is a better investment instead of creating new communities on the outskirts that requires more roads, infrastructure, and transit routes. We also need to maintain the free fare zone and extend it to Sunalta as it is essential for helping vulnerable and low income Calgarians access social services and improve their lives. Lastly, because Calgary's infrastructure is aging and requires urgent attention, we need to prioritize fixing it to prepare for more housing density.
Housing is less the problem but attracting right workforces are. The property market right now is overloaded with extra inventory and we're still building while the empty office spaces in downtown hasn't been solved. Housing problem has not addressed right workforces for future problems nor attracted the right workforces to the city.
Housing is something everyone needs to have and afford. It’s a building block for health and community and wellbeing
Housing is the biggest issue in Calgary right now, and improving access and availability will help with many other issues in the city. Likewise, for a growing and sprawling city, transit has fallen way behind, and it's seen as impractical and unsafe by many people who live here.
Housing is the biggest problem. Even if rents go down, with the cost of living and property taxes on the rise and unsustainable for so many working class folks ....Homelessness will continue to increase at an alarming rate. RENT CONTROL NOW!

Housing is the first thing people need, everything else is secondary. Nothing can happen until people feel safe and housed.
Housing is the number one cost for most people here, and lower income residents are increasingly running out of affordable places to live.
Housing is the one thing that dictates yhe trajectory of peoples lives. My rent went up 50% and is more than 60% of my income but the wait list for affordable housing is years long. If I lose my Housing how am I going to maintain my employment feom a homeless shelter, I'm going to lose everything I have. FOCUS ON ACTUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING so that we can actually find Housing that falls in the 30% of our income range.
Housing is totally unaffordable and lacking completely with all of the immigration over the years. Our children have no hope in ever owning a home at this rate. Rent prices are insane. We need change. Police and law enforcement are crucial to ensuring people feel safe. We need people to be held accountable for doing illegal things and it starts with making sure we have enough police for our huge and ever growing city.
Housing needs to keep up with demand Same reason for planning, building and development We need to stimulate the economy by focusing on less government for local businesses
Housing will remain a challenge along with our infrastructure. I'm frustrated that city council does not believe water as an important service to calgarians with the ongoing issue surrounding this why has it never been addressed until now.
Housing, particularly financial supports to stay in place are sorrily lacking. I am a senior on gov pension and have been approved for financial help for years without help. No method to follow up appropriately.
Housing, planning and transit I believe are all related in helping make Calgary a more affordable city for various reasons. Encouraging more sprawl in the city generally means it will be more expensive in the long term to maintain (roads, utilities, etc that are stretched out). Building up housing and planning neighbourhoods and transit so that people do not have to rely on private vehicles as much would not only lessen the cost of utilities, road maintenance but also put more money in individual pockets. If money is tight, we should try not to cut useful services, instead look at ways we can build this city to make it sustainable.

Housing, specifically the cost of housing, is the precursor to all other services listed above, and one that a disheartening number of Calgarians do not currently have access to. It is a lapse in judgment to be pouring money into recreation, parks, local business, or water utilities if housing is not equitably stable across our residents. Beyond that, transportation would be my next highest priority. Accessible public transportation improves citizen health, local economy, environment, community, and safety. I genuinely believe free public transit across the entire city for all Calgarians would result in economic growth and security in the long run. Finally, when we talk about bylaw and police, we're talking largely about treating symptoms. Aside from homicides and other major crimes, so much of our legal system is occupied with minor infractions. A strong sense of community is a proven solution to petty crime, and something Calgary sorely needs more of.
Housing, transit, and community are the things most likely to make this city into a home for everyone. Can't live if you don't have a roof or a way to get to work. Don't want to live if you don't have community. Community is the engine which drives the growth and investment into our city. When people care - and have enough to share - they will help build.
Housing: Calgary is one of the most expensive cities in this country, with immigration still booming. In order to achieve decent, affordable housing, rental rate control must implemented and density encouraged to avoid an unsustainable, for ever-expanding transit system that imposed long commute on the less privileged groups. Police: Photo radar must be restored to fund police services and curb reckless driving. It is also unsafe for large demographic groups (children, youth, women, elderly) to be downtown, esp. after 5 pm. Despite its enormous potential, Calgary remains a big suburbia experiment, not a first-class city. Urban culture is almost an abstraction, when it could and should be thriving. A colleague of mine from Barcelona who was visiting the city a few years ago, went home telling everyone that Calgary was a "dump." The statement was hurtful, but just as much a profound source of shame. Waste & Recycling: the city's growth requires robust environmental policies.
Housing: our homes and lots especially in new communities are too clustered together, very poor ventilation, fire safety concerns, the zero-lot idea is a terrible and not admissive in my view, its just a way to rip off current and future homeowners who struggle in a tough economy to secure mortgage loans. Transit: most new communities has no access to public transit Roads & Pavement: our roads are poorly constructed and can be improved better with better long-lasting materials, visited Houston Texas and i most say there is a lot we can learn from them, they use mostly concrete for road constructions, it has longer life span. due to our weather we might gravitate towards ashpalt but its worth considering

How we are housed and get around in our city is essential to maintaining vibrant city life. Ensuring we are planning and developing in ways that provide for the range of housing types and amenities needed across redeveloping and new communities will be essential to having a well planned city. Enabling mode shifting to walking and cycling will require building out more protected bike lanes and pedestrian infrastructure. And complimenting biking and walking, improving transit will help relieve traffic congestion, car-dependency and wear and tear on road infrastructure. All this can be enabled by more mixed use, gentle densification and unlocking permission for neighbourhood scale businesses without parking minimums. Calgary's non-market housing remains among the lowest in Canada. Partnering with other levels of government to invest in solving homelessness will make transit and downtown feel safer, and will contribute to urban vibrancy and further economic development and tourism.
Humans need housing, need utilities & safety
I am a senior do safety is uppermost in my mind. Police, fire to depend on during an emergency . Roadways to ensure safe transportation to daily errands
I am a senior widow on a tight budget and these are what are essential WITHOUT RAISING PROPERTY TAXES, which are presently killing me.
I am against Urban Sprawl & what comes with it. We have a beautiful city. Let’s maintain the infrastructure already in place.
I am an avid user of city parks and feel that our green spaces should be protected. I am a big believer in strong recycling and composting programs - this is a big part of how a city can minimize the impact it has on our natural resources. It would be fantastic to see Calgary with an efficient transit system that is a viable alternative to driving.
I am concerned about urban sprawl and the cost of that to existing communities. Parks and pathways provide free enjoyment for communities. Robberies, accidents and traffic violations are increasingly worrisome with growing population.
I am legally blind. I cannot get around the city without good transit, as I cannot drive.
I am tired of City council wasting money on silly things like "art installations" and so-called "climate emergency" when critical infrastructure such as water and roads are allowed to deteriorate. The police believe they are under-funded and I believe this should be addressed as public safety and response times are very important. Emergency Services and Fire are also important to address as our city continues to grow. Let's get back to basics and stop wasting money on less important things!

I based my selections on what I think will keep low-income households and neighborhoods in consideration. Many services they stand to benefit from the most are already chronically underfunded.
I believe basic services are the primary priority for a municipality
I believe housing is far and away the highest priority. We see the impacts of a lack of affordable housing on our most vulnerable. A sizeable investment is needed to make housing accessible for everyone. We also need a city that is full of vibrancy and connectedness so we must invest in Recreation and our communities.
I believe in housing first for all people. Parks provide free spaces for all people to experience. I want a city that is thoughtfully planned, including high density.
I believe infrastructure is most important for a city to function. Keeping citizens safe is crucial, and bylaws are to keep order.
I believe it is important to provide housing, access to reliable transit, and ample recreation especially for low income residents. Our youth, disabled, elderly, etc. population deserve to have easier lives filled with as much joy as possible. Making these changes will improve our social society quite a bit. Happier people means less crime, happier workers means more money is being earned and thus returned to the local economy.
I believe it is of the utmost importance to provide basic level of services folks rely on on most for basic needs and safety. Access to housing and clean water is a basic human right while Fire and Rescue provide emergency safety services.
I believe police and fire are a fairly obvious choice. You don't call the water works guys when your house is burning down. A rapidly growing city needs a strong police presence to curb crime and hopefully reduce crime statistics. Recreation is something that all children at an early age should have access to and any that would help them benefit is good. Young kids learn many things through sports and recreation, and they also can make life long friends ships. An active community is a healthy community.
I believe public transit and the planning of new developments are some of the most critical things for the city to focus on. Urban sprawl in Calgary is out of control, and continued overreliance on cars and our vast and aging road system is causing infrastructure and public safety issues (record car accident fatalities). We need to prioritize densifying existing neighbourhoods rather than forever building outwards, and invest more into transit, which benefits everyone in the city by reducing road congestion and providing a more sustainable alternative to driving. Additionally, dense, walkable neighbourhoods produce more tax revenues and are more economically efficient. They are also, frankly, important to solve the ongoing housing

crisis, and provide underrepresented alternatives to suburban neighbourhoods conquered by vast swathes of detached single family homes, which I do not want to live in (nor do many others).
I believe recreational activities for children are an extremely important part of child development, and the city's services need to remain accessible to everyone. We also always need to be focusing on waste and recycling because these are essentials, these will never not be needed. Lastly, housing is self-explanatory, all Calgarians should be housed in an ideal world. Taking care of everyone and our environment should always be the priority.
I believe safe transit, fire and police will keep the majority of Calgarians safe in times of difficult budget tradeoffs.
I believe strongly we need to move money from CPS towards Fire/EMS. Policing see budget increases every year are paid higher wages for less important work and I see a lot of wasteful funding. People are dying waiting for emergency services and that shouldn't happen. I believe the province is more to blame on this one but I would like to support funding towards them. Our roads take a beating and unsafe roads will lead to more accidents , damage to vehicles. Housing isn't as much a city problem but a MASSIVE nation wide disaster. Those with multiple properties hoarding wealth and housing (which is a basic need) pushing our younger generations and those without generational wealth into further poverty is INSANE!
I believe that a strong road system is the basis of health of an entire city. Getting people moving quickly between where they are and where they want to go affects every area of life, both personal and professional. Police is a no-brainer; without it, life becomes unsafe. Planning, Building, and Development keeps our city improving and growing in value. For the love of all things holy, please finally build overpasses on Macleod Trail at 210 and 194th.
I believe that Calgary is seeing an increase in crime. A safe community is a happy community
I believe that climate change is the largest threat to the long term sustainability of the city. I want Calgary to do its part to reduce emissions and increase resilience through investments in transit, our tree canopy and our water supply, while ensuring equitable access to services to those most in need.

I believe that effective transportation lowers barriers for less privileged people to access a wider range of jobs and education. Housing needs to be a priority, as the growth in the cost of ownership has far exceeded inflation, resulting in a much more challenging environment for ownership. And renting raises with those costs, making it even more challenging for people in the rental market to have a choice and opportunity for ownership. Parks and Urban Forestry are an incredibly important component to the mental stability of urban living, as regular exposure to nature lowers mental health issues, not everyone has the means to leave the city. If there was an option on here for other public services (homeless outreach, safe injection sites, resources for those who need it most), that would have been higher on my list.
I believe that good planning and development with a focus on business licensing and local economy while focused on keeping the streets safe will help the community have an overall positive outlook. For example: Better planning & development with a focus on the economy = more money/opportunity for citizens which makes housing more affordable. Policing has to be in focus because there is an overwhelming amount of people immigrating to Calgary that are not skilled workers and are the type to look for the "easy way out" (crime). When your citizens feel safe, they feel happier.
I believe that housing is a universal right and should be made available for everyone, including our most vulnerable communities. I feel that emergency management is important given the issues of climate change. I think that water utilities are increasing far too much. I believe that community and culture will contribute to a vibrate, safe environment for all Calgarians. I also believe that transit should be affordable, accessible, and safe for all Calgarians.
I believe that if we're in a position where we do have to make hard decision on allocation of budget, then we should start with the basics and making sure people are safe and have access to the basics they need such as reliable water. once these basics are reliable, then we can potentially look to improving higher tier allocations
I believe that in terms of cultivating a specific culture for a city the most effective ways of achieving such a goal is through providing space for small business and recreation. Regarding recreation in specific, it provides people of all ages with spaces to pursue their passions.
I believe that police and by law are integral to addressing social disorder Housing is another component- reinventing unused office space to affordable housing
I believe that the City's priorities should be focused on providing the basic necessities of life (water and fire protection). In order to support these, the City needs a good, if not vibrant, economy which private business provides.

I believe that the largest priorities should always be leading to more equity amongst all Calgarian.
I believe that the main responsibilities for the City is to provide policing, fire services and public infrastructure. I chose water utilities over roads as I think that the City needs to remain focused on the infrastructure that isn't visible or sexy. The City's job is to look after the foundational infrastructure not just topdressing things that look shiny and new (ie Bike paths and Recreation). Recreational things should take a back seat to core infrastructure when times are tight.
I believe that the three selections form the backbone /foundation of the decision making regarding the maintaining of a proactive and prosperous Calgary where people will enjoy living. The three items listed actually will encompass many of the other items when consideration is given to the factors and or steps involved in the proper management of each of the items.
I believe that these are more essential
I believe that these services are most important as they affect people's day-to-day lives. Development provides opportunities for work, education, and recreation. Housing is a necessity, point blank, and road and pathway maintenance is essential for safety and ease of travel.
I believe that those identified are very important for citizens to have as basics of residency. What must be removed from the budget is pet projects that are only “nice to have”.
I believe the city is much too focused on expanding; building more infrastructure, buildings, houses. In all of this “development” the average Calgarians are often forgotten. We need to put some care and initiatives towards supporting individuals, for instance making housing affordable rather than continuous building. Additionally, the city needs to show greater care for marginalized, impoverished and struggling communities that have been and continue to be impacted on much higher levels by the city expansion and growing cost of living.
I believe the city should focus on basic services
I believe the city’s role is providing essential service and road maintenance.
I believe these are crucial services to mantain the minimum standard of living in the City.
I believe these are the 3 most important services for our community at large. We need to make sure that as the city grows, these services don't fall behind.
I believe these issues will affect the most people

I believe these to be the most important responsibilities of the City.
i believe they affect majority of Calgarians providing basic needs and safety.
I believe they are important for continuance of productive life in the city.
I believe they have the most every-day impact on Calgarians lives. I also believe that prioritizing investment in transit can take vehicles off the road. Vehicles that are harder on the structure of roads/bridges, can cause accidents which puts strain on emergency services/police, and would require parking to be maintained for them. The knock down effects of prioritizing housing accessibility, transit, and parks/forests can alleviate the need to spend/ cut spending in other areas.
I believe they impact the greatest amount of people, and they impact people both directly and indirectly. For example, even if you are not someone who lives in affordable housing, there are benefits to others living in affordable housing, such as increased public safety and savings in emergency services. Another example is transit, even drivers benefit when other drivers switch to using transit. It is a major economic stimulator for the entire city and an equalizer.
I believe those are the BASIC things we need to have a happy and safe life. Frills and /or personal choices of government leaders need to be put on the back burner. Wants of a small part of the population (like bike paths) are ridiculous to even consider in tough budget times. Common sense says money should go into pot holes not more trees….even though I would love more trees!
I believe those are the most essential services for a safe city.e
I believe we are behind as a city on all the newly built areas. We must focus on communities having access to transit and schools and local amenities. This will improve all ways of life.
I believe we need a strong police force to deal with today’s crime and a well staffed fire department for medical first response, motor vehicle accidents and house fires.
I believe we need to be fiscally responsible, balance the budget, and pay off our debt. That will benefit the citizens of Calgary
I can se broken bins around me and if I talk about 311 as i want bus stand have a shelter and community and culture because I need places to take my daughter around and I cant find much options around my house
I cannot justify trading off funding for Police and Fire Depts. As for 'Business Licensing and Local Economy', I know Businesses pay taxes but are all of them properly registered and licensed? This would affect City Revenue and the Local Economy is important through Job creation.

I can't imagine them not working properly
I care about Transit and the Green Line - we can't keep raising the cost of using transit and we can't keep postponing or building a train to nowhere. Having good Planning, Building and Development and Bylaw will ensure this City is ready for the future, is a place where people want to live, which will in return earn future tax revenue, and limit regrets and more costly corrections later and prevent bad decisions that can't be undone.
I care very much about Roads & Pathways - as a cyclist, it can be so difficult to get around - and City recreation services provide valuable and affordable opportunities for families; however, I feel that the 3 budget areas I selected are key areas where real budget investment can support the greatest number of Calgarians.
I choose water utilities because we living creatures cannot live without water. Fire and police because we need to keep the peaceful community we live on, and fire because we live in a geographic area where we have a very dry weather, and we have others factors increasing risk of fire and accidents where the fire department is very important.
I chose Housing, Water Utilities, and Transit because they are essential to everyday life and Calgary’s long-term stability. Affordable housing is increasingly important as the city grows and costs rise. Reliable water services are critical for public health and safety. Transit helps people get around, reduces congestion, and supports those who rely on it most. Protecting these services helps keep Calgary livable and moving forward.
I chose them because we need more policing throughout the city especially downtown, clearly we need basic infrastructure to be maintained and improved such as water, and we need to attract more businesses to provide jobs and grow our local economy. The city needs to go back to basics and reduce taxes on citizens. The current situation is unacceptable across the board.
I chose these areas because of the impact they make on our safety as well as the importance of clean and available drinking water.
I chose these as they speak to my belief in the natural world, without which we are nothing .

I chose these service areas because safety is the foundation for everything else. When people feel safe, they will use transit, businesses will stay open, and downtown can thrive. Right now, I, a full-grown man, do not feel safe on transit or in the core. I have personally witnessed situations involving weapons and open drug use, and responses often feel ineffective. I have compassion for people experiencing homelessness and addiction, but we also need to ensure that women, children, and workers feel safe moving through the city. Without that, investments in transit or development will not have the impact they should. If we focus on safety, support our police appropriately, and build trust between the community and those keeping it safe, we create the conditions for arts, business, and community life to grow again. Together, we can create conditions that make this city full of art, life, music, and movement. I believe in you! Please make it safe again!
I chose Waste and recycling because at most of the transit stops and parks there is a lot of garbage laying around and can be dangerous to the children that play there. I Chose parks and urban forestry because I would like if the parks were fixed up and updated to current standards and and effort would be made to clean the parks and uban forestry
I consider housing for the poorest and most vulnerable to be the most important among all of these. If people are housed and protected, it creates relief and improves their wellbeing automatically. Right now all of city owned social housing is in a deplorable state. These are city owned assets and you are not looking after tax payer assets properly. Transit must be improved greatly. with global warming we need to make changes to how we function as a city. We can't continue to use our vehicles the way we always have and expect the rest of the world to carry the load. The better and more efficient a transit system we have, the more riders it will have.
I consider them to be the most urgent given the state of our city
I consider these basic and essential services.
I consider these to be essential government services. These are services private citizens and businesses do not perform.
I consider these to be essential services. Ones we cannot do without.
I continue to hit potholes in the roads, and they always need preparing every winter. Our water infrastructure is critical and needs to be at a place where we can be assured that when we turn the tap on, it is good clean water. The green line has been talked about for close to 40 years. Just do it! Our transit

system is a mess and people won't take it if it's simply isn't there, slow or unsafe. It's hard to believe a city of our size can't seem to figure out a good transit system, including light rail.
I could add more, but these three I think affects the every day life of most, - young an old- citizens of Calgary.
I depend on Transit to get around , and last budget tbey changed the route . Much more difficult to get around now . Bylaws are required to set a level of standards . City wouldn't be in great shape without bylaws . Business Licensing and local economy . Without new businesses opening , we run the risk of having more u employment than we do now . I'd like to see the city attract new business , like more internet services , more grocery stores (like Aldi from the USA). If you can do this , limit the established grocers on opening up more stores .
I do feel like the infrastructure of Calgary is a high priority given recent developments in the system. Water is critical for everyone who lives here. We continue to have housing issues for many Calgarians and when people are housed, many safety needs are addressed. The planning and development emphasis helps us currently and to move forward in a good way, considering all business management and needs.
I do not feel safe in the city and especially around Ctrain stations. This needs urgent attention. I am dissapointed with repealing the blanket rezoning which in fact is a new blanket rezoning. Sprawl is extremely expencive. I do not want my tax money to subsidize suburbs! I want it to stay and improve my community. The city needs to do a better job in planning and development.
I don't trust my government to do anything that is good for Calgarians. I used to be proud to call myself a Canadian but now I'm disillusioned. If the city council members can stop giving themselves pay raises and not raise the property taxes year after year that would be great.
I dunno, dont cut recreation man
I feel as though they are some of the foudations of a municiplality. I would add Police to that list as of equal importance to fire emergency services as well.
I feel housing is the most difficult budget item for most people. Changes to the green line plan mean north calgary is underserviced by transit. This, combined with our uban sprawl makes having a car a near necessity in Calgary. Winter months also provide a barrier for many people. Having more accessible and convenient transit such as more busses on existing routes would help make all of the city more livable

and reduce traffic without the need to keep expanding major highways. Big fan of the max routes.
I feel like housing is self-explanatory. Everyone needs a safe place to live. The astronomical rise in the cost of homes continues to exacerbate the class divide and create undue economic stress on a huge percentage of the population. Parks and Urban forestery - positive impact on mental health and wellness of the population. Perhaps more importantly, with the increasing temperatures, trees are more important than ever for temperature control in the city, as well as improved air quality. Green spaces are important for flood mitigation. Something Calgary is lacking is rules and regulations around removing mature trees from private property and allowing developers to pave over or cover with astro turf entire lots... even in flood zones. Where will the water go?! Local economy is incredibly important. Supporting small and local businesses to thrive is the only way to reduce our reliance on mega-corporations and to creating a way to fight the wealth gap.
I feel like the result ignoring water utilities has been well demonstrated for us the last few years. As for parks, urban forestry and pathways those are things that I feel are very important for the city and if investment is stopped it can be very hard to restart.
I feel our aging water system has become a high priority, the safety of our citizens through a strong police dept is crucial & being prepared for any emergency is a basic need.
I feel that Calgary lacks green space, and urban sprawl and poor land use has reduce green space. More densification and parks please!
I feel these are quality of life services that touch all or most Calgarians in some way.
I feel these need to be maintained properly.
i feel they are most important
I feel they are the most important because they are things we have to have. When we are feeling stretched at our house we cut out things that are not necessary.
I feel they are the top areas discussed today and provide a good foundation for equitble, reliable and available services for Calgarians.

I find our City to be disgusting downtown. My selections are geared towards making the city more livable. Areas around C-train rails are nasty. City parks and sidewalks aren't cleaned. If you look at Montreal, they clean and spray wash their sidewalks and have heavy equipment to keep the city streets and sidewalks clean. For me, this is a basic expectation, and leads to positive externalities (I would never open a business downtown that relied on walk-ins...no one goes for walks for pleasure downtown because it's so unpleasant and dirty). There needs to be City pride, and Calgarian initiatives can be part of that, but it doesn't even seem apparent to many that live here.
I had a VERY difficult time choosing just three, but I chose them because we need fresh, clean water. Without that not much else matters and we need good policing to keep us safe. Transit is very important because it supports all people in the city, but especially lower income residents. Any help they can get right now is important.
I hate the idea of community and culture being lost - I think there are so many people who do a lot of good with a little support and this area of work lifts people up and makes Calgary a great community, supporting future generations. Water Utilities - I think we all know why this one is important! It's time to spend some money and play catch up. Housing, the momentum in this area is astounding! I don't think we should take the foot off the gas. Things are moving in the right direction. Kudos to the great work that's been happening in this area.
I have lived in Calgary for 14 years and I don’t feel safe anymore. We need more police on the roads, downtown—everywhere. The drug-related crime and scary behaviour needs to be controlled.
I left the police off because they do not "serve and protect" in the areas that matter most to Calgarians. They cherry pick their focus areas. Those choices historically do not match ordinary citizen concerns regarding residential break-ins and vehicle thefts.
I need to feel safe as I’m a senior on my own and rely on Calgary transit to get around on a very limited budget.
I need transit to get to and from where I work. Especially for the entirety of the green line to be built. Many in my generation are barely making rent.
I need water, protection from fire and I need to get rid of garbage
I never paid attention really to any politics or city stuff. Not even sure why I’m doing this survey. One thing I do know, as a driver, the roads are number one to get fixed. They are horrible in a lot of places and that should never be. The bike paths are in better shape than the roads. Business license and such, I hear it’s really hard for anyone to get one, that also shouldn’t be. Problems with water always seems an issue.

I picked 5 services in question #2 so I should also be allowed to pick 5 in question #3. Any trade offs that need to be made should obviously be made in the other 10 services that I didn't choose.
I picked must haves not like to have. No woke spending, all spending should be practical and common sense.
I picked recreation because there's not enough recreational facilities specifically for soccer in the city when it's growing at an enormous rate. Emergency management I selected because emergency services is important and housing because the housing costs and lack there of is massive right now.
I picked roads over transit because it's great to have reliable transit (even though I don't have to use it anymore) but if the roads the buses are running on are causing damage to the buses that'll be counter-productive. I picked water utilities because apparently that hasn't been a priority over the past decade and I can't use melted snow to water my plants in the summer - not doing that again. I guess more importantly having clean drinking water is kind of important. And then considering how the water utilities has been going lately, emergency management better have a good budget.
I put fire, police, and bylaw as the most important areas for the city to focus on during difficult budget tradeoffs because we need these services to be available everyday. These are the individuals that can provide expert help.
I really like running water. I hope the city will mandate new buildings adopt water cinservation measures. Eg. Grey water f9r toilet flushing etc. City need trees and outdoor recreation places. Thosee should not be sacrificed. It is for the good of everyone's health and wellness. Transit, the city needs to make transit son convenient that it is the method of choice for commuting. Downtown is transitioning and is not longer the workplace hub it used to be. Transit needs ti orient to other high emplyment centres
I really think our police dept are not paid enough for all the crap they go through.
I said police not because I feel unsafe, but because maintaining the force for community support and response time in a growing city is key. Waste and recycling is how we keep our landfills operating long-term for decades. Water feels like it's a key priority that must be completed.
I see some of the other options as less foundational to city services
I see them as priorities to a great community

I see these as essential services
I see Transit, Housing, and Planning as three core principles that should be guiding The City's decisions. Every decision. Calgary is growing and how it grows matters. We need responsible, sustainable, resilient, holistic policies that are a guiding light. Policies that are not department specific, but instead guide every department. With Calgary being home to more and more people, how they are housed and how they get around are important considerations that have major, city-wide knock-on effects. We cannot afford to have everyone driving personal vehicles. We don't have the space for it. It is incredibly poor use of land and leads to poor land productivity. Parking requirements force sprawling development leading to more car dependence. Similarly, we cannot afford to house everyone in detached homes. It is an incredibly inefficient development pattern that is costly to service and maintain. To be financially resilient we must change how we plan, house, and travel. We need less sprawl.
I select those answers because for one the housing is a big problem that we are dealing and although is been an ongoing process on bulilding new and more houses still those new house are not even affordable for families. I feel now the focus point would be making those houses affordable for everybody. The road and pathways, that's my second pick and I think the roads needs a lot of maintenance because now that the snow is gone you find big potholes that damages our cars and we are the ones paying for our car's repairs although is the city's responsibility to maintain roads in good conditions. I would like to add something about bikers they have their on space in some places and sometimes they want to be on the road as a car I feel they need training to be doing that because they don't obey the rules of the road and the y just do whatever. Transit was my third pick because I feel like transit should be better to have their schedules modify for less time specially during winter time
I selected emergency management and water utilities because in the last few years alone, we have experienced significant water and climate emergency events, which are nearly impossible to predict and devastating to respond to. If we are to learn from the past, we must invest rigorously in planning for similar scenarios, keeping the health, safety, and longevity of Calgarians at the forefront. I chose Housing because I wish to see Calgary become a more affordable, accessible, and liveable City for newcomers and future Calgarians.
I selected housing as my number one priority because we need more affordable housing to address the homelessness issues in our city. I believe that affordable housing has a ripple effect that provides the most benefit for the most people our city.

I selected Housing, Water Utilities, and Roads & Pathways because they are essential services that directly support residents' health, safety, and quality of life. Housing is fundamental to community stability and well-being. Maintaining housing supports, especially affordable and supportive housing, helps reduce homelessness and pressure on emergency and social services. Water Utilities are critical public health infrastructure. Safe drinking water and reliable wastewater services are non-negotiable and must be protected to ensure public safety and environmental protection. Roads & Pathways are vital for safe mobility and economic activity. Well-maintained infrastructure supports commuters, transit users, emergency services, and the movement of goods across the city. These services form the foundation of a functioning city and should be prioritized during difficult budget decisions.
I selected the above because I wanted to select stuff that's important but needs attention. It's clear that logical reasoning prioritizes things like police, fire, roads and housing. I don't think what has been prioritized benefits the collective whole all that well OR it just hasn't progressed while being top tier priority. It would be interesting to see how putting money into the lesser tier choices could improve everyday life and general happiness for the general population.
I selected these because, in my opinion, they are the ones that are most important in order to actually grow a city that is safe and viable.
I selected transit and roads & pathways because it's very important to have safe access around the city. It's important that everyone be able to leave their homes for work, school, medical appointments, etc. Whether you drive, walk, bike, or take transit you should be able to get around. I chose recreation because while it might not be the most "meat & potatoes" item, it must not be forgotten. There is a difference between surviving and living, and recreation is a part of that difference. Recreation must not be neglected or seen as unimportant.
I selected transit, roads and pathways, and emergency management because they are essential to the safe and effective functioning of the city. Transportation systems enable the movement of people, goods, and services, supporting economic activity and ensuring residents can access work, education, healthcare, and essential services. Reliable transit also promotes equity by serving those who rely on public transportation. Well-maintained roads and pathways improve connectivity, reduce congestion, and support active transportation, contributing to overall public health and environmental sustainability. Emergency management is critical to protecting public

safety and ensuring the city can respond to crises such as extreme weather, fires, and other emergencies. Strong preparedness & response reduce risk, minimize disruption, and support faster recovery for communities. Prioritizing these services ensures the city remains safe, resilient, connected, & able to meet the needs of its residents.
I selected Water and Fire because they are essential to keep people safe and alive now. I selected Parks & Urban Forestry because this service area provides long-term services that ensure our safety and survival, now and into the future.
I strongly believe that our city has slipped downward dramatically in the way it looks, the respect to community spaces and the lack of safety Calgarians feel in their city. Roadways and parks are no longer mowed or so infrequent. Weeds are sky high. Now homeowners are following that sample example..leaving our city looking downtrodden and littered. No community care, respect and now pride. The housing development that was allowed has left communities (like Bowness) having their community uniqueness literally bulldozed. Old trees completely stripped from all lots. No thought or care as to the design or good construction principles have been approved. Anything goes seemed to be the motto! With our city being ripped apart and left to overgrown and decay we now see safest becoming a huge issue. We need to have safe clean communities that Calgarians can be proud of..back to the basics and build from there.
i take public transit daily, i want to ensure my commute is protected and reliable.
I think building homes to solve those types of issues and investing in infrastructure is critical. I also think we can mitigate some of the issues such as traffic and parking with better transit. Better transit also empowers lower income people to enjoy and work in the community and not be locked into one particular area.
I think housing and transit address environmental, financial, and social issues in our city. We need greater density in the established cities so that we can have an effective transit and active transportation systems. We shouldn't be planning our city around cars. We need to be transitioning away from our dependence on fossil fuels. We are witnessing and have witnessed how volatile the fossil fuel market is. Our water main system also needs attention. Building density would help reduce burden on infrastructure such as water mains and road ways.
I think if the city focuses on these things the. safety to the community, transit and road ways fall into place

I think it is important that everyone has access to clean water and I don't want the city to flood because of burst pipes. I also think fire services are important. Parks and urban forests provide a lot of benefits for all demographics and are free to access so everyone can use them. Calgary parks also host a lot of Calgary events and sports and I think Calgary is known for its parks.
I think it is incredibly important to prioritize building community, planning to create an environmentally sustainable city (including climate mitigation and adaptation), and ensuring that our waste is managed responsibly. These are areas are vital to the future of the city, which I plan to live in for a long time. It is easy to manage funds for the short term, but the long term is when we see the most benefits.
I think most of the items in the list are important. Perhaps the trade-off for difficult budget decisions is to find efficiencies in the City and not spend money on foolish things for example declaring a Climate Emergency. Note that I think Fire is part of Emergency Management
I think our urban forest and parks have been ignored for a time and they need attention. Obviously, water has become an issue and I would like to see repairs and the new line north given priority without building a company to handle that. I think city hall can manage it as long as it remains a focus. Police and fire are pretty high on a safety list. I didn’t pick recreation but I think community pools and rinks where people can play safely in their own community is a priority as well. Bigger isn’t always better.
I think that designing our city to be safe and future-proof (i.e., resilient to shocks and stresses caused by climate hazards such as heat, smoke, hail, flood, and drought) are immensely important. These are the services areas that are most closely linked to these issues.
I think that housing can help improve crime problems as less homeless people would be great for both themselves and crime. Fire is a matter of safety. Transit is good for both the environment and the lifeblood of many citizen's ability to get to work and more.

I think that if we build around better city planning and local businesses and the the ability for people to get there people in general be able to afford living in Calgary better and get to essential services better. More people are talking about not being able to afford having a car for example. Feeling isolated and feeling trapped cause having a car seems like a luxury and binding. Yet we don't seem to have much options here if you truly need to get anywhere in a reasonable time. This puts vulnerable people at risk and further behind economically. I also think that better planning and local community focus spaces will lead to better recreation in the city, better health physical and mental too. People will be more attracted to visit the city, and support local shops. I've seen so many local businesses struggle and shops I've seen since I've been a child shutter in months. It's a whole ecosystem.
I think that Parks are important.
I think that Police, Transit, and Water Utilities are everyday needs for everyone. I'm leaving Fire and Emergency Management off my top three as I believe that are not EVERY DAY needs, even though they are very important for those especially impacted.
I think that there are many tough choices for this council and administration to make. My priorities reflect the importance of balance- especially when making cuts. There is no good way to make these decisions but a healthy balance is super important to ensure that there are a variety of options for Calgarians.
I think that those three are some of the services that most consistently and directly impact more vulnerable calgarians and community wellbeing
I think the city council should look at the charter and only supply the services outlined in the original charter
I think the City should stick to the basics and focus on the services people rely on every day, like safety, water, and roads. These are the most important to keep running well, and focusing on them helps keep costs down and avoid higher taxes.
I think the city's focus needs to be proper planning of the city's infrastructure. This is particularly important considering Calgary's growth.
I think the current water issues Calgary is having requires ongoing investment. It’s vital we have reliable water supply. I think police and or safety officers are important for citizen safety. I think the CPS do an excellent job overall but I feel they are stretched for resources. And housing for those that are unhoused and families in financial crisis.

I think the focus on water utilities and management is most important.
I think the focus should be on ensuring our infrastructure and resources such as water and waste are priority
I think the most important things for people to live are housing and food, so I chose housing. Next, regarding roads: Calgary is very much a car-dependent city, so it is important to inspect roads regularly, repair cracks when they appear, and ensure proper snow removal in the winter. If road maintenance is not done properly, it can lead to accidents and even life-threatening situations. Therefore, I believe road maintenance should also be a priority. Finally, regarding fire services: Calgary has low humidity and a dry climate, which makes fires more likely to occur. Once a fire starts, it can easily spread to other homes and potentially take more lives. For that reason, I think funds should be allocated to fire prevention and emergency response. In addition, firefighters work in extremely dangerous conditions, often risking their lives, so I believe funding should be directed to support them as well.
I think there needs to be a priority for basic human needs. When basic needs are not met, that can cause a number of other issues. Housing addresses a basic need for shelter. Recreation directly support people's health; physical, mental, emotional and social. Community is also needed to address these areas and is an anchor for people when they need support.
I think they are of key importance to keep our city safe
I think they are the very basic services.
I think those have the biggest immediate effect on our city
I think when money is tight the city should focus on things that are vital in keeping the city running. Especially when emergency situations develop i would prefer the city to have the money readily available in order to respond as quickly as possible. Particularly as the climate changes Fire departments will be vital in helping prevent extensive damage and destruction to people's lives and livelihoods. I think public transit is always good to fund, as it expands accessibility for many people.
I think without waste management, police and water management the city would fall apart.
I thought those were the most necessary at this given time

I trust the City to make the decisions it thinks are best for Calgary; however, as a parent of young children living in an inner city neighbourhood in a single vehicle household, these are the categories that are most important to me. I'd also note that it was tough for me to fully comprehend the scope of some of these categories without further descriptions of them (e.g., Bylaw). Many of these categories also seem linked together so this decision was very tough.
I use Village square leisure center everyday whether it’s the pool or basketball courts or weight room. Recreation essentially part of my life and should be for more people in Calgary
I want a city where everyone is welcome and can participate, not a city where the wealthy thrive and everyone else is barely surviving and working to prop up the wealthy few. That means better funded public transit that is timely and connects riders to more than the downtown core, better and more bike paths to encourage multiple ways of getting around Calgary that aren’t just cars and accessible housing for people.
I want a safe city. Get back to basics.
I want clean reliable water and wastewater services as a no-brainer bread-and-butter municipal service and the fact that they are even options for de-prioritization is beyond my comprehension. Recreation funding would be nice because I have a 2 year old at home and would like her to love the community she grows up in.
I want Council to focus on Transit investment so that Calgarians can have proper choice for how to move around. I would have selected pathways - but it's mixed with roads and I couldn't tell if selecting that would signal either investment in more opportunities for active transportation (which would be positive) - or if it would signal investment in building more or bigger roads for cars (not desirable). I selected Housing as I believe there's a lot to be done to meet the 98 priorities of the Housing Strategy - most notably to allow for more choice in housing options that are in established neighbourhoods (all forms of ground-oriented housing product) and improve affordability. I chose Recreation as I think there is a need to add and upgrade the rec facilities in the inner-city. There are big shiny rec centers that are so out of the way for those living in and around the downtown making it hard to access rec opportunities for families.
I want good rules to be enforced for my safety. I want running water in my home. I want trees and parks to enjoy and gather with my community
I want our city to focus on the basics and stop spending money on festivals and art etc
I want our City to focus on the core services that are essential like water, safety, and transportation. I do NOT want our City paying for festivals, cultural events, public art

displays, fireworks, housing initiatives. Let's get the basics figured out and funded before we start to spend on nice to haves.
I want the City to be focussed on services and infrastructure, ensuring that they are providing the best value for the taxes we pay for critical services.
I want the city to prioritize items that have the biggest impact to the highest number of Calgarians. Shared infrastructure like water and roads are used by every Calgarian and should be top priority. Housing is a essential need for every Calgarian that is not being met at an affordable level at this time and needs to be prioritized, especially with the upcoming restrictions on new builds with R-CG zoning being lifted.
I want to feel safe in this city. All three of these services provide that. Police and fire are the most important. Roads and pathways are also very important. We need more rules and safety measures on these as the number of accidents has risen sharply. It is almost unsafe to drive or walk on the streets of Calgary anymore.
I want to feel safe, so Police and Fire are important. The streets are getting so busy, we need to keep those up.
I want to live in a clean, safe city which includes plenty of quality outdoor spaces for mental health.
I want to live in a safe city. You can’t live without water, and I won’t feel safe without well funded police and fire departments.
I work downtown and the city has taken a massive downward spiral on crime and drug use. You can’t walk through the +15 in the middle of the day without seeing someone who is on drugs. You need to get this cleaned up.
I work in the social serving sector, particularly with the unhoused population. Individuals and families and for me these are the 3 service areas that would most benefit the work I do and the folks I serve.
I would have checked off parks and urban forestry but it was not offered as an option for question no. 3 although it was available for question no. 2 because parks are available to all for free and make a city more liveable and attractive. Major cities in the world have a robust transit system and beautiful parks.
I would like to clarify that I selected "Roads & Pathways" because there were no options that reflect the improvement and maintenance of safe pedestrian and cycling infrastructure as a top budget priority. With back-to-back record years for pedestrian fatalities in Calgary, pedestrian safety HAS to be a top priority for all related services, and infrastructure is a huge part of that.

RE: Transit and Housing - these simply must be top priorities for a growing city in which growing numbers of people are facing economic hardship. Being able to get around safely, efficiently and affordably without a personal vehicle is a necessity, and a good transit network gives people access to a wider range of housing types at different price points.
I would like to see the north portion of green line coming back to the agenda. It seems to me that the transit focuses on the south portion too much and the north is neglected.
I wouldn't want to compromise public safety or essential services like water
I'm assuming safety will be enhanced with increased police budget. Secondly, let's look after water infrastructure proactively. No frills on social programs please, we can't afford it until the basics are looked after.
If difficult budget tradeoffs are required, these service areas were prioritized because they most directly protect life and stabilize critical incidents. For the Calgary Fire Department, emergency response is time-sensitive and cannot be deferred. Outcomes in fire suppression, medical response, and rescue are measured in minutes, and reductions have immediate, often irreversible consequences. These services also provide the City's core resilience for high-risk, low-frequency events. Once capacity is reduced, it is difficult to rebuild, and the impacts are only realized during major incidents. Strong emergency response limits incident severity, reduces strain on healthcare and infrastructure, and supports economic continuity. Given the high consequence of failure and minimal margin for error, protecting these areas ensures the City meets its most essential obligation: safeguarding life and community stability.
If difficult budget tradeoffs must be made, I believe the City of Calgary must prioritize Transit, Community & Culture, and Police. Together, these three areas represent the foundation of a livable city: safe communities, accessible mobility, and strong social connections. Cutting too deeply into any of them would have immediate and long-term consequences that outweigh short-term financial savings. For these reasons, I strongly urge the City to prioritize Transit, Community & Culture, and Police when making difficult budget decisions.
If drastic budgets cuts come to the city then the city should focus on meeting the most basic needs of the highest number of citizens. And the population of most vulnerable (and tbh, troublesome) people will only grow if they are left without basic resources.
If I had an option I would have also checked Transport, roads, waste, and 311 I.e Basic safety services to the citizens must not be optional.

If it’s not obvious, you guys need to switch careers
If it’s not part of the cities core responsibility then they should quit wasting taxpayer money and quit funding them
If people are not safe and do not have clean / available water, nothing else matters.
If people can afford housing and local economy is healthy, people will be more likely to find jobs and covers their live style. Now Planning, building and development is critical to provide a city structure that functions properly.
If roads & pathways police & our water facilities are not up to standard than all communities suffer consequences
If roads aren’t maintained, Calgarians are stuck, whether in cars or busses. Jasper can show us why fire is important. Emergency management is important because it covers things that could not be expected and most people could not prepare for them. And when people need help, they need help.
If the budget is tight for the CoC then they must ensure that low income calgarians are cared for first and foremost and this would be making sure the city continues on an affordable path. Housing and transit are the 2 biggest affordability measures the city could make.
If the city has to, it should focus on necessities
If the city is unsafe, people and businesses won’t come here. Police station MUST be restored fully in the downtown core. Drugs, crime have increased. Water is the staple of life itself. Fix the water infrastructure.
If they do a financially responsible job of these priorities, the other area priorities would need to be overseen so that they are also in line with financial responsibility and prudence. All areas are important. Ending frivolous spending and focusing on prudent financial management. Tending to roads to ensure fewer emergencies.
If tough budget decisions need to be made, Calgary needs to revert back to essential services. Police, Fire, Water, Roads are essential municipal services. Roads shared with other levels of government. We need to keep taxes and user fees as low as possible which means fewer services or lower levels of staffing to support economic growth. Property taxes are becoming huge burdens for families and rebalancing between residential and commercial tax levels is looming in the next budget cycle.
If we don't focus on these now, the cost will be exponential in 1-3 years
if we dont have water we have nothing. roads are needed to be kept safe and proper as are our parks.

If we look at US data for city planning, every dollar spent to improve infrastructure, contributes 1.5 dollars to the local economy. As long as we tax any gains intelligently/responsibly, we can have a thriving city for generations to come. Canada/Calgary is a melting pot of cultures. We should be taking the best of each of those cultures to make our city better.
if you don't have the rule of law you have nothing
If you live in a safe city, productivity will follow.
I'm sick and tired of water restrictions. Way too many potholes in the city.
Importance of basic services!
Important for public safety and are very important services.
Important for the basic foundation/infrastructure of the city
Important services that benefit all Calgarians safety should be a top priority. These services need to be ready for city growth, can't be playing catch up.
Important to keep the city a safe place to live. First responders are play a critical role and save lives which should be the highest priority over other things that while still important won't have same consequences.
Improving Calgarians' wellbeing and appreciation for our city is at the heart of the choices I've made. Recreation plays a vital role in supporting physical and mental health, and expanding access ensures that more people can participate in activities that enrich their daily lives. Our parks, natural areas, and urban forests deepen Calgarians' connection to nature, and continued investment is essential as the demand for protected, accessible green spaces grow. We also need to be a leader in protecting the biodiversity that shares space with us. Transit is another cornerstone of a thriving city. When people feel safe, comfortable, and confident choosing transit, when it's convenient enough, we reduce traffic, improve mobility, and strengthen the sense of connection across Calgary's communities. Together, recreation, natural spaces, and reliable transit form the foundation of a livable, enjoyable city.
Improving housing affordability for all residents
Improving transit and housing will have the largest impact on the most vulnerable Calgarians. It can help make their lives more stable, plannable and affordable. In addition it will make Calgary a more vibrant city by densifying some neighborhoods and shifting the modal share and improving overall quality of life for everyone in the city.

In a difficult budget situation, I think it makes sense to invest our dollars where they're most likely to be used efficiently. Whether that's creation of future revenue, or reduction in costs. Good emergency management can save billions in harm avoidance and reduction, even if it's not immediately visible. Planning and development similarly can avoid future pitfalls, while creating value and future tax base. Water clearly needs budget and attention - especially as climate pressures will intensify the issue.
In a large city such as Calgary, it is imperative that transit is reliable, has wide coverage, and is efficient for Calgarians. Without better transit, the quality of life deteriorates. Urban planning and development also matters just as equally to transit. It is unacceptable that Calgarians are separated from stores and essentials with a long and tedious commute.
In difficult times the City needs to focus on core services and not worry about "nice to have" items
In light of the problem with our water pipes I think it's self explanatory. Also with all the new housing from the initiative about building do much housing I think that water restrictions would be too much for the population. It was hard enough the first time, and then all this new housing initiative put more pressure on the system. The roads are in terrible shape along 36th street N.E. and in other areas too. In many places the pot holes are large and could cause damage to vechiles and or accidents as people try to avoid them or are startled by the depth of them. Considering how much housing has been put up and how close they are to each other I think it behooves us to be prepared for fires and not just one building burning but several buildings burning in case of fire. We need officers both fire and police to handle the increased amount of possible emergencies.
In my mind, these are the basic services a city like Calgary needs to maintain to support the growing community.
In my opinion Police, Fire and Roads are critical services.
IN my opinion these are critical to living in the city. Many of the other items are 'meeting' orientated. You know, lets have another meeting and talk and talk.
In my opinion, Focus needs to be on the 3 selected. Rezoning has ruined our city. Our police force is critical as well to the well-being of this city.
In my view transit and police services need to coordinate and work together to ensure the safety of citizens who are endeavouring to use transit. One of the main attractions of this city are its parks and recreation areas.

In order to have a vibrant city, one must ensure basic services are maintained at the highest level. People must have water and security. Plus affordable transit ensure a community that can move it's people
In order to improve financial sustainability, the city needs to invest in improving the housing supply through smart city planning and densification initiatives to ensure that infrastructure is not spread too thin while addressing emergent and future public health and financial concerns that are a consequence of current and past approaches to building the city (aka sprawl). Transit goes hand-in-hand with densification and is needed for a smooth transition to a financially, socially, and ecologically-responsible city. Essential infrastructure improvements (i.e. water main repairs) are needed immediately to prevent further disasters for the city and are a direct consequence of irresponsible city building that spread our budget too thin across too great an area and built housing that supports highly resource-intensive lifestyles that are unsustainable.
In order to make Calgary a safe city, it is important that our police and fire departments are always front and center regarding budget decisions. Secondly, the roads in Calgary continue to create very challenging conditions, both in the completely mismanaged increase in bike lanes (which are used fractionally compared to the number of people driving in the city), and the condition of roads is unsafe with many potholes, and poorly designed lighting sequences. People cannot be productive if they cannot get to their destinations for work, medical reasons, or even for personal enjoyment. The previous councils have ignored the importance of the road system in Calgary, and it must be addressed immediately to improve driving within the city.
In recent years, roads have deteriorated and water main issues have been reoccurring. The city is not as safe as it has been in the past.
In such an arid environment, without water the other items are meaningless.
In the most unimaginable and difficult circumstances we need people in place who can respond immediately. Seconds matter when it comes to emergency situations and being proactive for our community now as well as future generations will only benefit the citizens of Calgary. The other one being recreation is along the same lines of being a proactive approach to our society and investing in infrastructure that gets kids and adults alike out and active with enough facilities to support our growing population. How many true facilities do we have in our communities outside of our ring road that has been built that support an active lifestyle. Not one rink outside of the community YMCA'S have been built for how many thousands of citizens??? Very little investment in curling rinks indoor soccer facilities the list goes on. This only leads people in the wrong direction and into unhealthy life choices. Fix our cities opioid problem by providing a solution at the ground level. Access to sport.

infastructure, emergency services are the utmost important
Infrastructure and road development is the heart of a healthy city. If you can't get around, you are isolated. As we grow, we need to continue to invest in roads, overpasses, and business.
Infrastructure failures and degradation are not just "this year's" concern but will be forefront for the next decade, give or take a few years. Ignoring this now would place even greater stress on future residents so we should not repeat the mistakes of past councils. The other "most important" area is Housing. By making sure homelessness is ended the cost is generally less than the cost of policing, health and social services for homeless people. There are many ways to create affordable, easy to build housing which would also create jobs and inject money into the local economy, especially if we can take advantage of Federal funding.
Infrastructure is incredibly important to all Calgarians.
Infrastructure is key to a city functioning; without it, Calgarians will not get access to key rights such as reliable electricity, water, roads and other important functions that are critical for a city. In addition to that, citizens need to feel safe and crime needs to be controlled or it will ruin the very fabrics of the communities within the city.
Infrastructure needs to be maintained, not ignored as it has been under the past 2 previous councils.
Infrastructure of our water supply always gets looked over even when our population grows. We should have at least 3 if not 4 water stations bringing water into our city.
Infrastructure soundness and citizen safety
Infrastructure underpins all future development. A clean safe pro business city attracts a high calibre population base
Infrastructure, city's mandated to maintain infrastructure!
Investing in housing and non market housing is an absolute necessity, specially now that city council made the decision to repeal rezoning, which will make housing even more expensive and make our lives much more difficult. The second priority must be transit and cycling infrastructure and active modes of transportation to lower the cost of transportation, improve livability and access to services.

Investing in Housing and Planning and Development is essential if the City really wants to help that huge number of residents who are struggling. Likewise, keeping the public transit running as an affordable way of transportation and even expanding its range is fundamental for residents to thrive in the city
Investing in housing is the single most important thing you can do for someone's health, the city councils clearly botched the water thing and people are being run over one the road. safer streets now. Enough is enough.
Investing in public transit and bike lanes means having to spend less on very costly roads, it's a more efficient transportation mode, and helps with reducing strain on emergency services with the increased climate change effects. Affordable housing is a critical issue, and we need more housing options with the rezoning, and provide for non-market housing for people who need them. Water has been neglected and we need to pay the price for delaying maintenance for so long.
Investing in the future and emergencies.
Investing in well being of Calgarians, providing a welcoming and inclusive city.
Investment in communities and culture (arts, heritage, culture) deliver an outsized return on investment and cuts would be shortsighted. As a City nearing 2 million people, creating a culturally vibrant city ensures that we can attract tourism, increase our standard of living, have better health outcomes, and generate economic activity. Additionally, we are at a time of increasing division, and investment in our communities can help to bridge that gap by strengthening community identity and cohesion. Arts ad culture are essential, not just nice to have.
Investment in these services support Calgary's long-term resilience and sustainability.
It affects safety and survival.
It considers a mix of future needs (planning and development), ways to keep investment and funds moving into the city (economy) as well as keeping the city safe (police). There are always immediate needs in the community but to manage those you need income from a healthy economy, those funds can then be distributed to immediate needs and future needs.
It effects everyone in the City if we don't have clean water.
It has been proven that providing people with housing and public transit lowers costs across the board. Fewer emergency calls to people on the streets and vehicle collisions, less crime due to people's needs being met, less strain on the healthcare system as people are better taken care of.

It is critical to maintain water infrastructure, ensure preparedness for emergency situations (especially as climate and geopolitics become more unstable), and people need real solutions for housing that are NOT driven by profiteering or NIMBYs. The repeal of blanket zoning is a waste of resources. We need to work within the policies that were created, make the amendments to policies and bylaws, not work from a blank slate. There was so much engagement completed that should not be dismissed. If the municipality is truly invested in building resilience, they will also prioritize community and culture - since the foundations of resilience are based in the strength of relationships, connection and existing social systems.
It is difficult to choose only 3, many of our roads are in bad shape, we don't want to go through another water shortage and recreation is very important for all
It is frustrating & dangerous to drive on potholes during spring & summer & on slippery roads during winter. Snow removal should be a top priority especially on community roads after 24 hours. Fixing & maintenance of water utilities is also important, we need safe & reliable water supply. Safety is also a top priority for me.
It is important for the City to focus on long-term investments and not on the issues (such as water or needing more housing as quickly as possible) that require a more reactive approach.
It is important to have consistent water supplies with any water main break, so its repair and replacement should be top priority. With increased crime, police patrol, recruitment should be focused. Also, there are increased cases of accidents, pedestrian being hit, so increasing photo radar , installing crossing lights for pedestrians crossing on roads should be increased.
It is important to have proper waste and recycle systems. Police are indispensable as we have seen in the south and the water is obvious as we can’t live without it
It is important to maintain our police & fire departments. We need updated recreation areas in the city for our youth.
It is important to me that these services operate with reserve. If I need either police or fire to attend to an emergency on a busy day, I think it's important they can still handle the volume and still respond with quickly
It is important to protect individuals and communities.
It is long past time that city administration gets "back to the basics" in running the city and reins in its spending. The increase in taxes going on for the past several years is not sustainable and will force people out of their homes and make it impossible for young people starting their careers to EVER buy a home.. Recognizing people already have trouble making ends meet, they will not be able to cope with property tax increases that compound at7, 8,10%. It will simply make home ownership

unaffordable, as is almost the case today. Very few people enjoy compound multi-percentile increases in pay. This has to stop!!!!
It is most important to be safe..the rest is icing
It is my understanding that those two services have been underfunded for some time
It is to make the city more flexible when issues arise, not to be left for later. When we call for Police, we want to know they will be coming, not to be told come to a station near you. We need to have an Emergency Management that can protect us and warn us When an emergency is upon us and not to let theis disaster go on. Our Roads are becoming rutted and yes every year the do so many, but more must be done before they cost us dollars to fix as the city needs to have the funds to fix them when it is appropriate.
It is urgent to have a sufficient and well trained police force. When people feel safe they are less fearful and therefore able to focus on participating in the life and community. Businesses/local economy provide working opportunities for people and they are not oppressed and hopeless because they are actively engaged in a business opportunity or career- a necessary component to improve their mental wellbeing and future. Safe water is an essential for healthy living.
It is very important to have a fast, economical and reliable transit system to move people around this fast expanding city. If done right and not cost a fortune to ride, we can remove cars from the streets. Also, if we maintain our parks and urban forests, it not only provides lungs for our city by removing CO2 but it also has a calming affect on the human population.
It seems ridiculous that there should be a fire versus police trade-off in the above. The city needs to focus on core infrastructure: water, sewer, roads, garbage, police, fire, parks, libraries, and not much else. If the city shovelled or cleared snow, they wouldn't need a whole department of people deciding on snow clearing policy and then another whole department of communicators focussed on communicating why I'm not getting my street, plowed, or paved, or the garbage taken off it, or why I have no water. Do your job and maybe the rest of those meaningless departments won't need to exist.
It seems that the three areas I chose are lower importance to the City at this time. We now need to focus on what has been neglected for 12+ years.

It was actually difficult to decide what to select because all these issues are important. In times of crisis, the services for vulnerable populations are often the first to be cut in the name of austerity. However, investing in people is equally important.
It was more a matter of what not to select. Fire and water is important. The rest don't require any more money than what is already in their budget.
It's been difficult to rent a house in Calgary for the price and landlords are constantly raising our rent.
It's critical
It's going to be a hotter Calgary then before let's make sure it does not burn down.
It's important to have trees in our Playground (Parks) help keep the heat pollution down from the building being built. It's important to keep our homestead in our Community and our culture that our generation's future. Our roads should be upgrade every year! It's your safety to protect the environment and to protect the residents of Calgary.
It's unfair to break core services into individual categories. The City of Calgary's only mandate is services and infrastructure. Roads, water, waste, police, fire, transit, parks, public safety and carefully considered development is it. There are many low hanging fruit that could be cut from the budget, to pretend otherwise is disingenuous at best.
It's a tough choice, but I think the City must focus first and foremost on the essential services that affect citizens direct health and wellbeing. I put 311 there because it is a good way for individual citizens to connect with the City in areas that need a quick response or information etc. and in many cases can be dealt with in an efficient manner.
It's clear that we still have work to do on the water file, and I suspect we have a decent amount of deferred maintenance when it comes to roads and pathways. Parks are important to me as places for community and nature.
It's difficult to choose as all areas are important. Roads and pathways, water utilities (given the current state of affairs) and emergency management will absolutely affect everyone in the City - so I chose these three.
It's hard to focus on/enjoy city amenities such as parks or recreation facilities without access to stable housing, reliable transit to work/health appointments or a safe water supply.
Its important to keep people alive

It's important to support mental health in difficult financial times. Fire department is essential. Planning is particularly important now with a housing crisis.
Its important to support the necessary musy haves. The nice to have items can wait in times of constraints. I would not neessarily put pathways in the same slot as roads.
It's more evident than ever that we need to maintain good critical infrastructure. It's easy to forget about it but it's fundamental to everyday life
It's stuff that can't wait and needs to be maintained.
Its the future
It's the most important to low income calgarians.
its time to cut back on the "like to haves" and focus on the "need to haves". We don't need parks, we like them. Waste and recycling? We don't NEED recycling. Recreation? Nice to have but not necessary. Police, fire and the condition of our roads, that's important. We don't need any more bike lanes!!!!
I've selected these core services because municipal government needs to prioritize the failures of the Liberal-NDP criminal incompetence of neglecting water infrastructure and mass-immigration resulting in the stealing of our social services and raised cost of living (specifically Housing & Rent) while keeping the Police funded to EXTERMINATE the Criminal Rats they've allowed to enter and network, as their mandate. My tax dollars should solely fund critical, physical infrastructure that keeps Calgary physically functioning, not ideological experiments. I prioritized Water, Police, and Housing because they represent the immediate baseline of YYC. If budget tradeoffs must be made, you protect the physical water mains, the safety of Calgarians, and housing security. I don't want my money redistributed into abstract social programs or bloated bureaucratic frameworks. Maintain the foundational assets that native Calgarians actually rely on, and starve the rest of the bureaucratic engine.
Just cause
Just essentials only. The city of Calgary has a spending problem and should be focusing on cutting taxes instead of increasing taxes especially in these difficult times when families are struggling to just feed their families.
keep communite happy
Keep people moving Need open space to be maintained so we don’t look like Detroit
Keep the basics functioning well. Ignore the Luxury items. Back to basics Calgary!

Keep up with growth as well as roads etc. Protect parks and natural areas. Water utilities especially with aging infrastructure.
Keep us safe, housed, and affordable recreation opportunities for health.
Keeping people safe is the most fundamental need that must be addressed.
Key services must be maintained - safety & water supply (without monitoring & restrictions & fines!!!)
Knowing that our water system needs more infrastructure work, I would put it as the most important area of focus, a working and efficient water system is one of the most essential items for a good quality of life. Parks and Urban Forestry seem to be falling behind, especially in terms of the urban canopy. It seems that large swaths of our City have lost the urban canopy from age, weather damage, and the changes in to development approvals which constantly allow for cutting down all trees and covering the entire lot with building then not replacing the boulevard or verge trees. Assuming that the support of items such as social services fall under community and culture, with the constant cut back of government services (more provincial than municipal), the social sector seems to be picking up the slack and ensuring our community members don't fall through the gaps.
Lack of community & culture plan in the inner city areas like Rosscarrock, Westbrook, Glendale, Killarney compared to the newly developed areas.
Lack of police, and fire funding significantly impacts everyone. Its also reslly important to put money into our parks to enjoy the outdoors and keep green spaces
Lack of soccer facilities. dropping kids off late at night on other side of city and then up early in the morning. It's an absolute disgrace. The new soccer pitch in NW is a joke it's a soccer pitch not rocket science and they still get it wrong retaining wall is failing.,., don't just hand over money construct it correctly and quickly. That facility is a disgrace the length of time it's taking for one pitch!!!! Get the druggies and homeless off of public transit major security risk. Paying a fortune for public transit to be forced to witness homeless druggies defecating, peeing, threatening, shooting up drugs leaving needles and blood everywhere only to be left onboard for several stations until they reach the free fare zone - a daily problem. Employ security/transit police who can actually do the job They stand at the station and do nothing and let the homeless pee everywhere and watch them get off one train and on to another. Make all stations with barriers safety first.
LARGEST IMPACT

Law & enforcement is key to keeping citizens safe at all times. Our water utility infrastructure must provide a consistent and constant service to Calgarians. Proper planning and development of the city is key to ensure our public infrastructure is of highest quality and efficiency. Eg it is now difficult to put an LRT line directly to the YYC due to previous lack of planning.
Law and order and responding to public emergencies are a huge part of a civil society
Law and order means safe communities and streets. The fire department does not just put out fires but also aids the police with accidents and emergencies. The basic necessities like water infrastructure, roads, filing pot holes, street cleaning in the winter are also key factors in the day to day operations of a vibrant, successful city.
Law and order, destruction of lives and property, and unforeseen emergencies in a city this large are of the greatest importance.
Let's call out the elephant in the room and that is a waste of 10yrs by the Nenshi term and neglect of any road, traffic flow, street lighting, and u/g utilities maintenance. This City has employees that need to start doing their jobs. Start with moving traffic properly by adjusting all intersection control lights to allow flow and not stopping traffic at every intersection. The Road conditions in this city are a joke and are only a patch job of potholes which the city wants the citizens of Calgary to call in and report. The street lighting is very poor and mostly at crosswalks in neighborhoods. Install solar lighting at all inner-city crosswalks so drivers can see pedestrians. Taxes have been paid and overpaid in this City for decades to maintain the infrastructure, so don't claim more money for City inefficiency.
Lets make communities safe, not some willy nilly feel good project for the benefit of council or select few who profit from others misery. Like blanket rezoning did not benefit the majority of existing residence in the communities.
Life is getting more and more challenging for everyone, but especially people who are vulnerable or at the margins. With provincial supports being rolled back as well as repealing blanket rezoning, as a city we must support all our citizens and ensure a healthy and equitable city. There is a serious lack of affordable housing and increasing rent. People are afraid to go on transit and low fairs seem to be always at risk. A strong community and supportive culture is vital to a thriving city.
Life safety
Life safety is always priority one. Even more now that AHS is pulling out ans letting local areas to deal with ems themselves. Fire has always filled that void, even more now.

Living in the deep SE, I have given up on transit. I drive all over the city daily and our roads are awful - deep potholes everywhere, poorly designed overpasses with lights on top causing traffic to dangerously back up onto Deerfoot and Stoney Trails, lane paint barely visible, and multi-year road closures everywhere. Our recreation facilities are also limited. Although the huge new YMCAs are nice, they are always jam packed and much more expensive than the city pools, which makes them unusable to many. With 6+ months of cold, snowy weather, we need more multi-use indoor recreation facilities. Population and prices keep growing and as result, crime is increasing along with it. We need more police and quicker response times when they are called.
Local business is a must if we are to have a thriving economy; ensuring they have all they need to be successful is in all of our interests. Any large city must have great transit and Calgary is not there yet. We can't talk about reducing parking, closing roads for pedestrian access, transit-oriented housing and reducing our carbon footprint without first ensuring people can get around without a car. Pathways more than roads - mobility, recreation. I love our pathway system and it needs to keep up with population and increasing use.
Local economy growth and success is vital to the longevity of Calgary, without it, services are not able to be funded. Planning, Building & Development are an important piece of the city's longevity to ensure funds are spent in a logical way, and not constantly redone out of necessity due to growth or poor planning. Police are an integral piece of a growing city, and the more frequent social disturbances and crime need to be addressed - downtown is not safe right now, and drivers are able to hit and run without consequence, something needs to change.
Local economy provides the tax base for support all city services. Police and fire ensure that the City is safe for everyone
Local safety and infrastructure are the responsibility of the city. Next, reduce red tape so that business and culture can build and thrive. City shouldn't get involved in environment, building, etc
Logical
Long term urban planning to ensure this is a well managed, a healthy living environment, and safe
Look at the current state of our infrastructure and tell me it's not in a bad state . People will reflect people that focus on things that make a big difference to people everyday
Looking after roads and pathways balanced with caring for parks and urban forestry with careful planning will provide decent infrastructure and green areas for positive and healthy city.

Lots of pot Holes, very bad road conditions specially In NE ROAD, Need to do wayy better as compared to big city's
Low income housing is in dire need... I'm on aish, inability to work ever again and I'm still struggling, and waiting for either subsidy or a low income residence to open up... I've been waiting for almost a year, I have no other options available, just wait and hope for the best
Maintaining existing is critical to being successful, new spending only creates future deficits without a 360 assessment of investment with enforcement. Money management seems to be a issue with council and city employees in many departments. Look for internal savings and limit department spending not just now always. City overall has increased including revenue though expenditures are rising quicker even on a quick analysis exceeding revenue depending on method analysis. Holistically and historically, what forecasting has been established? What does finite based on infrastructure look like? Calgary cannot grow infinitely with the current core infrastructure without future major impacts, is the 1km community buffer existing today with intent becoming the CGA? Concern for managing budget? Water works with urban sprawl and excessive multi-building development with little thought to the city infrastructure in decision making has shown up on too many occasions to count at this point.
Maintaining infrastructure is a core duty of calgary. And of course safety of the citizens.
Maintaining is more important than pleasing!
Maintaining our infrastructure is most visible and hugely impacts us living in the city, while ensuring there's parks, bike paths, recreation areas
maintaining safety and immediate infrastructure is important
Major infrastructure which if neglected could cost a lot down the road.
Making Fire & Police a priority is needed to keep us safe. Roads need to be maintained and/or upgraded. For example: the Deerfoot is very poor condition, southbound near the Peigan Trail SE exit #251, far left lane.
Managing housing properly will reduce cost of living and make managing the rest of the services less expensive. I listed water services because it is fundamental to maintaining the health and safety of our citizens. It doesn't matter how much you invest in fire departments if the water

can't meet demand. It doesn't matter how much money you invest in police if people are fighting over clean drinking water.
Many water related issues lately, emergency is essential and parks need care
Maybe water can be handled by Enmax; slow down the planning of new projects so as not to make mistakes in building, give residents more time
Meeting the basic human needs of water (food) and housing (shelter) should be the highest priority as it is foundational for life (i.e., Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs). Currently Calgary is not meeting the basics (our water utility system is failing and the housing market is becoming more and more unaffordable). We need to get those right, then move on to tackle broader societal concerns. Cities are first and foremost labour markets. To get the most people to their jobs, or to participate in the local economy, cities need to have an efficient and effective transportation system. I put Transit over Police because there is a direct correlation between a functioning economy and crime rates. If we help people participate in the economy by having access to good transportation options then our city will be less reliant on Police. Stop reactive funding to address societal symptoms (crime), and start proactively investing in systems to address issues before they arise (transit).
Middle East War bring good benefits for AB, even so we don't know how long it will be, but we should use this chance to do Innovation and Development, enhancement, such as AI technology, etc., transforming Calgary from an energy city into a technology and energy hub.
Mobility (transit, roads and pathways) and housing are essential in order to participate in daily life - they are pre-requisites for accessing parks, enjoying recreation, getting to and from work. Without these things, we cannot have a city and there is no need for police, no need for waste and recyling, no need (or access) for emergency services.
More bike paths so we make up for lack of public transit Have a real solution to dealing with drugs and homelessness on the street. If that problem increases beyond a certain threshold the city will never be able to manage it at a later point
More housing is essential and the prevalence of single family housing is completely unsustainable. Without more development within existing communities, infrastructure will become more unaffordable and financial problems will inevitably worsen.
More people more crime. More police funding needed. Utility fees need to be a flat rate. Or reduced dramatically things are out of hand .

More police officers and equipment are needed for how fast the city is growing. things like recreation and culture should be at the bottom of the list. If you want nice-to-have's, figure out how to pay for it first.
Most basic needs in my opinion.
Most directly impact me
Most immediate effect on the poorest calgarians and young people
Most immediate need, benefitting many
most impact on my current life
Most important
Most important for economic growth and quality of life.
most important.
Most in need.
Most needed and inches case of recreation the the importance from a qualified of life.
Most of the issues I've seen are with Transit, crime, and deteriorating roads and pathways.
Most of the other things seem pretty trivial right now. As long as we aren’t paying for immigrants. Our city needs fixing and taxes lowered.
Most vital
most vital for keeping residents + visitors safe
Moving people effectively and efficiently around a city is key to the city's success.
Much of what the city does is unnecessary. Police, fire, EMS, roads and utilities are all that the city should focus on.
Municipal government should focus on core responsibilities- pick up my garbage, fill potholes, keep a safe city and maintain parks well.
My selections are core municipal responsibilities. I would have selected Waste & Recycling and Water Recycling if I'd been able to pick 5.
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Nature and urban forestry provides many ecological services
Necessary
necessary , not nice. In other words benefiting all tax payers and not just a select interest group
Necessary for a safe, functioning city.
Necessary for well being
Necessary services for public safety
Necessary to the city.
Necessity
Need a reliable water source!!
need a safe and sustainable city
Need everyone to feel safe on transit,,,,police. Water has become important !!!!! haha. Housing is going to be hard for a long time.
Need more police, drivers are nuts!! I ride a bike and drive, roads and paths without potholes that could kill a cyclist or motorcyclist would be nice I like public utilities, keeps costs lower over the long run and if we do t support it someo e will try to privatize it
Need police or better laws to get rid of the crazies around town. Drivers are out of control speeding and bad driving putting the rest of us at risk
Need to fix all the potholes and find a better way so none are created look into better road materials
Need to get around the city so roads and pathways, and transit are important. Also think the police are important to help maintain order and even step in as we've seen chaos on the bus lines or trains and such. For roads and pathways, it should include biking infrastructure and maintenance! This is parts of roads and pathways, and biking should NOT be just considered recreation as it's another means of us to get around the city when there are transit issues! Need the roads and pathway WITH transit so we can get to work and fund the city with our taxes!

Need to help citizens
Need to invest for the future
need water for everything. utilities are most important. fire i think is obvious. no water, no fire support. roads need to be kept up for any commerce or transit. police are important, but people can defend themselves if need be. city needs to stay in it lane and keep it simple. end the globalist [redacted] and save a ton of money.
Need water to fight fires and be able to run businesses and homes. Need police to keep the peace when things go crazy from the tight by the purse strings.
Needs vs wants. We need emergency services
Negligence needs to be addressed.
Negligent mismanagement of our water system for the last decade plus.
No city designated as "one of the best places to live" globally should be forced to work around failing critical infrastructure. Immediate and significant investment into base services (i.e. water, sewer, recreational facilities, roads) will be critical to maintain the Calgary standard of living.
No world-class city has non-existant utilities or public transit. If your priority is building a city that is unlivable you'll willingly neglect public transit, waste and recycling, water utilities, and housing. If your goal is not to have a [redacted] city that has enormous diaspora then you'll support public transit, waste and recycling, housing, and water utilities.
Not easy to make those decisions when there are so many priorities, but housing seems most urgent now and transit should always be a priority because it affects all of us, whether we use city transit or not. Finally, building community and culture strengthens foundations for healthy cities that we will all benefit from now and the future.
Not enough housing to meet the demands. Not enough facilities to foster the demand for soccer.
Obviously our water main needs to be #1. Without it most general services will be quite affected. Police and fire are a close 2/3. Then road and pathways. Please STOP with the whole housing crisis hoopla. As a realtor in the city I see the rising inventory, I see the low cost builds for high profit builds going into inner city communities and ruining our history and culture. Poor city planning is happening in front of our eyes and you honestly should be ashamed.

Obviously, reliable water service is crucial for the entire city. The pipeline breaks and subsequent disruptions in service we have endured of late are not acceptable. As our population grows, we absolutely need reliable water service, no matter the cost. As it appears that we are ending the blanket rezoning that has been a dismal failure, we need to take a serious look at what can be done differently. For example, in Bowness (my community) developers jumped on the bandwagon and have been busily erecting apartment buildings and condos but no single family houses and few townhouses. These apartment-type units are sitting vacant as there is now a glut of them and they are grossly overpriced. Meanwhile, Bowness has sadly lost most of its small-town feel. Police services need to be increased. The physical presence of police in problem areas of the City would go a long way to reducing crime.
Obviously, stick to the essentials. No one can live here without water, and we need to protect against crime and fire. The city isn't meant to be our mother just to provide the raw essentials to allow us the opportunity to build our own lives.
Obviously, the water system needs to be taken care of. The lack of housing in the city is dire. And we need more transit so that we can reduce emissions of cars.
Of course, these are hard to make trade-offs between. I selected these, as I perceive them to be areas that are important to the health and well-being of Calgarians (of course, Police, Fire and others are as well), but these areas are often unappreciated and seem to be dwindling. Under Nenshi and Gondek, they were constantly shutting down pools, wiping out parks and green spaces, just to cram more people in, sacrificing all of our quality of life just to accommodate the ridiculous mass immigration goals of our federal government. When have you seen a new pool or park in Calgary?? People clamour for these places and our city has down little to prioritize them and they need to be taken seriously, as it effects citizens overall health and saves us a lot of money, by having more opportunities to enjoy nature (there are studies on this) and exercise. We should also expand and keep our bike pathways in good shape! Thanks!
Of the most benefit to me and my family.
On the margin, recreation is a core quality of life factor that makes people feel better about their lives. The difficulty of finding pool times/lessons and both indoor and outdoor soccer facilities in particular are troubling. We should not be relying on private facilities (Foothills Macron, Villains Dome) for access.
One of the main services the City must maintain is providing safe, potable water to citizens. Maintaining the Sewer services is also critical.Several water main breaks indicate Calgary is NOT maintaining critical infrastructure. Providing Police & Fire Services is critical for a safe city for Calgarians.
One of two main wate4 feeders is broken and housing is not affordable due to the lack of missing middle housing.

Ongoing water issues need improvement, transit is horrible and needs improvement and affordable housing is needed
Only 3 things matter- Safety of our citizens - Utilities we can afford and do not let us down - Housing for people of low income - there is no such thing as affordable housing / only market driven and subsidized.
Only essential services first.
Only police and water are critical to the safety of Calgarians, the remaining items are nice to have but not necessary and often are too expensive for consideration at this time if we are looking for affordability and sustainability.
Our ambulance and emergency wait times have caused losses that shouldn't be allowed to continue. Keeping people healthy, housed, and able to get around the city (to work, family, hospitals, etc.) seem like natural priorities.
Our City has seen tremendous growth & it is important to ensure that we are providing good service on key areas to help people be healthy & happy. We need more affordable housing as a key priority to ensure people have a safe place to live. We have a fabulous transit system which is the veins of our City; keeping our economy working, providing a great public service to people everyday that also helps with sustainability goals. Keep the service levels high with frequent trains & buses that are safe & clean. Finally, Parks are places that everyone in the City should have easy & quick access to for mental health, recreation & to have a connection with our natural environment. Parks are also a way for Indigenous people to connect with the land & cultural significance of this place. Our urban canopy is not meeting the targets we currently have so we need to keep the budget for parks & our urban canopy strong for people's happiness, health, mental health, culture & Indigenous resilience.
Our city is littered with homelessness and Drugs and getting worse thanks to a woke mind virus and 10 plus years of Liberals - you'll chase that tail and continue to play whack a mole. Water is essential and having good roads are critical. Cut the other fluff.
Our city is overrun with urban sprawl and we need to ensure that we have equitable access to services. Transit is my top pick as it will have a great return on making a greener, more accessible city.
Our City needs more policing. I don't safe in this City anymore, especially downtown. Out water infrastructure is in desperate need of repair and future planning. Fire departments also need full staffing and need to be prepared to service new communities

Our city needs the essentials of safety and health covered first. Crime has risen, population has risen, emergency services are essentials that need to be funded and monitored for efficiency at all times. A safe and reliable water supply is essential and has been neglected. I wanted to add a safe road system but I could only pick three. We also need to support small businesses, not by giving them money, but by enabling their operation with easy to follow licensing and regulations.
Our city needs these to function. Some of the others are not life or death
Our City needs to focus on basics.
Our emergency services police and fire are critical to keeping our communities safe
Our infrastructure is in the worst shape in the last 20yrs it is dire repair and more can be done by contracting out more services and cutting back on city employees. This would save alot of money and service would be better. There is to much waste in City of Calgary employees and can be corrected with contracting out many jobs. I see more windshield time then work from them-this is a total waste of our tax payers money, we pay the wage they collect which is very generous for what we get! Now is the time to change this to free up much needed funds, our long time residents are almost taxed out of their own homes, this is not right! We need serious change today not tomorrow, lets take the lead on this and show other city's how it is done. We need leadership at all levels to get things done and the end result would benefit all Calgarians.
Our infrastructure is crumbling.
Our infrastructure is falling apart City growing so fast that fire is spread thin Police should be ticketing people who are doing crimes and driving dangerously on our roads. There is no punishment for doing crimes cause there are no cops to ticket people
Our mean of transportation are not enough. Sustainability should ve address with good transportation, investment for water utilities die to climate change and security to decrease crime
Our municipal government has gotten very off track and needs to stick to the basics before branching out to ideological areas. Our taxes are constantly increasing while the quality of our basic city services are declining and tax dollars are being spent on divisive and frivolous projects. No money should be spent on Climate Change, the solutions presented are expensive and ineffective. Dimming the sun while promoting solar energy should make it clear it is not a serious movement. Stop flying foreign

flags on city property and wasting money on rainbow silliness. We need a massive change of city management, they have forgotten who they work for.
Our parks network makes the city what it is. In future surveys, please separate roads and pathways. We have way too much road as it is, but many pathway investments (renewal/lifecycle/upgrade and new) are needed.
our road ways suck. And the constant water issue is annoying.
Our roads and sidewalks suck. Need to improve our water main system.
Our roads are an embarrasment to our city. Police are needed for high priorities and and short on staff Housing is desparatly necessary as the population has grown so high and everyone needs a place to live.
Our roads are in atrocious shape yet we have an ever increasing number of drivers adding to the deterioration. Police are critical because they are tied to crime safety, and also traffic safety where dangerous driving, excessive speed, and things like hit and runs are now everyday occurrences. Water utilities is a no-brainer in light of the precarious state our infrastructure is in, and all the previous years of negligence.
Our roads are in terrible shape, bike paths too. And water, we'll we know there's a lot to be done there
Our roads are in the worst condition I have ever seen them in 6 decades. Residents should be able to use as much water as they need. Looking for full hours at recreational facilities as they were pre-Covid.
Our roads are not able to keep up with the amount of heavy traffic and volume .with the city growing police and fire also need to keep up with all the expanding communities and service needs
Our roads are terrible. Causing damage to vehicles with the enormous potholes everywhere. Water infrastructure needs to be upgraded and properly maintained. We have paid for this on our bills. Water is a basic service that the city has completely neglected for years. Do better. Planning and development - ruining established SFH by building high density garbage housing in established communities is killing the vibe of our city. The repeal of the blanket rezoning is a good start.

Our roads are the worst I have ever seen! It's like driving in a 3 rd world country. The road conditions have pot holes in every neighborhood. I go out of my way to avoid Deerfoot trail to taking Stony trail when I can even tho it is a further distance. The police are needed more than ever now that our population has grown and crime has increased because of our poor economy and lack of jobs for those who don't fit the profile of foreign worker. The city should make it easier for businesses to thrive instead of bogged down with high fees and taxes etc.
Our safety and the importance of clean water to life
Our safety is important and should not be compromised. The community Centers (such as West Hillhurst) are vital providing pre-school, after school, sports programs, etc.
Our water infrastructure has been neglected as witnessed by bureaucratic incompetence in the past. It must be prioritized
Our water infrastructure is clearly degraded and in need of repairs now and for future, We need more police to keep our streets safe,
Our water infrastructure is crumbling, I don't feel safe in this city anymore, so we need more policing.
Our water infrastructure needs emergency support. I feel emergency response should also be prioritized. Housing crisis is evident in all areas of daily life. It should also be prioritized.
Our water system is terrible get it fixed once and for all. I am tired of their restrictions. Police and fire need to be funded for our safety. A no brainer
Our water systems clearly need lots of work so they can serve Calgary now and for years to come. Housing continues to be a huge issue and there is still not a good supply of affordable houses given stagnant wages and high cost of living. Given the price of gas, having a transit system that can actually replace cars on the road is also crucial.
Our water systm is crap! Without adequate fire and police services this city will continue its errosion further into the cesspool it has become.
Our water utilities are in serious need of repair and attention over the long term, we are in need of housing, and we need to expand the transit network to better connect the city (especially when the newer communities have barely any transit options and the LRT is quite limited in the area it covers)

Parks & Urban Forestry is an investment in the future health of the City and its residents. Without mature trees, biodiversity and greenspace, livability will be severly diminished. Trees need to be considered as infrastructure. They offer cooling and filter stormwater Police because we need enforcement Water utilitites because we need a good source of drinking water
Parks and Urban Forestry- its important for everyone to have acess to spaces that are free to enjoy and are beautiful to see. Buisness Lisencing and Local Economy- This grows prosperity for everyone by circulating wealth. Water Utilities- there needs to be robust water and flood mitigation if Calgary wants to continue growing. If preventative measures are not taken it will cost more when an issue is discovered or worse a disaster experienced.
Parks continue to be neglected in the city, roads are like cow trails or worse and failing poorly. Our police need a decade of support to create a sustainable and apparent presence in the city for community integration and enforcement.
Parks need to be taken care of otherwise the city’s green spaces look like garbage. We need to be able to rely on a water source from the city without restrictions The fire dept is not keeping up with growth especially in the north and south Too many new large buildings with only a single truck to respond in the expanding districts.
Part of what makes Calgary a unique city in North America is it's commitment to developing and maintaining significant amounts of greenspace in the city. Maintaining that uniqueness should be prioritized. Road/pathways/police are necessities for a growing city as without those investments there will be greater potential costs for all other areas (ie a lack of policing leads to more emergency management, pollution, bad business practices)(ex lack of maintaining roads leads to higher housing/transit/community and culture and water utilities)
Pathways and parks are one of Calgary's greatest assets in being a desirable city that attracts residents who contribute to the betterment of the local economy. We also need to address the housing crisis especially by adding gentle density rather than sprawl.
Pavement conditions are poor and need attention to improve and also prevent degradation. Water is an obvious necessity. Fire is critical and needs to keep pace with growth and inflation.

People are desperate for housing. Families are struggling to survive. Housing is an area the city could impact, if any of you gave a [redacted].
People first.
People have to be able to move accross the city. If roads and pathways are not maintained they can't safely get around.
People need a place to live, business property taxes are way too high in Calgary and have driven thousands of businesses to close, safety is prime
People need access to affordable housing, how else are people supposed to care about anything when they are not able to afford rent? Access to housing is a major stress on citizens but also a basic human need for shelter. Transit should be free so everyone has access to be able to work, get to school, doctors appointments etc. Transit access is not equal for all people.
People need housing to be stable to then be able to enjoy recreation or have money to spend at businesses. They need transit to get to work. Some people depend on public transportation to get to work
People need housing, People need to get to work safely.
People need safe, reliable transportation for work, school, and daily life. Public safety is necessary in neighborhoods, downtown, and on transit and for housing Affordability and homelessness affect the whole city. Calgary is not the same anymore, it's getting worse everyday
People need shelter before they can work.
People need to be able to depend on a clean water supply. People need to have access to transportation to get to and from work and school. People need to trust the safety of the roads - NO POTHOLES - and the safety of pathways.
People need to move around, and they need to do it without fear of their own safety.
People's safety is at risk with current status of roads, sidewalks and pathways. The city must make sustainable transportation a priority to allow people to safely move around the city. Walking, biking and transit has been neglected for too long.
Personal safety
Physical safety and water are requirements for everyone's ability to live. Recreation, especially for children, is our investment in quality of life and good citizens.

Planning & Dev includes Housing, and both are important. Every single Calgarian is impacted through Planning, needs to have good staff and good oversight. Bylaw -- All bylaws are only as good as the enforcement of them. There doesn't seem to be enforcement of key areas: ex. I've never seen a bylaw officer on Nose Hill; there are dogs chasing deer and dog mess all over the place. For Development, few inspectors seem to come out to sites, just let applicants send in their info. Poorly built places is the result (watched a building near me; unsafe practices on the roof, gaps in the walls, cement poured without a lot of rebar). Illegal secondary suites advertised on Realtor, nothing happens. Drainage from new construction sites flowing onto the street or neighbour's yard, no enforcement. Parks - usuable by every Calgarian without an admission costs; every community has parks, bike paths are great. Nobody likes to see unmaintained, messy parks.
Planning and development should include housing, roads seem to be lacking maintenance and are in need of repair, clearly our water infastructure is long overdue and with a growing city this is vital. clean, accessible water.
Planning and transit provide the long-term foundation for city success, while emergency management ensures resilience in the case of disaster
Planning is the basis for all further decisions
Planning the city today reflect in the future city of over 2 milion people. Transit is a key objective, trains should be available in every comunity, airport, and furthest communities
Planning, Building & Development is important to create liveable communities. RESPONSIBILY increase housing density w/ affordable housing options - incorporating green spaces and urban forestry - planning is not expensive (ie. pen and paper and vision) - thoughtful design can go a long way to making beautiful, liveable and affordable cities. Water Utilities: We all need water. It's a basic human right. The last series of emergency water main breaks has made it very clear that attention, resources and money MUST be directed here. It does not appear to be 'optional'. Parks & Urban Forestry - This could fit into the 'Planning, Building & Development' section - however I think green spaces are so important for urban living - for mental health, aesthetics, for the animals that live in our urban spaces.
Please see https://pond.canuckduck.ca/node/35840 for a comprehensive report
Police
Police - because issues of crime are ever more complicated and a safe city will thrive. Roads - because our roads are atrocious and full of deep potholes that cause

damage and difficulty getting around. Recreation - we urgently need soccer fieldhouses, I've seen over the past 5yrs increasing difficulty finding space to train and play, and enrollment only continues to grow. The small spaces are causing injuries to older players because they have to play and practice on 1//4 fields.
Police - can we please get greater enforcement of safety related infractions including pedestrian safety Recreation - to support population health across the lifespan, need places to safely be active, both indoor and outdoor Water - what's our plan for climate change
Police - due to safety and crime Water - due to the current situation with the water main breaks. Get this fixed asap Roads - due to the terrible congestion and quality of the roads around the entire city. This is a safety concern
Police - mass immigration has made Canada less safe. Water - incompetent city management for many years necessitates more investment.
Police & Fire are critical services that can never be minimized. The serious influx of unwelcomed behaviour by new people (gangs etc.) whether it is shootings, drugs, fire, extortion etc. must be dealt with in a manner that mitigates repeated unwanted behaviour. As for roadways, the city's burgeoning growth demands that roadways keep up with the heavy usage demand. The city's population has increased significantly resulting in much heavier vehicular traffic resulting in heavy wear and tear on roadways.
Police ,transit and roads are vital
Police and bylaw ensure safety. Roads and pathways ensure access.
Police and fire are 100% essential services. Calgary is so big now (uncontrolled immigration) and these need to be a priority to keep everyone safe. We know what we are going through due to the water issues so this needs to be fixed.
Police and Fire are a given. Very important. I originally chose water services due to all the water main problems in the past few years, but changed to Emergency Management for top 3, as I feel it encompasses those major situations in water, plus any other crisis.
Police and fire are core servicing all cities should and do provide and water is critical to sustain life.

Police and fire are critical services - without these people are not safe. I chose planning, building and development because I feel this touches many other areas within the city - and is currently poorly managed. The city is very unhelpful when it comes to projects I can speak from experience both commercially and personally. Commercially we recently put 2 bathrooms into a newer (2020) existing building, and it has cost $85K and 4 months because of unhelpful city regulations, inspections and lack of clarity --- this has to change in order for the city to prosper. People who can invest wont if it is so difficult. With what we know now we would have never built this building.
Police and fire are critical to maintaining our city and the safety of citizens. These are non-negotiables. Because we have ignored our water system for so long, this has to be a priority, as this will save money in the long term
Police and fire are non negotiable. Roads are getting to the point of being impassable and dangerous.
Police and Fire are protective services. They are essential for maintaining the safety of or ever growing urban area. Water utilities are essential. It is apparent that the city needs to bring more focus to bear on its infrastructure deficits. Failures in the water infrastructure systems cannot be allowed to continue. The City should be focusing on maintaining the safety and security of its citizens, AND its infrastructure assets. A great deal has been spent on building the existing infrastructure and it would be irresonsible to allow it to continue to deteriorate.
Police and fire are safety and maintain community order. Roads (I could eliminate pathways) are essential to police and fire to get to destinations along w ambulances or people to get medical help or get to work, care for family, etc.
Police and fire are the backbone of safe living in our city and vastly underfunded. And the only way to increase our city's financial situation for the future is through the local economy and business.
Police and fire are there to protect and police, at least, are currently stretched to provide care that other services refuse to respond to — for example requests to deal with animal welfare issues. As for roads, many roads are showing serious deterioration.
Police and Fire are very fundamental safety requirements and must be funded with initiatives for both the short and long term. Road systems have been degrading significantly for many years. The more our roads

deteriorate, the more money the city wastes on pot hole repairs instead of long term roadways. This must change.
Police and fire are vital for community safety, parks are open to all and vital for activity
Police and fire departments are connected to the safety of our residents, and have lagged behind for years, in my opinion, in terms of having enough staff to support our growing communities. Transit is extremely important for people to be able to get to work and where they need to go. Functional transit across all communities should be a priority (as in, using the budget to make sure transit exists in a way that actually moves people, not spending millions on making lrt stations look attractive).
Police and Fire departments are essential services. The city has done a very poor job in the past of ensuring the city has a safe, adequate water supply.
Police and fire for safety Water a necessity.
Police and fire keep us safe and protect our communities. Roads are essential for a city to function.
Police and fire keep us safe and water keeps us clean and hydrated. Our water utilities must be repaired and then maintained.
Police and fire must be fully funded for safety. Water is a very basic need that must be reliable
Police and Fire obviously plus Emergency Management as we will have issues that require an urgent need and this department will be needed to coordinate/ protect the city as a whole. We cannot short these departments for $$. Now we can save in these areas with some technology help but humans are needed for people interaction. IT can help with software , guidance and data collection . This reduces stress on personnel, allows analysis afterwards, can assists with map directions, etc. Software can duplicate information and collaboration between various departments.
Police and fire protect our citizens in emergencies - I'd like to see fast response times from CPS and ensure emergency responders are compensated for their work. Water utilities remain forefront, I imagine, given the unfortunate circumstances we find ourselves in in 2026.
Police and fire services are critically essential to every aspect of Calgarians' lives and we need to ensure funding and support meet their needs. Transit is a necessity for Calgarians who require safe, reliable, timely, affordable transportation to get themselves where they need to go.

Police and Fire services should always be top of mind in a growing city. Our water system, including the insane amount of leakage that has been ignored, needs to be brought up to standard before imposing Orwellian controls on citizens. Watering schedules sure but nobody and I mean nobody should have any power to shut citizens water off if their bill is paid.
Police and fire should be amalgamated under Emergency Management and are truly critical. Roads and Pathways are very important to get around without wrecking our vehicles. Presently NOT good! The City should STOP spending on ridiculous changes to roadways like was done on 24th Ave NW west of 14 Street. Water is critical to all city requirements, fire being one of great emergency need.
Police and Roads have to do with safety. Parks are important for beauty, wildlife and the environment.
Police are an essential service & if there's not enough police officers to ensure people enforce the laws (speeding) people get killed & cause accidents. Water is essential too. 311 is essential since the public can count on tier 2 to police to enforce by-laws.
Police are necessary for maintaining safety and well-being of Calgarians. The same is true for emergency services. Roads need to be maintained and repaired properly.
Police are severely understaffed, many units and lines are not full. Transit could be fabulous if it felt like a safer option and didn't take forever to get from one end of the city to another. I feel like the water infrastructure one is fairly obvious this year. No shade on that, just it needs to get done so it's fair that money be diverted that way.
Police are underfunded to maintain public safety. Water utilities are a weak spot given recent major unplanned outages. Fire safety is always a top priority.
Police because we need to be safe. Water utilities because it should be secure and everyone needs it. Roads and pathways for safe driving and walking.
Police because we need to have those people to call and deal with failed federal catch and release policys. Water is essential for everyone to live. Roads are something we use every day need them to be in good shape
Police for civilization, Water for life, Parks & Urban Forestry for life and sanity.

Police for everyone's safety. Transit so citizens can get around. Emergency Management for everyone in cases of emergencies.
Police for managing the great influx of residents. Water utilities based on recent emergency repairs/replacements. Planning,... housing & construction has exceeded need. Blanket Rezoning approved vicariously & irresponsibly without proper study and community feedback.
Police for public safety which has been a big problem and growing. Water utilities which is fundamental to human life assuming this is related to water infrastructure and supply of water . businesses for the growth and health of Calgary's economy.
Police have been defunded for many years which has lead us to being a lawless City. Residents are afraid to use transit or walk around downtown, speeding on our streets is completely unregulated due to a shortage of officers to patrol, shootings, stabbing and murders are a daily occurrence in many areas of the city etc. The City and province have laws that forbid vehicle owners from modifying their vehicle mufflers or driving mufflers without mufflers on the vehicle at all but due to a shortage of officers, this law is never enforced resulting in our City being one of the noisiest in the country with residents being awoken at all hours of the evening. Calgary now has residents/visitors walking around threatening residents with violence if they don't hand over their savings and cash, all do to CALGARY BEING LOOKED AT AS A LAWLESS CITY WHERE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ACCEPTABLE.
Police is important for the city/citizens security. Fire department for the same reason. The roads are strictly under City administration. We pay extra for the water, that shouldn't be a problem. For the garbage we had a 360% increase since Nenshi, I guess that should be enough to cover it for the next 100 years.
Police is self explanatory; we need a safe place to live. Water is the most critical element to maintain considered what has happened in the last two years. Maintaining our roads is also a critical component of our daily lives.
Police keep us safe, water is required, recreational opportunities like soccer and other sports are vital to our children
Police provide residents with safety, our roadways at the present time are a disgrace especially Deerfoot - the whole thing needs repaving, and we don't need any more major water pipe issues - need to be proactive.
Police provide security to all persons unbiased & cover multiple events & occasions. They also maintain safety of our roads leading to many lives saved. Fire services are the only services between life and death of people in the city in case of fire or natural disasters. Emergency services are required for all other requirements and does a great deal in

the health & well being of the city. Besides none of these 3 services are over staffed. They are either tightly or under staffed so the work-life of the people serving these areas requires to be compensated adequately.
police to control extortions.
Police to keep residents safe (add on a Social Services component for de-escalations; add on addictions and crisis workers) Housing for the unhoused Transit to connect communities and help people get to jobs, schools, and visitors to get around.
Police to pull people over for dangerous driving. I literally saw a guy driving that appeared drunk weaving in an out of lanes in front of police who did nothing.
Police, fire and our very old Water utilities have to be budgeted and paid for by government, Without these 3 at the top of importance, the rest do not mater and will not exist without police, fire services and lots of water.
Police, fire and water are required. Bike lanes, climate change are not!
Police, Fire are non-negotiables. Unfortunately due to the water mismanagement water utilities now needs to fall in the top 3.
Police, fire departments and emergency services are of utmost importance in keeping people safe and healthy
Police, fire ems should not even be questioned especially with the rise in crimes.. water is a life necessity.. however roads & pathways are also a requirement as well as safe transit.
Police, Fire, and local roads are all essential services provided by, and best managed by, the city.
Police, Fire, utilities, waste, roads, & parks are core municipal services. Everything else is secondary. Always.
Police, for everyone’s safety Fire for those people in a serious situation Water utilities because it is the basis of life [Redacted]

Police, obviously for on going increases with overall safety concerns in the city. Recreation, as we a rapidly growing city, and not enough safe places for kids, youth and families to participate in healthy lifestyles. Calgary is dangerously close to running out of room at all its soccer facilities, putting the future of thousands of young players at risk. There's an urgent need for facilities, without new fieldhouses supported by a solid funding plan, we risk turning families away next season due to a lack of space.
Police/fire/EMS and roads should always be a priority.
Police: fund the police better to prevent the extremely high amount of disorder and crime that city management has allowed to run amok. Roads: fund pot hole repair and snow clearing properly instead of treating cars as unnecessary - crosswalk signage: fund flashing lights for ALL crosswalks to stop cars from hitting people Water utilities: water leakage: pay to find and repair all water leaks. Stop wasting 20% of Calgary's water.
Police…because we never have enough police with so much crime that keeps going up 2 housing.. there is not enough adorable housing Rent keeps going up and not down 3community and culture… there are many calgarians engage in community associations and to keep things new and informative is very important !!!
Policing as the increase in immigration results in increased nefarious and major crime in the city. Water Utilities as this has never been addressed previously. Fire as the population increases and developers use cheap quality materials to build buildings, fire safety decreases.
Policing is very urgent in todays society, water utilities must get the water system fixed long term and planning dictates future growth of the city
Policing most importantly protects citizens from crime and helps us live better lives. Specifically, Policing must penalize drivers for speeding especially on Stoney Trail. Fire fighting ensures housing survives the ravages of fire. Ambulance services provide benefits to our health and longevity. Business and Economy focus generates taxes that pay for City development and services.
Policing must be a priority with the growth of this city and the social disorder we see everyday. Roads need to be kept up. The amount of potholes in the city are growing everyday and infrastructure is not keeping up with growth.

Water utilities are important - as its been ignored by past city cousels and we are suffering because of it.
Policing needs have changed with the growth of the City. Water utilities have been neglected for some time and we are paying that price now so let's get it fixed. Planning for the development of the city needs to take into account the views of residents on the kind of city we want to grow or not, and how growth affects the investment that citizens have made in their communities.
Policing services are essential in a city where population is growing. Maintaining our parks is critical for mental health and wellbeing and roads/pathways need to be prioritized.
Poor city planning has resulted in housing issues, water issues, crime etc, time to get back to basics and work on areas in the city's control Unmanaged water and waste water pipelines have turned into a ticking time bomb and need to be properly addressed City is becoming unsafe, particularly in the downtown area
Pot holes everywhere due to neglect. Old throughfares are being patched multiple times adding to the disrepair ie 36 Street NE
Practical concerns speak for themselves; i feel like transit improvements are desperately needed in this city in order to give people lower cost options for getting around during difficult financial times, and to make a reduced-car lifestyle (which lowers burden on infrastructure and the environment) more viable than it currently is. parks and urban forestry are essential for the physical and mental wellbeing of those living in heavy urban centers.
Pretty obvious they are the most important to maintain.
Previous city councils have neglected their core responsibilities for fringe areas and now we pay for their pet projects distraction. Get the core city responsibilities right before you can consider the fringe areas. The people kicked them out due to this lack of attention to our primary needs.
Primary services
Priorities should be safety, lowering taxes, businesses thriving.
Prioritize needs over wants/ nice to have
Prioritizing these collective choices ensures that our shared environment remains supportive and resilient. When we commit to actions that favor the common good, we strengthen the social fabric that connects us all.

Priority for the city should be the preservation of life - hence fire, police and water utilities. The rest are nice to haves if there is extra money available.
Private vehicles are the least efficient way for a large population to move around. We need to shift focus away from cars, and the best way to do that is to fund transit and STOP building roads we can't afford to maintain.
Properties still support economy and public safety
Property tax alone equates to 1.5 months of my income after tax, plus pet licensing, garbage disposal, bus fees, and sports fees; but I feel like my tax money does not serve me well as a middle-income Calgarian. I find that roads, lights, and signs are marginal and in desperate need of updates to prevent life-threatening accidents. I feel scared every time to be forced into a left turn onto three oncoming lanes with no left green light. On Deerfoot, traffic is bad every day and it feels like you have to fight with other cars to get off the highway, especially in weaving lanes. With City growth, how is road planning accounting for more cars? Public transit is critical for a growing city, yet people avoid it because they feel unsafe around unhoused individuals yelling or under the influence. Bus schedules are also unreliable. I repeatedly tried to take Bus No. 10 from downtown to my house, and about 90% of the time it did not come on schedule or at all. Needs improvements.
Protects the safety and security of residents.
Provide adequate and affordable recreational facilities for all calgarians, notably soccer, which is lacking in Calgary
providing a good reliable public transportation system is important in any major metropolitan city to provide viable option to people who do not or do not wish to drive a vehicle. Citizens are dependent on a functioning, reliable water and waste water system. Continually educating the public on how to reduce water consumption is also important. Responding to fires is critical to maintaining infrastructure within the city .
Providing critical services such as reliable water and waste & recycling should be the most basic mandate of any city. (I think that the City should continue to have a private company, such as Enmax, manage its water distribution and billing, rather than to create another government bureaucracy to do so, which might confuse its mandate to provide water with promoting "fairness.") It is also important to focus resources on Police to ensure that the City remains safe, especially on Transit. Police must also be given resources to deal with extra-judicial killings (where, for example, members of communities such as Sikhs are being targeted by Indian interests outside of Canada).

Public health and safety are critical and need to be maintained. Public recreation is important for mental health and social connections
Public safety
Public safety is the highest need and public parks are amongst the highest social needs.
Public safety is very important
Public safety services (I.e. fire, police) are critical for a city of this size. Maintaining adequate funding to these services keeps the community safe, as well as the first responders we rely on to do the work. The city is growing so fast and we need to keep up with funding these services; Calgarians need to trust that fire and police will show up on time, with the right equipment, no matter where someone lives in the city. The cost of housing in Calgary has come down slightly, but it remains unaffordable for many Calgarians. There needs to be continued investment from the city to support the development of affordable family homes.
Public transit affects me the most personally and ensuring Calgarians have access to clean drinking water and emotional help services should be a priority.
Public transit serves as the backbone of a functioning and equitable society by ensuring every person has the ability to travel between their home, work, and other needs. Without this, we cannot guarantee a productive population and become at risk of falling into dangerous feedback loops.
Public, non-profit or social housing has been neglected for years. Likewise roadways and water services. Maintain infrastructure into which we have already invested.
quality of life - parks (free access un-programed space is important to densely built-out communities with higher ratio of apartment / condo form housing & infill with little amenity space: without safety/ enforcement people will not spend time out and about..my 4th would be bylaw (if they would enforce)
Quality of life attracts and retains people and that is an incentive for business to invest and establish in Calgary. This is a long game.
Quality of life in Calgary depends heavily on these three items.
Quality of life is what I value most as a resident. It is good to have a road but if it doesn't go anywhere the bus or my car will take me of value what is the value of the road.
Quality of life is what separates a good city and a great one. Once the parks are gone, they are gone for good!

Please rework the Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan to include more park/natural area on the north side where it's actually used!
Quality of Life most important.
Quality of life.
Quality of life. I know that Utilities, Fire, Police all run fat and could be managed more effectively and they should be asked to do so. The easy option is always to always short the clear quality of life spending.
Quick response by police and fire are essential to the safety of the city. Roads and pathways need constant maintenance for both safety and convenience.
rapidly growing city so affordable housing through fast, appropriate development permits for encouraging multi-use buildings must be a priority. Water, Roads are critical infrastructure for the city on a daily basis.
Recent events have shown poor, inefficient management systems for emergencies.
Recent experience with water restrictions. Police and fire services can respond to unexpected and ongoing challenges regarding safety.
Recent water main breaks have highlighted the age and condition of our water distribution system. This fundamental service needs to be strengthened to ensure that it will remain reliable before further large scale development and housing construction can be completed
Recreation + sports especially for kids so they won't spend too much time in gaming/TV (less screen time). Encourage in-person communication, discipline + healthy living. Transit - to encourage people to commute especially in times like now when gas is expensive
Recreation = cornerstone for healthy and vibrant communities Water = we need it to live Police = we need to be safe
Recreation can wait; focus on core safety and survival
recreation has been underfunded and we now face a shortfall in facilities for our youth and residents to form community around sport. Transit will help people to utilize spaces and to ensure employment mobility. Lastly, we continue to grow, Planning, Building, & Dev capture multiple areas and should also allow us to focus on utilities in that space

Recreation in Calgary is limited in certain areas, roads are in poor shape and really need attending to before more cars are write off from potholes and uneven surfaces. Water because all of our mains keep bursting every year since 2024.
Recreation is not just about physical well being - it's about all pillars of wellness. It's prevention - in every sense of the word. Prevents crime, prevents illness, prevents mental health concerns - and so many more. Police - the City is growing at very fast rates, we need more essential services to support the communities. Roads and Pathways are how everyone is accessing all of the services and moving about their life.
Recreation is very important as that help our kids to develop skills and practice sport which contribute in helping them to have a healthy life and mind so that they will be our future city and communities.
Recreation is very important for all demographics for a healthy society. Recreational opportunities weathe it be indoors or outdoors supports positive outcomes for physical & mental health. A healthy society benefits all as positive self esteem could possibly be a deterrent for negative behaviours, such as criminal behaviours & potentially avoiding addictions. Outdoor Recreational opportunities were very important during COVID as witnessed by the number of bicycles purchased & utilized at that time. Parks & Urban Forestry would tie in with recreation & positive physical & mental health outcomes. Roads & pathways- pathways are important as a continuum of parks & urban forestry & to encourage Calgarians to get healthy & stay healthy.
Recreation needs to be a priority in this budget. We haven’t made enough investment over the years while we have invested in things like Green Line & transit service, which I also value but it’s rec’s turn. Of course, the water utility is going to need money but that can’t be an excuse to not fund Game Plan
Recreation, fire services, and police services are foundational to a safe, healthy, and resilient city. When difficult budget tradeoffs are required, prioritizing these areas ensures we are protecting both immediate safety and long-term community well-being. Fire and police services are essential public safety functions. They provide rapid emergency response, protect lives and property, and maintain public confidence. Underfunding these areas carries immediate and visible risks. Recreation (Sport Facilities & programs) is equally important, though its impact is often longer-term and preventative. Access to affordable sport and recreation opportunities supports physical and mental health, reduces social isolation, and contributes to safer communities. Strong recreation systems can help reduce

pressure on emergency and social services over time by addressing root causes linked to inactivity, youth disengagement, and community fragmentation.
Recreation: make activities available for all communities, especially for kids to promote active and healthy lifestyles and hobbies. Police: fund for more officers and staff to address growing crime, harassment, and unease for residents. Business and residents in the inner city and on lrt routes need to feel safe to live and operate businesses that serve the public. Crime shouldn't be accepted. Roads & pathways: encourage biking, walking on pathways for health and transportation, and maintain good road surfaces and signage for safe transport. Our city lacks the deeply connected transit systems of other large cities, which is why roadways are essential for people and businesses. They must be maintained and be kept safe especially with the number of pedestrians killed the past 2 years.
Recreational facilities in the SW communities near Vermillion Hill and Alpine Park are non existent. Urban forestry in new communities is a near impossible feat with the way houses are being built so close to each other, which is super sad because we see very less canopy trees on the streets in Vermillion Hill. We need more trees, parks, and pathways. Older communities have so much for so little homes, the new ones pay a lot of property taxes and we have double the homes in the same area, meaning we're getting even less bang for our buck. Transit makes communities and cities grow. We need a train line on the deep SW connecting to NW. We need Europe style transit friendly city in the long term, two or three lines of train routes us not enough for city like Calgary that's growing rapidly.
Reducing property tax and winter road conditions. Cost of living too expensive with no raise in work wages . Affordablity too hard with unemployment and rising energy prices
Reference to municipal act and the core responsibilities attributed to the city.
Regardless of how we feel, there we be very little attention paid. Calgary has a bloated, self serving dictatorial bureaucracy that "decides" and then taxes us further. But the condition of our city infrastructure and the policing levels must be forefront.

Reliable water service is a non negotiable. We must invest whatever is necessary to ensure this.
Removing inefficiencies within city is important. We feel that city overheads are too high and putting extra burden on Calgarians.
Replace all corroded water pipe. Clean up downtown lawless area.
required for safe opperations of the city
Residents need access to safe water; not be at the mercy of city administrators that prioritize unnecessary spending instead of maintaining infrastructure. Police and Fire are necessary for the safety and well-being of citizens. If the Police service was properly funded and more enforcement on speeding in this city there would be no need to increase property taxes. The fines from speeding would more than fund the police service and serveral other budget items as well.
Residents need to have safe reliable infrastructure.
Right now the city needs to get more police out onto the streets clean up the vagrants, thieves, and criminals, and putting budget into this would help hugely, city also needs to go through and review their bylaw officers as some of them have become extremely negligent in their jobs, almost to the point of absolute sadness. And we need to fix the water so that we can stop having all thes restrictions.
Risk should be prioritized. If Emergency and critical facilities are at high risk, these should take priority
Road and pathways
Road and water service/ infrastructure has been badly managed and neglected. Transit is not readily accessible in new and other under serviced areas.
Road quality is abysmal. Pot holes, etc. violent crime is increasing with gangs proliferating Water system has been ignored for years and is now failing
Roads & Pathways - Make commuting in calgary easier and less traffic. Recreation - More facilities spread across Calgary. Would like to see more beach volleball courts, pickleball courts across West and NW Calgary. Transit - Expand the trains so they go more and farther. Make utilties more afforable for people, make Calgary somewhere people want to move to.

Roads & pathways benefit much of the city and population. Housing is an important necessity that benefits a majority but as well, those who are not as well housed. Transit benefits those who rely on this mode of transportation and might minimize cars on the road.
Roads & Pathways so commuting for workers is without delays and comfortable. Police is a priority, need a safe city and appropriate funding. Business Licensing & Local Economy to ensure we are still growing and can get more opportunities thus more budget through increased funds.
Roads & Pathways: We're experiencing a pedestrian safety crisis, plus unacceptable levels of cyclist injuries and deaths; this necessitates urgent and comprehensive infrastructure improvements to increase safety through things like road crossing design, more marked crossings and crossing signals, and wheeling lanes. Plus, cycling is an affordable choice for individuals, and also the city as a whole because it reduces wear and tear on roads and safety impacts on other road users, so we should be encouraging people by making it safer. Transit: Transit is already underfunded, with fares too high and service too infrequent. It needs more investment, not less. This is especially true in light of the high cost of living and corresponding need for affordable means of transportation. Parks & Urban Forestry: Summers are getting hotter and people need shade and cool places to spend time.
Roads and parks should also be a priority. Silly that essential services like water, fire and emergency are even questioned not priority alongside community and culture. You have no culture draw if we dont have water or roads. We are known for our green spaces...so that should also be top priority...perhaps no raise for city hall while your city is suffering? Not hard choice I don't think when the people dont get raises as well
Roads and pathways are essential in a big city, we cannot live without clean functional city water, which also means canceling the flouride and we all know we have a housing crisis
Roads and pathways are the arteries of our city, keep them 100%. We all, drive, take transit, walk, cycle. Add more pathways for runners snd cyclist, to safety commute to places. bylaws are important to maintain order. Police is needed as a support safety and regain the freedom to enjoy all corners of our city

Roads and pathways being maintained is crucial to reducing motor incidents. Poor road conditions routinely cause damage to cars that can either cause immediate issues/incidents, or sustained damage cause by roads can cause detriation of car reliability, especially to low income individuals, which can also cause accidents. Maintaining safe roads and pedestrian pathways is essential to ensuring calgarians can have consistent access to employment, which serves to revitalize Calgary's local economy. Fire and other emergency services can not be overstated in importance. It is vital to all people to have consistent access to emergency services which is only possible if emergency operators to have access to the funding and tools they need to do their jobs. Housing is similarly essential to maintaining both employment and individual health and safety. In the midst of a housing crisis we cannot neglect this essential infrastructure nor can we let landlords exploit their properties/renters
Roads and pathways can survive in the short term with lower cost repairs (within reason). Same goes for the parks. And I very much enjoy our parks in Calgary. We however, need our garbage removed, water at our taps and transportation for people to move around. This includes ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and continuous investment into new infrastructure as the city grows.
Roads are among the worst I have seen in any city. Traffic light timing, so vehicles can travel near speed limits and limiting stop-and-go traffic, is also horrific. YYC again, has the worst standard of coordinated traffic light systems in any city I have driven in.
Roads are critical and can't fall further behind. Recreational facilities are lagging most major NA cities especially for soccer pitch availability. Police are underfunded and its no longer safe for my kids to go downtown on transit with their nanny. These three items make me want to leave the city after 42 years if they keep getting worse.
Roads are currently poorly designed and maintained. Deerfoot is decades behind in needed expansion and inner city neighborhoods like Currie Baracks have intersections only a single lane wide causing massive backups during peak school hours as all drivers have to wait for someone to make a left turn rather than being able to slip by and make a right turn while cars are waiting to make left turns. The arrow width also does t account for winter conditions (snow piles and ice), further making collisions more likely. As density increases, this will only worsen. The Richardson Way and 37St SW intersection is also poorly designed for the volume of traffic from MRU and residents. The dual turn lane traffic light is too short to clear all cars in one cycle causing cars to back up into the upstream intersection and making impatient drivers drive dangerously.

Roads are deteriorating, water mains are also at a tipping point. People will always need communities and they must be as close to them as possible.
Roads are important, waste and recycle is mandatory and police keep communities safe
Roads are in bad shape. Emergency services and water are always important.
Roads are in terrible condition across the city. And we are incredibly short of recreation space like pools.
Roads are so important. Planning and development has such an impact. Police and safety
roads are terrible and dangerous to drive on - number one priority for me. Police are important due to too many people living in Calgary now. no more new housing until we have the infrastructure to support it
Roads are terrible in the City for the taxes we pay full of pot holes everywhere City facilities for sports are lacking, require more indoor fields for the amount of winter we have Water facilities and pipes need upgrades
Roads are terrible. Downtown core is not safe. Communities need investment: dog parks, pathways, playgrounds, gardens, ERADICATING GROUND SQUIRRELS FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
Roads exist, even if in bad conditions, so okay on tradeoff. Emergency should hopefully be mitigated by existing Water work. Long term investment into Culture and Social is needed, but is chronically overlooked and bypassed by new political councillors intent on 'saving money' at the cost of the future - kicking problems down the years and firing administration as scapegoats.
Roads in Calgary r in bad shape, water main need to be dealt with so there r no more big water main breaks, emergency services r important for all Calgarians.
Roads need infrastructure improvements to accommodate for increase population. Transit needs more drivers for charter rides for disabled people enabling more accesssibility. LRT to Mount Royal university should also be considered or a bus that will take you straight to Mount Royal from University or Calgary Station. Planning and developement should consider AI taking most jobs and transition to a decentralised dividend/sovereign wealth fund post labor economics and society as mentioned by [redacted] framework and [redacted] has interviews with an Alberta Tech Leader [redacted] and UBI works.

Roads need to be cleared better in the winter, beyond the main roads. It's great the main roads are done, but we still need to get out of our communities. It appears that there is no budget for repairing broken sidewalks. If you want people to use transit, make it easier for them to get there. Furthermore, walking to any bus stop in the winter is dangerous with all the snow and ice! Water utilities is a given after what has the happened the last couple of years. Get it done now and properly and let's move on. Policing needs to be given bigger priority with budgeting for prevention and community engagement in the communities and not just crime response.
Roads need to be maintained for Calgarians to enjoy this City. Businesses need to be able to move reliably around the city to provide the services people need and want. Fire and Police also rely on a good network of infrastructure to provide safe and efficient protection. law and order is a pillar of a community and we should work to maintain and improve for all residents.
Roads, Calgary roads are horrendous for potholes, and winter roads due to lack of enough plowing. Also, snow should be removed not piled up creating hazardous conditions for walkers. Our water infrastructure is ageing and breaking down. It must be our #1priority. Emergency management speaks for itself. In disaster situations we need funds to deal with potential disasters. We also need to be proactive on building codes because our weather is becoming more severe with high winds that potentially lift roofs etc. Also building materials for home need to be fire proof as nd high wind proof.
Roads-this city was planned in ways that require roads. Not going to change that without very very expensive infrastructure changes. Water-need water to survive. Police-we are moving away from self control so we need to be policed better.
Safe sustainable infrastructure water and roads and Fire departments ability to service the large city is critical to all Calgarians. Roads are in terrible water system is failing and fire departments are under budgeted. Too much is spent on policing and autocracy.
Safe and affordable housing, recreation and water will ensure happiness factors increased
Safe drinking water, safe streets and fire services are big for communities.
Safe, reliable drinking water should be a primary human right. We have placed wheels in motion for housing, on the assumption that work will continue, I'd like to see focus on recreation to encompass equity deserving communities. Transit is a service that benefits the many and I believe housing will follow.
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safety (police, fire), water, and roads are core municipal responsibilities. The rest can be pruned
Safety an clean drinking water are the absolute priority
Safety and back to basics - water
Safety and economic health are the two most important elements that make a city livable.
Safety and fiscal management should be top priority always. Everything else is just gravy when money is tight. Water is also a top priority and we could have saved way more by not implementing fluoride and the infrastructure needed for that. What a waste.
Safety and help in emergencies. Need clean, sustainable water to live.
Safety and reliable water source are key to life. Most others are nice to haves.
Safety and security and water required to live
Safety and security are core City responsibilities, and reliable water service is essential. These services protect public health, support daily life, and ensure the City can function—failures here have immediate and serious consequences, making them non-negotiable priorities.
Safety and security is important
Safety and sustainability are the most important point for any city. Good roads are important for everyone.
Safety and the change in culture to set the path for the future generations to live in the best city in the world.
Safety and transit are what the majority of calgarians value for daily activities.

Safety and water are essential
Safety first above all.
Safety first Community is strong with when there is a place to do activities Water infrastructure needs to be maintained
Safety first. If we are not safe, what is the meaning of any other services that city provide? Similarly Housing is the basic need of everyone. Finally, Planning, Building and Development is also very important to sustain.
Safety first. Keep the bad guys away from the good people and business owners.
safety for all citizens
Safety for all.
Safety for Calgarians and ability to commute
Safety for the entire city is contingent on those services.
Safety is always a priority in a large city like ours. We have to invest in our roads as they are falling apart. We are falling behind in offering recreation facilities like pools and ice rinks to our growing population. It is also an investment in the health and safety of our citizens.
Safety is important.
Safety is most important no matter the price. Recreation keeps people healthy which is also very important.
Safety is the number one concert.
Safety is the number one priority for my community. Fire and police are critical services we need to protect.
Safety is very important. A strong police and fire are critical. This winter the roads were not maintained well. I got stuck in the deep snow and slid down icy hills several times and I have winter tires. The corners at sidewalks were not cleared for pedestrians to safely cross.
Safety of citizens utmost importance.
Safety of our citizens is the most important issue, followed by safe water for firefighters and drinking.

Safety of our people & water
Safety of residents.
Safety of the citizens, especially in downtown area, and aging infrastructure must be addressed.
Safety provided by the Police is paramount. Without a safe and continuous supply of clean water, the City will not be fit for habitation. Planning and Development will provide "Rules of the Game" as Calgary prepares to enter the 2nd Trimester of the 21st Century.
Safety, economy and basic needs come first. Other things like culture and bike lanes should be optional under surplus conditions.
Safety, healthy living conditions are important to my family and myself
Safety, public transportation, and recreation are critical.
Safety, roads have been let go and need repair especially McLeod trail, and stable water
Safety. Having a city we can easily move around in.
Saving life and limb are critical - must haves.
Securing our water facilities is a no brainer. No water-no life! With climate change and expansion of the city, focusing on parks and urban forestry (and bike path/alternative transportation) will hopefully help mitigate the anticipated (and already present) challenges (heat, pollution, flooding, etc) while providing spaces for Calgarians to escape too and reconnect with nature and supporting wildlife and biodiversity. Regarding recreation: we are out of space and Calgary is dangerously close to running out of room at all its soccer facilities, putting the future of thousands of young players at risk. There's an urgent need for facilities, without new fieldhouses supported by a solid funding plan, we risk turning families away next season due to a lack of space.
Security and safety are important to the viability of our community. Roads are in extremely bad shape and need more than simple repairs.
Security and well being
Selected priorities fit with my desire for a livable city with a responsible administration to manage those amenities.
Services downtown - downtown has been feeling rather unsafe lately especially on transit.

Services should be designed to be equitable across all Calgarians, to limit Urban sprawl to promote public transit. Police spending should be held stable. Focus should be upon livable. Low-cost housing with an increased focus upon walking and cycling
Services that make a livable city should be prioritized. Focus should be on transit, safe pedestrian and cycling network, and great parks. Water utilities infrastructure should be paid for new new development, which hasn't covered its fair share in the past.
Serving protecting and engaged with community
Several roads have potholes lately. Emergency management should always be on top priority and lastly I believe that transit and building the green line is a high priority for accessibility and tourism
Shelter and water services are essential and necessary to the wellbeing of the overall community, and therefore are in my top 3 services selected. Responding and fast acting during an emergency is also important to the everyday Calgarian to mitigate as much disruption to the lives of our society.
Significant quality of life improvements for relatively low cost
Simple really, critical infrastructure, safety and intelligent fiscal management go further than the other choices
Simple, they’re the most daily,weekly, yearly issues in the city all the time
Small businesses are the backbone in growth, employment and taxes. We need roads maintained and not bike lanes. We need single housing not large apartment [redacted] with limited parking and no privacy.
Small businesses are the foundational building blocks of a community. Without supporting small business and making it easier to do business, our economy will further weaken. We need to support our local business partners.
Soccer facilities are at their max, putting the future of many young players at risk. There’s an urgent need for facilities, without new fieldhouses supported by a solid funding plan, we risk turning families away next season due to a lack of space. This is a very popular sport in the city. City should be prioritizing the health of young citizens through recreation. Water access is fairly obvious. We need to repair the system before growing our city anymore.
Soccer fields
Soccer fields!

Soccer is very important for the youth of the city.
Social disorder affects so many facets of our city - transit use, safety walking in our communities, willingness to utilize/engage in downtown resources Police are an integral part of monitoring and enforcement - resourcing the department affects/benefits every Citizen Fire - resourcing this department affects/benefits every Calgarian
Social housing has been neglected for too long. Existing roadways urgently require maintenance: pathways and new roads not so much. Improving transit and reducing transit fares would serve Calgarians most equitably.
Soft on crime policies have resulted in increased gang crime in Calgary. Fire response is essential too. Water has been an ongoing concern.
Some of the city roads are horrendous and need attention. Water utilities are important for providing water services to residents. I moved here because of the sense of the small town community vibe and that needs to continue. Community events are vital for creating connectivity.
Some of these services I interact with in my day to day, as well as can see others who interact with these services alot. If these services aren't maintained, it will make lives difficult.
Some services are essential, and would suggest that statistics can help decide areas that are neglected versus over burdened. Creating Parks and Recreation spaces that people can use for free is essential to our mental health.
Speeding, pedestrian accidents and downtown social degradation underlay the need for more policing and or safety measures. Water utilities will undoubtedly increase our property taxes but it’s a no brainer to come to the realization that ongoing improvements must be made, regardless of the cost. There is always room for tools to increase public awareness but I truly don’t believe that anyone is listening so maybe it’s time to restrict unfettered public access to city pools , rinks and such that contribute to our water consumption. Maybe then and only then will citizens take notice and bring better practises into their homes. Multiple roads are in really poor shape and with the increase in car insurance policies , especially here in Alberta, the city should be considering their ability to curtail.
Spend money on the most important things that Calgarians need. Primary services and infrastructure. Cut the fluff out.
Spurring the local economy means jobs and vibrancy. Planning and development have far reaching implications for neighbourhoods -- the right building and the wrong building both last a long time. Community and culture define Calgary.

Stick to fundamental municipal roles - infrastructure, roads, utilities, police, fire
Stick to the basic services and reduce spending.
Stick to the basics
Stick to the basics ie infrastructure and forget about all the vanity projects. Scrap all the wasteful expense on climate change drama.
Stick to the basics.
Stick to the basics.
Stick to the basics. Find ways to become more efficient.
Stick to the business of the city not pet projects or social projects
Stick to your knitting! I've seen, to my dismay, the city involving in areas of federal and provincial jurisdiction. Fix the potholes, maintain the roads properly and start paying more attention to infrastructure. Live within your mean! Cut expenditures, stop wasting money on vanity projects such as a pathway between Calgary and communities outside of Calgary. Can you finally stop the ever increasing tax burden on city taxpayers!
still need to be able to report issues and get help using 311, still need appropriate fire response times and waste still needs to be picked up
Stop car reliance. Need better transit. Need more walkable paths, less car noise. Need more plants for health. Use native plants in parks and homes. Stop replacing greenspace with concrete.
Strongly believe that a strong transit system would create economic access to jobs/education needs. This would help the average citizen to reach their targets promptly and economically. Citizens also need a way to stay active and entertain, keep families active without having having the stress of being a burden in their way of life. Roads and pathways seem to have deteriorated so much that this has become a safety issue. Seen vehicles swerving on our roads to prevent driving over potholes. this also contributes to the higher cost of maintenance and stress levels of our citizens.
Super basic things like fire, police, waste management are things that the people cannot do themselves in a large city. Police is security and safety, as long as they uphold lawful orders. Fire is safety, to prevent mass destruction of homes and infrastructure. Waste management is critical in a city this size. Just look at New York City, where garbage is piled high, crime is rampant. People cannot live in a city without these three pillars. The result is social breakdown.

Support entrepreneurs, Recreation is important for youth, housing for new owners.
support quality of life, accessibility and benefits many
Supporting efforts of thousands of volunteers in ou communities is the highest priority for overall sustainability and value investing. Water and Sewer are basic services that are a must have. Policing to maintain a safe community is also very high up the list.
Supporting family friendly public services is important to me and access to spaces using transit.
Supporting infrastructure and law and order.
Sustainability of our finances needs to facilitate densification along transit and protect our city from further damage due to our sprawl and underinvestment historically. Subsidizing further sprawl flies in the face of the independent report on our water utility maintenance and management. We need to address the root cause especially if we continue to strain financially.
Take care of the basics, and do it well: THAT is the extent of your mandate. No art, no DEI crap, no catering to the supposed victim class. WE will take care of culture and recreation.
Taxpayer dollars are hard to come by and should be used for the most important services that Calgarians depend on.
Terrible question, because all possible important services were not listed eg; hospitals, paramedics, food supply chain security, education etc.
Th crime and drug use is out of control in this city. Public transit is now unusable or unsafe due to the amount of homeless people and drug users abusing them
That’s what is my thinking.
That’s what makes a city.
The 3 choices above have a direct impact on the immediate and long term viability of families in Calgary. Police keep communities, businesses and families safe. Recreation is paramount to keeping families and individuals healthy (mentally and physically), building strong communities and providing constructive outlets for youth and adults alike. Roads & Pathways allow for not only safe and efficient daily transportation within the city, which allows people to get to and from work / school / recreation without unnecessary risk or delays ... giving more time together and less in the vehicle commuting. All three contribute to the fabric of society and bring people and communities together which society desperately needs in these difficult times

given current local, regional, national and international tensions. Recreation facilities are prioritized over parks given our winter climates and months of time indoors due to inclement weather.
The 3 service areas I have selected have been seriously underfunded for years. The defund police era caused considerable hardship on the police service and any budget increases have been calculated on the defunded dollars. Every year this just puts more stress on police services. And every year this city feels more unsafe. And we know water infrastructure is in serious trouble.
The amount of crime has skyrocketed in Calgary. Every time I drive somewhere I need to be prepared to hit a major pothole or leave 30 mins earlier then normal due to congestion. Our road system has not kept up to the level of vehicle traffic over the last 10 years.
The are important infrastructure areas.
The are the fundamental basics - safety, access to the rest of the city, and water.
The areas I selected need proper funding always. Other areas also need funding but the city needs to look for efficiencies as these are always to be found in big corporations (which the city is)
The basic infrastructure of the City has been clearly ignored for decades. Our water issue and the condition of our roads should be a priority. Also a City cannot be safe without a well run police force.
The basic infrastructure of the city is the most important job of the city to manage - the 'nuts & bolts'.
The basic services should be the focus, not vanity projects
The basics of proper city management. Protection and effective management of services especially roads, city projects and other municipal improvements. The water line replacement and continious water restrictions shows the city and it’s admin aren’t on top of the city’s management.
The basics to keep calgarians safe and healthy This will benefit everyone
the basis for all other services relies on Water/utilities for survivablility. Health concerns rise rapidly if waste is not picked up properly and in a timely manner.

Without proper policing, no other service can be considered if there is any threat to safety for those providing city services.
The Calgary area is firmly on pace to reach 2 million residents in the next decade, while projecting a municipal infrastructure deficit of $49 billion. Municipal infrastructure underpins housing, industry operations and essential services. Without investments in the above, that also spurs economic activity and creates thousands of jobs, the City risks falling behind on service delivery and increases risks for reactive spending to replace aging assets. Furthermore, without a long-term plan to address this deficit, the City risks lagging behind expected population growth and further eroding service standards. Other cities, including Edmonton, use dedicated infrastructure renewal funds to provide stable, predictable investment in aging assets. Instead of forcing renewal to compete with new capital projects or political budget cycles, these funds ensure long-term planning and protect residents from sudden tax spikes or emergency spending. Calgary should consider a similar approach.
The city always spends way too much on police services, when it should be community and social services, to provide long-term care to citizens. We should also focus on the environment and parks for a healthy city. Housing is always important, especially in a province that does not have a rent-cap. We need more affordable housing for our growing city.
The city cannot be sustained without theses services in proper working conditions.
The city cannot fall behind with these critical services.
The city cannot function properly without police and there has been rising violent crime as well as drug addiction and homelessness that make communities unsafe. Police are overstretched and the increasing population is outpacing the police force. Calgary has faced emergencies and will again. Emergency management must be ready to address whatever comes our way from flood to fire to hail, to massive snowstorm and even a tornado. Loss of life can easily happen if the City is not prepared. Water utilities are obviously important because they have been neglected and the water main breaks have had major impacts to Calgarians, both residential and commercial. The issues affect surrounding communities as well. Clean water is crucial. It should be near the top of the budget for years to come.
The city cannot function without a reliable water system, roadways for transport or police.
The city cannot function without these services.

The city continues to grow, so with that comes more waste, water usage with a dwindling resource and more crime.
The city core functions are to provide utilities and roadways, functions that are not core to essential services should be pay as you go in difficult financial times. Also without law and order communities fall to the criminals and not create an unsustainable society. Every department needs to build a budget from ground up and remove all non essential spending and bureaucracy. Back to the basics.
The city could find efficiencies to maintain services at their current level. I chose water and waste services as the most important because they are the ones that are being directly paid for on a per-use monthly basis by taxpayers which is on top of taxes. If the city can't meet those responsibilities, then what is the point of us paying for them. The roads are important as well. Without them, we will not have a well functioning economy. This is one of the most basic things that the city should keep well maintained. Please note that I don't include pathways in this.
The City doesn't have unlimited resources and is going to need to prioritize things that 'keep the lights on'. We need to leverage community partners more, increase volunteer opportunities for members of the community so The City and Calgarians are moving forward together and taking shared responsibility for improvements. Neighbours helping neighbours...
The city has become ridiculous when it comes to spending. Never in history have we watched as municipalities spend taxpayer money on groups and projects that can and should be responsible for their own survival and functionality. If we need to "tighten the belt" in our household because our cost of living has risen or an unexpected cost has emerged then we cut back where we can and sometimes its not easy. If we are being presented with a disastrous infrastructure then its time for Calgary to "cut the fat!" Stop all funding for pet projects regardless of their political side. We are being faced with another massive tax increase and the citys still funding special interest group??!! So we'll have reliable water and continue to have bazaar looking (and sometimes offensive) art installations, pride crosswalks and a large number of other special interest groups projects. Stop the madness and fund priority needs for this city. This is why I selected these service areas!
The city has been poorly managed and has a spending problem. Everything has gone to [redacted] but cash has been wasted on hideous art
The city has created an unsafe environment for all residents by mismanaging the homeless and the drug addicted, exponentially growing such niche groups within the city. The necessity for increased police presence is an unfortunate, yet required consequence of such mismanagement. The city should also focus on providing

reliable, competent service provision of the necessary basic services (waterfall, waste pickup etc.) , before spending excessive amounts on various woke project initiatives.
The City has done a very poor job maintaining the water infrastructure. A major restructuring of the utility is required but funding will be required to maintain the reliability of the service.
The City has failed to evaluate deteriorating infrastructure despite lifecycle guidelines. There have been pet projects like blue sky and art work on streets. Housing although important failed all communities by passing no zoning. Public housing should deal with say 20 larger projects that non city charities should be allowed to develop. This is not a city priority directly. Low income housing should be developed in a few communities including small towns that are dying.
The city has strayed too far from its core mandate of providing essential services to Calgarians. The need to continue funding. The fire department should be self-explanatory. Anecdotally, I can say as someone who has had his car broken into three times in the last two years in our community parking lot, the police do little to solve or deter crime in Calgary. It would be pointless to increase funding to a service that does little to improve the lives or safety of Calgarians. Our roads are a disgrace. The city recently spent millions of dollars in our communityto tear up and re-pour concrete curbs along a streets which are full of cracks and potholes. This is an example of misplaced priorities and bureaucratic inefficiencies within City Hall structure. The city of Calgary spends millions on minority community engagement and other frivolous wastes of taxpayer money while people are afraid to ride the transit and the roads damage our cars.
The city has to focus on what is needed, not what is wanted. Too many previous councils spent way too much money on "nice to have" projects and ignored the necessities. Now the city has a huge bloated staff that it can't/won't reduce and the taxpayer has a huge tax bill that the city claims it's not responsible for.
The City has traditionally focused a lot of spending on growth and is lagging behind in the supporting infrastructure to maintain that growth. Focus should be on supporting services, infrastructure and maintaining/life cycling what already exists.
The City has wasted time and money on pet projects such as the "Climate Emergency" and the 2026 Olympic bid and has squandered monies that should have been used to maintain the water mainlines rather than ensure amounts are spent efficiently and effectively on the safety and well being of Calgary voters.
The city is about 10-15 years behind small town Alberta in the quality of their rec centres. leverage private partnerships

The city is growing if people do not have an outlet through recreation it will directly impact other services, increase crime, increase poor mental health. The infrastructures are well past end of useful life and replacements need to be done.
The city is growing, but we have not been responding well too or managing this growth. It is a reality that cars are required in this city unless someone is just going downtown. We are not building businesses outside of downtown and the ways communities and roads are designed are horrible for flow and parking. We are designing the city as if it was a 400-year-old European city versus a modern Canadian city, where we can set the tone and an example to others instead of cherry, picking enforce fitting how we would like the city to be
The city is so spread out mataining and expanding transit, fire and police are super important
The city is years behind in having enough recreation services, (pools, soccer fields,). Our kids are suffering because nothing has been done in decades in meet population demands. We need to feel safe in our community and need police presence to make that possible. Our roads are full of pot holes, destroying citizens cars.
The City must always focus on basic needs for the citizens of Calgary, Police, Fire and Emergency Management services are essential
The city must be kept safe. Police need a budget to truly support the resources, training, and tools required to keep them and the city safe.
The City must cut all services that do not fall into the category of municipal services. Many of what you have put on your list such as housing, community, and culture do not fall within the core responsibilities of a municipality. Stay in your lane.
The city must focus resources on its core services. That means protecting residents - who pay the taxes - from emergency situations requiring fire, police or the maintenance of core infrastructure (which isn't listed on your form as an option, but is closest to "water utilities" although it should also include power and fuel delivery infrastructure, for which we pay a great deal in ADDITIONAL taxes on our Enmax bill - much of which is then transferred to city general revenue).
The City must keep up to date on infrastructure: repairs, and expanding as the city is growing. It is unbelievable the situation that the city is now facing with our main water lines breaking. We need to trust that city officials are paying attention to the items that most citizens can't see but depend on daily. Safety is also a main issue in this growing city. City parks, transit, community cultural events can be enjoyed when people are safe.

The City must priortize and provide protective services (i.e., Police) and consistent, basic, and functioning infrastructure (i.e., Roads, including snow removal, and Water Utilities).
The city needs healthy infrastructure even if no growth occurs, it's critical people have food, water, shelter and feel safe. Other services can improve the quality of life but not having dependable and consistent infrastructure services will have a far more pronounced effect on people.
The city needs money. Improved facility rental business plans utilize existing resources to drive revenue in a large scale way.
The city needs to be fair to all people and forward thinking for future generations.
The city needs to find efficiencies or ways to cut costs from departments that would not be considered essential services. Sorry folks, if the private sector can find ways to reduce costs and continue to run on a limited budget the city and their staff must find the same ways.
The city needs to focus on basics not what is nice to have. I also would not be including new bike lanes in the budget.
The city needs to focus on core infrastructure and essentials once again and do its job. Everything outside of core services should see drastic cuts.
The city needs to focus on core responsibilities- water, waste, roads, and emergency services. Let the province manage building codes and Environment. Let Ottawa manage housing and climate change files. We must remove overlap from different orders of government since they all come crawling back to the same single taxpayer for funds.
The City needs to focus on municipal services and stay in their own lane.
The City needs to focus on the core services and engaging in all the ideology and pushing City Administration agenda on the rest of us eg. Climate Emergency, glorified City plans for the past 2 decades.
The city needs to focus on the highest priorities within their mandate.
The City needs to focus on the main issues that keep the City working and provide the basic needs of a safe City and environment. Stop the nice to have's and trying to providing services that are used by small groups of the population such as bike lanes and big social service programs. Get the basics working and move on to the nice to haves when finances allow.
The City needs to focus on those areas that impact the citizens. Poor roads are a detriment to all drivers. Water has been ignored for too long (obviously) and with

crime and safety of the citizens being necessary, we need to know our police force will be there when needed.
The City needs to get back to basics. Improve the quality of the roadway network and make our streets safe again. Cut, actually cut services nobody asked for. Focus on the majority and not special interest group minorities.
The city needs to get back to the basics. If we are discussing trade-offs in a financially responsible budget then core services like Fire, Police, Roads and Utilities are what should be prioritized. Spending millions on ideological items like Climate Change and DEI should NOT be prioritized to spend taxpayer money on.
The city needs to go back to basics on the services it provides. We have way too many nice to haves and not enough basics such as maintaining infrastructure.
The City needs to reduce its total spending. Do this by cutting programs/reducing service standards and focusing on core services: roads, garbage, utilities.
The City needs to return to its lane. Infrastructure including fire and police should be all that you're concerned with. My money is not your money. Stop spending it on pet projects!
The City needs to stay in its lane and focus on the basics - core services, safety and utilities and avoids unnecessary spending on things like climate change or electric buses.
The City needs to stick to the basics - water & sewer, safety for the people who live here (police & fire) & transportation (roads & transit). It was total incompetence by prior city councils & administrations to not have set up sinking funds for replacement of infrastructure. The City is not in the business of - The Arts, investing in hockey arena & housing. Housing is a provincial & federal issue.
The City of Calgary is behind when it comes to recreation facilities. They are all aging, and specifically, youth sports is feeling the pinch. We are running out of space putting the youth at risk of having no where to go except the streets. We need a solid, long term funding plan to ensure recreation continues in our City so that we are not turning families away.
The city of Calgary is very behind when it comes to accessible and safe public transit. I highly recommend reaching out to the city of Helsinki for ideas. Air quality and the climate crisis is worsening. We need more green spaces for heat waves and air quality.
The City of Calgary presents as an underdeveloped city with poor housing infrastructure that can keep up with new housing demands, inefficient police force for

the population growth, and a deficient prediction of population density with low building development.
The City police force has been under funded for years, and is now dealing with increased crime and social problems. City infrastructure has also been ignored for years, and needs to be maintained and upgraded.
The City put time and money into outlining the needs/gaps in City recreation in GamePlan. GamePlan in a road map to help our cities be well - physically and mentally. It is an investment into the future.
The City should focus on competently providing core services, something it has not done for year (see, for example, water main breaks). Wasting time and money on unnecessary and often harmful fringe projects like excessive bike lanes has not helped this city.
The City should focus on essential services and significantly reduce focus on non-essential services.
The City should focus on essential services only. All of the wasted funding on pet projects is a burden on Calgarians and should be shut down.
The City should look to descope it's programs and focus on core infrastructure.
The City should only focus on safety, infrastructure and providing for thriving businesses. I am against any investments in arts and culture as they are purely subjective and are not worthy of my tax dollars. I do not use transit to any significant amount.
The city should only focus on what is absolutely REQUIRED by the majority of the citizens and can easily be seen as beneficial to many. Stay in your lane and do not undertake pet projects that you think make you look good while wasting tax dollars (e.g. money spent on "art" sculptures). Way too much tax revenue is being wasted by government in general with little thought to the daily struggle of many trying to keep their head above water in this economy. For example, covering Calgary with bike lanes that are not used for 8-9 months of the year and then only by a miniscule percentage, also creating traffic congestion! What a waste!
The city should only fund the essential services
The city should only spend money on the basics and no pet projects. Police, Fire, roads (not pathways), economy and utilities(water, waste).
The city should prioritize their actual mandate of water, police, fire, roads, garbage collection.

The city should provide basic essential services well. Safety (police), road maintenance and management so good transportation is viable for citizens and commodities, clean water to sustain life.
The city should remain feeling safe as population grows and access to basic water needs should be properly supported
The City should restrict itself to the City. Roads, utility services, protection of the residents (Fire & Police). Emergency mandates, “culture” events are not the City’s mandate…
The city should spend less, period. NO spending for housing, community & culture, parks, urban forestry, recreation, bylaw, transit, local economy.
The city should stick to delivering its key services and not be involved in current social issues.
The City should stick to the basics. We don't need more "trophy" projects like stadiums and LRT extensions that service the few. ,
The city spends too much on useless police so I’d cut that in half tomorrow. The water systems and roads are in shambles and need to be fixed and Calgary has laughable recreation complexes compared to other world class cities
The city starts to look like a true third world country. The roads a horrible, the services which maintain them are basically wasting tax money with the repair they do. The “water” based paint they use is not used in decent countries.
The city's core function should safety and security and not social welfare. Too much has been wasted on social welfare programs that have limited returns for the citizens.
The city's job is to make sure the infrastructure is in place and in good shape. The roads are in terrible shape right now. The water utilities have needed expensive repairs because they haven't been managed properly in the past because vanity projects were more important to previous councils. Let's get back to focusing on the basics so the city can run properly.
The City's job is to provide water, sewer, police, fire services and maintain roads. All other activities are purely extras
The city's responsibility is to provide infrastructure to its citizens and keep Calgarians safe.

The community fields are only for one purpose currently. It should be developed more for a broader community engagement. Benches, covered picnic tables with bbq pits. Walkable paths with trees and native shrubs; still supporting field events in the middle with the addition of winter skate rinks. Fields are underused and not well maintained. What about people with no kids or people with mobility issues that can't scramble the steep incline/decline around the local water catchment/ponds that are home to coyotes? Bike lanes should be mandatory in newer communities. I can't bike to train station along 144 Ave NW because it's too dangerous. With e-bikes now, they shouldn't be on the walking path at all, they're too dangerous, but no room on road. We need to start allowing balcony solar for homes, mandating solar on high rises, putting more foot traffic, drought tolerant, native ground cover on blvds to avoid the relentless rye grass/foxtail. It's not like the city mows it anyway.
The CORE city needs to stay in their lane and deliver on core city services to Calgarians.
the core responsibility of municipal government is to provide basic services
The core stability services
The cost of housing in this city is a crisis and, ultimately, hurts everyone. I have 2 teenage sons. I'd like them to be able to afford to go to school and live in this city in the future. We need to build efficiently for the future. Apart from that, cultural events and recreation are the practical, tangible things that keep us feeling connected to one another and bring joy and fulfillment to life. I think current Council is far too focused on keeping the vocal [redacted] "we want to keep our community looking/feeling the way we're comfortable with" contingent happy rather than doing the tougher job of facing the real facts/stats and making hard choices now that will lead us into a stronger fiscal position into the future.
The cost of living increase and stagnant wages are creating a large population of individuals and families who cannot afford reasonable housing, as well as pay for lease or finance payments on vehicles. Unless we raise minimum wage or actually support disabled and/or low income albertans, our priorities should be in affordable housing and accessible transit.
The current crisis of pedestrian deaths on our roads is vital and needs to be fixed. Housing access is also extremely important and we need to promote more housing being built, while ensuring all Calgary residents have a safe home. Homelessness is a major issue in our city and we need to ensure it doesn't get worse. Finally we need strong, safe, and clean public transit to support growth.
The fact that we have to rashion water because our pipes keep on breaking is embarrassing. It's one of the most basic things a city should be providing way way before all of the other non essential touchy feely priorities. Do your basic job.

the failure of the city to maintain the water utilities has shown us it's imprtance in our daily lives. The police need to be funded as the crime on our city transit etc is unacceptable and unsave. Our roads are in disrepair we need to get them fixed and the projects done to make the traffic move smoother.
The failures of our water, roads and policing need to be fixed
The fire department is over funded and dose little work, I k kw I work there. Let's focus on infrastructure and business
The fire service in this city while amazing, has been underfunded and understaffed for too long. The city should be meeting national fire service standards l.
The future liveability of this city
The health and safety of our city is the most important requirements. The rest is fluff
The health and safety of the city's population should be the first priority of any council and I feel these three reflect that.
The homeless situation is unbelievable. How did having citizens, completely stoned, standing around with their pants down, trying to stay warm in transit stations, making bus stops filthy, leaving piles of belongings everywhere and milling around the entrance way of hospitals become acceptable. Embarrassing and disgraceful. An unhoused individual costs the system way more than someone in a supported, safe and dignified situation. Calgary can't have any pride until it addresses this issue. Transit is an essential part of allowing these individuals agency. Roads and pathways support this.
The housing crisis is still ongoing and I would say that housing is the most important need. Water because we seriously need to fix our water system and prepare for less water in the future. And transit because I think we need an expanded transit network to help those impacted by urban sprawl and to protect the environment
The immediate issues that affect the every day lives of all Calgarians and without them, nothing else can function
The infrastructure debt of the city cannot be ignored.
The infrastructure has been neglected for far to long. Policing has not been adequately invested in in the past.
The infrastructure limitations have been highlighted repeatedly and I am believing the city when it states that it is so. Housing is one of the most important indicators for people to secure to be able to participate in their lives and community successfully.

The infrastructure that matters to the most amount of people needs to be prioritized and I believe the City needs to focus on transportation and the City recreation facilities need to be maintained and expanded.
The items impact me personally and are important to all people who live in Calgary.
The latest news shows them as deficiencies.
The litter in this City is appalling, and should be addressed by making Bylaw more effective and also having a "pick-up" day. Parks and urban forestry are being overused and damaged--an attitude of respect needs to be fostered--respect by both users and Parks staff.
The local economy is going to be a central driver to collecting and maintaining public infrastructure through tax collection and job creation. It's going upstream.
The long-term status of parks and forestry is key to maintaining for the long-term health and wellness of Calgary citizens. Water use and management is vital, as we have seen over the past couple of years, and is essential for the lives of all who live here/agriculture/fire suppression, etc. During tough times, emergency management is also essential.
The money can be found by reducing the police budget and putting some of those duties into the civil service.
The more you have for the citizens to do the happier they are and we have been spending lots of money to most of the rest in the list
The most important areas in my opinion
The most important that people notice.
The most important things should be done first. If money is left over, then he nice to have can be done. Many departments listed get increased funding each year with nothing to show for it. I would like to police to start to protect our lives and property instead of spending time on speeding and non-criminal activities. . Less bylaws as they are not enforced anyways.
The obvious fat the City should cut before any cuts to essential services: (i) stop the endless propaganda ads pretending City Hall is doing a good job; (ii) stop wasting money on the Green Line - approving that project in 2020 without a cost estimate is the type of financially reckless decision that has wasted enormous amounts of taxpayer funds - get the leg from 7th ave to Shepard built without more bickering; (iii) stop stealing downtown waterfront land from taxpayers to benefit a developer connected to City Hall leadership; (iv) stop wasting money on events like Chinook Blast unless there is clear evidence the benefits exceed the cost; and (v) start being financially transparent.

The ongoing water pipe issues have resulted in significant disruptions to residents and businesses. This cannot continue. Public safety continues to be top of mind especially in the downtown core. Whether this is addressed through policing and/or community and housing supports, this needs to be addressed. Recreation opportunities continue to be difficult to access. Signing up for swimming lessons should not be akin to scoring Taylor Swift concert tickets.
The other options are already well funded; there's a large gap in Police and Parks
The parks and natural areas are a unique feature that Calgary has allowing it to stand out from other cities. Allowing further park development and higher standards of maintenance will greatly benefit many Calgarians as connecting with nature is a crucial aspect of this city.
The pipes are an embarrassing boondoggle, the city should fix them. Transit and bike paths are critical as the only solution to car traffic is viable alternatives to driving. With blanket downzoning, there will be hundreds of additional land use amendments proposed each year (or there will need to be to sustain our housing production needs) and the planning departments will need to be well funded.
The Police and Fire department get enough already and can quit the fancy toys if they need to
The police are required for a civil society, with no fire department you could have a an uncontrolled fire and both of the above need roads to get around.
The police have been underfunded for many years. They are the lowest Police per capita across the country. We need more staffing for them. Recreation - focus on figure skating amenities as hockey seems to take the priority. There are only 2 stadium style city rinks and are mainly for hockey - this is jeopardizing a major skating event that's been held in the city for over 40 years. Utilities - More money needs to be spent towards maintenance of our utility systems
The Police need more resources from the City because their services are needed far more than they used to be. The City’s recreation facilities are aging and our population is increasing and the City needs to focus on providing recreation facilities for all
The police need to be better educated, and more, incumbents sought out that cannot do their jobs without ego or bias getting in the way. Water goes without saying, this last two years has proven there will be more such issues. Roads are critical and they are also in very poor shape. Is there better technology to use?

The primary focus should be on core services but even more important than that is creating efficiencies in all services, even the core ones. Its really easy to become inefficient and need more funds. Innovation is far more productive than additional services.
The prioritization of these realms will benefit those without homes as well as potentially address other citizens' perception of safety. Also - bike, walk, or drive - all Calgarians move and need the ability to do so.
The reason is these are these base (back bone) of any town/city to thrive and be safe. I think the city should offer bonds to suppose budget short falls. I also think for services like water that is provided to many communities including residential & businesses a like to collect a one time fee of $10-20 from every address that uses water to cover major infrastructure short falls. Calgary alone approx. 590,000 residential addresses X $20 is 11.8 mil. Police and roads are important for safe community and reliable transportation corridors. This what City's should be doing, not pet projects or catering to special interest groups.
The recent feeder main breaks have highlighted how vulnerable our water drinking supply is. This is absolutely essential. Additionally, I have witnessed some significant fires in our city and also know that firefighters respond to more calls than I see, so for the health, safety and protection of people and our homes this is equally essential. There are so many competing priorities, but I chose roads and pathways as third because we need them to get from point a to b and that becomes the foundation for other services as well - for example for fire trucks to make it to a burn building.
The recent water line issues. And property tax increase every year.
the right questions should be around the level of efficiency and effectiveness of each department. the city has a very poor track record of managing project budget, or procurement management. the level of ineficiency is staggering (just look at the clusterfrack of the blanket rezoning initiative. The blanket rezoning achieved its intended policy goals for supply and approvals, but it is failing Calgarians in terms of affordability, which is their top concern)
The roads and pathways are dangerous for children, seniors and anyone driving or walking.
The roads are a mess, snow clearing needs to happen, water pipes and sewage need to be maintained. Basic city functions need to be prioritized. City need to go back to proper planning with community input. No more increases to property taxes find the waste. Audit each department and become fiscally responsible. Money does not grow on trees for taxpayers

The roads are a mess. Lots of potholes and repairs needed in many areas particularly in neighborhoods. The parks under the guise of become more natural has left the city with many dying parks. The city spends funds on caliper trees and then lets them die. Areas that are now considered natural actually are not native but weeds invested areas that send seeds into the neighborhoods especially Canada Thistle which is much harder to control for residents than for the city. The planning and development division rigorously enforce that new homes built and blend into the neighbourhood. A million dollar home was built to blend into the neighborhood and over the next decade big three story monsters duplexes where built on each side blocking out the sun. In my mother's neighborhood , planning allowed in a totally R1 neighbourhood in the Market Mall area to knock down to single dwelling homes and put a 8 plex up and a 10 plex up on these lots. Yards are in total shade and how about parking?
The roads are already in dismal condition. Criminals are bad. Fix the water already.
The roads are awful, we never have water and police are very important
The roads are becoming terrible, lots of potholes. Also there are areas that needs pedestrian light; an example is 60 street by redstone drive Northeast, the road needs pedestrian light and zebra crossing because kids cross from redstone into cornerstone and vice versa, it will be great to have these. Also in the bends within the communities people tend to park at the bends causing terrible driving, it will be nice to have a sign of no parking.
The roads are [redacted]. The economy has to be more resilient.
The roads fall apart really quickly with our harsh winters. They always feel like they are in need of repair so letting this slide any further would be bad. Obviously we have issues with water. Be great to go into a summer not worrying about water restrictions. Our population is growing quickly and it is very noticable. Ensuring we have proper planning and developments to accommodate this
The roads in Calgary are a disgrace. They have not been maintained for years. So many cracks and potholes. These are the roads that are used daily by Calgarians and transit. The snow removal the last 5 years is the worst I have ever seen I. Calgary. Most of the time major roads not being cleared at all. The water infrastructure needs to actually be maintained. There has always been a budget for this but where has the money gone because it is not being used to maintain the system. Also adding more and more businesses and huge apartment buildings onto existing infrastructure that was never built to be used for that many businesses and people stress the system. No planning, logic or reason has gone into any projects being added to the water system.

The roads in Calgary are an utter disaster. Much like the water main, past administration had long since neglected require maintenance. But the situation is getting desperate. Fire and police were selected based on personal interactions. The morale of both departments is depleted. The leadership, for fire at least, works for the City. Their relationship with the actual departments is extremely poor. Budgets are wasted when many improvements could be implemented, trucks are short staffed and the mental health of both departments is plummeting. Leadership is not respected and the front line workers are paying the price.
The roads in this city are deteriorating at a concerning pace
The roads need attention, and if kept up properly from year to year, then it helps everyone to get around the city. Water utilities - I assume includes our drinking water, etc. If so, it has to be a top priority. Fire - if there is a residence or business on fire, then it has to be a high priority to ensure other properties are not damaged, ec.
The selections are the essential 'base case' to underwrite the future inhabitability of the municipality. They are essential. The remainder are choices.
The services I selected are needed by all Calgarians especially as the population increases. Some of the services from the master list can be deferred and others really won't make much of an impact on daily lives. I would have liked to include transit in there somewhere but that's a tricky one as transit as it is does not cover the city well form south to north or west to east. But I also understand that ridership is also required to make the expense worthwhile.
The side walks are terrible with tripping hazards and some roads need to be reserviced/repaved in SW Calgary. Need more housing for disability persons for wheelchairs and those who can't handle stairs. Snow removal needs to increased especially around bus stop.
The things that keep Calgarians alive are the most important to tackle first. Everything else comes second.
The three choices are based on a realistic approach to the economy. Transit currently is an absolute nightmare, and considering this should be a first world country, its incredible to me how long, inefficient and under developed it is. It takes way to long to get anywhere in the city. Considering cities globally have worked on developing basic transportation for the general public, this is rather embarrassing. Especially now when the economy is struggling. It is even worse because we are forced to take transit, that has been neglected for 40 years. Beyond that, housing is embarrassingly expensive considering this is a basic necessity to life. The third option I chose was Local Economy, this has to do with the fact that having a more localized economy, relying on goods and services that are local makes a more robust and consistent economy.

Considering the prices of goods today, I think many would appreciate a consistent number in the grocery store, not an exponentially increasing one.
The three choices I made reflect the reality that these have been neglected over the past several years and are the most in need for attention.
The three I chose (Housing, Transit, and Planning, Building & Development) are to help with affordability. With greater housing supply, homes can be available at lower prices, and more people will get a roof over their head. Requiring people to purchase a car, though, due to a lack of feasible alternatives is a needless expense. Funding more frequent and convenient transit services can make owning a vehicle a choice, rather than a need. By providing more housing, we increase the tax base, and by providing less expensive transportation options, we can simultaneously reduce individuals' expenses. None of the above is possible without ensuring adequate Planning & Development that aligns with the Housing and Transit needs.
The three together include items that allow us to prepare for an emergency, a broad ability to get around the city, and vital access to community and culture which strengthens the core of a city.
The very basics like sewer and water are the priorities.
The Water choice should speak for itself. Fires are happening more often and the city needs to be more prepared for worst case. Police require more funding to keep our citizens safe it have been getting crazy on our streets these days and there is clearly a funding issue.
The water main is non-negotiable and must be fixed before we have to shut off the water to not only Calgary, but Chestermere, Airdrie and and..... The province has delayed the green line causing increases in the projected costs, yet again... this must be addressed. Emergency Management is also non-negotiable. They have done an excellent job in the past, let's make sure they can again in the future.
The water main keeps breaking. Just fix it properly once and for all. Transit is important so people can get to work and exist/access services. As for fire .... Well, didn't the whole city burn down once? Let's not repeat that. Let's deal with fires before they spread and cause more damage.
The water system is urgent and basic to any kind grow. Police, because the last years has been more and more difficult in safety. I don’t fell safe in transit and I think twice to walk by downtown. If I call police they show up one hour later

If the city is thinking in a new kind they of rezoning. Good planing and development is essential. Not only for houses and services, also need to plan a new strong business area and how to connect the city efficiently. Calgary should be in Calgary, not 2 away.
The water utilities are critical and there's no more time to put it off. Police are important to keep the city pleasant for everyone, and transit will reduce traffic and make the city more livable if done well. It needs to supported to keep the city livable long term, the way Seoul and Tokyo do it.
The water utilities are in crisis mode already. The city isn't safe and the development hasn't been properly handled.
The water utilities can't wait any longer. Our urban forest and parks are the future - as are pathways and roads. As gas prices increase- more alternatives are needed from car travel
Thee are the areas that all city councils should take responsibility for. Many of the others are just nice extras for when you get a windfall.
There are areas of the city that clearly appear as poor/slums. Basic Bylaw enforcement is needed to better improve these areas and show residents that their neighborhoods matter too. Fire is a safety must have and needs to be a priority, again many of the poorest areas have hazardous materials/hoarding issues etc. There should be more focus on providing safe outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy, free from homeless encampments, drug paraphernalia and human & dog waste. Basic policing must return to this city immediately; basic laws, rules of the road, social disorder, litter, picking up after dogs etc. including bringing back loitering laws. If there was more basic policing, they would find so much more going on than meets the eye. Having police state to residents in less expensive areas when called "that considering the area etc…" is unacceptable. Every area of the city should be treated the same, we all pay taxes too.
There are ELECTED officials at all levels around the world breaking laws. PRIVATE individuals see this and increasingly crime is an issue for me. Police have an extremely tough job. Returning to a sane and civilized and law abiding world is most important to me.
There are elements of all 3 of these that are to the benefit of every Calgarian. Housing is a core need that affects so many other things. Roads and pathways are used by everyone at some point and safety is so important. It's also important to maintain culture and community spirit especially on an equitable way that benefits citizens, and attracts visitors and newcomers

There are fundamental things that just need to work... people need to get to work (roads), water is critical to multiple aspects of life and work, and our society unfortunately requires policing to maintain any kind of rule of law. Its disappointing there was no category for uncovering waste and introducing more efficiencies. For example, I'm not sure what we spent on water in past years but clearly that money was wasted as there seems to have been a complete failure in providing that basic service. There must be an enormous amount of data available that, if somebody were to bother to even look, could inform these decisions about how best to allocate funds and where we are seeing the most waste .... the city actually runs an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system, which is software, that probably costs you millions to run, that could help answer some of these questions - it also has asset maintenance capabilities which clearly aren't being used by the Water Department...
There are many things that are nice to have but there is a difference between nice to have and need. It is time that the wasteful spending stop. It is also interesting that budget is not an option to select.
There are not enough bike lanes to connect the city. We need more infrastructure that could benefit a lot of people.
There are some security issues like robbery in NE and NW, water is vital for supporting life and waste is also important to avoid pests and diseases.
There are still communities without adequate access to transit, and transit still is unreliable. Not enough buses go anywhere, and our train system is frankly a disappointment. Transparency is also needed for our waste management system. Our water system also seems to be constantly down, so that should be prioritized too.
There has been a housing crisis for too long in Calgary. We need to get focus on building upward instead of funding yet another half dozen or so new communities on the edges of our city. For the size that it is, our transit system is way too far behind. We need more instruction sooner rather than later. Parks are some of the only free spaces left to visit. We need to put more garbages in the parks and somewhere for people to chuck their cigarettes . It’s awful seeing our green spaces full of junk
There is a housing crisis. We need to prioritize keeping people affordable housed. Transit helps people get where they need to go while reducing traffic and wear on roads, and it's better for the environment. And planning & development are important for supporting both these things, and many others.

THERE IS A MAJOR UNHOUSED PROBLEM IN THIS CITY THAT AFFECTS QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE. TRANSIT NEEDS TO BE PRIORITIZED TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS. PLANNING NEEDS MORE PEOPLE SO THAT BUILDING ISN'T A FREE FOR ALL.
There is a severe lack of all-season recreation facilities such as soccer domes and fieldhouses. We should always be prepared for major emergencies like water main breaks, floods and massive storms as these things impact all of the city. People keep behaving badly (social disorder, terrible driving) and so we should have more enforcement officers.
There is a short and long term need to stabilize the water infrastructure in Calgary, and a short and long term need to begin investing in transit and ensuring that planning is done correctly.
There is no saving on water and fire. We need those to survive. I am also of the opinion that parks and urban forestry are imperative for a livable city. It is how people unwind, re-center and relax after dealing with life
There is way too much civil disobedience in this city. People seem to do what they want and there's not enough police or bylaw officers to put a stop to it. I don't even want to ho out anymore. Definitely wouldn't walk around by myself in this city. Then there's the roads. Pot holes are bad everywhere, at least once a yr i blow a tire out just driving on them, not to mention the money wasted re-aligning rds (ogden) or completely changing intersections that didn't need it (36st and 19 ave se) and 34 ave se... all a waste of resourses... plus all those bike lanes... useless, making it harder to get around
There needs to be safety - as well as a means to get around the city.
There will always be emerging and sudden issues that require Council's attention. However, for far too long the City of Calgary has been chasing it's tail and trying to play catch up because previous administrations, both recent and not, have continually kicked pre-planning and development down the road. There will be tough decisions to be made, however we need to start planning for the future and not being reactionary. As for Fire, they are the 'catch all'. On top of the emergencies they handle, when a citizen calls 311 or looks for help in another way, Fire is the department that is there to step in and deal with the issue. They should be funded and supported like the vital cog they are.
There's a decade plus of negligence to fix when it comes to our water system.

There's been some literature to suggest that access to transit is one of the biggest factors in a region's social mobility. Additionally, inducing demand towards a higher-density form of transportation increases active transit, can help boost local business, and can help increase a natural/environmental sense of safety. Housing is the biggest cost to households. If there are ways to decrease the pressure its applying to Calgarians, Council should take that into consideration. Water seems to be kind of difficult to maintain for us. Not necessarily anyone's fault, but water is a pretty important thing so.
These 3 are fundamental in my opinion.
These 3 are providing essential needs for the city
These 3 services are the most important and basic things that contribute to a city.
These affect everyone in the city. Police keep the city safe, transit alllows everyone to get to work, etc., roads need to be in good shape for all locals and tourists.
These all represent long term issues which should not be ignored
These are core areas that should be managed in a consistent manner going forward.
These are a matter of life or death.
These are actual essential services that the city needs to prioritize.
These are all important. It's a difficult choice but I think that water, housing and transit are the baseline core elements to a functioning city.
These are areas that can have widespread positive impact for Calgarians. Expansion and maintenance of service delivery for transit is very important for across the city, especially for those who do not have access to reliable other modes of transportation. The water utility is an emerging issue that must be addressed now to support future growth. Parks provide ecosystem services to all Calgarians and are important for health and wellbeing as well as the natural services they provide (drought and flood mitigation).
These are areas that have clear co-benefits (i.e., transit funding provides both transportation and ghg emissions reductions), or infrastructure needs (water)
These are areas that maintain a good quality of life for all Calgarians. These investments enhance people's lives and contribute to the well being of Calgarians which, in turn, adds value to the city and reduces the cost of city services.

These are base services for safety and security. Police are required to maintain order, Fire are required for safety and Water Utilities are required to maintain life.
These are base services which provide life sustainment (water) and to protect citizens (police and fire).
These are basic areas to be focused on
These are basic core functions of city management and must never be compromised
These are basic everyday needs. We all need water to bathe, clean and cook. We all need waste-garbage removed and we all need to have roads maintained to get us safely to/from destinations: work, stores, home, hospitals, etc. Fire & police next for emergencies.
these are basic infrastructure things if these are invested in then others can follow and flourish
These are BASIC must-have services for a city
These are basic needs that have to work each and every day.
These are BASIC responsibilities of municipal government.
These are basics
these are core City services. Core services support every Calgarian. Limited budget funds should always be used for the greatest good, not for niche areas.
These are core responsibiities
These are core services that form the backbone of a healthy viable society.
These are core services that impact the development of the city
These are core services that need to be maintained. The city should only focus on core services until they can get the budget under control.
These are core services that serve absolutely every resident of Calgary.
These are core services that should be the focus; would rather less City employees, services, arts, etc. than increasing taxes.
These are core services that we expect from our city.
These are core services with drastic implications of not funded properly

These are core things the city should focus on many of the other items are not as important and some of them are actually useless departments which could be streamlined
These are critical
These are critical basic services.
These are critical for safety and survival
These are critical services and must be dealt with first.
These are essential
These are essential and for all Calgarians
These are essential areas. Actually need more hires and money to bring them up to where they should be to properly operate. Roads need consistent upgrades to prevent costly fixes.
These are essential services for all Calgarians. They do not relate to pressure groups.
These are essential services for the City.
These are essential services required by a growing city.
These are essential services that all calgarians depend on.
These are essential services that are the responsibility of municipalities to provide through taxation.
These are essential services that many families need, especially low income families.
These are essential services that must be provided to all citizens. However, I think there is waste that could be trimmed in both the fire and police departments. Union concessions must be made.
These are essential services that the City should focus on for the health and safety of all citizens.
These are essential services to keep Calgarians safe and moving. Police and Fire nd number one and two on my list and indispensable Roads ad Pathways keep the city moving and need to be maintained and improved. Transit woudl be my fourth hoice, however, it should be self funding via transit fees and not subsidized If Climateengagement were an option, it should be removed from the Cit's budget entirely !!! It's not the city's mandate, but provincial!

These are essential services to maintain a large city.
These are essential services.
These are essential services.
these are essential services. Everything else can make do with less
These are essential services. Society does not live long without water, garbage removal, and outdoor parks to enjoy.
These are essential.
These are essentials
These are fundamental to any properly functioning community
These are fundamental to operating the City. Other areas have more discretionary spending and at the very least should be looking for more efficient ways of operating. In other words, providing the same or better level of service with the same cost or even less cost, in the same way that private industry manages their costs. It's not just about tradeoffs! That is a paradigm that the City administration needs to move on from. It's also about learning how to work smarter and be more efficient.
These are immediate services that people rely on, as the city grows if these fall behind it becomes a danger to the citizens
These are important for people who are the have nots. I've seen the rich neighborhoods and the people who live there and they want for very little and yet they are very loud. Transit is for people who cannot travel readily and need to get to appointments for medical. Housing should be a priority. Everyone should have a place to live. We call need water.
These are important services relating to safety, security and stability
These are important services that every calgarian uses or benefits from
These are important to everyone. other areas such as arts should only be on a wish list if there is extra money left at the end of budget. year
These are integral to keeping all people safe
These are items that affect the daily life of vast numbers of people, and where scaling back can mean both immediate and long term consequences
These are key area for the entire city to benefit from. The other areas are important as well but tough choices have to be made in tough times. And these are tough times.

These are life and death, the others are luxuries.
These are life-saving departments. The way this survey is written, any other answer will be used to justify spending on non-essential personal vanity projects, like bike paths and public art disasters whose entire departments should be laid off.
These are minimums.
these are most important for the poor
These are my choices -- for obvious reasons because they require the most financial input on an ongoing basis. You cannot underfund police and fire services and expect people to accept such poor decisions. And roads and pathways require constant maintenance. Has the Administration not learned any of these lessons. They seem to be constantly shoving glittering new projects down citizens' throats without any thought for the ramifications on other more crucial city services. It's time Council directed the Administration; not the other way around.
These are necessary
These are necessary. My community feels unsafe. Homeless, drug addicts downtown and in the beltline are a threat and make neighborhoods unsafe. House break ins are occurring and the police never seem to be able to catch them and hold these people accountable. It make my neighborhood feel unsafe and always on edge. Police are always given healthy budgets, but I'm not sure they are doing their jobs. A disproportionate number of police are on leave. This is wasteful and unproductive. Some policies need to change to address this issue. City needs to implement AI and cut back in many departments. Remove the bike lanes.
These are necessities not nice to have. Remember climate change is a provincial responsibility so why is the city running hard on these projects
These are needs….not"nice to haves"
These are non-negotiable essentials the City must provide at all times to remain livable. The rest is optional.
These are ssential services. Public transit is terrible in this city, it needs to be more efficient and more accessible to all.
These are the most important basic services for public safety and utility under the preview of the City. Other services such as roads, transit, waste, planning & development, bylaw and emergency management are also important basic services.

In my opinion housing falls under planning & development and should be market driven.
These are the areas that benefit myself and my family the most.
These are the areas that can make this city more affordable not having to spend so much money on housing and not having to own a car and spaces to recreate for free in quality park spaces
these are the areas where the city has been failing .... IMO
These are the areas where we have had catastrophic failures in recent years.
These are the basic necessities and job of City Hall
These are the basic services the city should provide - and it was lacking in the past.
These are the basics for health and safety
These are the core of making a city useable and safe. Others are nice to haves, not needs.
These are the core responsibilities of the City government.
These are the essential services that all citizens need to live, survive, work and thrive safely.
These are the immediate concerns that will have long-term effects.
These are the most basic municipal responsibilities.
These are the most basic municipal services. Calgarians are paying high taxes already, the least we should expect is basic municipal services to be provided. City Hall should look at cutting costs and getting rid of “nice-have” programs in order to balance the budget and continue to deliver basic services to the city.
These are the most basic services needed for a city to remain safe, viable and for it to grow.
These are the most critically important
These are the most important basics a city should focus on.
These are the most important element we need to have a successful city
These are the most important for safety security

These are the most relevant from my perspective
These are the most underfunded services
These are the most urgent city services
These are the most urgent needs. Without water, every citizen is impacted. Policing and fire are necessary for the growing population. Whereas, housing and local economy could be put on the back burner. Hopefully, they'll discourage people from relocating here until we can keep up with demand. Waste and recycling, parks, culture and transit do not impact every citizen everyday.
These are the services Calgarians will feel the most.
These are the services that the city has neglected up to now and which are most inadequate.
These are the things imo that will ensure the city is livable in the future.
These are the things that make my day to day life enjoyable. Without pathways and cultural activities I would be in far worse physical shape and not nearly as involved with my community.
These are the things that make the city a place where I want to live
These are the three most critical elements for this city. We need to have a working water system without having restrictions . The roads are in need of repair on a constant basis as there are too many potholes on Calgary roads and highways. Every city needs an adequate police for to keep its citizens same.
These are the very basics for the safety of all Calgarians
These are three civic necessities. The other services are can be funded at a little lower levels as our budget becomes more sustainable.
These areas affect the everyday lives of Calgarians. In my opinion they should be the priority. Its a hard choice between fire and police, but with the changes brought on from the federal government's immigration policies and practices, police has to have a higher priority. Canada is changing because of the federal government and unfortunately safety of Canadians is not a priority, our city's leadership must change that.
These areas affect the most Calgarians regardless of privilege.
These areas are always underfunded relative to others like police, fire etc. but have a large impact on the mid- and long-term viability of The City. Throwing more money at

"critical services" and excluding others does not necessarily yield positive outcomes, more likely, it just increases waste.
These areas are important to the daily safety of Calgarians and need to be maintained
These areas are most important to me for the livability of our city
These areas are the most important for quality of life.
These areas have a positive impact on the largest number of Calgarians.
These areas keep us safe and let's have the minimum necessary to live
These benefit all Calgarians and ensure people can get around and that the city is not swamped with refuse.
These categories actually don't resonate very well. I want the city to stop spending on soft social issues, DEI, mental health (mostly which are provincial jurisdiction) etc. - and focus on providing high quality basic services and ensuring that the current out of control social disorder is minimized.
These divisions haven't grown as fast as the city has.
These feel as though they have been incredibly relevant on recent years and something that would benefit from being directly focused on in the budget even if budgets are tight
These feel most neglected by prior city council and have wide spread/equitable implications if they fail.
These impact day to day living for people across all socio-economic levels in the immediate term if tradeoffs need to be made.
These ones are necessary for the city to run efficiently.
these seem to be the most critical, basic and serve everyone
These selections are essential for safety and spending priorities
These service all citizens of Calgary
These service areas affect all Calgarians in day-to-day living, especially for water utilities. The current city-wide water restrictions during work on the Bearspaw South Feeder Main have a direct impact on the quality of life for all residents and visitors in Calgary.

These service areas provide Calgarians with sustainable health benefits. Waste and Recycling ensures the City is working towards sustainability while recreation provides overall health benefits to citizens. Parks & Urban Forestry provide both these (sustainability and over health) by allowing opportunities for citizens to improve their overall health (mental and physical) while connecting to natural spaces that are needed for a sustainable future. Increasing the urban canopy is extremely important as it provides a variety of benefits such as community, environmental, health, and economic benefits. More specifically, an increased urban canopy provides shading and cooling, supports biodiversity, provides a strong sense of neighborhood, provides enjoyable recreation spaces, increases property value, and much more. Overall, Parks & Urban Forestry are the most important in my opinion.
These services are basic absolute necessities contributing to the safety and wellbeing of all citizens.
These services are core for maintaining civil order and livability in the coty
These services are critical for the functioning and health of Calgary. Historic under-investment in infrastructure has led to critical infrastructure deterioration, such as water utilities, and this needs to be addressed before it gets worse and drives investment away from the city. Transit is critical to support all Calgarians getting around the city, particularly for individuals who cannot afford a vehicle. Access to transit can enable lower income Calgarians to get to and from more places of employment, which overall boosts our community. Lastly, housing is critical. I see unhoused people every day, and in the absence of hope of finding housing that they can afford, mental health deteriorates. This has an impact on all of Calgarians. A city is only as healthy and functioning as its most vulnerable populations, and the city should be working to make sure all their citizens have access to safe and affordable housing options.
These services are crucial to the quality of life of Calgarian, recreations help kids build their social skills, confidence and most of all it keeps them out of trouble by Keeping them busy. This can be the difference between whether they turn out to be productive members of society.
These services are essential and must be adequately provided by the city at all times.
These services are essential to the health and safety of all Calgarians.
These services are important to maintain for the safety of the city of Calgary. Many people rely on transit as their only way of transportation.
These services are severly understaffed and underfunded. It is the cities job to make sure we are sfe and protected. The infrastructure needs have been ignored for so long we're learning to live with the shortcomings.

These services are the basics that should be maintained. The other services are important as well; but I can only select 3 from the list. I would have also selected Transit.
These services are the core responsibilities of the city, and should be the highest priority… it seems many of the other priorities the city has engaged in over last several years are the responsibility of other levels of government.
These services are what keep Calgarians safe and should always be at the forefront
These services form the foundational systems that allow a city to function safely, grow economically, and maintain public services. Under-investment doesn't just degrade service - it creates compounding risk, higher long-term costs, and reduced citizen satisfaction. Poor road conditions and underfunded waste & recycling lead to increased life cycle costs and further interruptions to access and services that rely on them. Growth, density, climate events, and complex activities raise demand on emergency systems, and emergency readiness is foundational to public confidence in local government. Investing in roads, emergency services, and waste services ensures the City can keep people safe, support economic activity, protect the environment, and avoid higher costs and risks in the future.
These services have been lacking and neglected for many years. Also..our city roads are sooooo bad. We need to put money to where it's really needed not the nice to have areas.
These services have the most intersection with mental health, safety, and wellbeing.
These things will be the most valuable in a time of financial stress.
These three are vital. My city should protect me-- the city is not here to give me Recreation.
These three areas need vast improvement. I have kids that take the bus to and from school and the times the busses don't show up or arrive late is insane considering that it currently their only option. Police need more funding as crime has become out of control and the downtown core is currently not a safe space to be. And well roads. this city was not built to inhabit this many citizens, the roads do not make sense nor have they been maintained.
These three issues make the city function. Should hard decisions come to pass we can do with less culture, forestry, and recreation

These three items are the base of the pillar for a livable city. I would of course wish for the city to be able to do much more.
These three items benefit or used either by all or by the most people in the city of Calgary.
These three things provide key safety initiative for Calgarians.
These were not easy choices to make all have value, but we need to focus on the wellbeing of Calgarians first or all areas will be under additional strain. Wellbeing Housing future investment infrastructure are key and foundational
These, in my opinion, are the areas where growing city would feel most stretched if not addressed. For example, “planning, building & development” doesn’t mean just go and build, but “think first, assess current assets (including water, roads & transit), & address needs based on demand and availability of supply (as do we want city that builds single houses 100’s kms out?)”.
They affect everyone in the city and also are things that people expect a nice live able city to have with out constant issues and mismanagement.
They affect everyone. They affect the ability to maintain and attract investment to the city.
They affect the largest number of Calgarians and are services we need on a daily basis.
They all matter regarding safety, health, wellbeing, and quality of Calgarian’s life in this city we call home.
They are all necessary for safe living and benefit everyone
They are all vital services.
They are as close to a representation of the basic foundation upon which a city must operate.
They are basic and serve all people
They are basic areas that we must pay attention to.
They are basic needs that require full city commitment so all of the lesser needs have foundational support.
They are both immediate and long term investments in making the city attractive and livable

They are core essentials that allow the others to exist. Recreation facilities are nice but low value if unsafe with poor roads or access and no water to operate. While i support muti-modal and changing midset requires limiting options, the reality is that theCity and country has and always will be vehicle focused and we have to accept reality. There are areas of the city i dont go and business i dont support because there is no parking or reasonable access and transit never will be viable for most lifestyles and activities. No one has time for the family to ride transit 1.5 hrs each way to hockey practice and an hour the other way to dance class.
They are core functions that is the primary responsibility of municipal govt. I do wonder what is the status of the electric bus boondoggle is. Are we still on the hook to lose millions of $?
They are critical and are the most in need of attention right now.
They are critical and should not be compromised
They are critical City responsibilities which EVERY resident relies upon.
They are critical to human survival
they are crucial
They are define a city!
They are disciplines that we need.
They are emergency services
They are essential
They are essential
They are essential
they are essential services
They are essential services
They are extremely important and beneficial to all Calgarians.
They are focused on safety and quality of life.
They are imperative to keeping Calgary as safe. No matter what the cost
They are important to help the city function

They are in my opinion some of the most important to ensure that Calgarians can go about earning a living safely, while maintaining access to life essentials. The equal application and presence of the law is important, as without it, people will not be willing to take risks and meet new people, especially outside of their circle, if they cannot guarantee that criminals or those who would cause physical harm to others are not punished. Additionally, all other services, and even taxes are rendered useless if Calgarians cannot find jobs and earn an income, and it's important to foster the businesses that would allow Calgarians to earn livings for themselves, and employ others to earn a living as well. Finally, everyone has seen the effects of poorly maintaining the city's critical infrastructure, namely the city's water system, and that should be always be the city's first priority, as it is the responsibility that justifies the city collecting taxes in the first place.
they are key infrastructure and operations.
They are major mandates of the city and essential to the well being of every Calgarian.
They are most important to sustain life.
They are most needed.
They are most related to city infrastructure which has been neglected or put to the back of priority for decades.
They are related to immediate life and death.
They are required for everyone every day
They are required to live in today's society
They are services that help people with the greatest needs, and water utilities seem to need a lot of work to keep it from deteriorating.
They are the areas that affect ALL Calgarians.
They are the backbone of the city, if we have lack of housing and proper development for our city to grow what is the point of investing in other programs until we have a strong basis to flourish?

They are the backbone of the City. Budgets must be based on priorities - must have, should haves and could haves. The must haves have been ignored in favour of could haves.
They are the basics
They are the basics that all municipalities should maintain
They are the core responsibilities of The City. Get back to basics.
They are the core responsibilities that the city must take care of first and foremost
They are the foundation of a safe community.
They are the least "woke" and provide actual, tangible value to society.
They are the most affected by cuts, the most likely to bring in more revenue
They are the most basic and affect all.
They are the most basic of essential services.
They are the most basic of needs in a city
They are the most critical to maintain.
They are the most essential services
They are the most essential services and are the city's responsibilities.
They are the most important and essential services for a city so people can get around well and easily and feel safe.
They are the most important in making you feel safe and welcome!
They are the most important in terms of a properly functioning community.
They are the most important services for the city.
They are the most important services the city provides
They are the most important to me
They are the most important to me. The rest are irrelevant.
They are the most important, and actually within the city’s mandate.
They are the most important.

They are the ones that are most visible. The roads are in terrible condition. You want to put water restriction in place instead of taking care of the 20% of the treated water that is lost due to leaks.
They are the only services that are essential.
They are the reason for your existence. Do the basics and CUT the waste for all the special interest groups. You must stop your excessive spending and quit asking for more money every year. Slash the budget and provide the basic services ONLY. We do not need to be building houses and apartments for [redacted] and other people that cannot afford to live in Calgary. REDUCE SPENDING NOW. Focus on reducing the population as we do not even have enough water to service the current level of population. We do not need to encourage newcomers as we cannot afford to provide the additional services they require.
They are the services that city taxes should cover to keep a safe community
They are the services that should be the most accessible to all calgarians. When times are tough, calgarians should be able to rely on public transportation to get to our jobs, accessible and affordable housing that is safe to live in, and recreation centers with available resources to connect us to the supports we need. Those supports are currently overwhelmed and underfunded. While luxury condos are being built to attract people who will only reside in them for a couple weeks/weekend while on a business trip, you have an increase of calgarians sleeping on the streets with no where to go and being harassed by police because homeless people don't match the metropolitan aesthetic. What would help calgary *save* money is prioritizing social services which is proved to prevent crisis, lower strain on policing services and healthcare systems, create a more effective workforce, create more jobs, and introduces a pleasant image for tourists/out of town business people.
They are the services that uphold the greatest amount of daily stability as far as I know. Stable and safe housing, access to safe drinking water supported through strong infrastructure, and timely organized waste and recycling systems are the bedrock of basic city hygiene.
they are the things the City is directly responsible for and these are essential
They are three items essential to support basic needs of all citizens
They are very important for a city to properly grow.
They benefit the most calgarians and are crucial to Calgary's future
They contribute most to the livability of the City

They directly affect my life in Calgary. If there are not enough police I am not safe and fire fighters are an essential service as well. I picked roads because Calgary is a big city and our roads are extremely important to getting around the city
They ensure that people can access the basic necessities , such as housing and transportation. additionally, I think that's supporting community and culture means that residents of calgary can be connected to each other
They feel the most important to long-term city success - if we don't have water or a way to fight fires, that's going to effect a significant amount of people (especially given recent issues with the Bearspaw feeder main for water supplies). Transit is important to me, as I would love more non-car options of transportation. Calgary is too car dominant for my liking, and a lot of the drivers are constantly speeding and driving in unsafe manners. Having more transportation options and quality service would be great!
They have the most day to day impact
They help the most in making the city livable for all.
They impact a large amount of people but its sad we are talking about trade offs we can increase revenue by taxing the wealthy here in Calgary. All of this is completely unnecessary.
They impact a large number of citizens.
They impact most people rather than a few who might purchase houses in some sprawling community development. Focuson making Calgary resilient to climate change and not uncontrolled growth.
They impact the daily lives of Calgarians and are necessary services that are currently under funded.
They impact the day to day experience of human life. The city should work towards making decisions that put a smile on the face of residents, whether it be a nicely maintained park or new play area for kids.
They keep our people safe.
They mostly effect me.
They protect residents' health and safety.
They provide safety to everyone.
They provide tangible benefits towards equity and economic participation

They provide the most positive forward-looking improvements to present and future calgary residents
They r priority to our city ; in order to feel safe ! We have so many homeless people on our streets due to hardly any low income housing!
They represent essential services that form the basis of good management.
They represent the base level of protection for the citizens.
They represent the basic needs
They represent the foundation of municipal services. The city should focus on the basics.
They seem essential
They seem like necessary services to keep the city running. When you have a budget shortfall it might seem easy to cancel the "insurance", but we've seen that ignoring things like infrastructure and water cause greater harm in the long run
They seem most necessary for community basic functioning
They seem the most relevant
They seem to be key to keeping our City functional - we have gaps in water infrastructure and roads and lots more challenges that require police/peace keepers
They seem to be most in need of improvement as they have not kept up with growth and/or have not been maintained.
They speak for themselves
They top my list
They were selected as the positively impact the greatest number of Calgarians
They will enhance other services subsequently if؟ get them properly.
They’re critical services that every community needs to stay safe!
They’re pretty fundamental.
They’re the important and the most basic services a city can offer instead of dreaming up ways civic authorities can spend tax dollars.
They’re the things people most need to survive.

They’re very important to living in the city
They're basic necessities for all Calgarians.
They're critical to daily life in Calgary, but also cars have been a priority for soooooo long
They're essential services that prior councils mismanaged and didn't prioritize. The city infrastructure and roads are in much need of repair. Potholes galore. There are not enough first responders. People should know that there are emergency service available at all times if needed, and the police are stretched way too thin. The only reason I didn't select water is that current council seems to be tackling that as best the can.
They're most important to me.
They're pretty essential services. I would have liked to pick water utilities as well but I'm only concerned about the water main breaks going on
They're the City's actual job.
They're the most critical for all components of The City and its citizens.
Thinking about the warming planet and other aspects of the polycrisis, I think community and healthy outdoor spaces will be important strategies for helping people cope and care for one another and have a greater sense of well-being in difficult times. Supporting grassroots organizations that are most connected to cultural communities will be important. We have seen glimpses of municipal water systems breaking down and we need water for life and daily living (alongside the importance of this as a service area of focus is also the need for ongoing restrictions and education around responsible water usage)
Thinking of quality of life and long term sustainability.
This city is too big to have such a lackluster transit system. Not everyone can afford car, and frankly, I wish I didn’t need one. Investing in the children and communities (particularly low income) will be better for the entire city
This is a growing city
This is all about my family and I. Housing: I can't afford to live here AND buy groceries. Roads: The condition of the roads is killing my car by breaking and shaking everything loose, and I can't afford to fix it. Bylaw: I'm not sure, it just sounds important.
This is the bare minimum for City responsibillities to our residents.

This past year has shown calgarians that managing our water utilities is crucial. Additionally I think the past several years has shown a marked increase in wildfires and impacts across Alberta, and by focusing on fire Calgary can minimize urban wildfires. Finally supporting affordable and supportive housing will help immensely with Calgary's most vulnerable population.
Those 3 categories are important to keep everyone safe. Our city has gotten alot larger and we are seeing crime going up. We also are seeing what is going on internationally and we need to have our emergency planning up to date.
Those already have large budgets and citizens deserve to enjoy more of the city that they pay for. Continually, this city finances companies over people
Those are consistently under funded. Start enforcing the laws/bylaws and fine/jail people for breaking them. Ex - garbage, dumping, speeding, running lights/stop signs, loitering, domestic violence, gun violence, theft, animal cruelty
Those are essential services that cannot be delegated to a private sector. City's focus should be on whatever it takes to increase efficiencies and reduce taxation even if it leads to reduction of some or mane services the City currently provides.
Those are essential services to maintain the stability of our society.
Those are essential to live
Those are necessities, not wants but needs!!! Stop sucking taxpayer money for multimillion dollars cricket field and Taj Mahal Library, all those corrupt deals and kick backs. Stop subsidizing billionaires building stadiums for Calgary Flames Stampede using hard earned taxpayer money, those [redacted] can build their own palace !!! We are not their stupid idiot cash cows
Those are the basic needs and need to respect the law by the residents
Those are the basics. One thing about police, we don't actually need more police, we need to stop the catch and release, and the cycling back from other programs as well.
Those are the most basic things that we must provide as a group rather than as individuals.
Those are the things that can bring the most immediate impact to people
Those areas are important to me. Almost impossible to choose.

Those hit more of our "basic needs". We can get around potholes. If grass needs cutting in a community, that community could come together to maintain it. Some of these things could be managed by people in the community, but we have gotten so used to somebody doing it for me. This would also entail the City itself to start looking "inward" and getting rid of waste. A manager who needs an assistant, who in turn needs an assistant to help them, etc. Personally, I think about 1/3 of City Hall "job titles" could be terminated and still give Calgarians the level of service we have today. It just means that the remaining people will have to work for a living. Just like we have to in the private sector.
Those items remain non-negotiable responsibilities for The City of Calgary. At no times within the continuing activities ongoing in the day to day city movement can these responsibilities cease for even a moment. This is the true mandate that the citizens impose on the representatives that the people empower to carry out the business of their city. Any activities that fall outside these citizen mandated obligations should be left to the private sector to be developed. The City should facilitate minimized interference and speed flow the abilities of the private sector whose actions indirectly benefit the City, as a whole, without financial obligation to the City's resources.
Those keep people safe and save lives
Those services are essentials and make the city of calgary vibrant than others
Those services are the primary services that the city govt. exists for.
Those services help dictate social and societal behaviour and culture.
Those support all of our communities. Keep basic services up for all citizens, and protection via police. No water, safe roads and no police --> anarchy.
Those three are in highest immediate need to sustain current and growing population needs of the city. The city has prioritized single passenger vehicle transport to the detriment of public transit for far too long. All great cities have great transit systems. We need to get there. Housing, specifically affordable housing needs funding to help stem that crisis, particularly if the Drop In Center is forced to close. Water utilities are fairly obvious given the last two years… but continued investment to ensure safe access to water is paramount to a functioning city.
Those will directly affect people's living or dying.
Thousands of Calgarians are chronically unhoused, and have limited access to mobility. Policing our way to safety and security doesn't work, and is far more

expensive than addressing housing insecurity and social supports. Our water supply is under threat and must be responsibly managed. Safe drinking water is our most basic universal need.
Tight budgets should be geared to focus on those who need services most, who struggle with housing affordability and need transit.
Tired of having terrible roads, and I really want to have the Cycling Pathways expanded. Better Cycling Infrastructure. Parks should be maintained, and NOT just downtown but throughout the whole city.
To attract and keep people in Calgary
To counteract City's Hall prolonged negligent mismanagement of our water system.
To counteract the decade of negligent mismanagement of out water system.
To dangerous to go downtown
To ensure a safe, stable, economically sound city today & in the future. We do not need bike lanes in a city that can utilize them about 25% of the year. We do not need useless expensive iron art ie. like the blue circle by the airport or whatever that is in front of COP. We need to prioritize the budget.
To help traffic congestion, transit needs to be more attractive and pathways improved to allow bike commuting to be safer. If bylaw simply enforced rules of the road for pedestrians and vehicles downtown, traffic would flow much better and safer. Pedestrians cross during a whole green light instead of just during the walk signal. Cars blow through red lights all the time and bully through crosswalks during "right on red"
to increase public safety and traffic enforcement; make getting around the city easier as roads and transit become busier. Water is also a priority though am assuming it will be funded through increased user fees.
To keep Calgarians employed. More projects means more work. If everyone’s pockets are full all the other sectors benefit from it
To keep our city safe, to ensure a reliable water supply and to continue to keep our city hrowing and vibrant.
to me these are essential services everyone needs to have access to and also what comes under the city of Calgary's responsibilities for all the taxes collected
To me, these systems are essential for Calgarians to fulfill their daily needs and access help if required.

To meet basic needs for Calgarians to live and commute for livelihood
Too many [redacted] potholes. Need me a cheap home.
Too many pedestrians and cyclists have died, we need pathway and crosswalk improvements now.
Too many people discount the invisible benefits that these services contribute to keeping our communities safe, happy and healthy. For example, when folks are concerned about safety they champion funding the police, not realizing that having a strong and engaged community is also an effective way of making our city a safe place to live. Crime is reduced when folks leave their homes and engage with their community. Plus, the community is more integrated, coherent and safe when we have a strong shared identity, which only comes from investing in community culture. Further, if we want to continue to attract businesses and workers (and of course, retain the ones we already have) to the city, which stimulates the economy and increases the tax base, we must have a safe and interesting city filled with things for people to do and see. Plus, culture itself is a significant economic driver. Culture is the glue that keeps us safe and strong. We lose when we don't invest in ourselves as humans.
Too much oof the city feels unsafe. Emergency services are of the utmost importance. Roads are required for those services to reach people. Safer roads would also greatly reduce frustrations of the public.
Too much time, effort & money is spent on “nice to haves,” when basic necessities should be the priority,,,,always! Waste removal should not be categorized with recycling as waste removal is critical whereas recycling is a nice to have. Roads should not be paired with pathways; roads are critical whereas paths are a luxury. The naming conventions of your city departments make this survey inaccurate for the above reasons.
Transit
Transit
Transit - CTrain accessibility to airport and other parts of Calgary. More Transit security so people will take transit as it’s safe. Police and Fire - Safer city

Transit - The time it's taken for Green Line construction to start is honestly appalling. Calgary should have many more train lines, and needs to get to a state where we can build them as quickly and cheaply as they do in other parts of the world. Just because Calgary is car dependent city today, doesn't mean it has to be in the future. Water Utilities - Feeder main breaks should not happen in Calgary. I've heard anecdotes from city employees that management is afraid to present unpopular things to Council, which likely contributed to previous Councils' lack of understanding of the risks to our water utilities. We need to fix that behaviour and budget for a reliable and sustainable infrastructure far into the future. Housing - We need to allow construction of all housing types across the city to meet demand and keep housing affordable. Also update building codes to require resilient materials, it's ridiculous that we are still installing siding that is easily destroyed by hail.
Transit - we cannot accommodate increasing numbers of Calgarians on the existing road network without expanding rapid transit Water Utilities - no water, no city Parks and Urban Forestry - the great equalizer. All Calgarians have access and enjoy benefits of a robust parks network, and its free to use.
Transit affects where people can live and work, increases road safety, reduces road maintenance costs, helps people with low income, helps tourism, and reduces damage to the environment. The fire department improves public safety in many respects. Waste management and recycling is the least that can be done to try to salvage what is left of the liveable environment.
Transit and active infrastructure are the core of how we create more mobility choice, leading to less vehicle traffic and better health outcomes as well as improved social equity. Planning and development of housing, etc. goes hand in hand with improving transportation.
Transit and AFFORDABLE housing are in need of urgent investment across this city. These are essential for a world class city and our collect performance in Reese areas has been inadequate. I believe CFD is the most valuable emergency service this city has and is deserving of investment. To see more dollars go to bloated city police budgets is disgraceful.
Transit and future planning are areas we can not afford to sacrifice as they may have the biggest impact over and above any cuts.
Transit and housing are absolutely key to a thriving city that works for all Calgarians, not just the most privileged ones. Calgary is so behind on transit it is absolutely

essential to prioritize it as the city is growing, just like we need more affordable housing to accommodate the most vulnerable and the middle class.
Transit and housing are inter-related. We need denser communities served by good quality transit. Sprawl is endangering the viability of our transit system. I am a senior who does not own a car, so I depend on bicycle, foot, and transit to get around the city. Stop approving sprawl development. Densify the central city, especially in communities with good transit connections. Water is simply a necessity of life. It has to be properly maintained. But once again, sprawl is the culprit, requiring additional infrastructure when you should be focusing on the existing system.
Transit and housing are the some of the most important services for lower income families to have the ability to escape poverty. This is vital to uplifting the burden on Calgarians as eventually when people can bring themselves out of poverty, it benefits all of us to have a larger taxpayer base. Thing that support upward mobility is the most important part of a growing city.
Transit and housing are the two issues that may most deeply impact low income Calgarians. Folks with higher incomes will get by when city budget gets stretched -- without crucial exploration and supports to housing and transit, so many folks will struggle more deeply. I also said parks and forestry because it's important to prioritize our planet :)
Transit and infrastructure (such as water utilities) are of critical importance to this city, as we continue to grow and provide housing for new Calgarians (housing). We need to be hitting the 50-50 new area growth vs existing area growth targets. Prioritizing budget to these key areas that have long been underfunded and neglected is essential to moving towards a more walkable, sustainable, city, that is responsive to issues like climate chage.
Transit and parks benefit all Calgary and regardless of income. Housing is a human right and resolves issues policing has been unable to.
Transit and roads and pathways need to be a focus. People need to get where they are going safely. There is no reason that we should constantly be asked to trade off services, we are not in a recession. Taxes should be appropriately funding services.

Transit because as a growing city we need reliable transportation services that can provide an alternative to having to purchase a vehicle. Extension of the red line to 210 SW and the blue line to the airport are key. Road and pathway infrastructure to service the transit and better connect the city efficiently. The 194 overpass over Macleod is an immediate must for better transit and pedestrian access, currently it's very inefficient and clogs traffic in all directions. Also biking or crossing on foot is madness. Parks and urban forestry because it provides clean air, a habitat for nature and urban connectivity to our community.
Transit because we are a city of almost 2,000,000 people and with rising cost of living and gas prices we need to make sure that people can easily end safely get to and from work and to resources such as grocery stores. Housing I think this is obvious since we are in the middle of a housing crisis in Calgary and you just stupidly repealed the rezoning which is going to increase the cost of housing as well as increase homelessness because you decided to put landlords first.
Transit beets to be reliable for people to use, countless studies say it needs to come every three minutes for people to use it. The city is growing and is going to hit two million people, our fire department should reflect that. Our water infrastructure needs to be updated
Transit can reduce demand and wear on roads. Planning and development shape the city for current and future generations. Fire provides more than just emergency fire suppression.
transit cause the whole city uses it. and other cause it keeps happy
Transit enables people to find work and disruptions in water and transit impact large numbers of people. Housing needs more management as small demographics abuse the privilege of purchasing. Changes to home ownership policy now are a small investment on a growing issue compared to what could be a few years from now (like preventing landlords from owning more instead of trying to buy back property for housing development). Improved funding for transit benefits car owners as more people rely on and pay for public services.
Transit has been underfunded for too long. More support means greater use and less cars on the road. Recreation centers are important for community, and we aren't keeping up with expansion. Roads are already overcrowded, and will continue to trend upwards. We need to prepare for the future.

Transit helps Calgarians of lower income, middle class Calabrians often dismiss it.
Transit helps so many people getting around the city, especially if they need shared public rides saving money with high cost of living. The city seems to be so much more un-safe due to crime, plus open drug use. Police services can help keep people safer due to crime, and bring people struggling with addiction to help facilities for healing and recovery. Although I'm deeply saddened, and discouraged, by the increase in litter around the city, having clean, safe parks to spend time in nature is helpful for any human needing a breath of fresh, de-stressing air.
Transit in Calgary is actually unbelievable—and not in a good way. The wait times are ridiculous, there are barely any buses, and the routes feel like they were designed by someone who's never had to be anywhere on time in their life. For a city that keeps growing this fast, the train system should be WAY better by now, but instead it's just… not. And the best part? Raising single fares to $4.00 so now it's the most expensive systems while somehow also being one of the worst! You're paying more to wait longer, take more transfers, and still show up late. At this point it genuinely feels like a scam. If it's going to take nearly two hours to get somewhere because there are no buses and the routes are awful, it should honestly just be free. Please do better!
Transit in my opinion will be fine. Bylaw is over budget also in many cases a cash cow.
Transit is a non-negotiable priority for sustainable community development. Buses every 10 minutes on major routes would completely change how people think about commuting. We need to address the infrastructure deficit. I didn't select roads & pathways because making roads bigger only induces more demand, but we should improve/maintain pavement quality on existing roads and protect/expand our amazing pathway system.
Transit is a public service that should be available to all. Housing is a human right. Water is obviously a priority right now.
Transit is an essential service for Calgarians
Transit is essential for the free movement of people through the city. Previous councils have underfunded it to crisis levels.

Transit is essential to our economy and quality of life, and when transit is underserved or lacking owning a vehicle or several becomes necessary which amounts to a massive and often untenable personal cost. Water utilities investment is critical to protect our clean water supply. Planning, building & development for more thoughtful patterns & density is necessary while the city is growing so quickly to ensure long-term quality of life and fiscal health.
Transit is essential, and as population grows, we need transit lines to go to new communities. Having a transit line to the airport is also long overdue. I strongly believe that if there are more transit lines in an expansion, more people will take transit. Right now, driver is still the choice that makes sense for most because it takes so much faster.
Transit is everything- you cannot run a city without excellent transit
Transit is flat fare based - other cities are zone based. Flat fare doesn't make sense. Transit needs to expand to newer communities.
Transit is fundamental to quality of life in Calgary. The water utility is a known issue and service must be rectified to be reliable and support 2 million people.
Transit is important as it alleviates traffic and therefore ŵèar and fear on the roads. Infrastructure must be maintained and upgraded as seem with our current water issues. The new housing developments are sorely lacking in public transit. New density developments must be developed around transit.
Transit is important for people taking it to work. Water is a necessity and housing is important for those who cant afford high rents
Transit is important for reducing environmental impact of everybody driving and needing a place to park. Good transit supports tourism and local businesses - their workers and customers. Water utilities because we need reliable, safe water to live. We also should be exploring allowing more non-potable and internal recycling for businesses. Waste and recycling - proper waste management reducing waste related disease, boost tourism as people like to visit clean cities, assists with environmental impact (another draw for tourists.)
Transit is important to those most vulnerable, and same with housing.
Transit is inconsitent and rarley reliable. Many do not have the means to own a car and rely on transit. Calgary has experience many droughts and water restrictions over the years. We are consumer more water than we strictly have access to.

Many calgarians can barely afford rent, much less a home or morgage. The unhoused population costs the community more tax dollars than affordable housing would.
Transit is most important. Our city is way too spread out because we keep failing to build up our core instead of sprawling out. So just for the good of the economy, let alone the city's social fabric, we must keep people moving.
Transit is number 1, its over crowded, delayed, and unreliable it needs to be improved upon as it is a number of people's only way to work, school, appointments, and other everyday activities
Transit is the most important for seniors as well as housing. The water utilities add to your personal budget as an expense so if you are on a limited income it matters.
Transit is THE most important priority. We spend much too much $ on driving and road infrastructure which is the costliest form of transportation and favors folks with higher incomes. Walking and wheeling infrastructure (pathways) is equally important but I didn't choose it because it is grouped with roads - poor choice of grouping. We need to stop sprawl, stop roads - this behavior is bankrupting us. Parks & Urban Forestry and Community and Culture are hand in hand - Folks need places to go and people to see. Get folks out of cars and out of houses and build community fabric to strengthen our neighborhoods and get people off of social media, The addiction to social media is real and is highly detrimental to society. More social fabric has a spin off to safer and connected communities which should reduce social disorder leaded to reduced need for Bylaw and Police. Police $ needs to be spent in the 'right' areas.
Transit is the most important. You cannot have a truly great city without transit. I am specifically talking about the Redline extension
Transit is the number one tool in managing traffic. Fire is an important utility, especially since climate change has created a forest fire season in our country. Water utilities needs to be prioritized to make up for previous admins.
Transit is unsafe and scary to use. Road are packed with cars from so many new arrivals and infrastructure must be maintained. The city needs more affordable housing in particular to get more homeless people out of the drop in centre.
Transit is used by maaany people including to myself so it is very important, and roads and travel is as well. emergency services are very important because, well, emergencies!

Transit is very important for people who cannot drive to remain engaged in their city. Fire and Emergency Management are something we all might need at some point.
Transit needs to be accessible and safe for all and is the most used by the low income population so needs to stay accessible and improve. Housing since we need affordable housing for people. And Business and Local Economy since our city needs to keep the economy thriving and support local more and more.
Transit seems to typically be low on the City's priority list, and has suffered for decades as a result, we are gaining more and more people who don't/can't drive. Often transit is a poor replacement for a city based around cars. Calgary is an international city and needs a transit system that reflects this. There's a housing crisis across Canada. the city could be more involved in government housing initiatives not just for unhoused people but for lower income people struggling to afford high housing costs. Less people living on streets or spending their whole paycheck on housing means a happier, more productive populace that can better engage as a meaningful part of the City. Parks & Urban Forestry has always been strong in Calgary and should continue to be maintained. Everyone uses them and they are often multi purpose with how they can be used or engaged with. The larger our population grows, the more crowded they will be come, must be supported appropriately.
Transit, housing, and community are foundational to having a cohesive social fabric and functioning city.
Transit, Housing, and Community/Culture are things that make Calgary stand out (either in positive or negative ways) and need to be improved/kept running
Transit, police and roads are core services that directly impact daily life and safety. Many transit users rely on it because they can't afford alternative, cutting it would disproportionally harm lower income residents and limit their access to work and essential services. With rising drug use and crime, maintaining strong police presence is necessary for public safety. Roads are used by literally everyone and current conditions are already so poor, any further neglect will increase risk and costs to repair later. I didn't mention water because council just issued a significant amount of taxpayer's money to fix what should have been happening on regular basis
Transit: already unreliable and lacking infrastructure for better service. The green line needs to be completed to improve transit in communities north of the city. Not only is transit affordable to all but the better infrastructure we have the less cars we can have on the road Bylaws: it's important to have regulations that keep all Calgarians safe and able to enjoy living spaces around them

Transit: our transit service and funding is being threatened by the province. Having the ability to move around the city without a car is an extremely important characteristic of Calgary. Housing: we are in a housing crisis and housing costs keep escalating. We need to keep up the good work of implementing the housing strategy. Water utilities: we have an infrastructure deficit to make up for and recommendations from the report on the Bearspaw Feeder Main to implement.
Transit: providing more and more frequent connections can address a number of issues facing the City, including road deaths, road maintenance costs, congestion (and resulting productivity loss), climate change, and equity considerations. Water: clear infrastructure issues that are costing money. Lots of leakage. Need to future proof and investigate creative solutions, especially as impacts of climate change will likely lead to more droughts / increased fire risk / stress to the system. Planning: The repeal of blanket rezoning requires some form of alternative to encourage densification of established communities. Uncontained sprawl is costing our city money - from utilities to transit provision to infrastructure maintenance to emergency service provision. Future-looking planning can help encourage more cost-efficient growth in our city.
Transit: We cannot neglect the short- and long-term future of our city. Water utilities: fragile, critical infrastructure: we cannot take any risk with it. Housing: many Calgarians are un- or underhoused. And we're growing to 2mn. With the rezoning bylaw repealed, the city will have to double down on assisting with housing.
Transit-needs to be available in a timely manner. In this city's' temperature extremes, no one should wait beyond 15m for any bus. More people would use transit, knowing that a bus would be at any stop within 15m. It would improve traffic/air quality with less people/vehicles on the road. It would improve communities. Seeing people walking makes communities safer and friendly.
Transportation and housing are the two areas that will affect people the most acutely every day. When people are financially well and supported/connected to their communities a lot of problems will solve themselves.
Unaffordable housing not only disadvantages entire communities (such as women, newcomers, seniors, and the disabled) but exposes vulnerable people to unnecessary risk. Women should not be forced to find a room in a stranger's house to rent just to have a place to live. No one who is a vulnerable person should be forced to deal with trying to find a suitable stranger to afford housing.
Uncertain geopolitical climate

Urban center have a basic mandate. Safety Roads and transportation Basic sevices Financial resposibilty with the funds from citizens. Ensure that all programs and services are financially viable Avoid non-essential programs that service a small percentage of citizens Work cooperatively with the provincial government on Health, Education and safety programs and issues
utilities and roadway are the key component as daily essential for people in Calgary. With increased population, the City has been focusing on housing, however, not having a clear long-term plan for upgrading regional transportation network around new area including industrial area (employment centers) is just keep pushing the problems to the future generation.
Utilities are necessary for a sanitary environment, police is key for safety (people won't go to new or beautiful spaces if they don't feel safe) and roads allow for easier movement around the city which improves quality of life. Pathways can be a key alternative transportation and recreation option too, but they need to be thoughtfully done.
Utilities, policing and fire services affect everyone
Very important for day-to-day living
Vital services must be paramount. But strong support for building community is also vital to maintaining Calgary as one of the best cities in which to live.
Waste & Recycling, we have one planet. Roads & Paths, large city, with a large amount of people working, you have to keep them moving for less frustration on the roads. Time off being able to use the paths this beautiful city has to offer. Transit, the cheapest way to get around.
Waste management is important to the entire population mainly for health concerns and the environment. Water utilities are necessary to ensure that all households and businesses can operate in their daily lives. Recreation is necessary for the physical and mental health of citizens.
Wasted money on stupid infrastructure like bike lanes and general neglect of critical infrastructure like water is a serious issue. Admin should be focused on pipes, potholes and power, not culture, ideology and environment. You're city admins, not lifestyle coaches or spiritual leaders. Do the job of administering the coty, not people's lives.

Water - because City Hall has neglected water utilities for many years. Police - because Calgary, and Canada generally, have become much more dangerous in the last decade.
Water - it’s a resource that we cannot live without Fire and police - a city where the people feel safe is a more productive city. An enviable city. More happy people bring a better economy
Water - pipelines should be replaced to new modern ones. To avoid leaking issues in the future and water restrictions. Housing - the market is insane now. Either old building or modern condos with bad management when condo fees don't reflect the quality of service and maintenance. Culture - art&culture in Calgary are very poor. We need larger and more diversified culture: more different museums and galleries, art exhibitions and performances, etc.
Water - pretty obvious priority. Police/fire - significance has been downplayed by previous administrations. Calgary is not the safe city it used to be.
Water (ie bearspaw) should never be threatened. Water is a necessary part of life. Fire and police should never be underfunded. There are a lot of things that get funding that are totally unnecessary and take away from those services
Water affects all areas. We’ve had big water main breaks It affects our daily lives businesses leisure Planning. From housing being constructed to eliminating playgrounds property easements Police. Very important to keep our city safe
Water and housing are In urgent need of correction. I use parks and the urban forest more than any other service.
Water and ire protection are critical for quality of life. Housing affordability is one of the most difficult challenges for Calgarians right now, especially younger generations who are critical to keep the city vibrant.
Water and public safety are essential services for all Calgarians. A healthy local economy provides the jobs and funds to sustain current and future growth of the City
Water and waste management will impact day to day life of everyone. The police will provide citizens a safe city.

Water as it is in a huge mess at the moment! Housing as the blanket repeal has not solved the housing crisis. Policing as there is concern for public safety inthis city, especially in the core.
Water because living with out it is hard. Transit because it levels the playing field because more people can get around our city By Roads and Pathways I specifically mean bike lanes. STOP BUILDING and MAINTAINING ROADS! Make pathways and bike lanes for everyone.
Water because of the unmaintained disaster in our pipes. I don't want another summer ruined by restrictions. Police because I believe they need to start working harder on our roads and inner city to crack down on all the crime. We need more police. I watch people text and drive every day on every road and I've never seen anyone get caught. Housing because the cost of living is out of control for young students like myself. I fear I'll never own a home or property.
Water because we've underspent, and as we've all seen lately, that is a problem. Fire because that is an absolutely critical service. Roads and Pathways because getting around benefits us all, especially active transportation, and that area has been underspent as well.
Water due to recent events. We need long term plan. We need to include fluoride in our water, and make our water healthiest in the world!! In terms of transit, its more important than people realise. Like one bus can reduce at least 10 cars on road! Furthermore if buses are electric, then it would be much better for environment.
Water- essential for daily life, management of emergencies Housing- essential for community safety and security Roads- lack of maintenance will only cost more down the road
Water for obvious reasons. We desperately need more visible traffic enforcement and policing to keep the community safe. Roads because the state of disrepair needs continued investment to fix the infrastructure. (Really tired of dodging car-damaging holes on our roads)
Water for sure based on the recent pipeline issues. Calgary is a growing City which has put strain on Police and Fire...should always be important areas of the City to focus on as one of the top three.

Water for the water main break: aging infrastructure needs assessment and action, now. Transit: I don't feel safe as a paying customer. Anyone can get on or off without paying. People smoke and do drugs. They sleep with feet on the seat. Garbage and food items littered. Not a world class city for transit at all. Housing: Danielle Smith invited people here and we can't cope with the levels of people here. It's housing and also all the connected services which need to be buffed (ex. Doctors and hospital staff).
Water has become URGENT. Within that designation, Emergency Management has been Necessary. All of that requires police/fire responses.
Water infrastructure clearly an issue. Housing and transit will impact the most number of people if done well. It should take me longer to take the bus than it does to ride a bike
Water infrastructure is critical to everyone. Our roads are a mess and need lots of work
Water infrastructure needs urgent assessment and update. Urban forests for long term sustainability of city. Housing, as homelessness a major and increasing issue in Calgary as cost of living increases. Housing is foundational to addressing other social ills.
Water is a basic necessity of life, and we need to feel safe in our communities
Water is a basic necessity of life. Police and Fire are mandatory for emergency response.
Water is a basic need that needs to be managed effectively and efficiently. Roads are a key component of city infrastructure that has been visibly neglected over the last 20 years. I don't use transit simply because I don't believe it's safe for a person such as myself with mobility issues, who may not be able to run or to defend myself if necessary. Furthermore, if I chose to take transit to work each day, that would add more than 2 hours to my commute time. That's simply not workable for most Calgarians. We must do better.
Water is a basic need. People need to travel to jobs, so roads and pathways are important. Transit is important for the same reason - all citizens need to be able to travel in a safe manner.
Water is a basic need. The roads are getting really bad, particularly the pot holes on deerfoot.

Water is a necessity and recent issues with pipe show this has to be fixed ASAP. A robust transit system is necessary to support home building initiatives and will reduce congestion on roads. And roads are a key piece of infrastructure that all Calgarians use on a daily basis.
Water is a necessity for life, police offer a safe environment for people to live.
Water is a non-renewable resource and the management of it is critical to ensure equitable access for everyone. Having water restrictions impacts quality of life negatively. Roads and pathways are essential to move around the city. Planning building and development ensure that calgary is improved and thoughtfully managed. Continued studied proper development results in better communities and improved character.
Water is a primary need for survival, transit has many immediate and future impacts across the city, and Police to ensure a safe and comfortable city.
Water is absolutely necessary for life and roads and transit are necessary for people to get to work or school.
Water is an essential service for all of us. Roads and pathways move our city. We need them to be an efficient fully functioning modern city. Red tape at city hall wastes time, money and holds up development stalling projects in all areas and stunting progress in our city.
Water is an essential service which you NEED to have. You need police to keep the community safe especially as our population grows and we see more crime, and violence. Quality of life is an important part of community, belonging and connecting. Sport or recreation activities is one of those ways to connect and support overall well-being. I would have chosen Community & Culture but recreation might appeal to a broader population.
Water is an essential service. I use pathways and parks almost daily and value those being in good condition.
Water is basic necessity; Fire for emergencies and Police to maintain law and order (safety)
Water is critical. Fire and police protect infrastructure. All of these affect investment and confidence for future growth
Water is essential to our life, it must be first. It was mismanaged in the past and we all had to suffer the consequence. Next, Police, I have seen crime rise because of all the homelessness, fentanyl, and influx of migrants. Crime is at an all time high and

without proper protection, we will be forced to try and protect ourselves. We need police to keep our families safe! Roads are bad, full of potholes at the moment, we live in that kind of a climate and there is always bad roads. It saves lives to have roads plowed and sanded.
Water is essential. Roads and pathways are in bad shape right now and need to be brought up to snuff. Police are paramount - in the downtown core, on transit lines, for emergencies - I haven't felt safe to travel on transit since 2018! and I don't feel safe walking around downtown with the mentally ill and addicted doing what they do in public.
water is everything in a modern society---police and fire for public safety two things that have fallen behind in Calgary
water is fundamental and long ignored, roads are full of potholes and pea gravel everywhere chipping windshields, Planning and building are sometimes ridiculous and expensive
Water is life. Fire management is essential in a dry place like Calgary. Without business and a local economy, nothing can happen.
Water is life. Roads is logistics. Planning and Development is the city growing in a pragmatic way.
Water is life. We need more police officers. We need more affordable transit, with the latest increase we pay more than most comparable cities
Water is more important than garbage removal , David Duckworth is the main reason why the water service is in bad shape , he needs to fired with cause
water is obviously the most important service right now. Roads are dreadful with the potholes and overall condition of roads that were ignoreed for the past 10 years (did we really need 'art' like the big blue ring and bike paths that see virtually no ridership...i.e. 11th street se and much of downtown.) This isn't Vancouver. Our Police force has horrible support from the provincial govt. Why take away the radar vehicles that have slowed down the number of speeders and provided much needed revenue to the police (especially if govt cuts support to them)

Water is the most important aspect of modern life. The water department has done an absolutely terrible job of fixing the situation. Also other neighbouring cities need to be forced to treat and have alternate sources of water. All our eggs in one basket is a huge mistake. (Being proven as we speak) The roads have been neglected by the previous council, time to fix the pot holes and finish construction projects. Stop making bike lanes that hardly anyone uses. Costly to plow separately and find a way to make cyclist who demanded these lanes pay fees to remove snow and maintain them. Make it easier for businesses to start up, without businesses we don't have a city.
Water is top of mind for all Calgarians, and it should be. Reliable water infrastrucure for a city of this size is a non-negotiable. Safety is also important for Calgarians. I work downtown and see all kinds of social disorder every day. My Fiancee doesn't feel safe walking out of work late in the evenings downtown. The downtown core needs to be cleaned up from open drug use and made safe for the vast majority of this city's residents who don't participate in activities like this. However, we can't lose sight of the need to diversify and strengthen Calgary's economy as this region continues to grow at a rapid pace. We should be investing in opportunities that will grow Calgary's tax base and create jobs like the Prairie Gateway project and continuing to advance the conversion programs for unoccupied office towers downtown to create more affordable housing in the downtown core.
Water issues are completely unacceptable and we need more police officers to enhance public safety
Water reliability is essential as past administration chose to ignore it. We need to live in a safe city with good police and fire services.
Water remains priority to ensure we never run in to feedermain issues again.
Water security and safety
Water supply must be done right (new). Planning & Building approach was uncoordinated in a Wildwest manner.
Water Utilities - recent past major water line breaks (need I say more) Police - very important to support/maintain a strong police constabulary; focus on real crime - not woke issues Emergency Management (see Water Utilities above; more robust police force to respond to crime)

Water utilities across north america are at the end of life and aging. Finding ways to reduce water use, improve water systems, and ensure safe access to all is key. Parks and urban forestry are essential for supporting people's physical and emotional health, vital for combatting rising mental health issues. Housing is another area that needs attention as global economic and federal laws have have made housing unaffordable by encouraging low interest rates and people taking on higher mortgage debt. Unfortunately, it is up to municipalities to correct these mistakes during the unprecedented housing market.
Water utilities and fire are so critical to maintaining a safe community. Bylaw because enforcement is key to maintaining the social contract, which is foundational to community living.
Water Utilities and Roads are fundamental to a functioning city and are currently in the greatest state of disrepair and mismanagement. Recreation is there as the 3rd because it has been chronically underfunded and we are lacking the number and quality of facilitates that most major cities have, especially for the sport of soccer.
Water Utilities and Transit have been underfunded for years - if there's a budget crunch, let other areas go underfunded for a while. And please never let Waste & Recycling fall behind - I remember Toronto's garbage strike in the summer of 2002 and never want to see anything like that again.
Water Utilities are Calgary's most pressing infrastructure issue that has caused many issues recently, especially with drought conditions not going away anytime soon. Improving and maintaining transit, especially LRT, is vital or Calgary's present and future success as a vibrant, accessible and affordable city. The Green Line and Blue/Red Line extensions are truly the future of Calgary as a world-class city. In many ways, this infrastructure also positively impacts Housing, Community, Roads, Business, etc. Investing in Parks & Urban Forestry is a direct investment in Calgary's future, as well as Calgary's culture and character. These are the areas and facilities that make this city great, and protecting them, investing in them and growing them are critical.
Water utilities are critical services that can be life or death related. Roadways are important to maintain for safety as well. Community & Culture are important for the following reasons: Strengthens community connection and sense of belonging Improves quality of life and wellbeing Supports local businesses and the economy Attracts visitors, talent, and investment Makes the city more financially sustainable long-term Helps prevent social issues and builds safer communities

Water utilities are obviously in terrible shape, and that needs to be addressed. Housing is a real crisis that can be addressed in a multitude of ways, but it needs to be a top concern. Community and culture are the whole reason to live in a city like Calgary - if we don't have community and culture, what's the point? They have been noticeably growing and will set us apart for recruitment and tourism, along with improving the quality of life for Calgarians.
Water utilities because of the issues we've been having with providing safe, reliable water supply to residents. Police because Calgarians and visitors need to feel safe to enjoy our city. Parks and Urban Forestry because we need well-maintained green spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. I want to be proud of the city I live in, not look with embarrassment at un-kept, neglected parks and green spaces.
Water utilities because those problems must be fixed. Parks and forestry because green spaces and trees are important for recreation and to manage extreme weather events and excess heat and make the city liveable.
Water utilities because we need water to drink and a sewer system that works. Police to respond to crime and hopefully reduce it. Fire to respond quickly so more than one residence doesn't get burnt to the ground.
Water utilities has my highest vote since despite being a vital service needed, it has not been placed with high enough priority nor maintenance checks which have caused the massive water main break/replacement of all these old pipes(reactive not proactive). Housing is getting too expensive to afford, and transit needs to be more reliable(4 wheel drive on buses, building green line, etc.)
Water utilities have been neglected for decades, this needs to be a top priority. Calgary parks, urban forests are amazing. We need to protect them, and provide access via pathways.
Water utilities have clearly been underfunded in past years and we are actively feeling the results from burst pipes and water restrictions. Transit needs greater funding if we want a system that is consistent and accessible. A better functioning transit system will encourage more people to use it which can greatly reduce traffic congestion and support the environment. Housing is essential for people's quality of life and addressing how we build housing can solve many problems for our city. A zoning plan that allows for gentle density will support our infrastructure problems more than further sprawl will.
Water utilities have proven to be a challenge to maintain and need attention. Transit fees are going up and should show an improved level of service and safety to align

with that. Housing continues to be a need for a large contingent of the Calgary population and needs focus.
Water utilities is clearly in a crisis right now so it is the most important to have this fixed. Housing is important so the City can take care of the issue of homelessness around downtown area and can in turn make transit safer and businesses to go back to downtown. Also, I would feel safer to travel to downtown.
Water utilities is imperative and behind schedule. Transit is hugely underfunded. Police are important for civic order and also underfunded. We need to RAISE the taxes!! How does a 32% increase by the province and a 1.4% increase by the City make any sense. As a homeowner in Calgary since 1989 I would like to see homeowners property taxes raised so that we can properly fund services and infrastructure. 1.4 is just plain stupid!
Water utilities is rather obvious, as should be roads and pathways considering the brutal shape they are in. And in light of the ever unreasonable increase in cost of living, free and easily accessed, nearby recreation is a must.
Water utilities must be maintained before disasters strike. Policing to enforce the laws and provided community safety. Don't let the place burn down.
Water utilities provide critical service Calgarians cannot live without. Fire is a critical emergency service Calgarians cannot live without. Policing and the related public safety the police service provides, Calgarians cannot live without.
Water utilities should be a major focus in order to overcome the last decade of negligence from City leaders with Administration.
Water Utilities: these have been neglected for too long and are one of the most essential services we have. Roads and Pathways: our roads are in very poor condition (potholes, poor paving, poor planning; etc.) Snow removal and sanding are completely inadequate as experienced in April with the number of collisions and their related cost to city residents. Police: police need the resources to effectively control crime and protect the citizens of Calgary. Also, in concert with the Province ensure the court systems are efficient to prevent recurring crimes/criminals. Calgary businesses need more protection.
Water utilities: We need water to live. Bylaw: Bylaw enforcement matters to everyday living. I can see this bringing in money from fines. Transit: Public transit is a pillar of society.

Water, because it is critical for health, sanitation, growth, etc. And we have experienced the consequences of not maintaining this service. Police and fire because of keeping our citizens safe, maintaining order and peace and dealing with basic emergencies.
Water, because the last couple administrations did not prioritize it adequately, and we've all seen the impact that the aging water system has. Housing and police go hand in hand - issues that people see throughout the city with our unhoused population would be drastically reduced if there were more affordable housing initiatives, resulting in fewer people on the streets (not just because they would have homes, but a large part of mental health is having a stable and comfortable place to call home), and the police force to ensure that transient people affect the community less. Additionally, more resources to Police would also help curtail the growing epidemic of dangerously unqualified drivers in the city, redcuing accidents/injuries and helping keep out city safe.
Water, Fire, and Police are life-sustaining services. If our city grows beyond the capacity of those services, then lives will be lost.
Water, pipe infrastructure is critical. Losing 21% of Calgary's treated water is a waste of tax dollars. In addition, I Calgary's leaky pipes also impacts ground stability, causing sink holes and issues with pot holes on roads. Fix the water pipes/ infrastructure. Stop focusing on issues like climate change and the environment which is a waste of tax dollars and not the responsibility of the municipal government. Climate change and environment is a provincial responsibility, not municipal. Focus for Calgary's municipal mayor and council should be core services. Stop wasting tax dollars on climate change which was implemented by previous mayor and council. The core responsibilities should be roads, water and pipe infrastructure. No more excuses for not providing core services to Calgary tax payers. Enough is enough!
Water, police and roads are all basic and essential infrastructure. Life quickly grinds to a halt without those three. Fire follows closely thereafter. Everything else is either of lesser importance (recreation, parks, community), or largely outside the ability of a municipal government to unilaterally determine the outcome. Until the basics are well looked after, the City has no business running us all into debt for the sake of the "nice to haves".
Water, police services, and the fire department are all essential services.
Water, police, roads are essential to every day life
Water, roads, and parks are essential to me.

Water, waste management, and law enforcement are areas that citizens have no way to manage individually and must be provided at a level of excellence to ensure an acceptable standard of living.
Water: could we not have water restrictions for the rest of time. That would be nice. Fire: These are the dudes we want responding (and EMS). Transit: It should not take more than TRIPLE my drive time to get to work. I could literally bike there faster than I could take the bus or train. Can we please do something about the pedestrian fatalities???? I dunno if transit is the solution, but every time I leave my house I fear not returning the way people are driving.
We all need safety, homes and life balance for a prosperous, positive community lifestyle. Otherwise homelessness, lack of opportunity and safety cause people to take actions that negatively impact our daily lives and crime rates rise.
we always need the police emergency should cover fire roads etc transit is very important for people to move around
We always need to make sure our is above all is safe for everyone.
We are growing city and we need to focus on the basics.
We are growing. I want proper recreation facilities for sports such as soccer and football. We need kids and people off screens.
We are having a lot of trouble with the water utilities and need that to be fixed completely. People need to have housing they can afford so they have a place to live. We need fire services in case there are fires.
We are in a cost of living crisis. The city should be aiming to benefit Calgarians by reducing their living expenses. The three options I've selected can all help to reduce living expenses for Calgarians. An expanded and more comprehensive transit network can help Calgarians reduce their daily costs by further eliminating the need for a personal vehicle, and the costs associated with that such as monthly payments, insurance, gas, and maintenance. Affordable housing developed in tandem with transit and a focus on neighbourhoods that are both walkable and bikable can help further reduce the cost of living of Calgarians by even potentially eliminating monthly costs for transit fare in some cases.

We are in a housing and affordability crisis. If you don't have a home all other areas are effected. Housing is health care, housing is addiction services. If you don't have access to housing you can not thrive in life. Calgary needs to focus on landlord licensing.
We are in a housing crisis and not having a roof over your head makes everything else so much harder.
We are in a housing crisis, there are not enough services to support unhoused or precariously housed communities. If we want people to be able to connect with resources effectively we need affordable housing and transit to ensure we can support people in their journey to achieving stability. Connecting communities and building a strong sense of belonging is essential in that work
We are in a long-term cost of living crisis with a provincial government dedicated to removing funding from our most vulnerable community members. Housing and transit access, especially for disabled and low income Calgarians, must be prioritized if this city is going to remain livable. Fire services will continue to be important for emergency management with increased flooding and drought due to anthropogenic climate change - as a city that has traditionally prioritized and celebrated people who have made their riches off the oil industry, we have made our bed and now need to lie in it to support our most vulnerable community members.
We are in a time where we have to focus on the residences of this city, not the large corporations that benefit from our property and labour. Lets build housing owned by the city, that can be purchased by people. Lets focus on public transit and invest in more routes more types. How does it really serve our community to provide services to companies before, and inspite of the overwhelming amount of residences of this city are denied those services due to financial hardship. Hardship brought on by the privatization of those services in the first place.
We are in desperate need of housing (too few and too expensive). We are in desperate need of public transit. If we had extensive, efficient, safe, and frequent public transit, more people would use it. If more people used public transit, roads wouldn't be so crowded, cities wouldn't be so car centric, and we could shift from cars and needing to have parking lots everywhere, to having transit, bikes, and walking instead, like so many big cities around the world. We could have more services around where more people live, making communities have real heartbeats, instead of people driving 45+ min everywhere to get what they need.
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We are sick and tired of trying to provide everything to everybody. We cannot continue to spend on every pet project council wants. We have to learn to live within our budget and move to a user pay system. Calgarians want everything available but only use it if someone else pays.
We are very behind comparable cities like Edmonton in recreation and parks. There has been very little investment city wide since those massive YMCAs were built. Established communities are asked to shoulder the burden of infills and growth, but the facilities and services have not kept up. Road and pathways should not be combined together. We need to see more investment in 5A infrastructure, but roads are sufficient as they are now. I say that as my primary mode of transport is driving. Water utilities should be a funding focus regardless of what happens in the budget engagement, it's a need not a want.

We are very behind on recreational infrastructure for a city of our size. It is absolutely embarrassing that a city of 1.7m people does not have a functional field house, and that impacts our ability to attract important events and provide adequate training facilities for young athletes. Accessible recreation improves overall health outcomes for the population, which results in less strain in other areas. Increasing our housing supply will solve a myriad of social issues. And if we want to improve the ability for entrepreneurs to put their business ideas into action, or to make it easier for businesses to locate here, we need to ensure that the appropriate departments have the staff to manage the demand.
We at Bike Calgary want to ensure that Calgarians are able to get around the city in ways that dont require a car. considering the affordability crisis today, avoiding car ownership is a great way for cutting personal costs.
We can't live without water, we can't move without decent roads, we can't live without proper rules and police enforcement
We can't survive without clean water and our water distribution network needs a lot of improvement. Quality of life is severely impacted if our parks are neglected. This City is still one in which a car is needed to get around and traffic delays and long commutes due to inadequate road infrastructure takes hours off people's lives over the course of a year. The potholes are also impacting vehicle longevity and maintenance costs.
We cannot function as a city without these core services
We cannot live SAFELY without them.
We desperately need more affordable housing that's wheelchair accessible and has at least wheelchair accessible bathroom. They all need to be pet friendly. We need the fire department for safety and we need an improved transit system. Calgary transit needs to have more busses so the wait times between busses is much shorter - especially in winter when it's so desperately cold.
We desperately need more housing to accommodate our population and to keep the city affordable. Building more in the inner city reduces infrastructure costs long term, increases the tax base and makes investments in other much needed services like transit more fruitful. We need a stronger more well connected transit system to get people to where they need to go efficiently and at an affordable price while reducing emissions and traffic. I primarily drive but also take transit downtown when possible and I'd take it more if it was more reliable. There are also many low income folks who rely on transit to get around. We have had several fatal pedestrian accidents over the last few years and many were due to road design and speeding. There are several unsafe intersections and roads which get worse during the winter. Snow plowing is very important for the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and transit riders.

We do not have enough housing. And transit needs to be more accessible for those with low or no income, as well as building the green line.
We do not have nearly enough facility space for sport including field hockey turf, soccer turf and year round field sport access
We don’t need Calgary burning down. Transit sucks for what I’m forced to pay. In the real world if a service was that bad, I’d get a refund. But with transit that isn’t possible. And housing is terrible here.
We dont have a city without safety, reliable water supply, and a road system for citizens. These 3 are not negotiable.
We have a big homeless problem that needs to be felt with. We also need to improve traffic
We have a dire lack of sport and recreation facilities compared to other cities. This reduces opportunities to engage in physical activity and quality of life for residents. It's time to redress the balance
We have a need to go back to basic services in Calgary and get away from supporting the vocal minority.
We have a problem where we are too focused on the capitalistic values of balancing budgets. Housing, human needs, and a focus on environmental improvements feels most important
We have an affordable housing problem. People with lower incomes need reliable transit, as do the rest of us. Water’s importance should go without saying
We have an exponential increase in crime in this city. Gangs have moved in, shootings are common, drugs are everywhere. How is anyone supposed to be safe? Police should be the priority.
We have an increasing population of vulnerable people. People who are unhoused because of the costs and excess in our city. they need to be our priority above all.
We have had several water crises over the last few years. We need some attention to this and to avoid boil water advisories and more. The housing crisis and increasing difficulty to find affordable housing has put a strain on the financial freedom of young people. People are becoming house poor due to limited options. The roads are constantly in need of improvement, big projects that have significantly supported calgarians in the last few years have included road additions (Deerfoot)

We have had too many years of ignoring critical city infrastructure and we are all paying the price for the lack of care and oversight on important city services. Just as a note, when I choose roads and pathways that excludes bike lanes. We need to stop or reverse spending money on bike lanes. They were a ridiculous expensive project that is used by a minuscule percentage of the population, cause traffic issues and add expense when it comes to clearing snow etc. we also need to maintain our cty parks and green spaces.
We have increasing violence and homeless issues, and I believe our police force needs to expand especially with social services for mental health issues for homeless population. Obviously with our recent water problems, the whole city needs to be upgraded and we are so much bigger now. And now with repealing that ridiculous blanket rezoning issue, we can actually look at a logical way to build more affordable housing. I know that a lot of the infill lots are not being built to be affordable, the developers are charging as much money as they think they can get, instead of building things that are truly affordable
We have many laws that see to be rarely enforced proactively suggesting a lack of policing resources. Why do I have to pay each month for garbage bins plus pickup. I have been paying for 14+ years now and I am certain my bins don't cost thousand of dollars. This seems to be nothing more than a cash grab. It sure would help seniors on fixed incomes. Fix the water issues and remove those responsible for past problems. Also perhaps metering should be investigated if people seem to waste an important resource with little regard for others.
We have not had a new recreational facility built since the Seton YMCA, and our population has grown by over 300,000 people in this city. Opportunities for sport and recreation are lacking for children and young adults, and when they are available are only becoming costlier. Also, our city fields for soccer and other sports have become a disaster and lack quality. Many of them have more weeds than actual grass, it was not like this 20 years ago.
We have practically run out of space in Calgary, and the city's soccer facilities are always full every day. This would affect the performance and development of the teeming populations of our young players. We urgently need more facilities. Without new fieldhouses and a strong funding plan, we may have to turn families away next season because there simply will not be enough space.
We have problems with water so need to fix them. Also our crime is increasing at an alarming rate so we need Police. The roads are necessary to get around.

We have seen where 'deferred' attention was paid to various areas. Emergency services and our recreation facilities play an enormous part in how our city is shaped and require long term planning. Planning and development also do. Our recreation planning has fallen far behind since the requirement for developers to set aside space and or build rec facilities as the city grows was removed and the ongoing deferred maintenance and renewal has made access to recreation for all citizens a challenge.
We have spent to much on roads, transit, new sports facilities in the past decade and have over built beyond what we need with little recognition that the city property taxes are no longer affordable by recent retirees & seniors. Living in Calgary has become extremely unaffordable for seniors because of the huge increase in property taxes over many years. The choices of police, Fire and Water are because these are the essential things we need to live. The City needs to spend on needs not on wants. There has been to much spending by prior councils on wants like sports venues and transit. Buses work just fine with a lot less cost. The City is over staffed. Please reduce your staff by using more technology. You don't need more supervisors than workers in many of your dept. e.g.,city parks and others. Also, most of your jobs have a half to a quarter of the responsibility that an equivalent private sector jobs therefore you can decrease your staff numbers by combining jobs.
We have to be safe
We have to feel safe and secure, so police and fire services are key. We know the pipelines are eroding, and quickly. If the city allows them to degrade further there will be limited quality of life for a large number of people. The city needs to move forward and fix this issue that should have been at the top of the agenda many years ago. Clean water and its management is key, along with public safety! We can manage without other services if need be.
We have to keep traffic moving the best we can.
We have to reestablish a certain base minimum before we delve into areas of potential growth.
We know our water system is on the verge of collapse and may not be able to provide reliable services It has gotten harder and harder make decent life in Calgary .. things need to change in regards to boosting our economy and abilities to maintain and standard of living
We know that there needs to be a significant investment in water utilities, this is critical infrastructure that without investment in we can't engage in any of the other priorities. So many of these categories intersect with others. Transit is a priority because it is a equalizer, good transit access makes it possible for folks with disabilities, children, seniors, folks who don't have vehicles to participate in day to day life. This is a base service for a City. Finally, we know the statistics around social

isolation being as detrimental as smoking - community and culture are integral to the wellbeing of people living in this City. The ripple impacts of investing in community are increased civic participation which actually reduces costs for municipalities.
We know the water infrastructure is crumbling and it will take huge amounts of money to repair and upgrade. Transit is a theme being heard repeatedly at the public hearing on Repealing the Rezoning Bylaw. For low income or persons who don't own vehicles or in order to reduce traffic congestion and the need for an ever-expanding road network, then we need greatly improved transit - more routes, more frequent service - and not just to the downtown core. Police are called upon inceasingly for criminal activity social disorder and traffic issues. More staffing is needed as the city expands outwards.
We know there are issues with our pipes and we can't support any other service if we don't have that infrastructure taken care of First! Secondly, we all use the roads and pathways so ensuring those do not negatively affect users is important to ensure people in Calgary feel that their city putting our money to good use Lastly in my experience working at the city, working with the community association and residents I hear a LOT about concerns that can be better handled by Bylaw officers. I am talking about community standards not being met and neighbors becoming frustrated. If we don't have accountability for upholding those standards, the anger and frustration will grow, people will become even more complacent and take that anger out on each other or city staff.
We know there are significant issues with out potable water network, this must be the top priority. Crime and social disorder have increased significantly. Personal safety is critical to citizen well-being. Trees are being cut-down recklessly by developers. This foolishness will drastically reduce the quality of life in our city. This is a serious issue that must be addressed. Likewise, our parks are in terrible condition. They are not well-maintained and they are overused. Park and green spaces are of vital importance to quality of life.
We make our city accessible for public transportation and make sure public transit are safe for all community. Rebuild water services to ensure we have safe drinking water and avoid waste water resources.
We must deal with basic needs first. Water and housing are necessary for survival. Transit is required to access employment, education and health care. All are essential for us to ensure more Calgarians experience this city as a great place to make a life.

We must focus on the must haves to ensure they are in place before worrying about the nice to haves. Many of the nice to haves can be delivered by the private sector through alternative channels. Arts, recreation, recycling, transit call all be provided by other companies/organizations. There are no private channels (yet) for Police, Fire, Roads, Water, and Planning. Many of the problems we have today (social disorder, water infrastructure etc.) are a result of focusing on the too many priorities at the expense of the most important ones.
We must keep our numbers with fire and police. We must keep up with hiring or with the age group heading into retirement and burn out we will be short handed. The city is getting bigger and we need the man power and the equipment. Housing always is in need. Focus on senior and veterans should be at the top. Those are the ones that built this fine city.
We must keep the city functioning and grow the local economy
We must prioritize our infrastructure health before everything else at this time including our part in the upstream slowing of the Bow. This affects all of us and all future planning and building. Right now, developers seem to be running the City with money being the most important result, most of which does not go back into City coffers.
We need a redundancy water supply. We need to replace old pipes etc.. We can't live without police and fire. But we should have left the housing zoning as it was. What a waste of time!
We need a reliable water supply. In addition, any recent blanket rezoning already in-place will need their sewer lines upgraded & paid for by the developers.
We need a safe city to live in, city is expanding in all quadrants that we need new fire stations built, & keep our water supply safe. Blame Nenshi for doing nothing!!
we need a safe city, reliable utilities and roads that are not falling apart
We need a safe community no matter what the budget contraints there are.
We need a safer city to live in and therefore more police which also requires stiffer penalties for those who break the law. Water utilities need to be modernized. We have had three water main breaks in our neighborhood in the last month and our water pressure over the last few years has been 60% of standard pressures. Our roads are a mess with potholes and large depressions making the city look and feel in disrepair as well as less efficient.

We need a solid infrastructure of order of safety, support and safe water
We need a strong police presence to prevent people from feeling unsafe to venture downtown or on the C Train Water is essential for everything and clearly we need to prioritize its upgrades and we need to support local small businesses from retail to housing (landlords of small buildings)
We need a way to move people around the city. Our city is very car dependent and our buses are unreliable especially in winter. I've witnessed multiple times that our buses are unreliable when it comes to delivering service to Calgarians. We need a reliable system where current and future generations would be able to use. It shouldn't take 10-20 years to be able to utilize a train system that was designed 1-2 decades ago because it would always fail to meet the demand. We should be more proactive and design this city to be efficient and sustainable. When there's a decent transit system that everyone can use and afford then our local business are gonna be able to thrive as people can get to where they want to go to. A lot of people who move here don't drive and they can't actually access some facilities that they want to use because of the lack of public transportation to certain areas. Decrease the police by putting gates on the lrt stations to decrease cost in the long run.
We need better roads, police and safety is important. Our water system needs revamping
We need businesses so that more people can be employed. We need our roads and paths maintained and transit is always a priority. A snow storm should not impact transit the way it has. I would also like to add Housing. It may be more important than roads honestly.
We need emergency services, police, and fire to respond and be available. Calgary's crime is going up, and the police presence seems to be going down. The roads here are very busy and sometimes the size of potholes can swallow a car. These need to be maintained as our city gets busier.
We need fire and Police for the city to be safe, the water utilities have been neglected for a long time, by other mayors and councelors, hence why we had a second break in two years. We need to ditch the hairy fairy projects and focus on what matters! Police, fire and water. Transit can support itself if they hold steady with their ticket prices and keep busses in communities that need to going to C-Train stations that are in the comunities. (Deer Ridge, Deer Run, Queensland etc need a bus to go to Canyon Meadows station) people would use transit more if the city stopped making stupid decisions on bus routes, and uped secruity at c-train stations.

We need fire and police service - the fire department is called to OD's, transit safety relies on police. Not negotiable. We are currently spending on water but roads and bridges need to be maintained.
We need good strong emergency in place and a reliable police and fire personnel. Crime is rising...safe neighborhood are important
We need good water services for day to day life and responding to emergencies. We need good economical transit so we can reduce the amount of cars on the road and be accessible to all Calgarians. Well maintained roads and pathways make roads safer and pathways more inviting to use. Using the pathways system takes additional pressure off the roads and promotes health and fitness in our citizens.
We need housing to live, decent roads to get around, and available clean water. The essentialls should be first priority. But please stop wasting money on fluoridating our water.
We need housing Victime of domestic violence and sexual assault need support Make the transit safer and more accessible
We need increased options for affordable housing for all Calgarians, as well as accessible means to travel throughout the city for work and recreation. We also need to upgrade and strengthen our neglected water main before we have another emergency.
We need more and sustained police. The fire department gets a ridiculous amount of funding because they skew their stats. I speak from experience. Fill the pot holes and clear the snow
We need more bike lanes, we have enough roads for cars, we should fill in the gaps in the pathway network as well
We need more long term investment in infrastructure like water, but we need short term invest in recreation and parks in a growing city
We need more police on our streets and with more recreation sites for people to use perhaps this will deter some of the negativity that gets folks into trouble. We need the 311 for the citizens to help keep our city in shape!
We need more police patrolling and effective action in the West Beltline area as crime, homelessness and illegal drugs are becoming epidemic and out of control! Without more frequent police patrols and effective intervention, I fear this neighborhood will follow the path of other cities where businesses and residents are forced to leave as crime takes over.

We need more rail to connect to airport and other regions of our city
We need more recreation facilities to keep kids in sports like indoor soccer fields. Water infrastructure is aging and we need to prioritize that.
We need more recreation. housing solutions to make calgary more affordable
We need more recreational places fpr our youth to "hang" out in a safe environment so they stay out of trouble. Water, well speaks for itself. We need it and the pipe needs repaired. Our road conditions are.horrible and costing me alot of money on vehicle repair when I hit pot holes. Fixing them needs to be a priority!
We need more soccer facilities.
We need more soccer fields for our youth programs.
we need police and fire to protect this city and water utilities is a very important necessity to every Calgarian but so is policing and fire fighting
We need police presence and assistance more than ever with number of the homeless and downtown and transit violence, and drug use. Our roads are in serious need of repair and have been neglected. Our need for water maintenance has just been demonstrated dramatically with the failure of a main line.
We need reliable water and our city has a huge shortage of indoor ice facilities for hockey, ringette and figure skating
We need reliable water, police for keeping crime out of our community and fire to save lives timely.
We need reliable, sustainable infrastructure.
We need safe water. Police and fire are essential and should be funded to the proper standard.
We need the police to respond quickly and efficiently to crimes as our population is growing rapidly and problems with different cultures are on the rise. Calgary roads are in terrible shape and will require extensive attention for years to come. Water issues are being addressed and will require attention for years to come.
We need them to protect all Calgarians, everyone benefits
We need those services
We need to be able to get around safely in an expeditions manner. Also, it is hard to function without safe water.

We need to be prepared for emergencies in this unstable world. Parks and urban forests benefit everyone and we alloy needed water and sewer.
We need to be prepared to experience more climate events that will stress our fire and emergency services the most. Having essential services such as our water utilities, which are currently challenged in providing basic level if service, is also critical at this time.
We need to be thinking about immediate needs and long term needs. Safety is highly important to confidence in our city.
We need to build a sustainable city. Invest in people.
We need to consider immediate safety and accessibility before building more unsustainable properties and sports buildings. We need to behave like responsible adults especially in the face of an irresponsible provincial leadership.
We need to deliver non-market housing that is affordable but that can only be done with the city's involvement because the developers do not build affordable housing and policies like blanket rezoning do not work to deliver affordable housing. We also need to insure there is reliability water and other utilities and we need a greater police presence generally.
We need to ensure there is infrastructure and services in place for all Calgarians and look at this from an equity lens.
We need to expand our transit network--get more four car C-Trains, running more frequently, with more reliable buses, and implement 10-30 year strategies for a transit network that will meet the needs of a growing Calgary and launching it as a competent city. It is a failure that our transit system has barely grown since it was first made, despite our population increasing so much. We also need to continue a focus on housing and building more of it, otherwise this city will price out the very workers that contribute to good urban vibes (coffee shops, arts, cute little shops not run by foreign owned American billionaires). Finally, we also need to focus on water utilities. Enough is enough of a water system that is breaking three times in two years. Get serious.
We need to feel and be safe and we need to be able to get around this big city. The city is growing and the roads and transit need to keep up. Roads and police affect every citizen.
We need to feel safe first. Its the highest stress of living
We need to feel safe in the city, so it must ensure we have enough police security. There is definitely a housing shortage, especially affordable house. Having a home Should be accessible for all. And of course the water problems Calgary has faced the

last couple of years. It’s time to fix it, and to ensure the future infrastructure of our city is stable.
We need to fix the housing crisis, especially now that we've gone backwards on zoning.
We need to fix the water system top priority . Clean reliable safe water is the backbone of an attractive city . Pathways and parks are mess the city looks awful has been like this the 20 years I have lived here . Pocket gophers have taken over our parks . Weeds are uncontrollable . Grass is dead ,trees need trimming ,sidewalks need repairs , potholes curbs and storm sewer drains are all sunk and in need of repair .
We need to focus on housing and better planning of our city. Right now it's impossible to buy a house if you're a millennial, and the city isn't doing enough to make this attainable. Increased supply is imperative to bring down the current over valued market. Additionally, this city's roadways and infrastructure and transit were very poorly planned. This needs vast improvement.
WE need to focus on needs not wants we dont need bike lanes and public art we need water fire and police. and not everything is critical infrastructure. we need zero based budgeting and water to be run by enmax not 500 city supervisors
We need to fund infrastructure for Calgarians now and to continue to grow.
We need to get a handle on our dangerous roads. Drivers are impatient and angry. As density increases roads and communities that weren't designed to handle so much traffic are seeing more incidents. We also need better options for transit and safe corridors for pedestrians and cyclists so that we have sustainable alternatives to driving.
We need to get back to basics.
We need to get back to the basics of what the municipality is responsible for. These are basic necessities that need to happen in a city. Everything else is a luxury. This includes not spending any money on environmental and climate change projects. We need to make sure the residents of Calgary have access to basic necessities to live in the city.
We need to get our financial house in order. We need to reduce government. Taxes should pay for BASICS. Special and separate fund raising should pay for anything else. If it has support is will be funded.

We need to get our underground infrastructure in order and plan for future investments while supporting local businesses.
We need to get our water pipe situation under control and able to fulfill growing need. Bylaw and police need to keep order in our city and also keep the citizens safe, drug use and homelessness issues have become more wide spread in recent years.
We need to have a continuous supply of clean WATER and ongoing availability. Maintaining POLICE and FIRE services are necessary.
We need to have a stable roof over our head before we can develop our full potential. I have a teenage child that need to be in sport so recreation is important to us. Road and walkway affects my daily life so I need them to be in good and accessible condition at all time.
We need to improve our tree canopy and green spaces to improve conditions regarding climate change.
We need to improve the economy so that people can find jobs and afford housing, and a police force to ensure safety on our steeets and transit system
We need to invest in areas that will create sustainable and safe communities in the long term. Water is a priority because it sustains life and parks-urban forestry help to support the local hydrologic cycle which is already highly disrupted and is putting extreme pressure on climate resilience and stormwater infrastructure. Police is a priority because no community is desirable if it is unsafe.
We need to invest in cycling infrastructure and transit access if we are to become a modern and greener city with fewer traffic fatalities.
We need to invest in the youth of Calgary. Better, affordable, facilities. It is crazy how FEW winter soccer facilities we have in Calgary.
We need to invest in things that will have long term ROI for this city. Transit development has been stalled for years but can make the biggest difference for traffic remediation as the city grows.
We need to keep our city safe, we need to replace the blanket rezoning bylaw with something that works for our city, and Emergency Management is critical to the operation of city services (i.e water breaks/supply issues).
We need to live in a safe city. Citizens need to be able to access police & fire in an emergency and roads and pathways are utilized in these situations.

We need to maintain and improve urban parks for a growing population. Pathways provide opportunities for safe, active transport which ensures financial sustainability by improving health, reducing congestion and reducing pollution and climate change.
We need to maintain the infrastructure that allows us to live in Calgary before spending on the glittery stuff.
We need to maintain what we have and not worry about new anything
We need to make our city more accessible for walking and transit to alleviate road congestion. Making our sidewalks and pathways safe for folks with stollers and mobility aides will allow for more people to consider walking place than driving. We also need more affordable housing for folks as rents are high and are equivalent to mortages.
We need to make sure we have enough resources and well trained responders to make sure on our worst days we have the best possible outcomes. And roads and pathways are important for commuting and recreation.
We need to protect ourselves from ever increasing wildfire risk. The water utilities are high priority as we had the water main breaks affecting the community for years. Emergency management is number 1 for keeping people safe.
We need to provide more affordable housing to Calgarians, limit sprawl and have a better transit network to ensure we are growing sustainably.
We need to reduce the urban sprawl and provide better public transportation by completing the originally planned green line and provide safe separate cycle pathways. With sprawl there is great demand for more and larger roads. Improve public transport that citizens will take.
We need to return to the basics of what makes our city great. We need to fix and maintain infrastructure. This in turn will help future citizens.
We need to secure and rebuild our water infrastructure and utilities for all Calgarians given the constat main breaks. We are still in a housing crisis and if we repeal blanket rezoning we will need more investment or to be creative when it comes to housing. People find support at the community level-with the world being as divisive as it is and so much hate and discrimination investments need to be done to support work around these areas and continuing the city's commitment to Anti-Racism and Truth and Reconciliation.
We need to support existing infrastructure and stop expanding the city outwards.
We need water infrastructure.we need police and fire .

We need water regardless. Police for crime reduction or assistance. Firefighters do much more than fight fires.
We need water to live and survive, we need police to keep law and order and we need fire dept. so we don't burn to the ground
We need water to live our lives. We need police to ensure our safety. We need fire department to extinguish fire that will destroy our homes and livelihood. These are absolutely essential. Some of the above are good to have such as recreation. We can not afford every want. We have to focus on what we need.
We need water to live. So, making sure human beings have access to water, and water treatment, is pretty important, I would say. Some of these issues are interwoven with others, as well. People need access to emergency services, because most of us are not doctors. They help keep us alive, and all that. Which, I would argue, is the point. With areas with affordable housing or better maintained environments (With proper waste and recycling management), also make habitation easier/ reduce health risks. You'd have to consider roads and the like when doing waste management, too. It's easier to fund or participate in community and culture, if we are not sick or dying. I am no expert, but I am pretty sure that's not an outlandish opinion.
We need water! We need clear and safe pathways! We need proper maintenance of our roads that have been neglected for the past 10 years!
We need well trained service providers in those two areas who deal with the public. All other services like housing, while are important, but we are seeing when a Police state has negative effects on the communities in which they work.
We really need strong transit if Calgary is going to succeed as a city. Parks are needed for Calgarian well being. Our water utilites have been neglected over the last 50 years and we need to get them up to snuff.
We rely on these services to live well and commute easily around the city. Working on roads and pathways helps to prevent congestion on roads and would love to focus more on expanding roads and parking areas rather than buidling entire new communites and just cramping all these people and cars into areas that can not sustain it. Waste and recycling is something that will always be a product of a household and focusing on better recycling facilities will help better the environment and reduce waste hopefully.
We seem to have way more busy street with homeless and unsafe areas
We should have transit from the international airport and safety on transit throughout the city for all Calgarians. Our police force needs to be trained better and needs more

officers to sort out the drug and alcohol problems downtown. It's become unsafe on some streets, which makes me sad to be a Calgarian. The water is mentioned as we all need water, and there was a major screw-up by the city in not looking after it. I hope someone got fired over that.
We shouldn't have to be picking. Fund the city with sufficient taxes to pay for world class services and amenities.
We simply cannot have any more water break emergencies. The roads are full of potholes, time to take of that. Shortage of housing still an issue, but sensible development required. No more blanket zoning. There has to be adequate services and parking for infill housing.
We want to prevent worse outcomes for the future and those can prevent larger conical issues later. Housing needs to be #1, rental caps, low income housing has to be priority.
We were witness to what previous admins neglected because vanity projects took precedence. Infrastructure needs to be taken care if regularly.
We've moved into the home my grandfather built in 1964. The cost of maintaining thishome is untenable for me. My dad has cancer and had to stop working. I will never be a mother because the cost of simply existing is too high. Not all on city council but there's a chance they could help.
Well if the city burns we won't have a city now will we?
Well we clearly have a water issue and the roads and in disastrous condition and the fire dept is a very important part of keeping calgarians safe especially with the lack of ems
Well, I currently have a terrible neighbour. It's nice to be able to have bylaw assist when needed. Water is clearly a priority right now. And park space is important for everyone's mental health
We've had water main breakdowns and would like to avoid more of those. Roads & Pathways are important, many more improvements are possible to protect the pedestrians & cyclists. Looking for more traffic calming measures and redesign of neighbourhood streets for safety, for improved pedestrian crosswalks that prioritize safety and use best practices in design, for expansion of Calgary's protected wheeling network that has been woefully slow to provide safe options in more neighbourhoods. Also looking for better public transit that's affordable and convenient. It takes 50-70% more time by transit than by car to get somewhere. Buses were full on snow days or didn't come, that is not reliable.

We've seen first hand over the past couple of years the impact of not prioritizing water infrastructure and its importance. Police - crime, safety, traffic safety are all very important to maintain control of. Walking and driving is the city are dangerous. There are so many poor/bad/distracted drivers on the roads. Dangerous speeding as well as not stopping at stop signs and red lights are a common occurrence. Fire - safety of citizens, homes and buildings.
We've seen what happens when water infra is ignored. Transit provides access to Calgarians who can't afford or choose not to buy cars and with fuel prices being unreliable that number will surely grow.
What good are parks or transit or community services if you're not physically safe to use said services?
What makes Calgary special in my opinion is the natural areas and the pathways that provide access to most all of them. I feel this should be a priority for the City: focussing on what makes us unique here. As to housing, I fear for young people who feel that it's out of their reach; something has to be done to alleviate this for them.
When budget is tight - I think the priority should be on life safety and access. Water Utilities and Police are heavily related to life safety (so if fire and emergency management, but Calgary has had escalating issues with public safety - so prioritizing police here). Then I think if we don't start to strengthen Calgary's transit we will have a difficult time with incentivizing smarter transportation and managing densification.
When difficult trade offs need to be made, it's important that we continue to protect vulnerable groups. Focusing on transit, community and emergency management means that our low-income/homeless population are not falling out of focus.
When people have stable housing, it reduces other social issues. Since the province isn't allowing things like photo radar, more police are needed and the fire department is always needed.
When resources are low the most vulnerable are disproportionately effected, ie. Those reliant public transit and on services for housing
When things are hard financially in order to keep people working and mentally safe recreation is very important. Maintaining safe transit and road ways keep our city safe and productive
When times are tight it is important to focus on immediate needs first.

Where we live and how we navigate our communities matter the most. If we have an affordable place to live and we have reliable ways to get around, the rest will follow. Transit and pathways are especially important as we encourage sustainable modes of travel and active lifestyles.
While budget funds for the most basic services have been under utilized, it has led to broken systems like the water system where budgeted funds were not properly used to maintain for the long term benefit. Pet projects, like bike lanes and transit took away from basic services expected of taxpayers Police should not have so many paid officers on leave, as under utilized poorly managed staff, leads to more funds, but less cops on the beat.
While I believe that 311 brings value, I've never used it. Like with countless cycles I've seen over the years in Calgary, I see the potential for an over subscribed housing market with the amount of inventory coming on line in the next 2-3 years. I agree that community and culture are important but not at the expense of necessities like emergency services or dangerously deteriorating infrastructure
While I understand short term crunches and needs I think long term planning is also needed in these areas.
While I understand they are all important, two of the three I've chosen give safety to citizens. Without these, the other choices really can't be fully utilized. Public transporation I feel benefits more of the city population than any of the others. To me they are all important and valuable to have funded but these three to me are akin the safety needs in Maslow's Hierarch of Needs. Yes you could say Housing and Water are lower on the pyramid of needs but I think those have already been addressed.
While I want to ensure that our city corrects the wrongs of the past and develops its basics more (water feeder main, roads, transit etc), I still regardless of tough decisions want us to continue to look forward to a better Calgary for Tomorrow, developing Rec Centers, housing, and otherwise. It's important to balance those two ideas, but with the water situation and many of our basic services needing upgrades or fixes, that should be our first priority, so we can continue to look forward - not to what we need NOW , but to what we'll need tomorrow.
While I'd love to check the whole list, I checked the areas of service that I think might have an immediate and widespread negative impact if they were to fail and that would also result in long term impacts on communities
While The City has slowly begun to turn things around, The City has for far too long focused on pet projects (the 'Confluence', a doughnut-shaped streetlight, etc.) rather than basic City services (police, water, etc.).

Why build rec centre if people can't access without car? Increasing safe,timely transit support results in healthier communities opening people's understanding of our diverse citizen group. Besides, blanket rezoning doesn't provide for parking needs. Police and fire essential for community safety.
With a city this size, we cannot afford to have breakdowns in our infrastructure that greatly affects our overall utility usage. We need to be prepared for a very dry climate where more fire fighters, police and utility specialists need to be hired to ensure that our expanding city is safe from disasters. More and more people are facing loss of housing and overall poverty, the prices of housing must come down! The landlords have too much control! With the dire need to house low income families, new solutions must be worked on.
With an increasing population, we need innovative urban planning to create livable neighborhoods. Livable neighbours must include parks, urban forestry, and transit. They should be walkable and reduce the amount of cars on the road. Liveable neighbourhoods can improve the quality of life in a community and create better social cohesion, health, mental health, arts and culture, democracy, and so many other positive outcomes. Superior planning reduces the need to spend money on police, mental health and community and culture, and business investment because it allows neighbourhoods themselves to flourish.
With increase in population, city was facing more traffics and unexpected delays, especially during winter. More accidents happening these days. Also utilities were spiking each month and water limitation were rising each year which controls our usage at least meet basic.
With more road accidents than ever before, the safety of Calgarians should be top priority to make mobility here safe
With out water we die With out police crimes will rise, we die With out fire departments the city will burn, we die With the right leadership the police and FD can handle most of the emergency situations
With pathways I specifically mean active transportation, which in the long run has a much lower budgetary cost per user moved than roads. I do NOT agree with prioritizing budget to roads for car use as they simply attract more traffic as has been shown repeatedly in Canadian and international studies.
With respect to how the zoning changes happened, these inputs will have no significance to how the city of Calgary manages our tax dollars.

With significant population growth over the last several years and growing inequality in our city, I think investment in recreation infrastructure and operations is particularly important to bring Calgarians together and help them stay healthy through physical activity and socialization. Continuing to invest in improving our transit, roadway, and pathway network is also crucial to enable people to move around our growing city in a sustainable, safe, and reliable manner.
With the population growing so much, safety is of utmost importance, and roads are also important in keeping the city moving and efficient.
With the province defunding the safe consumption site, while health is a provincial issue, the city could help reduce negative impacts on the most vulnerable populations if programs are developed to cover the gap.
With the rise of crime in the city funding the police is of utmost importance
With the stronger foundation in community and culture there comes stronger sense of belonging and responsibility. Safe Housing should become equitable and accessable to all citizens. With affordable housing we can reduce poverty, addiction and mental health and build a safer community. With better emergency management skills and better future planning there will be less pressure on the citizens and more sustainable resources.
With the water main break, and the drought conditions of Southern AB, water focus is critical. With ongoing climate catastrophes, a robust emergency management (that also looks at preventative measures) is important Housing is a crisis - we need to invest and continue working towards ensuring safe, affordable, and dignified housing for all
With the water restrictions over the last few years I would think that Water Utilities is a pretty obvious area that needs focus. Roads & Pathways are because our pedestrian fatalities, at 1.03 per 100k is the worst in the entire country. Business Licensing and Local Economy is in hopes that local businesses are more likely to hire the unemployed youth in the city.
Without a safe community and free from social disorder, it is difficult or impossible to use all other services such as transit, recreation, parks, housing, and so on. So, a safe community that is free from social disorder should be the highest priority. For example, I stopped using transit and going downtown as it is not safe and full of disorderly people, the C-Train stations are often full of garbage, risky people, drugs, etc. I have witnessed assaults, fire setting, open drug use, harassment in transit, parks, and streets downtown so no longer can use these services. In a real way my

freedom of movement, assembly, and association is restricted because drug and street people are seen to have greater rights than the general public.
Without a strong emergency department everything colapses.
Without doubt the water utilities have been neglected over the past decades. The City needs to ensure that they are brought up to an acceptable standard so that major failures will never occur again. The City also needs to ensure that there is an ongoing program of inspection to ensure no hidden surprises.
Without housing, waste management, and roads we don't have a city to enjoy.
Without our green spaces and community & culture Calgary has very little to grow on. They have been our bragging rights for decades and Calgarians are losing that aspect of living here. Transit is embarrassing for a city of this size. Its not safe, the schedule isn't consistent, you can't get on a train during peak hours without waiting for 2-3 to pass by.
Without police and firemen, you have chaos. Without transportation maintenance (roads and pathways) a ten dollar fix turns into a thousand dollar fix real quick, not to mention the wear, tear, and damage it does to vehicles, bikes, and people along the way
Without police there is anarchy Without functioning roads commerce city and citizen financial health will deteriorate. Water - kind of goes without saying, doesn’t it?
Without proper care to roadways Police and fire would not be able to effectively and efficiently do their job. It is critical to ensure we have enough police and firefighters to ensure the safety of our City.
Without proper road infrastructure emergency services can’t get around. We’ve already seen the impact of neglected water infrastructure and the immediate impacts to citizens. Police because law and order are important given the large population and hard financial times crime has been rising.
Without reliable water, noting else matters. Better social services will help reduce homelessness and crime, which in turn reduces policing needs.

Without rules that are enforced, the resulting chaos makes life very challenging, so the police are vital to the citizens safety. Fire fighters are also our first responders, they are needed for many emergency aspects. I selected them for this reason. Clean water is vital to a city . This is why I selected this as the third important service. Many of the other services listed can be done by volunteers if required or on a more philanthropic nature. Police and fire services require trained individuals that are greatly needed to maintain city integrity.
Without strong fire and police departments people wont be or feel safe. And we've had so many water challenges in the last couple of years that we need to build some greater resilience into our water system - it has a big impact on quality of everyday life to not be able to rely on our water system.
Without them we live in peril
Without these services there is no operating civil community
Without water, roads, and police (safety) how can we function?
Years of negligent management at City Hall has made this a necessary focus.
You are a municipality, start acting like it.
You can not defer any if these 3 areas any longer. Our roads are terrible and getting worse. Water is a priority and we need to secure its safety. Planning and development must continue and needs more attention than we have been giving it.
You cannot operate a city without law and order!
You have nothing without a law abiding society. This allows citizens to focus on recreation when they are not at work. Fire safety is important. Multifamily dwellings should be all cement structure. Ask a Fireman or insurance company.
You need heat, water and the rule of law. They all deal with personal safety and well-being. These are essential before moving on to higher needs
You need Police to uphold law and order, water is basic necessity and Parks are vital for individual's physical and mental wellbeing by being able to connect to the nature and get physical exercise.
You need those essential to make the city run.
You need to break down the "roads and pathways" address into more categories. I fully support maintenance of roads and pathways, and the creation of new pathways, but I can't in any way support the creation of new or upgraded roads, interchanges, etc. We have too many roads to maintain already, there is really no need to build more. By lumping these choices into a single item you are going to get false support

for a generic "roads and pathways" area. Any capital investment over the next 5 years needs to be for non-car related travel. The city seems happy to build roads long before they are required, planning for induced demand. But the same never seems to apply to transit, to wheeling infrastructure, etc. Those always wait until the demand appears instead of being built in anticipation/creation of the demand.
You put of the 4 walls before decorating. As for transit, everyone needs access to transportation, particularly for work, school, food,etc.
These are essential services for safety of our people and communities.
1) Recreation for Health & wellness improves one's confidence and helps be productive in the community 2) Parks & urban forestry - Great for strong community building and gets people to different classes and cultures get together at one place with no cost to them 3) Housing - is the strong pillar of life in this society
need affordable housing. Cost of renting is too high.
These are the most important as they have a significant impact on everyday lives. Additionally, they are forward looking and ensure we are a good city today and into the future.
All those things are important.
It is important for an individual to feel safe in a community he/she lives in. I strongly believe that by reinforcing certain rules & regulations, we can make Calgary a wonderful place to live in.
Emergency Hospital Wait Times - request to plan so calgarians can get: - less emergency wait times - availability of ambulance on time - kids/infants health analysis wait times shd be less than a month Eg: MRI scan for kids is 1 year wait time
- obviously, water shortage is a problem - transits too packed and their are crackheads on it so safety needs improvement - more recreation centers & parks at NE needed!
Transit is extremely unreliable and infrequent which makes our lives as transit riders very hard and housing is a real issue in Calgary.

Q6: Why did you select those service areas as the least important for The City to focus on if difficult budget decisions must be made?

- help those of that already live here have the amenities we need. Pools, parks, pathways.
- Housing is not a city responsibility. Housing should be provided by private enterprise. City provided housing is far too expensive per person housed. Instead, incentivize private enterprise to provide housing by reducing the taxes on low income housing and providing mental health and security services to this housing. - Parks are nice but not necessary. - Community and culture: stop funding "art". What a waste of taxpayers money. If you do fund it, have the art chosen by the PUBLIC, not someone at the city.
- recreation is a broad term, but we already have community associations, parks, pathways, swimming pools, indoor facilities for soccer/tennis/workouts/skating/hockey/ringette/leisure centres, playgrounds, gyms, etc. Community volunteers help to keep things running, and we have to make the best of what we already have. - again, community and culture are important, but private citizens can raise funds and contribute to the programs that are already in existence, e.g. Expo Latino, Reggae Fest, Blues Festival, Christmas and Easter festivities, Diwali, Hanukkah, Lunar New Year. Participating businesses and communities can look after the bulk of these offerings. - maintaining urban forests and parks can also be done on a largely volunteer basis by rallying concerned and active citizens. Planting trees, trimming, weed eradication, cleaning up leaves and debris, and repairing pathways, etc., can be done without spending vast sums of money.
-I don't even know what 311 is. -Presume the City can survive with how these items currently exist/run. -Seems there could be alternative means of raising funds or having volunteers/sponsors/user fees etc support these nice to have but maybe not as essential areas??
-Waste and recycling keeps going up in fees. We are doing enough with this. Community and culture- every community has its programs through the community. If more is needed it can be do e provately.- - Calgary is full of opportunities for recreation already. Not necessary to enhance

"Community and Culture" seems to be a group within the City who want to dictate how they want everyone to act - pretending to be inclusive by only supporting those with similar views. "Transit" - because the Green Line has been so mismanaged by the City it will be a forever liability that will never have a benefit that exceeds the gross $6B in taxpayer funds. "Planning" because the City is so terrible at civic planning, with blanket rezoning as a good example of how the City at the same time: (i) pretends to listen to citizens; (ii) completely ignores the will of the people; (iii) wastes huge amounts of time and money on propaganda; (iv) lies to citizens ('we don't have to pay back the federal money' then '....but we do have to pay back the federal money'; and (v) fail to achieved any net benefit to citizens as a result of such fiasco.
* We need to transit, not roads. * Instead of putting more money in police & bylaw as a Band-Aid solution, we need to invest more in social services, recreation and the like to prevent people from going off the right path in the first place.
1 No more bike lanes. 2. Stop making it harder for businesses. Stop interfering with the economy, let business owners work and the economy will thrive.
1) the budget for policing is high enough and it would be ludicrous to divert other areas to the police 2) further development of the city, particularly outward expansion, will not be effective without supporting infrastructure
1. Businesses will take care of themselves. Gov't job isn't to keep them in business, that's their job. 2. Rec and arts are important but if all other things need to be maintained too, those are less important than the barebones
1. Housing and 2. Planning, Building and development. I think enough resources have gone into these areas already. we can manage what we have for the next 4 years. 3. Parks and Urban Forestry. Minimal budgeting in this areas won't hurt much.
1. Housing, Private sector, Provincial and Federal responsibilities due to the fact the politicians run on this subject. 2. BL & Local Economy, not sure in the decades we've lived in Calgary that we have had good returns on that spend. 3. Bylaws, a waste of money, for 30 years we never saw a bylaws officer, now they cruise the streets and alleyways in trucks and SUV's that scream my money! Whenever we have had to contact them about issues we have never had a satisfactory result, contractors allowed to continue to dig dirt in alleyways and dump topsoil, not respecting any need to segregate Type A & B soils so we don't track clay into garages and home for litraly months after work is completed.

1. The Green Line has been an embarrassment to watch. City Council moving ahead in 2020 without having any idea of the cost may be the most financially reckless this municipal government has ever done. The ongoing fighting with the province should be expected to create even more waste. For this reason, transit should be a low priority in terms of NOT increasing spending towards an area City Hall has proven itself of incapable of managing responsibility. 2. Planning and Development should also be low because of the either corruption, or at least the appearance of corruption, when the City destroyed that downtown waterfront community to benefit a developer - for this reason Planning should NOT receive more funding until leadership is changed to not steal from taxpayers to benefit their friends. 3. Community and Culture should be low because secrecy and dishonesty are baked into the culture at City Hall and we don't want that unethical culture spreading - spend less on dictating.
311 - people can wait longer to talk. Waste / recycling and community & culture aren't as important to me as others.
311 - is a waste of time. never have I received a call when I have asked. Emergency management is important but does not require updating all the time. Planning - why have planning when you vote in blanket rezoning - it is a contradiction.
311 and waste and recycling are a well oiled machine and so no more investment needed.
311 can be managed more cost effectively online only. Recreation, community and culture can be trimmed with more volunteers and corporate sponsorship.
311 can be mostly automated Business licencing can be stream lined to basic administration with high filtered criteria and provincial licence umbrella. Bylaw and Policing are over funded in proportion to the budget over all.
311 could be automated with AI technology to provide service and answers to citizen questions or info requests directed to the appropriate service area. Business Licensing & Local Economy won't be as successful if basic needs are not met. Similar for community and culture.
311 is a great service and I have never had issues reaching someone via 311 and getting my needs met. I do not think it needs further investments or increased investements. Same goes with Calgary policing. Our city doesn't need more policing of mostly homeless and unhoused people. We need more housing and supportive services for people who live on the streets and suffer from addiction.

311 is a joke and adding more money will not fix it I never understood its purpose when the operators have all been directing to deflect . Community and culture is personal thing that can be taken care of by the community associations .
311 is a nice-to-have, slowing it down would not be critical Business Licensing & Local Economy are already prioritized too heavily over long-term, sensible City growth Community & Culture - Nice to have, suggest monies go to support local organizations
311 is already a strong service. Community & culture is important but not as critical. Planning & development can self fund a lot of stuff itself
311 is already working well and I don't think further funding is needed. I suspect, but am not sure, that the social issues referenced above fall under community & culture. And when I list business licensing and local economy I'm strongly suggesting that regulation/red tape needs to be drastically reduced and I am guessing that this category best represents that.
311 is flawed as it's based on a predefined set of specific small things, not for plenty of key things that need to be able to be addressed on the app. No amount of small budget increases will fix this. Planning and development is the reason we have had water problems. The city has been short sighted for decades and planning and development creating this excessively widespread urban sprawl hell is responsible for a huge amount of our problems. Not to mention the likely kickbacks from developers.
311 is ineffective, I believe the Fire Department is over resourced.
311 is massively inefficient - if it would just like me state my concern, don't get hung up on drop down menu options, just say thank you and go to the next call but instead they want all sorts of personal information and waste time clicking away on their computer - just take my issue Watch CBC marketplace about how effective recycling really is (most actually ends up in the dump overseas anyways) and question if there needs to be such a waste of effort of it. Stop grouping bikes under transport (they are recreational) and pathways (we are a winter city - don't clear them people don't use them when it is in-climactic weather. Clear the automobile road instead.

311 is nice to have not need to have. Bylaw is ineffective- they identify or confirm problems reported but do not take any action, so what use are they? Parks are overrun with the mass influx of immigrants to Calgary, so I rarely bother going to them anymore.
311 is nice to have. 911 is an imperative. Support for Community and Culture help to enhance the livability of Calgary. They help to improve overall social well being, however, they may not be imperative. Business Licensing and Local Economy benefit citizens. Licensing should be a revenue centre rather than a cost centre, as should "Local Economy". Policing local businesses through licensing is an important aspect of helping to keep citizens safe from fraud and inappropriate business practices. However, it ought to be self supporting, though its likely that businesses would disagree.
311 is ok as is, has had lots of $ on it, housing has jumped & needs to taper let & feds have got their push un it
311 is pretty inconvenient and minimally effective. Dont invest more there. Housing investment by the city seems to take green spaces and funds from communities and benefit largely developers. There should be incentives to preserve housing already in place. Licensing seems like a lot of hassle eg. license for dayhomes? Not job of municipal government. Unlikley to be effective re child welfare.
311 is useless anyway as you can never get through to them. Community and culture sounds woke which we definitely can have way less of and planning building and development we obviously cant afford on a reduced budget
311 is useless really. Most calls are just closed with no action by the department. They do not call back even when requested. Housing is not and should not be a city matter. Why do I need to pay in full for my house with no help? Everyone is responsible for getting their housing in order best they can.
311 is useless. Contacting 311 is nothing but frustration and rarely delivers results. Departments should be contacted directly. As for recreation; playing is not a priority.

311 seems to work well already. Likewise waste & recycling. I don't believe the city should spend a lot on local economy. Business licensing might need more money in respect of regulation, inspections etc.
311 should be moved to mostly app submission with less employees answering calls. Bylaw and waste are important but should look at cost control.
311- that information can be found other places Community and Culture - I feel that this is adequately covered and a nice to have, not a need to have right now. Bylaw - Other issues seem much more pressing
311 though helpful doesn't seem essential and is not used or needed by everyone in the city. Community and culture seems to have been a focus of previous administrations and is the reason we have some expensive and pointless statues and such around the city. It's also the reason our basic infrastructure is in such sad shape.
311 though important, works as it is, does not need additional funding. Transit is sufficient, the city does not need a second LRT line going through downtown, train goers can connect to the current train that goes through downtown like any other major city. If any other train is to be added, one to the airport/deep NE should be a priority (not through developed neighbourhoods where most drive in anyways, and will not depart from their current method of transportation) Recreation can be made by the private enterprises, we do not need the city to manage recreational activities during times of tight budgeting.
311, Parks and Waste*Recycling exist and functions very well - keep status quo seems appropriate, in lieu of expansion of other depts.
311, Rec, and Community & Culture can survive cuts without being detrimental to the operation of the city
311: this is a great service, but if cuts needed to be made I would focus on maintenance rather than service improvements. Business licensing: the focus here should be streamlining the service provided and finding efficiencies in how it is delivered.
A focus on continuous growth without the infrastructure to maintain it is a fools errand.

A functioning Community must be build from inside out not from top down.
A lot of business development is done by other actors. If we have good parks, affordable recreation facilities nearby then community can build on that via associations or other actors.
A lot of storage fees for things not even recyclable like clam shell plastics. Reduce recycle runs, focus on basic garbage service. Housing is a federal Ana provincial service, as they run immigration Do bettter to source funds federally, because otherwise it is double taxation as federal taxes pay for that, and then again with property tax by land owners.
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Administration needs to look for efficiencies everywhere. Calgary should look a reducing the number of bylaws which in turn reduces the cost of enforcing bylaws. The City already has an abundance of parks and culture; maintain/support what we have. I live close to Confederation Park and don't understand why we have added pots with plants along the pathways and changed grass areas to "natural areas" which I think are going to invite unwanted critters/insects.
Advance infrastructure. The rest will follow and it will allow for scalability and sustainability
Affordable housing doesn’t reach the individuals who need housing. The price point of affordable housing in Calgary benefits only the developers and builders by allowing them to cut corners to maximize their profitability. The least important service the City should focus on is “Climate Change and Environment”. This responsibility belongs to the Provincial Government. There is no visible accountability for spending Calgarians significant tax dollars on Climate Change and Environment. Not sure why this item was not placed on the list of least important focus by the City. Stop wasting our tax dollars on Climate Change and Environment, not the City’s responsibility. In addition, the previous mayor and council were not able to provide Calgarians with any measurable results based on the millions of dollars spent on climate change and environment, absolutely no accountability. The City should transfer the budget from Climate Change and Environment to water, pipes and road repair.

After observing the various buildings being erected, the city codes seem to be of such low standard as to be non existent. Shift the responsibility of quality building to those most affected -THE BANKS. The city should have NO responsibility for quality through codes. Having seen the obscene payouts for "cultural" projects paid to non Calgarians this should be of NO interest. A simple LAW - andy and all public artistic works MUST BE PRODUCED BY CALGARIANS ONLY, YES, ONLY. The uniqueness of many Famous cities is based on LOCAL productions. Unfortunately, when things are not going well, visiting a park etc. is all but forgotten. Tough choice, and would rather keep it, but ...
After several interactions with police and talking to them, it does not seem like they do anything. They buy extremely expensive equipment that doesn't get used. Their de-escalation skills seem poor and they seem reluctant to do anything about crime. Case in point, people have had to go to the media after people were dealing with neighbours that were repeatedly threatening them, even though they have video evidence.
Again housing is becoming a trendy word. We do not need mass housing developments at the moment, the population growth has stalled. Maintain the current licensing and economy- yes let is grow but critically think about what we are allowing. Recreation- this is so broad. Are we talking city parks and festivals? Recreation facilities? Poorly worded!
Again I would say stick to the neccessary services.
Again look date what we have not expand
Again too many resources and emphasis are spent on climate policies etc. Community culture is best handled by the communities themselves. Housing should be managed by the market place and regulated by rules of supply and demand.
Again, capital spending for roads needs to be cut, but operations/maintenance should not. Spend that money on pathways, transit, etc.
Again, I am sure there are monies spent by the City on things not on this list that could be cut back rather than the Community & Culture I selected. Also, I think we should stop putting in bike lanes on already crowded roadways. On many bike lanes a bike is rarely seen.

Again, if the city focuses on the basic infrastructure (the reason for the existence of city council and administration), it will create a fertile ground that the rest will fluorish in its own. Government needs to create the proper environment and get out of the way.
Again, it's not just about trade offs! Many of these departments need to do deep process reviews to understand what they can do better, faster and cheaper to allow for the same level of service. Continuous improvement!!
Again, the city must focus on core responsibilities when facing difficult financial choices.
Again, the role of the City should be to maintain and secure those infrastructure type services that residents need. Services that do not fit into this category should be reduced and in some cases eliminated.
Again, there is little to no return on social spending. As for recreation, if there is a real need and user base, private industry will come to the forefront.
Again, these are "nice to have" expenditures & not sticking to a disciplined approach to spending taxpayer $.
Again, we have limited resources. The taxes can't keep going up like they have been it's becoming unsustainable. Get back to basics prioritizing Police and Fire to keep people safe. Fix and maintain our roads. Keep our utilities in good repair. Eliminate waste on ideological pet projects like Climate Change and DEI.
All 3 areas can be handled by each community separately.
All are important
All are important but you created choices from basic needs and is not a fair survey. The budget and expenses have to be transparent and people that manage them to be fully accountable - from heavy fines to criminal convictions for bribes.... manipulation for monetary gain. Always an outside audit has to be in place. Money have to be used only for the City well maintenance and Calgary's citizens, no waste of money is acceptable. The water pipe bought 50 years ago to last 100 years, would be good if somebody is still living to pay for such bad decision.
ALL ARE IMPORTANT. JUST NEED BETTER OVERSIGHT
All areas are important. All areas need to find efficiencies

All areas that are beyond the core responsibilities of the city
All crucial services that I have benefitted from. It's a brutal choice, but these strike me as the least impactful first places to cut.
All of the services are important but I would consider these as less important.
All of the things above important. However everything needs to be done as the budget allows for.
All of them are important, but I think we have a handle on emergency management, commu ity and 311.
All of them are important. Maybe bylaws are not something I deal with. Community is important but must be lower if we need to choose as other things are more important.
All of them are what I would deem as not essential.
All of these activities can be managed by the people and businesses that are already in Calgary. Let the private sector see the need and they will fill the gap. Culture is something that the population should endeavour to develop themselves. We don't need the City to do everything for us.
All of these are important. Eliminate climate and bike lanes on our roadways
All of these are important. Cannot pick which should be less important.
All of these areas are important it is difficult to choose
All of these have had lots of money sent their way
All of these service areas can enter a form of "maintenance phase" while investment goes elsewhere. Investment in recreation can be made up with the aforementioned investment in community and culture, so that families still have somewhere to go with their children. 311 and the parks are harder to sideline, but both are non-essentials relative to the other budget items, and can continue development once the city has reached a reasonable baseline for development.
All of this is important but it seems all levels of government are focused on business and economy to the detriment of community and public services.
All perhaps of importance, but on a lesser scale.
All programs are important, accept for institutionalized fascism. Increase social services, lower police budgets.

All service areas are important, however, I chose these three because they seem least critical to the safety, satisfaction and wellbeing of Calgarians. (i.e. by fueling recreation, parks, etc we are also contributing to community & culture)
All still great but more ‘nice to have’ if finances allow.
All the 3 areas focus on either a niche area or a limited number of people in the city & mostly the affluent looking to monetize their assets, which is never an urgent matter.
All the above are essential areas of priority
All the areas above are important in the big picture. Housing is a challenge largely because more people are encouraged to come to our great city. The focus on growth should be re-evaluated. We have seen how quickly our resources are stretch with the continuous growth, and particularly with the massive influx our Province encouraged over the last decade without allocating appropriate resources to manage that growth.
All the areas are important. Community and Culture is important. But it’s most nebulous than the other areas. What is the definition of community and culture?
All the items on the list are important and should be supported. However, when tough decisions need to be made and focus needs to be pulled away from certain areas, it should be from areas that would impact the least amount of Calgarians. The majority of citizens own a vehicle and use it daily or have access to ride share apps, taxis, etc. Transit is important, however when looking at how many Calgarians are affected, roads and pathways should trump transit. Housing is a hot button topic and understandably with the cost and inflation pressures present in today's world. However, and I don't intend to sound harsh but facts do not discriminate, community housing is an area that impacts a smaller % of the population and the return on investment is simply not there.
All the other services seem vital to me.
All the others listed are extremely important

All the rest need attention as they've been ignored/sidelined for years. We need more/better green space, transit is unsafe, roads and bike lanes need maintenance, more bike lanes /paths needed, need more housing, need yo support local and canadian businesses, need to maintain water pipes
All the service areas above are very important, but if the budget is very tight, we can delay some projects like the green line.
All these are nice to haves but the remaining are must haves.
All these areas are running fine on their own they don't need any help or a hand up or hand anything just let them do what they're doing
All these departments are important. If a proper regulatory environment that ensures safety while allowing a diversity of experimental developments is ensured, other agencies, communities and corporations will be able to fund housing development. The city does not need to fund public housing, only regulate and permit it.
All three are incredibly important, but seem the most adaptable to adjust if cuts were to occur or if budget held steady as opposed to growth.
All topics are important, but I had to choose something.
all unnecessary drains on the taxpayer. city needs to stay in its lane. not be a hinderance to entrepreneurs.
Already addressed in current government
Already explained
Already in good shape.
Already too much money spent on these things
Although all city services are important, these particular services would likely have the least impact if budgets were to be held or slightly reduces. A hard look should be taken right across the city at where reductions can be made. The increase in management/exempt positions over the past several years is astounding and consideration needs to be given to how these positions add value to the services provided to the citizens,

Although everything is important some service have already programs in place and other services will need more budget in the next four years.
Although I believe these are important. In my opinion they are not critical for the short term and can be postponed until the budget allows it. Although they should not be put aside each year.
Although I think these are all very important services, there are perhaps ways to not increase these services (understanding that not increasing is effectively reducing due to inflation, not keeping up with population growth, etc.) and still remain a safe and healthy city for a short while. That being said, I don't think reducing the city's budget in any way (including what I mentioned about about not growing being the same as reducing) is our solution out of economic hard times. The real culprit, in my mind, is continued sprawl. When new communities are built there are a whole host of services that need to be provided under almost every portfolio. There are new roads, parks, schools, utilities infrastructure, transit, etc. just to name a few. This is ridiculous. Before we build out we must first identify where there is infrastructural capacity to increase density and build there. Building new communities stretches us too thin and puts too much pressure on our systems.
Although important there are other areas of concern in short term and medium term
Although important, these 3 do not impact people's lives compared to the other services listed.
Although important...not critical in the short term
Although nice to support, these are not absolute necessities when budgets are tight.

Although these "least important" areas are still extremely important, investments in other areas can help reduce the need to invest in these "least important areas". When housing is abundant, there will likely be less need for policing. When life is affordable, the local economy can benefit from residents having more cash to spend and there may be less crime. And with safer neighbourhoods and a stronger economy, residents have more opportunity to focus on promoting Community & Culture with less need for support coming from the city.
Although these are important aspects. The other areas can easily be deemed more urgent when it comes to trimming the budget.
Although these service areas are nice to have they are not critical to the annual operation of the city.
Although very important for the citizens to have recreation facilities, unfortunately if the economy drops dead, these areas could be sacrificed.
Although very important to a vibrante community these are things that need to be scaled back , for now , at least so that funds are allocated to more important things
are out of space and Calgary is dangerously close to running out of room at all its soccer facilities, putting the future of thousands of young players at risk. There’s an urgent need for facilities, without new fieldhouses supported by a solid funding plan, we risk turning families away next season due to a lack of space.
As an older Calgarian, these areas are of less concern to me.!
As citizens we need to accept that our taxes cannot pay for all the niceties that we have had in the past. Can we not, community by community, keep culture alive? Recreation is expensive and its infrastructure, and given the cost of entrance it’s still not affordable for all Calgarians to benefit. Use the funds in other areas to benefit more people. In the other areas like planning, bylaw business licensing…are there not economies of scale? We need to be looking at the budget just like citizens are forced to look at their own household budget and determine what needs to be combined, limited or deleted from household spending. Seems like this is NEVER done at city hall.

As I said in a previous comment business don't create jobs. People being able to move about and spend money does, as for the police the don't need to be buying new cars so frequently. Their budget could use better management
As important as they are, I think other areas are vastly more important and beneficial.
As important as those items are, they just don't outrank the other ones for criticality.
As lovely as our parks are unfortunately they are not essential nor is community arts and culture when times are tough.
As mentioned, spending money on people will mean we can spend less money on police, as happy and housed people are less likely to cause disturbances, so let's house more people. Therefore trading money meant for police and laws and instead spending it on people makes more sense. Finally, planning and development should not be a priority when budgets are tight, we should focus on what we have and the people we have.
As much as I appreciate 311 and its importance for helping people to navigate City resources, it may be possible to achieve some of it through AI. Also, I think people might abuse 311 (as well as Bylaw officers) by thinking it is a personal complaint line, so perhaps there are other channels for that as well.
As much as I love and use our parks, community association and 311, there are much more important and urgent areas to focus on.
As stated access to water, sewer, hydro are essential top life & health. Funding questionable social progams, questionable use of my money to say the least.
As we already have plenty
At the moment they are not crucial
Back to basics
Back to basics ! Improve needed facilities first.
Back to basics, NOT climate change!!
Back to basics. Trying choose winners and losers from the many demanding help is not possible

Basic services must take priority
Basics first and foremost. Critical not nice to have.
Because 311 is abused many times and this department employ - I believe - too many people. Recreation has many, many aspects, and no money should be thrown away intemperately in times of desiderata. There is already plenty of parks & urban forestry in Calgary, and, also, close by the city.
Because a slow down of those services are unlikely to have an adverse impact on the daily lives of Calgarians. Also, these services can pick quickly when economic conditions improve.
Because all of the laws in the city just create so much red tape and we already have plenty of them.
Because all the climate initiatives are not on the list. I would cut those first. People need to create their own culture and money shouldn't be wasted on those projects. Cut back on the huge amount of staff and eliminate every climate program in place
Because all three are non core responsibilities of the City. If funds are limited, then the money should focus on core responsibilities of the City.
Because are not the best but are working. Recreation the city must optimize resources and promote public privet association to share the burden of the cost. Business licensing, is the same, from my experience is tedious but doable, I think with a small investment and optimization could improve for now. 311. Is the one that needs more investment from those 3. But the system to report is working, now is not the time to do huge investments on this area

Because as much as I love parks and outdoor recreation, people are struggling to pay bills. We need to reduce poverty in our city, increase affordability, and ensure people are safe and have the tools to thrive. (While I know the province has jurisdiction over a lot of the things that could make life more affordable, City Council needs to understand that their job is to help build a safe, thriving city. They need to do a better job of negotiating with the province about the things Calgarians need, rather than arguing over whether they're going to fill a pothole or not. We are single tax payers, and we need the City and City Council to pay attention to more than just basic services and infrastructure.
Because city Hall leadership is corrupt when it comes to land development. A truly independent audit should be conducted regarding the city real estate director taking downtown waterfront property to benefit his former employer.
Because Climate Change is NOT a selection option. Why should the City be focussed an issue that is not their responsibility?
Because community culture , parks and development can wait . Right now the question is about survival because of high prices for everything and had to manage with the same amount of money that we were getting 2 to 3 years ago . So the ratio between wages and inflation not working out
Because Culture is not an area that the city should be involved in and housing is not the problem it is too often touted to be - rents have been dropping in Calgary for over a year.
Because Emergency Management and Fire don't appear to be used often? It's basically insurance? I think people, the environment and soccer should be priorities. Every budget decision is difficult. It's just a matter of priorities. One year's priority may not be next year's priority. It's soccer's turn to be invested in.
Because environment & climate change wasn’t even listed. The city should focus on finding efficiencies first, the city should not be wasting money on blue rings or rusty. Metal sculptures or other so called art when basic infrastructure and public safety aren’t adequately funded. Further, it is not the city’s responsibility to provide social services & housing, that is provincial & federal. Stop DEI and other woke practices and hire the best candidates for the jobs.

Because I do not support criminalization as the response to social inequality and bylaws is weaponized by police to control and punish marginalized folks
Because I do not think those areas are very important for the City to provide.
Because I think they are things we can get along without, when the money can be used else ware.
Because if you want to align with community and capital interests you ought to reduce red tape. For context the Empire State Building was built in a year..
Because it is a difficult decision and I find many groups within Calgary are setting the tone with respect to culture and a sense of community.
Because none of those matter if people are not healthy and safe
Because other things are priority right now.
Because others have higher priority. Also the City must adapt true conservative culture of eliminating unnecessary spend!
Because police and bylaw will be needed less if people are housed and connected to their community - providing housing is cheaper in the long run than funding endless police crackdowns
Because roads are more important
Because the city has a history of enforcing bylaws that benefit developers vs bylaws that benefit regular city residents, I have no trust in the city's ability to not be biased or bribed
Because the City has shown it doesn't know how to do these things
Because the other choices are. More important

Because the other things are more important. These are important though, just lower on the list. We have so many bylaws that most are not even followed. Business need to take much more responsibility for their viability and we should not be helping them out if they are not responsible enough. We now are getting more housing than needed, making our neighborhoods much more crowded, unsafe, unattractive & frankly making our communities uglier as the buildings are huge and they have taken out all our beautiful trees 🎄 in our neighborhoods. I am an avid bird watcher and all the trees 🎄 that have been destroyed have made our neighborhoods much more less attractive and much more clinical, ugh 😑
Because the Police need more contorl and bylaws will help them get more access to authority for stricter laws.
Because the sprawl is outrageous. It is impacting our water. The police budget is already massive and poorly used. That includes the brutal, violent transit police. Redirect some of that to social workers and housing and care for those who need it. Developers dont need our money or assistance to build.
Because the survey forced me to do so. I think all of these services are important, to be honest.
Because the transit system would take too much of the budget to fix and it is not safe. Community and culture will always be a component whether you put a little or a lot of funding. Other associations look after this component. I think waste and recycling is fine on how it is currently operating
Because these are nice-to-have services. We can let parks grow wild, and Bylaw and 311 are useful services that don't directly impact the lives and livelihood of people in our communities.
Because these areas can be managed by the people themselves.

because these items don't seem as important as the others. Stop trying to build houses - they are not affordable anyway and you're jusst causing densification of neighourhoods without the infrastructure. There already isn't enough parking, and you need a car in this city to get anywhere unless going downtown. Focus on what we have and make it better instead of trying to make something new, especially if we dont' have budget. Don't increase taxes for auxilliary wants when the basics aren't covered well enough. We're trying to get by as is, and tax increases and inflation doesn't help - especially when the pay doesn't reflect and increase with the times. There are lots of rec spaces that aren't fully used adn the community centers can encourage activies within communites, the city doesn't need to step in for those. People can get creative to do rec stuff if they really want, that's what we did back in the day - and lots of people want to be connected in netflix and internet anyway.
Because these service areas are not as widely or significantly relied upon for survival of people and the environment. Planning, building, and development can wait if necessary. Less money should be invested into police and more should be invested into social services to support individuals who are typically targeted by the police (houseless individuals, drug users, etc.) and prevent the “offences” from occurring rather than being reactive and punitive.
Because these services not that important
Because they are not as vital as water or homes.
Because they are not crucial IMO.
Because they are the ones that are the least important
Because they are trivial and don't make the cut with limited financial funding.
because they are wants and just good enough is sometimes.
Because they aren’t a priority in my opinion. There are more pressing service areas to focus on. I’m not saying not to have these, they are important, just not a priority.
Because they assist people who don’t assist themselves

Because they can be cut back without causing too many issues for resisdents.
Because they don’t need more help, and police are not going to solve the underlying causes, most of them waste there time doing nothing but being a nuisance to the homeless population or our immigrant communities in the city, licensing needs no updates when there is not enough focus on underlying causes and fixing the root of the problems that would easily have knock on effects in multiple ways in multiple different areas.
Because they focus on the needs of the few, not the needs of the majority. I've never used a calgary soccer field, swimming pool, recreation center ever, but my taxes pay for all that junk. There are rivers and lakes to swim in, and if you don't like it, buy a pool. There are school yards and open fields for soccer and stuff.. don't need big buildings for it.
Because they have positions that they cant fill already. This should apply for every department, if you dont have 95% of your positions filled then no growth...period.
because they likely have the largest administrative burden that could be alleviated by AI vs human power
Because they're nice to have but not essential to life.
Because this are services we can adopt to, if we can’t afford. They are equally important but we can manage with less.
Because we have a lot of business
Because we have a really bad urban sprawl. More time and money would be better spent elsewhere.
Because we need less fire service than we did in the past because of the way modern buildings are made
Because you didn’t include Parking Authority: back to basics, stop patrolling neighbourhoods on Sunday afternoon to ticket visitors. Stop hidden taxes and reduce spending.
Because you didn’t list all of the things that you currently waste taxpayers money on like the green initiatives
Because. 311 is useless. MLA direct feedback pathway only.

Becuase they are supposed to be paid by users in the first place. And emergency management doesn't need to be it's own silo, each department should have an emergency response volunteer.
Before spending our tax for culture festivals, parades and those events, we hope the city of Calgary to focus on housing crisis. If it’s cheaper to maintain the cost, discontinue to collect recycling bin like Okotoks does. Also, we strongly recommend to stop adding fluoride to water and save the maintaining costs.
Before the amount of housing increases, a better plan of action would be to change the financial rules and restrictions that restrict the younger generation from purchasing housing.
Being taxed in every other area of our lives. Community and culture is something to address in times of prosperity. Blanket rezoning repealed. That's a campaigne promise.
Believe too much of budget allocated to them, Funds could be put towards services which serve citizens in more positive ways.
believe we have a workable information system and parks. need to stop developing programs for every "special interest" group that comes along.
Better managed by outside groups and not the responsibility of the city staff. This would result in the reduction in staff costs and therefore my taxes.
Big business is doing just fine, little business not so much. Licensing ? More important are items like food inspection, but I believe that's not the city's responsibility.
Both 311 and community and culture could take a back seat for a while. Not critical.
Both of these departments could be streamlined and modernized to a higher degree. It would not require a large capital investment either, simply asking question regarding if particular steps in the development process are needed.
Both of these services can be better provided by the private sector.
Budget directed toward meeting material needs should reduce the need for reactive spend such as on police. Social programs will lead to a stronger local economy

Building more should come far later than maintaining our city, and I do think that builders should pay for all the services they need and not make it the city's problem.
Building of too many bike lanes on roadways, especially with cement blocks isn't necessary. I drive my bicycle a lot. I still feel, I don't need to have my own lane. I also feel it's not fair to the communities who are losing parking in front of their homes because of these lanes. I live on a major bike pathway, it goes through Acadia to Heritage Park. I might see 1 person driving it in the winter, even this year. (Our winter was quite mild) Please reconsider the bike lane project for Acadia Drive and any other communities. Roads are more important for now
Business can take care of itself just fine.
Business incentives are covered at other government levels. As a business owner, I'm not even aware of any Calgary specific initiatives that would benefit my company or employees. I prefer investments in building the community and making them more walkable, which increases community feel and social control thereby reducing the need for official enforcement through bylaw and police.
Business licencing
Business licensing and local economy - they have the money to fund themselves. Frankly, there's a disturbing amount of entrepreneurs I see flagrantly violating bylaws. Planning - pls stop subsidizing developers that contribute so so little to the city. If you were to actually build something yourself that's a different story, however. Parks - I love our parks but frankly I don't want perfectly manicured walkways. Put in lights, native plants, a basic pathway if needed, and call it a day.
Business Licensing and Local Economy can be managed by charging fees. Housing should be responsibility of Provincial and Federal Government (I pay way too much taxes). Community & Culture can be managed by charging fees for their activities.
Business requires less intervention.
businesses and development should not get more attention than the people

Businesses are doing well in Calgary. If people have safe affordable housing - are able to get to work easily - business's will thrive. The police are not doing a good job and haven't for decades. Defund the police. We need something entirely different. Planning can wait until we fix some of the maintenance that our city needs - like water mains improved.
Businesses can manage themselves you don't need to! We don't need the city telling us how to live our lives through bylaws and 311. Most only need the minimum services.
Businesses licenses should be last and keep your promises for more low cost housing or help others to get subsidize housing for the low cost budgets like Aish.
Businesses thrive when the city is safe and services like transit are reliable. The city is safest when people are housed and participating in community events. The police do not make communities safer.
By laws are not important for functioning, they help keep the peace in disputes by upholding standards but that is minor in the grand scheme. Waste and Recycling- there are large plots of land to the east of Calgary, cheaply buy one and add in all of the correct linings and drainage and set it up for natural gas to sheppard. Transit- the transit system is currently very good. The trains and lrt should take priority.
By no means do I think these services should be defunded. I think they are lower risk to hold off on increasing funding, or just maintaining funding per persons. I think these have a lower, direct impact on individuals basic needs and wellbeing in terms of mental and physical health. These are also not going to help us solve the housing and poverty crisis.
Bylaw - do we need more laws? Community & Culture - don't really know how council supports it now Business & Licensing & Local Economy - can run itself
Bylaw - I would prefer we reduce red tape; not increase it. I think recreation is plentiful and more of an internal compass than one that needs to be paid for by tax. Waste & recycling is at an appropriate rate; we do this well.

Bylaw - not as important as keeping citizens safe on transit. Recreation - very important for a healthy lifestyle, but not as important as housing. Fire - also very important. But impacts minimal people and we can maintain those services instead of expanding on them.
Bylaw and 311 are closely related to operational systems that support other services - not necessarily a priority. Housing can be developed through private sector or jointly through private/public partnership for low-income supports.
Bylaw and 311 should become volunteer based
Bylaw and business licensing should function as cost recovery business units so should be able to generate their own revenue if necessary. Scaling back these services in thoughtful ways could also streamline processes to support local businesses and citizens.
Bylaw and its enforcement is well established as is Waste & Recycling. Housing is a concern raised several interest groups; however, currently there is a glut of rental accommodation either on the market or coming to market with in this year or next. Affordable housing is another topic either rental or ownership which is a more complex socio-economic topic. In this case attention to Planning, Building & Development will take the lead.
Bylaw because council can change that even when a majority of citizens oppose the bylaw change. Business licensing and local economy because they usually do better when government gets out of their way. 311 because I have never used it.
Bylaw can be folded into a properly funded police department. Community & culture is the purview of respective communities & should be financially supported by them. Recreation facilities are best served by partnering with the private sector & maintenance must be prioritized over expansion when money is tight.
Bylaw is mostly for petty concerns, business licensing should remain relatively trim, and policing needs a complete financial overhaul. The police/ police commission has convinced council they get a black box budget that is beyond scrutiny and we need to stop just giving them what they ask for. No other department has helicopters, horses, a personal museum, and regularly gets budget increases.

Bylaw is overzealous and could be trimmed. Housing, Community and Culture should be left to the private sector.
Bylaw is running just fine.
Bylaw is the least important in my opinion
Bylaw is useless, they wrongfully ticket cars for parking
Bylaw needs to do more in order to be more beneficial to the city. 311 is fine. But very inefficient.
Bylaw never seems to manage appropriate concerns. They seem to concern themselves with minor neighborhood infarctions compared to actual criminal behaviour and dangerous behaviour. Recreation and community and culture and very nice additions to the city, but not necessaricly essential in my opinion. City amenities are great, but funding of roads and water needs to come first.
Bylaw officers are in fact inefficient and just find ways to punish good citizens. The budget on those resources could be spent on City development.
Bylaw officers do what they want to do. I don't trust their authority
Bylaw services are nice, but if something has to go…. We can all put up with a barking dog cars parked on a lawn, or a house with too many parties. Recreation is easy for individuals to pursue, given where we live (although, local pools are important). Planning and development is really important for future generations and for making sure that the city goes together and that we don't waste money by having to do things over and over. But if something needs to be cut back for one budget cycle, I think there's lots of red tape that could go away.
Bylaw- typically less essential issues vs police, many are not time sensitive Community and culture- community initiatives are hugely valuable, but not always essential and many can be accomplished without funding

Bylaw, I'm sure there is more to bylaws than I know. The issues that you have, you would phone the police. In your community just join locally to change bylaws. Community & Culture, they already have to raise money in the local community and get city funding. Have a bake sale like most or lottery. Business & Licensing, another department I don't know but, licensing is mostly paper work that usually have to many people not wanting to lose there job. Sorry for being frank.
Bylaw: we can survive some temporary unruliness Roads: we can sprawl less and that way save on capital, maintenance Community: would hate to lose it but of all the services listed, most likely to survive in the hands of not for profit organizations.
bylaws
Bylaws and their enforcement are already behind the eight ball. With so many new residents in our city not making themselves aware of what is and isn't lawful beforehand, I find the mentality is to ignore and keep doing what they are doing until they are caught. This applies to not only bylaws but law enforcement as well. Their thinking is that maybe they can come up with the $$ for a fine when 'the time comes'. It's a gamble that seems to be paying off for them. Recreation … what can I say. We can perhaps maintain what we have but we certainly can't afford more cosmopolitan 'fluff' at this time. Maybe it's time to promote more community focus on 'free' recreation. Housing … the blanket rezoning was a 'bust' from my perspective therefore I am loathe to consider what city council might do if we give you any further housing mandates to administer. Take a time out , get educated and allow existing communities to recover and/or develop what they have on hand.
Bylaws are fine where they are, 311 can be replaced with better online tools, and community and culture can be driven by local people instead of city paid employees. I wish you had the climate emergency as an option as well since that needs to be thrown into the trash along with many other terrible city policies.
Bylaws help with order and organization, but perhaps there are enough laws currently in place for now. Perhaps it's okay to use money to improve transit routes and help Calgarians be safe again in their city.

Calgarians are already not being taken care of by our city. Expanding, building and development serves to increase our population without addressing the citizens you have currently residing within. Policing and bylaws have been leveraged to harm our most vunerable communities. The police displace people with no where to go and destroy the few resources provided to them creating a sinkhole in our community made worse the longer these raids are permitted. Bylaws have been changed to make it harder for social service organizations to help our most vunerable communities. It's evident from calgarians' actions that we want to have stronger community and safety for all. We have founded grass-roots organizations to provide warmth during our coldest days (preventing more strain on our failing healthcare system), providing harm reduction spaces/tools because we believe change happens when you meet someone where they're at, providing sleepingbags/tents to supplement the lack of space at shelters.
Calgary already has a world class waste and recycling facility Community and culture has the potential to become polarized and divisive. It's part of what driving the fight on rezoning. "It's changing the character of the neighbourhood "
Calgary already has OVER supply of rental units & the stupid city keeps building crap, multi-family dwellings. END THIS! New multi-family dwellings are even offering 2 months of free rent, and they're still not moving. The build quality is crap & the city just rubber stamps building inspections. To your shame!
Calgary has intense Bylaw management they rake in the gold* but generally are not good at translating that back into infrastructure for citizens. Eg. water main issues *Park plus auto-drains so many credit cards, it's ridiculous. Eg. driving away and forgetting to end session.
Calgary has many recreation facilities already. Each community has their own centre and takes care of their residents very well. Leave it up to the communities to raise funds. Transit is unsafe, and because it is not widely accessible throughout the city, has enough invested in it.

Calgary is already overly reliant on motor vehicle traffic, so dumping more money into roads would only increase the reliance on expensive, inefficient motor vehicles. A carless society is my utopia, but I'll settle for a city that at least gives me the option not to use a motor vehicle instead of chaining me to it.
Calgary needs a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
Calgary needs to STOP building homes. The oversaturation of new / rental only housing has put the housing market at a standstill. So many were put in the position of taking out huge mortgages to buy a home because because rent doubled, and now you either can't sell it at all or have to sell at a lose. Instead of trying to house / attract new people in Calgary - please try and find a way to help - or at least stop hurting - the people who are already here. Recreation and working on community and culture are a luxury... not a "need".
Calgary Police are already mismanaging a huge budget and not working effectively. Waste and Recycling could be cut with minimal impact. Planning and Development is a huge red-tape department that could be massively cut.
Calgary police have a history of abuses, mistreatments, and poor training. If funds MUST be allocated to the policy, then it should be to restructure its system that currently thrives off of power. In other words, defund the police.
Calgary police needs more accountability, they always just ask for more money and don’t have to face hard tradeoffs like other service areas
Calgary police shoot more people per capita in the regular and have many times seen especially transit cops just watch people do crime and not do anything about it..bylaw I don't think does much and can be cut down and recreation is great but not 100% used
Calgary spends an outsized amount of roads and police every year. That money could be more effectively used elsewhere.
Can get by with lesser focus for a period of time without causing significant harm to the city.
Can reduce costs.

Can we first critically analyse what areas in each Service Areas are "Needs" vs "Wants" and look after the Needs first before pursuing wants in service areas. ie. Comm. & Cult. and Parks & Urban Forestry are more wants than needs. Housing is just too broad a category to be really meaningful itself. Can we identify the service areas that make up housing and determine which ones should be municipal (that city tax payers should pay for) vs. provincial? & develop a strong working relationship with the province? Again, a one word service area like "bylaw" is meaningless. Are we trying to be lone virtue signalling leaders in inane recycling issues such as straw or plastic bag usage against what the rest of the province, country and world is doing or are we actually trying to identify by laws that would actually make the city safer or a better place to live.
Cannot pick three of least importance. A city needs all these to work together for a viable city.
Check Ottawa's recycling program. It almost does not exist. Feds have tricked us in becoming the best (worst?) recycling city in Canada - such a waste (pun) of energy. A great quote: "When your city supplies free needles and prohibits, straws, your city is lost." Get back to the tasks and not straws. I like the City's direction, at the margin and look to continued improvement.
Citizens can create their own entertainment, culture, and recreation, and volunteers can clean parks. We don't need the city for any of that. In fact, we'll be a stronger city if people can enjoy lower taxes, and the trade-off is to be inspired to create and get involved in their own communities to the best of their abilities. Volunteering to clean things up or helping to organize cultural events.
Citizens should drive culture and community- this is not a government role. Police and fire - and the province should handle emergency management. Industry can drive business and economy
City already has waste and recycling in place and adequate landfill space available. If a group wants to have an event, they should self fund. Current bylaw level of service is adequate.
City and its citizens can survive without them
City can manage without.

City government has been too pro-police and pro-business for too long
City is responsible for basic services first and foremost. Governments are notoriously bad at business so stay out of it. The people need to be responsible for providing their own housing and culture.
City should invest in business development, attract new investments and support young familes
City should not have to lead on culture. A more dense city with strong transit can spend less on roads the more roads you build, the more you have to snow clear and maintain.311 is important but cuts must be made somewhere.
City waste everywhere has got to be eliminated like all the very foolish bike paths built at extensive costs. If cuts are required critical infrastructure must remain operational. Aesthetic considerations can be postponed partially until more money is available without stealing it through increased taxes.
City's responsibility is to ptovide basic services.
Civic Partners are delivering some elements. Why duplicate $billions of investments in road capacity made by The Province in Deerfoot Trail and Stoney/Tsuu Tina Trail.
Climate issues was not on the list. This should be the service that should get NO money.
Comes down to what you want vs what you need
Commnunity and culture falls well down the list of nice to haves. Housing is a provincial/federal responsabiliity. I have never used 311 and question if it has made any difference in Calgarians lives.
Commuinity and culture has been taken over by volunteer boards and community memebers, the city, while an important member of community and culture, they should be focusing on pillar services and act to support healthy communities in developing cultures and community.

Communit and culture is a neighborhood responsibility. Housing is a Provincial and Federal responsibility. There are many privately owned recreational establishment that individuals can utilize on a "USER PAY" basis instead of passing these costs to all tax payers. The City has no businesss butting into these activities. City of Calgary, stay in your lane and stop becoming involved in activities that are available elsewhere. Focus on "USER PAY" as opposed to spreading out these costs to all.
communities already pay fees, parks and urban forestry are not a priority for the city to operate efficiently, bylaws are too numerous already attempting to regulate behaviour and tend to be reactive rather than proactive
Communities and Cultures could be responsible for themselves. Bylaws and 311 could be combined.
Communities can create unity without the need for City funded programs. City should focus on providing the most essential services, police, fire, water and housing.
Community & Culture - most ethnic groups have their own groups to promote their culture Business Licencing & Local Economy - status quo if no available funding Bylaws - status quo if no available funding
Community & culture and parks & urban forestry can be put into a maintain spending pattern. Bylaw there can be more technology implemented.
Community & culture and recreation can be upheld by local communities, volunteer orgainization, grassroots community groups. It does not require massive oversight. Perhaps funding for actual city community centres to keep the lights on, but individual identity groups need to be able to support themselves. Not everyone gets the city handouts.

Community & Culture benefits from a more diversified funding model, including corporate sponsorships, philanthropy, grants, and partnerships. While municipal support remains important, a temporary reduction or slower growth in funding is less likely to result in immediate service disruption . Business licensing is important but a short-term pause or reduced investment, particularly in enhancements or modernization, would likely have limited immediate impact on overall city function. The risks of delaying improvements for a year are relatively manageable. Bylaw services require further clarity in terms of scope. There is a meaningful distinction between enforcement and policy review or updates. Core enforcement tied to safety and community standards should remain protected. However, if the focus is on review, modernization, or expansion of bylaws, these activities may be more appropriate to defer in the short term without significant immediate consequences.
Community & culture can be left to individual initiatives as can licensing & economy.
Community & Culture can be supported through other service areas such as Recreation or Pathways or Parks. All the other service areas are essential. Community and Culture derives from the activities and interests of the citizens of a community. Yes, it would be nice if the City supported theatre groups or the Philharmonic, but theatre and music can survive on private donations and public fundraising.
Community & Culture funding needs to be cut or at least frozen until city utilities and front line emergency services are reinforced and stabilized. 311 works okay as it is. Emergency Management seems to have become an extra layer of bureaucracy and duplication on top of Fire, Police and City management.

Community & Culture is a luxury, in tough fiscal times, funds for this must end and those who want to pursue community & cultural events must find their own ways to finance them. Business licensing is too bureaucratic and should be simplified and streamlined to get more with less, the existing leaders in these departments should be charged with reducing their budgets by at least 10% per annum without any impact to services and if they cannot find new leaders who will. Planning building & development is the same as business licensing, we have too many bureaucratic steps and they need to be reduced, timeframes need to be reduced, again a 10% annual reduction, with a 10% increase in services, measured in time a complete permit submission is recieved.
Community & culture is too vague a statement. My interpretation would be the arts etc. This is a want not a need. Parks and Urban forestry is a very reluctant choice here as it is very important to the quality of life in Calgary but if push is coming to shove, then hard choices must be made. 311 I'm not sure is not wasting money all ready there are other ways for Calgarians to access city infor. This looks more like an intermediary than a necessity!
Community & culture thats so made up stop wasting our tax dollars please.
Community and culture - not the city's responsibility, this is something that either exists from the grass roots or doesn't. Period. 311 - I'm not sure I have ever used this service. If information is available on a website this should be sufficient for most. Parks and Forestry - our urban forest and parks are valuable and should be cared for but if something needs to give this area might be it
Community and culture are luxury nice to haves. Those are when everything else is running properly. 311 is up and running, unless there's a capital upgrade, the costs should be flat. Housing shouldn't be the city's problem. Zone enough areas for the proper type of dwelling and the market will handle the rest.
Community and culture can be created by the citizens - they don't require tax dollars.

Community and Culture can be delivered by people in the communities and by private organizations and can be funded through private donations and fundraising. Transit is in need of a complete reimagining. Capacity utilization on most bus routes is very low and the emergence of scooters, bikes, Uber, Lyft and new technologies like autonomous driving is making traditional transit irrelevant. I can take an Uber from my office to my home for $10 and it takes me 10 minutes, or I can pay $4 for a bus and spend 35 minutes. Waste and recycling could be privatized (as it is in most cities) and the cost could be reduced by 25-30% almost immediately.
Community and culture can be done by community groups separate from the city. Calgary spends too much on transit. There should not be a free fare zone and bus fees for seniors and lower income shouldn't be so low. Privatize waste collection.
Community and Culture can be paid for by residents, 311 can be shifted online, and transit can be paid for through ticket sales.
Community and culture can be put a side for a few years and so can parks. We need to put resources into what can help people now.
Community and culture can develop organically, 311 could be streamlined and parks & forestry is mostly a watchdog for internal projects (feels like this could be absorbed into other groups ie development approvals)
Community and Culture cannot be directed by the City. This area is just throwing good money after bad and does nothing to make the City more vibrant for ALL citizens.
Community and culture could be more grassroots Recreation could be more grassroots Maintain parks

Community and culture does not deliver the basic necessities that people require. Without things like drinking water and public safety, things like community and culture aren't even possible. The city still has plenty of organizations such as community associations and resident associations that are still able to provide events and places for people to gather that do not rely heavily on the city.
Community and culture event can be held privately by people with passion. Recreation can be done in the mountains that’s 1 hour away
Community and Culture focuses on minority. All decisions to a better Calgary should be based in majority. Our waste recycling program is a green face that makes the city seem Environmentally friendly. How much actually is recycled and reused. How much just sits in a building.
Community and culture has nothing to do with the core services that a city is supposed to supply its citizens. It is an example of the pointless waste of taxpayer money to pander to special interest groups. While recreation is important to our health and well-being, individual should be responsible for a portion of their own well-being. City funded recreation has always had a place in Calgary, but the perception of need has increased to the point where the city is no longer a facilitator of recreation, but the sole provider. The city transit system is inefficient and too costly to be functional. $4 for a single one-way ticket is absurd. The city should be focussing on cost reduction rather than increased funding for transit. Perhaps it is time to investigate options such as driverless trains, which will surely be more cost-effective and are an increasingly viable option. C-train drivers making $60,000 to $100,000 per year to push a button?
Community and culture is a luxury item even at the best of times, bylaw is mostly used by karens and while housing is important, there are ways to stimulate more housing contruction without funding a city department.
Community and Culture is a nice to have. Reliable water delivery, an effective police force and roads we can drive on are must haves. Housing is not the city’s job. Period.

Community and culture is a nice-to-have. Housing is important, but with the amount of rental housing built in the past couple of years and still under construction, I think sufficient dollars have been expended. For those who have needs like active addiction, untreated mental illness, and chronic homelessness, we have to wait until the support services catch up to housing construction. I think the online 311 is antiquated and clunky, but adequate. When I've called 311 recently, once the commercials are complete, I've gotten service quickly. It should be maintained.
Community and Culture is a Provincial Responsibility not the Municipalities role.
Community and culture is another area of vast wastage of monies for very little benefit. These kinds of things are driven by whims that certain powers have and ate highly inefficient uses of resources.
Community and culture is not even close to a priority when people are being stabbed randomly or ran over by cars on a regular basis in this city.
Community and culture is something that can be managed by communities in a difficult budget situation and can always be bolstered when budgets are better. Planning, building and development is something that can reasonably be paused when the budget is tight, city expansion is not an urgent concern. Police services are generally needed, but more priority should be put to social services and public services to reduce the circumstances that often lead to crimes such as theft, drug use, and trespassing.
Community and culture is something that should at its core come from the grass roots level that doesn't require government intervention Parks and urban forests don't give if police can't kept them safe 311 , seems like a service that can be optimized with ai in the future necessitating less budget

Community and culture is something the city has not done well. Stampede Board and community organizations can do a better job. We have wasted alot of time, money and resources on waste and recycling. It seems to be costing more and more - a "cash cow" for the City. Recreation, while a good thing to have it is a want rather than a need and perhaps private entities can manage facilities better.
Community and culture is usually based to much on ideology. We need more housing but it is not obvious that this is a city responsibility.
Community and Culture only seems to be for certain ethnic groups, it should be for everyone and for the benefit of all. Building and further development in this city needs to be stopped. The city cannot maintain what currently exists, so allowing the continued sprawl seems ridiculous and unsustainable I.E. the current water crisis. We would like to see more focus on improvements for existing buildings, infrastructure, roads, parks, pathways etc. before any further developments are considered. It should be mandatory for all new construction that the builder foot the bill for parks, schools, pathways connecting to the city, fire halls, community halls, water/wells etc. not the tax payers. Know your limit and stay within it! Do it right or don't do it at all should be the new motto for all city employees, if we did our jobs as poorly as many city repairs etc. are done, we'd be fired in a heartbeat. That is unexceptable, and it appears as no accountability either with our tax dollars.
Community and culture should get zero dollars. Let culture fund itself! I fund my own house I don't want to fund anyone else's house.
Community and Culture should not be the focus of municipal government, when the proper services and infrastructure is in place the community will take care of this on their own. Waste & Recycling is not high on the radar, we have the services to manage this and seems to be working just fine, if not then privatize it and the private sector will take care of it. Housing should not be funded by taxpayer dollars, the city can help housing by providing a simple path to development so that the private sector can operate effectively.

Community and culture thrive with public and private industry, although the city makes great contributions this is in my opinion the easiest budget change - ex) sell booths for a public market to make the money to run the event, charge a $2 entry fee to supplement costs and reduce volume, etc. Police are currently overfunctioning and performing jobs that social services, event security, and other departments should be responsible for which makes the public take them less seriously. -> police are everywhere and most interactions are over minor things (paying transit fares, loitering,etc.) 311 I don't even know what it does except give me letters that my neighbours think my lawn is ugly. Be so fr it's a …complaint system? or most info can be found online I think. But police should be if anything less funded and given less responsibility and peace officers can be expanded as the "community monitoring" imo
Community and culture. What is that exactly? Parks need to be maintained and managed, but lets do it within existing budgets.
Community and culture: does not take priority during a cost of living crisis Transit: it is unsafe, poorly managed, filled with drugs addicts and violent people. It's extremely expensive compared to similar cities but they are least have reliable transit. It is cheaper for me to drive to work and park than to take transit. Business licensing: does not take priority
Community associations and residents can take on adding community events and cultural aspects to their communities without city budget. 311 and bylaw don't need to be expanded upon. Their function is served well enough as it is.
Community centres are paid by the communities. If community fees are paid for similar things that we pay the "property" taxes they should provide something of be declared illegal and their responsibilities taken over by the city and then included in the property taxes. Recreation…. Families are on a very tight budget and forced to pay taxes not much left for recreation. If i don't have money for my recreation I shouldn't be forced to pay for others.

Community culture is a factor that is population specific - let those populations create their own culture (as long as it is legal). Business licensing and local economy can continue to operate as it does now. Housing has lots of rules and regulations now - it does not need more.
Community culture is ill defined. A lawful society where rules are enforced naturally supports community. Park aren't maintained sprinklers shot off in my area leaf pickup given to the community who only comes if you call. Are they being paid either way? Why wasnt they community informed of the change. Planning building development is an excuse to spend 1 million dollars to rename pur city. The managers had a hell of a party with one million. How many lunches dinners and meeting in banff for this foolishness?
Community groups (associations formed by religion, culture, neighbourhood, etc) can assume coordination of activities and management without extensive City involvement/spending. Leave housing to the private sector (have you heard anything during the rezoning sessions??). As a priority, parks and urban forestry fall short of most of the other items on the list. Parks in particular can be monitored by Bylaw and basic maintenance managed by local community organizations with minimal intervention by City.
Community is important, but not a necessary line item-despite what special interest groups say. Housing is a repeated line item from federal government. Business licensing can be lowered as a priority.
Community will always find a way to grow if basic needs are met. Recreation, while important, is often the farthest thing in mind when facing homelessness. Bylaw often feels like it's worthless because nothing changes until there's an actual crime (spend the funds elsewhere or change the consequences for infractions)
Community, culture and recreation are still important but less so
Community, culture, and recreation will find a way to exist, although it's good to promote.
Community/culture is a nice to have but not essential. Bylaw enforcement is important but serious issues can be dealt with through policing. And the city's planning department is too big for its britches and needs to be reminded that social engineering is not within its scope.

Compared the aforementioned, I utilize these areas less.
Constant changes to bylaws that only help small percentage of our community does not seem like a worthy investment when it can be handled in separately. Business and local licensing seems to be another of the items that should be self-financing capabilities. Community and culture are important but not high priority in my believe.
Cops add nothing. Fund outreach and housing, so people aren't driven into crime or misbehaviour.
Cops are useless unless you need them to show up and shoot somebody maybe. Business licensing can be streamlined easily with less red tape and bureaucracy, similar to blanket rezoning (which WORKS). Bylaw is there for Karens to complain that somebody's grass looks bad.
Core values first
Cost of living has gotten out of hand. Building huge stadiums, etc should not be a priority. Teams, companies that gain revenue from these, etc should be building these sports facilities, not tax payers.
Could be delayed temporarily
CPS and Bylaw officers continually carry out actions based on institutional discrimination and dehumanization, especially of racialized, unhoused, and low income Calgarians. We should be putting resources toward actually helping those communities rather than making thier lives more dangerous and precarious.
Critical infrastructure survival only. Safety only. Everything else is a waste of focus.

Culture - Culture is increasingly becoming nationalistic and divided. Communities adhere to their ethnic backgrounds where applicable and most Calgarians see themselves as Albertans or Canadians first. Trying to pretend that "we are all Calgarians" is disingenuous at best. Parks - While I love a hike through a lovely park, we live in Calgary. If I want beautiful trees and sights to see, I'll drive an hour to Banff. Recreation - The internet and home-delivery services have all but proven that many people would choose to stay at home if they had no need to leave it. While I support having ice rinks and pools and gyms, these are for a select group of people and should not be a priority over more urgent matters.
Culture and community are up to the citizens to create, not govt.
Culture evolves naturally. Financial resources are not needed and become too political
Culture, recreation and parks are more luxury items compared to needs. They are not required to sustain life.
Culture, recreation can be provided by private interests or community groups. Taxpayers should not pay for “interests” they do not partake. Housing would fall under other levels of Government.
Culture: I'm not attending any of my own heritage festivities much less any other cultural celebrations; not even the Stampede. We are all one people. A waste of money, in my opinion. Pars: Can't nature take care of itself? Recycling: I don't care about recycling, or climate change, or how my plastic straw ended up in the nose of a turtle in the ocean's garbage belt across the world. I mean, poor turtle... but what we dispose here is not that.
current levels appear to be sufficient to address needs
Current service levels, or even a slight reduction, are perfectly adequate
Cut bloated city departments and city administration. Make every department in the city reduce spending by 10% and force them to examine efficiency Focus on policing and crime reduction

Cut spending to the climate change office. Cut red tape.
Cut the fat
dayum..... all of these services are essential to a vibrant and viable city..... We don't need to be expanding into new urban sprawl, but we do need planning & development to guide the 'gentle density' rebuilding of neighbourhoods that is occurring.
Defund the police
Defund the police and redirect funds to areas that address root causes of crime and social disorder
Defund the police.
Defund the police. Invest in social services.
Defund the police. They harm people and don't bother to enforce traffic law. There are too many cars driving in Calgary making the city unsafe with impatient dangerous choices, so poorly maintained roads might provide an incentive for drivers to pay more attention.
Defunding the police, and allocating these resources to services and agencies that are actually helping vulnerable populations in the city. I don't like that roads and pathways are grouped together, as these feel like drastically different investments. I fully support increased funding to pathways, but we cannot continue to subsidize suburban development through road infrastructure that all Calgarians pay for. More transit and paths, less roads!!!
Demand for housing and culture will be taken care of privately if there is a demand. Too much emphasis has been put on housing at all costs, resulting in the wrong product being built.
Despite the recent crises in water, these appear to be caused as a result in decades old infrastructure failures which have come under recent repair and may not be indicative of larger system-wide problems. Recreation is ultimately a luxury against other essential services and those which contribute to overall public health. CPS is also a fairly well equipped and effective force in spite of public opinion saying otherwise, and unlikely to fundamentally suffer with reduced resources.

Developers are going to develop... The city is less the driver for culture then the people in the communities
Different services are important to certain groups/people, these are less important to me, but regardless of importance, The City of Calgary bureaucrats and politicians need to focus on taxpayer efficiencies, there is only one taxpayer and this should be at the forefront of budget deliberations.
Difficult decision here as all the services are needed. However, I think there is enough budgeted for police services and there is also enough funding for housing initiatives.
Difficult decision. Rather than cuts, perhaps consider user pays?
Difficult decisions need to have least impact to the average calgarian now and in the future
Difficult to choose/prioritize.
Difficult to pick one category over the other. There is value in each category and one should not be eliminated entirely. Best to adjust proportionately if necessary.
Divert police budget to community focused initiatives that actually have a positive impact.
Do not require as much attention
Do the benefits of these departments outweigh the red tape and bureaucracy they generate? I'm not sure...
Doesn’t boil down to safety
Doesn’t restrict quality of life or access to basic human needs.
Doesn't impact the high importance. Bylaw is silly, we need police to enforce the laws and keep criminals off our streets.
Don’t fulfill needs
Don't consider these primary responsibilities for a municipality and/or these can be collaborative projects with private business
don't feel like they are essential services that need attention
Don't know much about them.

Don't know or care what community and culture is but it sounds like something that communities and cultures should do without intervention from the city or any of my tax dollars. Recreation? Nice to have, but not urgent. Transit? What like more green line goofiness? Public infrastructure is the biggest opportunity for fraud and waste, so by all means, keep blowing my tax money and see how well that incentivizes me to upgrade my properties so I can pay you more tax.
Don't move here if you can't afford it
Don't need more transit if you can't keep users safe at train stations etc. Culture and Comunity can be funded by corporate social initiatives. Affordable housing and rezoning efforts aren't working.
Don't need to be wasting money on art projects.
Don't use these services, government shouldn't be funding housing.
Drop the expenditures on Climate and Environment. That's a Provincial responsibility NOT Municipal. Focus on Core Services. We have enough Community and Culture services. We also have enough Bylaw management. We have plenty of Waste and Recycling we don't need more of it.
During difficult economic conditions I think these 3 areas are "extras". (Wants vs needs)
Each discipline can be handled(merged) by(with) another one.
Each of these is nice to have but isn't essential.

Emergency Management - Why do we socialize the cost of living in disaster prone areas? The new flood barriers look pretty expensive. Maybe a better alternative would be to stop building housing in flood plains. Anyone who chooses to live in areas prone to flooding, hail, etc should understand the risks - their insurance companies certainly do! Roads & Pathways - Roads specifically. We don't need highway widening projects; it's well documented that they only cause induced demand for more driving. The recent expansion of Deerfoot Trail will likely provide very little long term benefit, and that money could have gone to much better use. Please do allocate more money to improving the pathway and bikeway network though. Police - I know the "defund the police" movement is not really in the public consciousness anymore, but we should still make sure Calgary has adequate social services in place to reduce the reliance on police services when there may be a better alternative.
Emergency management can be handled by other organizations like the Canadian Red Cross. Recreation can be maintained and if needed, find partners/funders in the corporate sector. The corporate sector can invest in community and culture as well.
Emergency Management is a redundant portfolio that can be handled within the Fire Department and Police services. Roads and pathways are important, but bike path upkeep is a luxury. Transit is subsidized as is and in a budget crunch many either need to find and pay for their own transportation or live within their means by living within their own communities where biking and walking is practical.

Emergency Management is usually considered to be important, but if what is meant by the term is shutting down the City for another pandemic, this item should be given the lowest priority. Calgarians never want to see another shut-down again. Funneling resources into emergency management is only acceptable if City Council gets real about the threats facing Canada. (For example, dealing with "sleeper" cells of terrorists from various countries.) Recreation and Community & Culture can be considered "luxury" items for a city to invest when it has abundant surplus resources. The City of Calgary does not. (Rampant government spending - particularly at the federal level - has created an inflationary environment such that raising property taxes to pay for such luxuries is unaffordable for many Calgarians.)
Emergency management of Calgary has been excellent and does not need increased funding, it clearly has enough funds and if a real disaster happens there will be other agency money involved. Bylaw and 311 are very nice to have in a city, but are not essential to city services, and enable the potential for a large amount of misdirected or over deployed resources.
Emergency services always get everything such as new fire houses built in cornerstone and the money needs to go to infrastructure because too many people live in Calgary and things like the roadways and water lines are not built to support that making it hard to stay in the city that neglects it.
Emergency services are first
Enforcement should always be a last resort to things when the focus is on design and social engineering will prevent the need to have to use force.
Enough art thank you
Enough housing supply in the market
Enough wasting tax payers money on art culture and sport!
Enough with apartment buildings. The amount of apartments I keep seeing pop by me is insane. We don't need apartments, we need more $$$$ to be paid so that people can buy the nice properties above $600k. We don't need apartment in nice communities..

Enough work has been done re: roads and pathways. Much of the bike path work was totally non-sensical. Parking in the core is impossible. All along 15th Ave SW, there's hardly places to park for 2 hrs anymore. Recreation, community/culture is secondary to the city's problems.
Environment and climate change are not municipal responsibility. Stay in your lane
Essential services are the priority - WATER!
Essential services like transit and affordable housing are lacking. Lack of access to medical care and other essentials is a crisis for vulnerable communities.
Essentials and safe communities come ahead of the other things. Crime is rising in some areas and it needs to be addressed so calgarians feel safe.
Every calgarian relies on these items. Stop giving housing to people who don't contribute
Every time they’re at my train stop there’s people doing drugs in view of the cops and the cops just turn around and do nothing. I never see them doing anything. Why give them more money for that?
Everyone is scared to use transit so don't prioritize it if you can't fix that
Everything is important but Bylaws could use less red tape over more. Community and Culture is critical but has been imbalanced in past budgets.
Everything is important these are essential services nothing should be deprioritized. Maintenance of basic services is important.
Everything is important, but police gets a huge chunk of money. Perhaps other service providers can share the load for less money?
Everything on that list seems important, however I feel communities already do a decent job looking after their own needs without city involvement.
Everything on this list feels like a priority but these felt like this least important on a long list of important things. I do feel that investing in housing and community/culture will in turn result in less crime and homelessness which will in turn result in fewer police calls. Also, creating a sense of culture and community may help ease any unrest among Calgarians, resulting in fewer calls to 311 and bylaw.

Everything works for the city already, enough parks, transit works well enough
Example art and parks programs as the parks department really require better leadership! Planting the urban forests has been a complete waste of taxpayer funds primarily lack of oversight and management, most of these sites have overcrowd plantings meaning they will either not survive or have to be removed in future as they mature. Housing, suggest monitoring the number of fire & police call outs due to fire in secondary suites (most residents use oil for cooking) areas of concern for compliance. One method to assess the number of unregistered secondary suites. The secondary suite bylaw doesn't address "illegal" suites with occupants increasing density doesn't always produce positive accommodations or community vibrancy as traffic, parking congestion on streets with increased road rage and speeding in residential areas. City councillors require more awareness and focus on their constituents they represent and less time on personal objectives not aligned with constituents.
Existing parks and urban forestry could be left in their natural state. Transit does not need to be flashy and trending. Keep it simple yet functional. Let community and culture be driven by the people in their communities.
existing service levels seem fine
Extra curricular activities should be a user-based fee system. Why are all taxpayers on the hook for these services? Cuts should be made here.
Extras only if budget has surplus
Feel these have gotten a lot of attention so ensure others take the forefront
Figure it out first. You didn't ask about the bureaucracy!
Figure out how to cut the budget and lower taxes. It’s not your job to provide housing and handouts.
Figure out how to pay for things with NO NEW TAXES OR TAX INCREASES. trim the fat, cut city jobs and non essential departments along with their spending. Remember who keeps the city alive. The home OWNERS who pay property tax. Your obligations are 100% to them!

Fire Department is made of good men and woman -but so top heavy that admin within that department needs to be axed - wasted tax payer dollars wirh a fleet that needs more attention than another DEI hire in administration. Fire the [redacted] would fix a lot of issues. The other ones are fluff- 311 just seems unnecessary and more a snitch line for old people.
Fire department's budget is already over-inflated and way to much. Needs to be reduced. Also, we need to immediately de-fund any and all of the following programs: diversity, equity & inclusion, truth & reconciliation, climate emergency, social justice... and any other woke programs.
Fire fighter make way to much money. Like who can go groccery shopping during shift? I sure can't. (I am an emergency nurse)
Fire gets too much funding already. ENOUGH. Nobody cares about culture or business licenses in this economy. Get real
Fire takes more then they give are under worked spoiled brats that work out and sleep for 12hrs. There lazy and this city needs to take away there budget
Fire, policing should not be optional or in this category. Its essential
First of all they are ALL important. Open your minds to the thinking that a complete city includes them all. We wasted so much money on things like the arena when people struggle to have places to live and get to/from their jobs and put food on the table.
Fluff
Focus on core services, stop constantly raising our taxes
Focus on quality of life for sustainability of current population
Focus on realities not nice to have.
Focus on the core first & get it right (the first time), then look at tier 2. And for now forget about tiers 3 & 4 (Green line, Arenas, Olympic bids, renaming places, useless artwork etc).
Focus on the larger issues with the Police - hence Bylaw. Would do recreation over community & culture. Housing we have plenty available as the housing market has dropped.

Focus on your core responsibilities like infrastructure. All the culture stuff is extra and is costing too much money.
Focusing on ensuring we can all live well and with dignity (for example, by funding housing, transit, and green spaces) lessens our need for police and enforcement.
Focusing on improving city economy will hopefully improve the budget cycle
Focusing on recreation and community and culture removes money from basic needs of a city
For housing, help foster the business environment so the private sector steps in.
For recreation I think people are always capable of coming up with ways to entertain themselves and when the budget is tight the city doesn't necessarily have to focus on this area when other more vital areas could benefit from more investment. I also don't see bylaws as particularly desperate in need of money when there is not a lot to go around.
From my lived experience in my community, further prioritizing these areas would result in only incremental or small upgrades to current levels of service. We should focus on investments that will be transformative when the status quo is 'good enough'.
From my perspective these things already seem adequate and not in need of increased funding.
Funding can be reduced
Funding events for different cultures is missuse of funds. They need to assimilate to our culture. Previously we had to sacrifice. Work multiple low paying jobs to afford housing. Others can do the same instead of always wanting things for free. Esp newcomers who haven't or don't paid into our taxes
Funding has already been allocated by Council for water to get us to sustainable levels. Parks feels less immediate in terms of high impact changes, same with bylaw.
Funding social services appropriately cuts the need for policing. 311 and recreation are low on my personal priorities.

Funny how Climate Emergency isn't on this list. Transit- after funding a "brand new" access card and its subsequent spectacular failure, in lieu of established systems like London's Oyster card, the Green line soon to be debacle (half the line for twice the price) it is clear the City needs to rethink transit.
Generally optional 'nice-to-haves' rather than core 'need-to-haves'.
Generally overfunded, no expense spared.
Get back to basics Also there should be the option to add other areas
Get rid of the equity diversity and inclusion. It's been a total waste of money that has demonstrated absolutely no value. And I say this coming from a minority community. It marginalizes the hard work from under represented peoples.
Given limited resources, I would place lower priority on areas like community and cultural programming, recreation, and direct involvement in the local economy, since these are not core government functions and can often be supported by the private sector or community organizations
Government should focus on core responsibilities such as infrastructure and prudent fiscal management. Increased intervention in housing and business is not needed. By removing unnecessary barriers, we can allow markets, including housing and small business, to operate more freely, adapt to demand, and support sustainable growth.
Governments shouldn't be spending money on housing. They should simply be reducing the costs and delays that they impose.
growth
gut feeling
Had to pick 3!
Hard decision, by law seems to enforce petty issues, water utilities the city does not competitively procure work and sole sources to graham construction too much, community and culture is important but spends unreasonable amount on art centres that benefit to few, need to invest in sports infrastructure more

Hard to actually say that these are least important as all aspects of city living have merit. I don't look at these as least important, but I do look at #5 above as most important. Take care of #5 and much of #6 will fall in line
Hard to choose areas that are unimportant
Hard to say we have culture when you're dodging drugs and homeless people
hard to say. I guess I just don't understand how these dollars are spent
Healthy people both mentally and physically will support each other on their own, will require less involvement from bylaw and police. Help make strong and independent communities. Invest in communities and provide training and education to develop community leaders. The most effective way to build a strong future for Calgarians is giving them the education and resources to prosper as individuals, as families and as communities.
herein lies the dilemma. The city survey is set up so you can't in good conscience any of items are insignificant. Why has the city excluded areas like paying for the "Blue Ring" or other non-core spending?
Honestly I didn’t want to choose any because all services are critically essential. That being said I checked 311 because I have used the app many times and found it useless, not much help when trying to post an issue. They always get closed without any response. Housing is important but unless it’s transit oriented developments then I’m not interested in creating more suburbia. Fire departments are obviously important but again, no need to keep the expanding the city outward to need more fire stations.

Honestly it is extremely difficult to judge what is "least important" in a city, as each listed factor is important. However, I chose these selections due to the fact that I believe there are more urgent things to develop first in the city. "Parks and urban forestry" may be an odd one to, for example, rank as less critical over local economy, but its tied to my stressing of the importance of urban development. Tree cover provides so much life to a neighbourhood and are also critical in providing shade in spring/summer. Trees also must be intentionally planted, take quite a while to grow, and require maintenance to be successful, so I believe it goes hand in hand with planning and development of neighbourhoods.
Honestly really hard to decide, all the above is obviously important. Police maybe less cuts and just reforms to how and what money is being spent on. Planning, Building & Development - for me Planning is the most important part of this. Building & Development - yes we need more housing but Calgary has always had a weird and somewhat sketchy relationship with developers, I feel like there is way to much focus on building new, tearing down the old, removing existing trees to accommodate construction. Often I find this benefits developers and the wealthy more than the people already existing in those communities. Build more bungalows and starter homes! Less ugly infills! Business Licensing & Local Economy - in all honesty I just know the least about this and needed a 3rd thing.
Honestly you missed an area and that climate change. Stop this focus. It is not a core need and not the city’s responsibility.
Honestly, I sweated making these three decisions; I can only imagine how hard it must be to cut things for real! And I'll admit to my ignorance in all three matters, but my reasoning was based on a wondering about how much all three could be outsourced—but I really don't know!
Honestly, it’s a tough choice. I think Community and Culture would be my choice but maybe I don’t understand the City’s role in these areas. Seems to me the communities could manage.
Hopefully we have built enough within Pathways, recreation and forestry to 'tide us over' whilst we sort out the present mess over the Water Utilities.

Housing - stop bringing more people into a city that is already having issues with an unsustainably large population Community and recreation - these are great and nice to have, but having a well functioning city is more important
Housing - because City bureaucracy is in the way. Transit - despite negligent mismanagement of the Green Line, no one has been held accountable, which means the Green Line still has negligent management and should not be funded further - build what is approved and then stop the financial bleeding from this City damaging project. Planning - too much corruption in the real estate team.
Housing - because the City destroys homes, like those downtown waterfront homes demolished to make a developer's project waterfront. Culture - because the culture of City Hall should not be spread any further than it already has. Transit - something close to a billion has been wasted by City Hall on this project to date - stop the bleeding.
Housing & Community and Culture should be provincial and federal government's responsibility. Business Licensing and Local Economy can charge a fee to the applicants.
Housing and community and culture are if not fully mainly provincial responsibilities. I would cut any municipal funding for Climate Change it is not a municipal responsibility and it spending without concrete measurable impacts.
Housing and Community and culture are outside of your mandate. Interesting that you neglected to include huge budget items like climate and DEI, both of which should be immediate cut. To zero, nonexistent. Gratuitous, wasteful virtu signalling and nothing more.
Housing and Culture will look after themselves through the market and individuals. Transit is a black hole of money waste.
Housing and Planning, Building & Development have had an unusual focus by the City for the past few years and it's time we shifted the focus to far more critical areas. Recreation has its place but, again, it's down the list in terms of importance.

Housing because growth in Canada has reduced now heavily that includes Calgary and we are currently in a buyers market where homes on market are getting very long. W&R I believe has sufficient infrastructure and could see some cost reductions where possible, Bylaw I believe should merge with Police to some higher extent to result in cost reductions possibly.
Housing because the houses around my house are increasing and areas get developed constantly
Housing because we already have an abundance of condo's. 311 is great but not as important as other services. Waste and recycling, this program is currently working.
Housing can be organized by the private sector. Communities need to step up and take the lead on creating the sort of community culture they want to see in their neighbourhoods. Waste and Recyling can be paid for from the rates charged and if those need to go up, maybe people will be more responsible with their garbage.
Housing comes with good policy not intervention. Also not the cities core responsibility, community and culture should be user pay or fundraised for.recreation should also be user pay.
Housing developments seem to be favouring developers rather than the average Calgarian. Furthermore, Housing projects should not be under municipal government control, rather, a lot of those projects would be better funded under Provinicial or Federal monies. In regards to Community & Culture, there have been some very questionable pet projects that the City has spent money on, especially when the budget is tight. Emergency Management is a concern, as things that are not true emergencies are getting labelled as such.
Housing is a federal and provincial budget responsibility. Culture should be grassroots at the constituents level. Recreation is good in this city and can be maintained at present levels, and increased through private ventures.
Housing is a federal responsibility and local government should stick to maintaining infrastructure.
Housing is a Provincial and Federal Responsibility. Business Liscence should be more revenue neutral. Parks not a high responsibility.

Housing is a provincial responsibility not a municipal one. You already have a good emergency management program. No need to spend more. Keep flat budget. Ease off on unnecessary community spending unless you cut out ridiculous spending like climate emergency spending.
Housing is for developers not the City. Bylaw can become focussed on priorities, not ticketing people out cycling for example. Community and culture are for better times….when we've fixed the basics.
Housing is important but in my opinion the problems originated with the City and the developers decades ago and quite frankly needs a complete overhaul but that will never happen as long as developers have the influence that they have. Waste of funds in until there is a fundamental shift. Business and Licensing & Local Economy is important but are really way down on my list.
Housing is market driven, no need for the City to intervene. Community and Culture do not require investment to improve or maintain them as these are more people driven. Waste & Recycling is user based so cost can be managed through fee changes on the monthly billing.
Housing is more of a provincial responsibility and the onus should be ensuring Province is responsible partner. Parks and urban forestry are nice to have and in a pinch, should be able to operate on current funding levels without major degradation to "livability" in the city. Community and Culture are also nice to have for livability considerations, but in a pinch, should be able to operate at existing funding levels.
Housing is not a responsibility of the city. Community and cultural wasted money . Recreation is a luxury not a basic necessities. Not all of us can afford the recreational facilities , focus on major of citizens
Housing is not something that the city needs to focus on. The market takes care of that. The city has already wasted enough money on blanket rezoning and created a mess in inner cities without improving affordability. There are more than enough bylaws. They are not enforced. What is the point of more if the existing ones are not enforced?

Housing never should be a city priority, the private sector should be responsible. Having worked at the City, it was always clear the Planning Dept was overstaffed and underdelivered on core projects. Community & Culture is important but when funds are limited, these are areas that have to make do with what is available.
Housing on most areas, especially Bowness is out of control. Planning and development is one of the reasons housing is out of control. Art projects are not necessary.
Housing should already be a low cost to the city. Meet standards for building code, established long ago. Recreation and community culture should already be more organic. Business opportunity for entrepreneurs. No more woke [redacted].
Housing should be a provincial and federal responsibility and accomplished via the public sector Waste & recycling- efficiencies could be found here Business licensing & local economy. ?? Note; you are asking me to make choices when I have no idea as to what exactly each sector does and what percentage of the city budget is allocated to it. Therefore such results are meaningless.
Housing should be controlled by businesses no? You can sent out 311 to a third party company if you want I guess
Housing should be delt with through the private sector and market driven. The City should assist my making land available to developers for low income housing at lower land prices Community ad culture are nice to have, but not essential services Emergency Management should be kept to a minimim by taking measures to prevent emergencies in the first place.

Housing should no longer be a city priority. Housing policy always lag real market conditions, we build too late for growth, and we build for too long after growth. The housing market is moving into a over-supply situation. We do not need public funds to increase supply of a good that is not needed. Targeted affordable housing with Private Developers are ok, but as the city has shown through projects like the Bridgeland Place redevelopment, taking over 5 years, giving more money to that organization is not a good use of funds. Police and bylaw have been consistently funded well. We consistently meet their budget needs, so they are starting at a higher baseline than a lot of other units. The police service does important work, but we are playing whack-a-mole. Arrest, release, re-offend, re-arrest. We're spending money to go in circles. It doesn't matter if the person has 10 or 50 charges, if the judges grant bail indiscriminately, what's the point of catching them again.
Housing should not be a taxpayer funded item. Community and culture is something people can do themselves.
Housing should reside at a provincial level. Recreation can be done outside without the need of buildings and community and culture is dramatically overvalued.
Housing shouldn’t be city funded and communities can fund their own celebrations
Housing shouldn’t be the biggest priority. Only having so many houses caps our population where it’s at. We need to figure out how to make this city safe as it used to be.
Housing there is a ton of new apartments being built the housing issue will work it's problems out when there is an over supply. Recreation. Unless it's free lots of people can afford it. Community culture, yes it is important but if we have a huge shortfall. I think having enough firefighters is more important
Housing, recreation and cultural activities can be left for the private sector.

Housing, the City should not be involved in providing housing. 311 the service seems very impersonal and I am not sure there is any validation to conclusively insure inquiries are addressed. Community and culture, not sure the City needs to lead these. The communities and cultures within the City should be leading these.
Housing, to me, is more a provincial/federal responsibility as well as market driven. Community & Culture - community associations and not for profits should take the lead on those responsibilities. It is not necessarily something that is important to or a requirement for many individual citizens.
Housing-Corporations building houses should be looking for ways to make money. Tearing down single family homes for infill overpriced multiplexes is not anything anyone wants to lives. According to The Calgary Herald that is not what home owners want to buy. The city telling Corporations what to build doesn't serve anyone and no one is happy with high density housing. Planning and building/ Business L+ L E aren't a necessity.
How the homeless issue has progressed, it has gone to show none of these services do anything to change that, if ee cna support rht and fox it wirh these services. Why support them like the more important ones.
Humans can live without these, but not without housing, utilities or safety services
I 100% support the police and their need for funding, but if we are looking at ways to manage costs - the overtime, the mental health of officers time off - all of this is contributing to budget that long term will not be sustainable. Status quo or .25-.5% less in the largest line item is where savings are found, not in nickel and diming every other department at the city. Technology could make more of an impact in this area in cost savings.
I agree they are important but not at the cost of cutting lifesaving departments

I also believe anything to do with the fake Climate change emergency, should not be a priority either. Regular citizens have to do more with less and so should the city. When money is tight there need not be any frills. If you cannot produce the same services with what you already have then there is a major management problem.
I also have children, so I honestly think community services, recreation, parks and culture are very important. However, at a basic level, the most essential things for people to live are housing, food, and clothing. What matters most is the safety of these necessities, as well as overall safety in daily life—such as having low crime. I believe that activities like recreation and playing in parks come on top of this fundamental level of living. So, while the field I selected is very important, compared to the other categories, I feel that it may not need to be prioritized as highly.
I am just thinking of which I believe have sufficient funding in the moment
I am not sure what is meant by Bylaw. I believe that 311 services are providing many great supports, but see other services as more important priorities at this time. The city has been doing a lot of building and development and in some cases is a bit saturated. Again, at this time, I see other services as a higher priority.
I am so tired of my taxes going to art foundations. That does not fix anything in the city. People who are homeless and hungry certainly do not want to look at a circles. We have so much building and it seems like there is always problems. We are always going to pay for business licence etc.
I believe focus needs to shift from policing to preventative community outreach and social programs, to assist the most vulnerable populations so that they may be better equipped to avoid turning to crime.

I believe funding planning, building and development, as well as parks covers what I imagine is in the community and culture bucket. If there are resource restrictions in the budget I believe ensuring safety through CPS and CFD, and planning for community spaces through planning, building and development, then local community leaders, community associations, homeowner associations, can accomplish what that city would have attempted to fund.
I believe in financial prudent times community and culture can be served by private groups with a vested interest. Until such times where there is more money and the other more important services are looked after.
I believe our Bylaw services are currently in good shape as well as the waster/recycling component of the City's operations. I chose community and culture as it's a more innocuous area where funds can often be spent on frivolous projects and pandering to special interest groups rather than the common good.
I believe over the course last few years, lot of investment has been made.
I believe that community & culture will improve with improvements in city building practices that foster social connection and affordability (i.e. housing densification/rezoning, walkability), which is why I placed it as a lower priority. Policing is a lower priority because policing does not address root causes and drivers of crime and social disorder, whereas policies that improve wellbeing and affordability do (i.e. housing densification/rezoning, walkability). Police are being used ineffectively in situations that would be better addressed with a different approach (e.g. homelessness, mental health). I put roads and pathways last because the city seems to already spend a huge percentage of the budget ensuring a very high standard of road quality (e.g. fixing potholes) and I don't think more needs to be spent on this area given other more pressing matters. Pouring money into road infrastructure will not fix the underlying cause of high road maintenance costs which is sprawl.
I believe that our current Provincial government is sticking their oar in where it doesn’t belong and intends to damage those areas with it’s interference so the City shouldn’t focus on them because the UCP is going to try to mess up any good intentions with their own.

I believe that public safety and essential services require more immediate resources
I believe that the City is "over-regulated" (i.e., Bylaws, Business Licensing, etc.) and while some focus and expenditures on Community & Culture should be made, this is a lower priority vis a vis other areas.
I believe that they have the least amount of pay off. If people feel safe and have opportunity to make more money, that means that the city is making more money and then can fund these programs that have less payout. Priority is to have citizens make more money, have more opportunity, feel safe, then the city can make more money and provide more services.
I believe the basics should be maintained, once there is budget these services could be improved.
I believe the city can function having these services out of its priority list for a short period of time (one year)
I believe the city should focus on basic services
I believe the function of policing in Canada is not conducive to actually increasing our safety. I would rather see their budget reduced in favour of services to tackle the root causes of crime.
I believe the items are in place as of now,& are not requiring additional support
I believe the remaining unmarked services are essential.
I believe there are more important projects and infrastructure that I would prefer the city would invest in rather than creating a new Olympic village for the homeless to lay around all day.
I believe there is enough money spent on these areas at present and it would not suffer
I believe these are areas of the city that many do not access including myself, so I just don’t see it as a priority
I believe these service currently offer little to most Calgarians.
I believe these would have the least negative impact on community well-being
I believe these would have the lowest impact to citizens of Calgary over the short term

I believe they are already well funded and investing in areas like Community and Culture, Parks and Pathways and Housing will reduce crime and social unrest.
I believe they are the easiest to recover from economic downturn in a shorter time frame when resources recover.
I believe waste and recycling are at a wonderful place and can hold off for improvement to a much later date.
I cannot honestly select any of these as being the lowest priorities, as they are all so important in their own ways.
I can't afford groceries and each year living here gets worse with extremely overcrowded communities. There are 34 empty high-rise buildings, but our property tax money is going to build high rise buildings in the outskirts of Calgary, without proper amenities, schools, and transit. What kind of insane person is pushing this. Going forward there should be a full stop of issuing permits for buildings over 4 stories outside of the City Centre; until all the office buildings have been converted. Also, I think it is absolutely criminal to give significant tax breaks, financial incentives, and tax-related support for underutilized office buildings. The high-rise building owner should be responsible to pay the full tax amount. I should not be paying for demolition or conversions of high-rise buildings or any other schemes.
I chose Bylaw and Police as I know a large amount of the budget goes into these 2 and I see the effects that both of these service areas have on our unhoused folks. Too many bylaw tickets being passed out to folks that have no choice but to loiter, use transit for free ect. However, I LOOOVE community court. Would love to see more money put into initiatives like that. Services that help, not punish. This is what truly helps with recidivism. I have also had some fine experiences with CPS but I also see the way they miss treat our folks. Power trips and anger. Lots of aggression from transit police lately. I would like to see some money put into crisis and mental health training for our police.
I Chose bylaw as I have heard admissions that some of these workers that continue to waste city money. By fixing one sign then going to smoke weed in fish creek the rest of the day.

I chose Community & Culture, Recreation, and 311 as lower priorities because, while they are important, they're not as essential as core services like housing, utilities, transit, and public safety. These services can be adjusted or scaled back temporarily, and some can be supported through partnerships without immediate impacts on health or safety. When budgets are tight, it makes sense to focus first on services that cover basic needs and keep the city running smoothly long-term.
I chose Planning, Building & Development as least important because I believe Calgary need to focus more on utilizing the spaces we already have. There have been too many sprawling new neighborhoods with unaffordable new homes. I also chose Police and Bylaw not because I don't believe they are important services, but rather that some of the budget they require could be diverted to outreach services that would take some of the burden currently placed on police while providing much needed services for folks in need.
I chose Planning, Building and Development because I feel like it's often focused on large infrastructure projects, like rebuilding the Saddledome and things like that. I'm not fully sure why we subsidize billion-dollar hockey teams without any ownership stake. Of course, I want great concerts in the city and an arena with good sound. But I still wonder what the actual business model looks like. Do we ever truly break even on investments like this? Have we even broken even from the Saddledome? To me, it makes more sense to invest in things that directly strengthen our communities and create long-term value. Things like safety, and supporting businesses so they can operate and grow in a healthy environment. I like the idea of kids being able to take transit without fear of being hurt, robbed, or exposed to things like drug use or violence. That kind of investment feels just as important, if not more.

I chose Police as I think if you focus on ensuring a solid strategy to house people (similar to what was done in Finland, and follow the priorities of the Housing Strategy that was approved) you would address a lot of the unrest and civil disorder in the city. I chose Roads & Pathways - but really for me I don't want to see more investment into more roads or bigger roads for cars (pathway investment is great). Lastly, I chose Emergency Management as the last one because although I believe in having safeguards for unexpected emergencies - there is a lot we can do to mitigate and ensure we don't walk into more emergencies by stretching our infrastructure thin (re: 4.2 meters of pipe per person in a city of Calgary's population is shameful).
I chose the ones I think should take a back seat in challenging financial periods with the expectation that there will be other periods where these areas may receive the attention they deserve
I chose these because I was unable to define what they do. I see bylaw officers as people who do little more than give out parking tickets. I don't know what community and culture is and community associations are often set up and organized by members of the community. We need our parks maintained but their care is less important than the essentials of daily living. Less money needs to be spent on unnecessary hazardous signs placed in the middle of crosswalks. These may be needed in high traffic areas but not in every single crosswalk in the city, I'm also appalled at the huge amount of money that's been spent on changing our city's logo and erecting new signage for it as well as expensive art sculptures etc. created in other countries. Special interest groups with their hands out need to be placed last on the list of city budget considerations. I also considered giving planning and development low priority because it depends on what it refers to and money has been wasted on this.
I chose these because they feel less essential compared to core services like safety, water, and roads. I think the city should focus on the basics.
I chose those 3 because you already do a horrible job in those areas. You pay for bylaw but they do nothing so it is wasted money. You pick and choose which communities to support while neglecting most, looking the other way or placating to others for political gain.

I chose those because other options I would have chosen weren't offered, such as the focus on 'climate emergency'. While I support that efforts be made to do necessary things in an environmentally thoughtful way, I see no need for an entire department. Perhaps some savings could be found there to support the city's core responsibilities.
I couldn’t select DEI, Bike Lanes, or Climate Change initiatives like Electric Buses. Taxpayers know where the city is wasting money, a disingenuous poll like this isn’t going to hide that. Emergency management is selected above in lieu of the false climate change emergency declared by our former mayor.
I did not make a selection as I can't really decide what is the lowest priority.
I didn’t select any. These are all important City services.
I didn't choose and I understand your challenge, how do you prioritize only some things, when everything is important and feels necessary? Life is experienced locally and municipalities are the frontlines of the day-to-day challenges faced by people living in our city. It's not clear to me how you find a balance, but what is clear is that all of these areas need some level of investment. Exchanging community well-being for infrastructure or the reverse will lead to gaps in the future and likely inflated costs down the road. Please find a way to invest in community and in management of city services and infrastructure.
I do not feel like my bottom 3 selections need any more money or improvements. I don't use transit and frankly couldn't care less if its better or not. I feel like 311 is a decent service with the ease of use with the app and community and culture just seems like a fancy way of saying "we're going to install more blue rings"
I do not support policing as a violent quote solution to crime and homelessness. i believe these funds would be better spent on mental health services and community outreach, as Preventative measures to these problem, rather than reactionary
I do not think that these are very important. Housing should not be a city worry. It should be provincial. Emergency mgmt is being ready. Licensing is not important to most folks. If the restaurant has pests then people will not go and they close. Be clean or leave

I do not think the city should be into housing the private sector can do that. 311 is difficult to get answers to questions ask more about you than the problem. Why should my tax dollars go to recreation facilities many of us do not use.
I do not think we should defund 311 or Bylaw, however, I believe they are doing a great job already, so the focus should be on maintaining them at this level, not putting more resources towards them.
I do see community and culture as important, however there are non-profits and local bodies that can support this priority, whereas that isn't possible in other areas, such as policing
I don't believe they're less important but maybe don't impact as many people
I don't feel like those categories impact a large portion of the population. I think it represents a minority.
I don't feel we have a strong return on investment in these segments
I don't know what bylaw does.
I don't need a house , we have many parks in my area that are hardly ever used
I don't see a great payback. I never use 311 and know little about how useful bylaws are.
I don't think maintained or increased police presence in our city is going to help create longterm change for our cities crime levels, as much as social services provided through organizations such as Alpha House.
I don't think we need to spend more in these areas.
I don't understand what you mean by bylaws. Community and culture, parks, etc. are important once people have jobs and a place to live, and the parks and streets are safe from crime and drugs.
I don't understand why the fire department has to be deployed for non-fire emergencies. It seems redundant to me. Community and culture will happen at a grass roots level with less funding. Parks and urban Forestry can float without increased funding too.
I don't use these services very much.

I don’t use transit and the others I feel there is a lot of private recreation and parks can bounce back or volunteers could support as a temporary measure
I dont believe it is the cities responsibility. I thought the provincial govt was responsible. Waste and recycle seem to be ok.
I don't believe those service areas are not important. But if cuts have to be made, they are less critical to everyday life
I dont care about public art or culture. I would rather have the priorities I've listed above be fully financed
I don't even know what "community and culture" entails. Aren't we calgarians? Are we not a Christian based society as stated in the constitution? I know I am. I don't need someone telling me that. I can also figure out what city service I need by looking at what the city offers. People are just lazy these days. Everything needs to be handed to them. Let them figure it out! I don't need a bylaw officer to come around telling me my neighbor has an issue with me. If they have an issue, they can come talk to me directly. I have a few neighbors that they can come talk to me and vise versa and we have a great neibohood.
I don't even know what Bylaw, Community & Culture and Business Licensing & Local Economy service means. They seem the least important to me.
I don't feel that those are crucial to everyday life for every citizen
I don't feel they warrant additional budget considerations due to other areas necessitating greater allocation of resources
I don't fully understand the definitions for a number of the service areas, so was unable to make an informed decision.

I don't have enough knowledge to say what would be the lowest priority. Different things are different priorities at different times, but they are also not in silos. We need to have proper emergency services, but that doesn't mean police are at the bottom of the list--they are part of emergency services (I think!). Even though housing is a priority, it doesn't mean parks aren't and that they get plowed under for houses, I hope. I'm thinking things just keep humming and moving to the front burner or the back burner as required. Right now we have a climate crisis which means water, housing, emergency, waste, are all of immediate concern, but for people to navigate these crises in community, we need recreation, culture, parks and recreation.
I don't know enough of planning, building and development and chose that service soley because it doesn't pertain to me. i see 311 as an intake tool for citizens for service requests. While this is important, I don't think the Q is asking if i would get rid of it. It's likely at a 'good enough' service level that additional investment may not be needed. But again, this is only from limited knowledge. you need to look at the risk of not investing more in this service. I don't personally use it and wouldn't affect my day to day.
I don't know what you mean by "bylaw" but I feel like we have plenty of them and they are already appropriately enforced, so we don't need to expand that department. Community and culture is a nice-to-have, not need-to-have. I understand that community associations have received an increase in the amount the city gives them and I think it should be up to communities to raise extra funds if they want to do special events. Bottle drives, casinos, event tickets, etc. I don't know what you mean by "311" either. Do you want to expand the department? Personally, I use it very infrequently but have been satisfied with the response time and the response when I have called. And it's not on the list, but you could get rid of the climate emergency fund, please. I don't think that's something the city should be dealing with.
I don't like anything being considered low priority, but for my own view these are areas that could maybe wait awhile.

I don't really know how you make this decision But, of all of these, I think there are still lots of issues with policing and huge budgets going towards this, when community services would be a better option
I don't see these as essential services
I don't see these services as critical areas at this time.
I don't think any should be less of a priority but these ones already are so well managed, I think they are ahead of the others.
I don't think governments should be in the housing business. Leave development planning and construction up to those that will actually provide the financing and activities to create additional housing. The City should simply ensure that the developments do not create friction and destroys Community and Culture.
I don't think these are as critical.
I don't understand the implications of your question nor do I know what each service area entails.
I don't use it
I don't use them often enough.
I don't use them.
I don't use them.
I dont use this service too often
i don't use transit. Too much money going towards woke pet projects of city hall.
I feel a lot of the city’s money is tied up in wasteful government. Make changes to bylaws and let the cards fall where they may
I feel all the other choices have a higher priority.
I feel as though these are less essential to the upkeep of neccessary daily activities.

I feel businesses and local economy have often taken precedence over recreation facilities and the environment. It's time to shift our focus to the citizens of Calgary and upgrade our recreation facilities which have been neglected for years and have not kept pace with population growth. Businesses will always build themselves whatever environment they are faced with. Recreation facilities can not. It's the responsibility of the City of Calgary to provide and maintain these facilities. I want my tax dollars to go to recreation and not business development.
I feel like at a time when there is so much division between people and inflation is so high that we need to focus more on things that affect people now like reducing the barriers in transit, housing and supporting local as much as possible.
I feel like community & culture could be led by others outside of The City
I feel like the emergency Departments should be able to work together to prepare for larger emergencies that require multiple services and we do not necessarily require an addtional budget line for it. The other two are important, but as stated in the previous answer, we need a strong foundation. We need to take care of the "needs" prior to taking on more "wants". For example, I would have rather saw our funds allocated to all these differetn art installations over the years put towards failing infrastructure so we would not be currently dealing with the water feeder main emergency. Although I love what the art peices do for our city, we need to make sure that the foundation that we need is strong first.
I feel police are very well funded with in the city of Calgary

I feel that funding constaints for the three selected options will be addressed largely on theit own if better investment into transit and housing is made first. Social disorder and a lack of community culture are, at their core, driven by a lack of investment into good housing and transit to keep people housed and connected to the city. Denser neighbourhoods means more eyes on the street, less social disorder, and more vibrant, connected communities. Improved transit connects people with their communities and others. Combined investments into transit and housing mean that there will be more transit ridership at all times, which naturally decreases social disorder, and will alleviate housing pressures which cause people to end up on the street, cause social disorder, and require enforcement from bylaw and police.
I feel that the Calgary police do not protect our most vulnerable communities and more money should be invested in social services and crisis management. I think that more development is unnecessary until the rising cost of living is addressed and subsidized. I also feel that more money should be allocated to crucial services such as health care and access to groceries before we increase recreational materials.
I feel the bylaws are adequate and perhaps too many. Recreation is important but not as important as others. Community and culture are also important but again not as much as the other choices.
I feel there is a balancing act to be had and with top priorities, low priorities can be made and focused on later. Community and Culture will thrive when services and infrastructure are maintained; ideally public safety will be maintained for be perceived to be increased the more people use spaces, lastly local economy may be able to maintain itself in the short-term.
I feel these are lower priorities and that what is currently in place already is doing a fair job.
I feel they are just lower on the totem pole when deciding on a budget
I feel they are the least important
I feel they can catch up easier than essential services
I feel those are of lesser importance.

I feel we already do an exceptional job with waste & recycling, and we should be charging individuals more for the service; I find 311 pretty useless and the online submission portal is adequate to report issues; Business licensing and the local economy should be taken care of by business people and non-profits etc that support them (which is what the business community always says about the arts)
I feel we currently spend too much on Culture and DEI aligned initiatives when there are deficits in levels of service in more critical areas. While 311 is a good tool, money spent on IT support or technology could more easily integrate into existing intake systems of the various city departments. Reintergration of emergency management under the fire department could see savings in management and operational costs. Is there truly need a need for an entire separate agency? Seems redundant. IF cuts need to be made I would look here.
I feel we have made significant investment in these areas already. Our recreation facilities are top notch, waste and recycling is world class as well, and our community and culture locations are plentiful and high quality.
I feels the ones i picked are lower priority as not all citizens uses these services and these should be funded on a user base fee structure. You use recreation, pay for the service through special assessment fees to the groups that use them. The City should not be in the business of owning and operating housing, this should be done through private non-profit organizations, or for profit organizations. Tax payer money should not be used to build housing. Community & Culture should be funded by the people of those community no different than community/maintenance and growth fees. When communities are built all amenities including, shopping, schools, fire/safety should be built by the developer and included in the home price and community fees. Less municipal costs to maintain. All development/maintenance & growth must follow municipal bylaws and rules.
I find that Calgary already does an excellent job in those areas.
I find that the police often get huge budget increases already when we could instead focus our dollars on getting vulnerable populations housed and safe.

I find this question unfair. Though I believe that there are better ways than policing and law enforcement to deal with most problems, the question should be how do we raise the funds to cover all our essential city services. We are a low tax city, but no one wants to admit that and raise the revenue that's required.
I had a hard time selecting anything as they are all important. People are feeling backed up against a wall these days in Alberta with the UCP government, price increases, and global politics. So I tried to prioritize things that help support people's needs the most.
I hate roads and cars. Build more trains. It's more energy efficient. Generally I'm sick of the individualist mindset of shunting every expense onto the lowest person on the totem pole who doesn't have the money to pay for it. If it's so individualist then what's even the point of living together at all? I want my money to go towards helping the people who need it the most. $10 towards feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and sheltering the exposed goes further than $10000 towards some oil tycoon. And anybody who doesn't want to sacrifice some amount of comfort to help save lives should just leave.
I hate to choose these - as I myself am an artist and greatly value the City's support of culture. That said - I do believe that recreation and community and culture could be partially assumed by private initiatives whereas those other core services are the City's alone to manage at this point.
I hate to select Recreation as it's important to my family's well-being as well, but at this point it's a luxury compared to others.
I hated including Waste and recycling, as it is important. Bylaw can be handled partly by other departments, and culture... well, that drives itself as well.
I have found 311 to be only marginally useful and most of us are capable of finding our own recreation and building community. When all the basics are in good shape, these would be nice additions but not necessities.
I have never seen a cop here do anything but escalate situations. Genuinely wholeheartedly believe this city would be better with less of them.

I have never used 311, so I can’t say how useful it is or isn’t. Planning is good and I enjoy the subject. But looser regulations (including blanket zoning reform to allow density) is generally a good thing. Easier rules and faster processes with fewer people involved. I don’t believe we’re in any grave danger of emergencies. Flood protection that has been built should help.
I have reported bylaw infractions to 311, particularly shoveling and parking (in bike lanes) and since the investigation timeline is between 1-7 days, there is really no point. People will continue breaking rules because there are no actual consequences. So, what is the actual point? I suggest photos taken by residents be a permitted way to hold people accountable.
I honestly don't think my government cares what I answer. I've witnessed Calgary police unleash violence on non aggressive protesters. It was the worst thing I've ever experienced and financially speaking it was a massive waste of man hours and equipment that could've been spent making the lives of Calgarians better.
I just feel like these are working alright right now.
I just feel the other areas are more important.
I just feel there are higher priorities in the immediate term.
I just had to select one. They are all important
i know about community..whats is culture?
I know these are difficult decisions for the city, and I cannot figure out what I would consider the 'lowest' priority. I think Community & Culture is an important piece to our City, but funding items like the 'blue ring' could have done so much more by putting that funding into a community center etc!
I live in a community where our association provides guidance as well as opportunities for the residents of the community to connect with one another. When there is a strong community, residents tend to be respectful of each other, of properties, parks, etc. Enforcement of by laws is not needed to the same extent.

I love parks but I don't mind if they get a little wild and communities can keep them clean. I want to see the police funded more through traffic fines, keep bugging the province about that. The province brought all these new people to our city, they should be funding developments to accomodate them.
I picked recreation because if I had to pick between clean water and a new rec centre... easy choice. Unfortunately things have been mismanaged and we need to start filling buckets from the bottom up, the foundation is crumbling. Waste and recycling should be running on a efficient budget, I don't think we should NEED to put more money towards it but I guess I'm a bit ignorant about that. 311 - I don't think there should be a phone line at all. This should be strictly online, making it easier to forward to the relevant people. Again, a bit ignorant on it so take my opinion with a grain of salt but I'm surprised it's even an option - is it really an entity that requires it's own option? Is it hiring? I think I'd be good at that job.
I picked these three because the City has done and absolute [redacted] job of all three. Housing - see blanket re-zoning debacle. Transit - see transit financial recklessness with moving forward without knowing the cost, then hiding the cost overruns for years so it could steal waterfront homes to benefit a developer and try to pressure the province into supporting a change in scope to the pathetic stub line. Community and Culture - see Gondek's [redacted] and her cancelling the Arena just to have taxpayer pay for a far more expensive Arena. Calgary has had an incompetent government for so long the top priority for City Council should be to fundamentally change the leadership team at City Hall to people who do not embrace a culture of secrecy, deception and benefiting their friends.
I really don't know, I had to pick something?
I regretted having to choose any but local communities will often pick up the slack when culture and recreation are cut. I would hope the deficits in these areas would be improved in later budgets.

I see empty buses running up and down Center Street all day. I'm sure these could be better organized to accommodate transit users. Recreation and Community and Culture could be the responsibility of the Community Centers.
I see everything else as a basic requirement. If I had to run my own finances I would cut the nice to haves, not the requirements
I see too many police vehicles on the road or hiding somewhere to catch traffic violation. Police budget should be cut.
I see wasteful spending on community events when businesses do a much better job and also leave housing to the free market and make it more affordable to build by cutting taxes on businesses
I selected 311, Bylaw, and Community & Culture because, while they are valuable services, they are more of a want or convenience rather than a necessity for my family right now.
I selected 311, Community & Culture, and Recreation as lower priorities in the context of difficult budget tradeoffs, while recognizing their importance to quality of life and community well-being. Compared to services that directly impact public safety, critical infrastructure, and core city operations, these areas may offer more flexibility in the short term. 311 plays an important role in connecting residents to services, but some functions could be supported through expanded digital tools and self-service options, improving efficiency while maintaining access. Community & Culture and Recreation contribute to social connection, inclusion, and overall wellness, and are important to the city's vibrancy and identity. However, temporary adjustments, phased investments, or slower expansion in these areas may be more manageable, allowing the city to prioritize essential services while still supporting a livable and connected community over time, in a balanced and thoughtful way.

I selected Business Licensing & Local Economy, Community & Culture, and Recreation as lower priorities because, while they add significant value to Calgary's quality of life, they are generally more flexible during periods of fiscal constraint. These services can often be adjusted, scaled, or delivered through partnerships, phased approaches, or temporary reductions without creating immediate risks to public health, safety, or essential infrastructure. In contrast, core services such as emergency response, water utilities, housing, and transportation have direct and immediate impacts on residents' safety and daily functioning, and therefore should be prioritized when difficult budget decisions must be made.
I selected Community and Culture as this area may be able to continue with funds from interest groups and sponsorships from the private sector to ensure activities and events continued.
I selected Planning because I feel this service line focuses too much on keeping developers happy, and not enough on ensuring a sustainable and livable city for Calgarians (just look at the ongoing sprawl and the number of new developments in flood plains). I selected Recreation and Community & Culture because I feel these service lines are valuable but more of a nice to have than an essential service.
I selected Recreation because there are private recreation facilities and programs that people can use instead of having them subsidized by the property tax owner. I selected 311 as I believe people would be will to wait on hold a little longer to get through to 311 if it helps reduce the property tax increase. And finally, I selected Housing, because I do not believe that property owners should be paying to subsidize housing especially considering the amount of building that is taking place across the city and vacancy levels.

I selected 'Roads and Pathways' but I believe we must maintain the Pathways budget and cut the Roads budget. Roads are often one of the highest budget line items. We must reduce building new roads and we must build smaller roads where the design of the road encourages drivers to drive slower. In Countries that are achieving Vision Zero (like Sweden), a core principle of the vision is that "Life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the society", especially life cannot be exchanged because we need a few minutes shaved off our commute times. We need to build roads better to get to 0 traffic fatalities. Traffic fatalities are unacceptable. The Police budget I believe should be refocused to no buying new big vehicles and helicopters - policing should take on a more caring, tolerant and mediation culture to help direct people to the services they really need rather than being victimized for tiny things like not having a bus ticket.
I selected these services because I feel the ones that I chose as the highest priority
i selected waste & recycling, not because it's not important cause i believe they are all important just depends on whom you ask as we all have varying priorities. but sometimes the collection seems too frequent
I suspect business licence fees could increase and likewise ware and recycling fees should shortfalls exist. If 311 responses are delayed, impacts will be less severe than other areas.
I suspect there is a lot of bureaucracy and wasted resources in those departments. While they need to exist, a cut in resources might force more efficient operation and fewer staff.
I think 311 is a luxury. I love it but we do not need to invest more money. Transit monthly passes SHOULD be funding transit.....but it isn't, as the Fair Entry program is not collecting enough money. The regular Adult passes are expensive, but most people are on Fair Entry and the program screening is not always effective. Clients, in some cases, are approved for $6.30 passes per month but should not qualify. I work at City Hall. I see this every day.

I think 311 is pretty good as it, it can definitely be better but as it stands it is pretty strong right now Unless they repeal blanket rezoning, I think we will save time and money so less can go towards this I have never heard of an issue with business licensing and local economy, I think the previous council put in enough budget to growing this so I feel that we are covered
I think blanket rezoning should be abolished. It is ruining my neighborhood.
I think cuts to these areas would have the least overall impact to residents.
I think everything is important & did not want to choose
I think fire is important, but I think that there are huge cost efficiencies to be found in fire services. Why are we sending massive fire trucks to medical calls? Why are the fire trucks so big? Huge logistical problem - and not necessary. Recreation support should focus on kids. Adults can figure it out. Our core issues are infrastructure - how can you have decent community or culture with no roof over your head or failing infrastructure? Get the core stuff right and people will build community.
I think if we spent more money on helping people, we wouldn't need so much funds cracking down on them. Community centered approaches, that put healthcare, housing, and clean environments first? May help reduce what we need in terms of policing. Put the people first, and you may have to police them, less. And that our systems should promote dignity for all Calgarians! Not just for ones of certain creeds, classes, or colours. If that last sentiment is controversial, we are in deep [censored word]. God help us all.
I think if we would gave the rest done properly these would have beed less of a problem
I think it’s important that we focus on existing infrastructure as far as money expenditures are concerned. We need to maintain what we have before we encourage new building, etc. While community and culture are important, we have to pay for and support the basics for our citizens first.

I think most City services are pretty essential. I would not support major cuts anywhere and would happily accept higher taxes to keep service levels up.
I think parks, community culture and recreation are "nice to have's" but are not needed.
I think police are important but we already have a consistent strong police force that doesn't require more funding. We can also reduce pressure on police through better road design to reduce traffic incidents, better social supports to help our neighbours, and a community focus that saves the police for when they are truly needed. I also think business licensing also seems to be adequately serviced.
I think realistically there will have to be investment from other partners, funders, or levels of government.
I think recreation and community and culture could be encouraged by businesses, community/Neighbourhoods, organizations…
I think recreation is optional, nice to have but not essential Business and Licensing should be fully supported by those that need this service. I don't see housing a municipal responsibility - provincial and federal and those that can afford the market
I think Recreation, Community & Culture, and Parks & Urban Forestry are all important services and help to create a vibrant city and strong communities. However, these services can be delivered by the non-profit sector (volunteers), or the private sector and they can also receive funding from other orders of government. Why is the city in the business of running fitness classes? Fitness classes can be delivered by other agencies, and the city can help subsidize specific services offered by other agencies if program affordability is a problem. Community & Culture - there are many agencies that conduct community events or support social problems potentially even better than the city does. Strategic investment in these is potentially a better role for the city. Parks and urban forestry - I could argue that the city could find ways to naturalize parks to reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and again there are organizations (Parks Foundation) that could deliver some of these services.

I think recreation, community and cultural services can be dealt with within the communities and their associations. That worked well in past generations where people worked together to build the things they valued. Some times going to a more user pay is better than "free" (taxpayers). Planning, building and development ---definitely necessary and the process should be made more efficient and timely, but again, the people wanting to do the work (i.e. the builders and developers) should foot most of the $$$'s
I think recreation, community and culture are not priorities. These are things that are luxuries more than priorities and don't need a lot of fiscal focus given current issues. I think planning, building and development are ok but I'd rather see housing or transit - planning and building also is always happening here and is shutting down roads and taking longer than it should. We just don't need more of it right now.
I think that if we invest more in social programs like recreation and parks and urban forestry we end up needing less of police intervention. Bylaw and 311 are important services but I'm not sure we need to expand them.
I think that recreation/ culture and urban forestry are nice to have, however are lower on the importance scale as infrastructure and safety is the main priority.
I think that the police are actually not very helpful in terms of the biggest issues impacting people in Calgary, like the police aren't actually qualified or trained to help with issues like homelessness, food insecurity, etc. so we should put more work and money into providing stable housing and other resources to vulnerable people instead of just funding more policing and bylaw enforcement
I think that the three I chose are of least importance to me personally/the other selections are of higher priority in my opinion.
I think that these three areas are well covered now.
I think that they are important but can be delayed without damage to daily living.

I think the budget money in these areas is enough (or more than enough) but is being used inefficiently in part because the focus activities at city hall are widening the 'have and have not' gap and is eroding social cohesion further. Spending the $ in the right places in these categories will have more impact than simply throwing more money at it.
I think the city has a handle on these already and are not a prority.
I think the enforcement of rules and responsiveness to complaints by way of 312 are less important than the focus on continuing to deliver high quality service across the city's other operating areas.
I think the fire department is probably overfunded. Not a popular take but what can you do. 311 service has declined. And community and culture is vague.
I think the level of service we have in these are good and could sustain temporary or more sustained reduction in service without a large impact to quality of life
I think the planning & development (+ roads + housing) has been co-opted by the developers for decades anyways. Why not just make that formal and developers can pay for the planning process. In its's entirety.
I think the police are over funded and other services could provide better outcomes for the money. The same holds for bylaw. If slowing planning and building development helps slow sprawl, I'm silk for it.
I think the police in general are over funded, they do not measurably improve Calgarians lived experiences. While Calgary enjoys low crime rates, these are not provably the result of police efforts, since crime reduction and prevention is linked more in evidence to economic stability than it is to police presence. Similar reasoning with bylaw. I chose housing as my 3rd option not because I didn't think it's important but because I know it has been funded and advanced well in the last budget cycle and I've seen the pressure valve release. It might be time to invest in something else while we fully realize the benefits of the investments so far.
I think the police waste a lot of money and terrorize homeless people

I think there may be ways to get a bit leaner with this group. Utilizing AI where possible, collaborating with social services, bringing in revenue sources again to help fund the work from this group. It's such a huge part of the budget, I think there's got to be some room here to make change.
I think these are currently in a stable place and although maintaining to great, increased focus should be elsewhere.
I think these are less críticas than the others , that does not mean they are not important
I think these are the least important services.
I think these areas will have the least impact on day-day-day quality of life, and are least likely to undermine the quality of the city in the long run
I think these items have taken more than enough focus lately.
I think these may be areas where efficiencies may be possible to find.
I think these service areas can be considered less important if budgeting is very tight, because their direct effect on the city's young population is not immediate.
I think these services are historically the most funded and are strong aspects of our city. With good management they can operate effectively.
I think these services will do fine with budgeting.
I think they are currently funded sufficiently and, especially Transit could find efficiencies
I think those are all equally important.
I think we all know why,
I think we are doing okay with waste and recycling, and fire services at this time. It's hard to say though with fire with climate change. It may become more upfront. Parks management is good right now I think.
I think we expect too much from the police and use them like band aids for deeper systemic problems
i think we have ample waste recycling facilities and they work well. 311 works well presently. We have in the past shown that Calgary manages emergencies well.

I think we have enough of these and the issues these departments face is not a matter of staffing, it's more a matter of training.
I think we have enough police in Calgary. If all the money collected by fines etc goes into the police fund, maybe it should go into the city general revenue account and fund something other than the police.
I think we have extremely top tier Fire, Police and 311 services. I would accept a lower quality of service in those areas, accepting the downfall consequences. These are reactionary services, let's plan better so they aren't as necessary.
I think we invested quite a bit and increased the fee for waste and recycling so we should be good for now. And for parks, i think Calgary has really beautiful parks and are well managed so we are doing well in that front too. I am always against spending a lot of public money for Arts when people cannot feed themselves or there are homeless people that need help in downtown.
I think we need to stabilize what we have in hard times before continuing to grow the city.
I think we're overbuilt already, the rents are much lower now. We need to focus on developing access and features to communities and neighborhoods that are already existing or under construction, and limit other new developments until we catch up with transit infrastructure and schools development for the existing ones. Policing can be as is, we have way too many already no need to boost more. Bylaw I'm not sure why we need to spend more on it.
I tried to pick areas that would have the least impact on citizens.
I understand that communities would like funding from the city for events but maybe these need to be taken on as fund raising events put on by the community, I dont believe that recreation needs city funding there are enough communities to fund raise for this also, parks and urban forestry was a hard 1 to pick but do we really need to add more parks with trees how about we look after the established parks and trees because I see many that have been forgotten and trees are dying
I use these services the least/think they are already well built out programs for the majority of Calgarians - hence requiring less investment upfront.

I want police funding redirected to social work and community-led crisis support. Planning, Building & Development should involve more Indigenous voices, as they deserve respect beyond land acknowledgements.
I would also add Climate Change and Environment as least important for the City to focus on. In fact, they shouldn't focus on it regardless of whether or not difficult budget decisions must be made.
I would consider recreation, planning, building, and development, and community and culture as the least important if difficult budget decisions need to be made because these things are not urgent in the sense that you need them all the time.
I would have loved to be able to select roads but not pathways.
I would have picked Climate Change and Environment as the least important if it would have been an option.
I would like to focus on providing for Calgarians rather than enforcement where possible.
I would like to have these options as well. They are increase enjoyment of life but we have to look after the bare necessities first.
I would like to see Calgary take care of what we have and not grow our city. Housing should come from empty buildings downtown. As much as I feel it necessary to have recreation for our communities and our children, necessity comes first.
I would like to see the city focus on the basics, water, roads and housing. No more wasted money on art projects, especially those that are derived from other countries areas. Too much money has been wasted on ridiculous art projects.
I would miss all those services but I feel they are things we could live without if absolutely essential.
I would say that all the priorities listed above are important. However, personally, I've never used the 311 service. "Bylaw" can mean many things; it is unclear whether that means bylaw development/adoption, enforcement, or both. And waste and recycling is typically done by private companies (especially for multi-family developments).

I'm guessing that emergency management has been improved over the past several years and so perhaps can be as is for now. 311 decrease in budget could likely be navigated with alternative ways for the public to gather the inform they need - more self serve perhaps. Improving the priorities will improve this perhaps.
I'm not sure what is meant by bylaw. Although recreation and cultural improve our quality of life and should be funded by the city, they are not essential.
I'm only choosing one. Defund the police. Make everything else better. Do not be swayed by the police having practiced advocacy for decades. Defund the police. (Said that twice on purpose)
I'm opposed to high spending on activities that serve only a few or specific groups Spending millions on Art projects is not essential in a poor economy
Idk
if a household have no money to function, they dont spend on unnecessary items. the citys recycle ,program is a scam. we've had family member work there and the reports were a joke. they just dump everything in one. there are enough community recycleable programs in place let each culture spend their own money for what they want. we do not want to have a parallel government alongside what is truly our laws as canadians. stop subsiding peoples expenses. we know that people abuse the system. especially with the number of bogus new commers STOP PAINTING RAINBOW FLAGS ON THE SIDEWALKS. sidewalks are for safety not brainwashing.
If bus and train cannot support itself it's not efficient
If bylaw is severe enough it can be handled by police, otherwise it can wait a little longer to action than other items. There are several private companies focused on community and culture along with the stampede that already do so much for the community that more isn't needed.

If choices have to be made because of budget constraints, I believe these are initiatives that have had focus from previous councils and/or the federal government.
If community services abd programs are better funded, we will have stronger and more resilient communities that require less policing.
If difficult budget decisions must be made, I feel Parks and Urban Forestry can compensate a bit for recreation and community and culture. 311 is nice to have, but maybe we don't need humans to answer the phone and save money that way.
If difficult budget decisions must be made, these decisions should prioritize current City needs rather than expanding and creating additional financial burden on top of existing issues.
If difficult decisions must be made to reduce spending, Calgary needs to focus on its core services. Roads are core, but pathways should be a separate item: bike lanes are a nice to have, but not essential. I note that the climate emergency team is not an item that can be selected. I also selected transit as the whole electric bus decision is an expensive option that has not worked well elsewhere.
If I have to pull my belt and balance my house hold budget; -- no cooffe shops, weekend trips, expensive groceries, only backyard vacations, etc.
If infrastructure, planning, bylaw enforcement, etc are executed properly them the need for 311 decreases as there are less concerns. Community and culture while important, affect residents less than immediate needs like roads, water utilities, fire, police, etc.
If it were up to me, I would have only chosen one option - the police. Not only are police not trustworthy, they do nothing to fix the issues we have with our house less populations, nor do they prevent crime. They are a waste of funds. Funds that could instead go to building more supportive housing and resources for the lower income citizens
If items need to be postponed, we can do without those items for a year or 2

If it's a choice between funding police at a higher rate or leaning into options like community court and funding community groups actually trying to address the homelessness situation, sorry... But less of a policing approach please. It's obviously not working. Also, I think we should start pushing back against the assumptions around garbage and recycling pick up. The approach here is unsustainable in the long term. Make hard decisions now. I think you should start charging by tagged bag for garbage and recycling (like South Korea and many other countries do now)... To force people into considering the impact of packaging at the till. Ultimately, make it more of the consumers responsibility to reduce their garbage creation. Until you do that, you are in a losing game.
If money is limited you don’t spend it on art, re-landscaping, more bike paths, more community upgrades, you don’t rename streets and produce U-tube ads or advertisements about how great the city is.
If our core needs as a city can't be met, then why would we add to the problem (increased housing and density). Our city is struggling. Address Calgary's core infrastructure needs, get it stable, and build it strong enough to withstand growth. Community and culture falls low on the priority list when you compare it to a failing water main and rolling water restrictions. Same with parks and forestry.
If people have resources from the areas I chose as being most important to me, it’s reliably predicable that areas like local development and economy will rise as a factor. Crime is also shown to decrease in neighborhoods where people don’t feel desperate or left behind. I don’t need to watch the cops empty out a homeless guys suitcase on a train platform: that’s not helping anyone. I need the bus to come on time, and rent to cost me less, and bike paths to be marked better. These things impact me.
If sacrifises have to be made, then these probably would have to be it. It is unfortunate that such things have to be done.
If something has to be deprioritize, these are some of the lesser priorities that target a smaller audience. Culture comes from people and not something the city has to invest strongly in when there is a tight budget.
If status quo or cuts are made to these services, they are the least noticeable

If the budget is tight then the focus I believe should be on the current residences
If the city is making difficult decisions although fire and police are important, they often receive additional budget support. There are other mechanisms to support people that ensure early intervention is used and mental health needs are met at a much lower cost to our system.
If there are cuts, these things are not necessary.
If there is no cash there is not a lot of planning building and development going on. No level of government should be in the business of sustaining and promoting culture - let our cultural groups do that. Neighbours help neighbours and communities come together. We don't need to city managing this for us. We also don't need to support community court. That is a provincial responsibility. Housing - it is not the city's responsilbility, legally, ethically or morally to provide housing, Let the market decide.
If we are in true crisis, expansion should not be a priority. Business licensing and our local economy is an area I don't know much about, but it seems to be working well enough as it is. In a true crisis recreation programs are an extra expense that we might have to set aside for a time. Recreation programs are important to families though and can help with enjoying life and possibly reducing childcare costs while providing educational and fun opportunities. It's a tough call for sure.
If we are working on a budget, and we are, it's a important to meet the basic needs and not spend extra money right now on the extra.

If we pause for a couple of years on recreationgand parks spending, I don't believe this will negatively affect the city. We can revive investment in these areas a few years down the road. I also feel there have been upgrades and redo's of various parks over the last few years, so a good time to slow down this spending. I also feel the city spends annual dollars inappropriately in some of our parks. For example, each year annual potted flowers are added to Stanley park. These plants are then watered on an ongoing basis through the summer. I don't think we need to be spending our budgets in this way, when other serious priorities exist in our city.
If we solve for homelessness and housing affordability through non-market and supportive housing and enable the development of vibrant neighbourhoods, bylaw enforcement likely won't be nearly as needed. Likewise for community and culture, investments towards making everyday life safe and inviting contributes to vibrancy that will invite and spur cultural events without substantial city investment.
If we spend our money on community initiatives, and preventative services we wouldn't have such a need for our police. If we focus on funding police, we're going to see greater issues in the population.
If you can't maintain what exists then you shouldn't be building new. Improve the existing before anything else. Bylaws so far I see as punitive when in fact the city maintenance is the problem in the first place (not mowing the foxtail for example).
If you fix the rest, these will fall into place or can be worked on later. These areas are not where we need to focus our time and spending.
If you focus on housing and community, the policing and bylaw needs lessen.
I'm a big fan of the green spaces in the city. As an inner-city resident, it is nice to be able to travel short distances to feel connected to nature, however, it seems the city could use more funding in more important areas. If your house is on fire, you want fire services on scene, not a park nearby.
Im not convinced of the impact of the city's recycling program. Community and cultural should be driven by citizens. I dont trust the city's idea of "good" or desirable culture.

I'm not sure how many people use 3-1-1
I'm not sure if I selected the right areas, but some of my views in relation to this are expressed below: Funds should be directed to areas that support marginalized communities, rather than just putting out fires with policing. Greenfield development comes at a high cost, increasing the instability of our city. It should be strongly discouraged. Focus on mixed use, medium density neighbourhoods. Create human-scaled neighbourhoods (increase transit, cycling, and walking), rather than continuing to support car-centric design.
I'm not sure what is in the parks budget but I want them to stop paving nature. Fish Creek used to have lots of single track and nature trails, now it's all paved pathways, I don't like it.
I'm opposed to repealing rezoning for Housing and think the Bylaw does not need any serious reworking, especially in light of the new zoning bylaw being rolled out soon anyway. What's going on with that? Felt like we heard about the new zoning bylaw and Calgary plan a bunch last year, but nothing has happened with it? 311 is a great service as is, and we have a great parks system. It feels like these don't require extra budget at this time when we have much more pressing needs.
Immigration has gotten out of control and causing stresses on housing etc., fix the immigration and much of the city's issues will fix themselves. There's a lot of waste in Bylaw and community and culture.
Importance compared to other areas. Some area budgets can be included in others such as Rec and Communities/Culture.
In a budget of tight finances, there are many, many prorams that could reduced or stopped entirely.
In a situation of a tight budget, the city can focus on maintaining the current service level in these areas as opposed to investing more. I think we are already doing well in these areas.

In a time of financial strain, the selections represent the least amount of actual impact on an outcome per dollar spent
In an ideal world, there'd by money for all of the above. I selected Housing because that should fall under Planning, building & development. The need for housing is real, but giving direct subsidies for conversions, suites, etc.... the profits accrue to the owners, and there is no obligation for them to provide "affordable" housing. They can build high-end, expensive units, which does not help "housing" intended for lower incomes or higher needs. Community & Culture. Too vague, "culture" is too ambiguous. The City cannot buy its way into "community", residents do that when they have a stable place to call home. Blanket rezoning provided developers with a bonus, highly profitable to them, but they destroyed many lovely streets in return.
In budget trade-offs, priority should be given to investments that address root causes and deliver long-term public benefit. Parks and urban forestry are important, but stewardship models that engage residents, schools, and community groups can support maintenance while strengthening civic participation and reducing operating costs. Policing is essential for safety, but it is largely reactive. Many demands on police stem from housing instability, poverty, and unmet social needs; investing upstream in housing and prevention reduces long-term pressure on emergency services. Business licensing and economic development funding should demonstrate clear, measurable benefits to residents. In constrained budgets, resources should focus first on core needs—housing stability, health, and prevention—while ensuring other programs are aligned with tangible community outcomes rather than maintaining the status quo.
In crunch times those are leisure or less affecting our lives.
In difficult times Community, culture and recreation are the least important and Housing has received enough attention of the last few years, time to focus on other priorities.
In my opinion, they are less important compared to the others I chose.

In my view, thee police service doesn't solve crimes, stop crimes, or make the community any safer. They are accountable to no one and they know it. The least we can do is keep their budget neutral.
In some instances, we have partners who are provisioning services in these areas which means the overall risk is broadened beyond the municipal government.
In the context of difficult budget tradeoffs, I prioritized core services related to safety, infrastructure, and essential operations. While 311, Community & Culture, and Bylaw are important, I believe there may be opportunities to manage these areas through efficiencies or alternative approaches while focusing limited funding on services with the most immediate and critical impact.
In the recreation, community and culture buckets, you could sort and eliminate the wants from the needs. I chose Planning, Building and Development because it's been front and centre recently but for me it's representative of all city departments. I think there's likely a lot of administrative expenses that could be cut in all departments with a fulsome review of processes. By finding efficiencies, time saved = salaries and operating expenses saved. It's time that Managers actually manage their departments and eliminate underperformance and bloat.
In this survey you should have included what are the things that each of these service areas fund. It may not be about reducing or deprioritizing the areas overall - rather looking at the broad components within them and making tough decisions. For example - you can reduce your emergency management budget IF you invest adequately in keeping infrastructure in good operating order.
In times of restraint, more investment in 311 doesn't make sense. Existing budgets should be adequate and the focus should be on productivity and improved process. This can always be done within current budget Recreation and Community & Culture can use existing services. These aren't central to quality of life for the majority of residents
In tough times all of these can wait A bit

Increase fees for waste and recycling and reduce pickup. Increase fines for littering, backyard/alley garbage etc. increase residential street parking fees, increase more traffic calming, bus only routes to discourage car usage. Stop building out; mandate building up. Give preference to community and cultural events that favor private funding.
Increased police budgets don't lower crime, social equity does. Households can contribute to waste management efficiency by being encouraged to consume less.
Increased police funding has done nothing to address social issues in the city. Providing the funding to have a helicopter flying around every day does nothing to prevent crime and is a massive waste of resources.
Individual priority
It doesn’t matter if you don’t have the infrastructure
It hurts me to say it but, Fire and Police have seen increases nearly every budget cycle. I think we need to focus limited resources elsewhere. Community & Culture is near and dear to my heart but if we need to make a difficult choice, we could explore alternatives that involve more partnerships with local groups, give communities more autonomy and draw on a percentage of capital budget allocated to events, festivals and cultural activities, similar to art.
It is difficult to pick the areas least important as many over lap. People do need places to relax, walk and enjoy being part of the community, but safety, housing water access and planning in a growing city must take priority. Our tax dollar only reaches so far, especially in years of deficit.
It is hard to choose 3 to neglect in the list. The city departments need to get back to work and do their jobs and do them well. Make the maintenance and appearance of this City, clean, functional, and attractive. The city makes ridiculous money on parking and start being responsible because it is very evident the lack of transparency where the money is going. Where did the 650million in extra taxes from Nenshi and Gondak go?
IT is hard to cut out any of them, but feel that the other ones that are not checked are the most urgent

It is instructive that this is so difficult! Calgary has just completed a lot of new roads, we could take a short break from that. Planning & development, while important long term, could be on pause also while we catch up.Bylaw is just not as visible, and a pulling back may not do long term damage.
It is just tough, but we have great parks and walkways in place. The city does provide support for those with lower incomes Most others can afford the user fees
It is likely that positive impacts could be made in these areas without the need for increased budgets. Creative and innovative solutions that require only minor investments are more likely to be viable under these areas.
it is required
It is tough. In the end, if budget crunches force changed, I feel that less government involvement might be filled by private services.
It seems to me that these areas have the least importance compared to my favored picks
It seems to me that these areas typically do not require significant resources. Once practices and laws are established, it is unclear why the city would need to devote ongoing effort to them beyond occasional maintenance.
It was a tough choice. These are still important but could manage with lower investment short term
It was challenging to pick any for the bottom 3, but after the police argued for an increase last year for a new shooting range, that doesn't portray a high need area that benefits the regular Calgarians and how their taxes are used. Business licensing and local economy is vague and unclear as to what that entails (what is specifically impacted if budget costs occur here), and parks and urban forestry seems like a supplemental benefit for improvement in our city, but I believe it must come after the city can say basic needs of Calgarians are being met.
It was not easy to decide.
It’s a tough question. Chose the above because it’s unlikely they’ll get cut.
It’s a want. Not a need
It’s important to build infrastructure that builds out economy.

It’s less pressing currently
It’s not like they are helpful anyway
It’s not that any of the topics are unimportant but the ones selected feel the easiest to streamline processes and thereby reduce the amount of funding required. For example with business licensing, there is no physical infrastructure or labour required, simplifies processes and reduced red tape would mean less government spending.
It’s possible to survive without these services if its necessary
It’s really hard to choose as these are all important. I picked waste & recycling because it could be instead supported by increased or tiered rate structures to encourage less waste and reduce demand for those services.
Items picked are wasteful wants. I hear constant talk about a housing crisis but have never understood it. Homeless people don't experience a housing crisis, they experience a job crisis.
It's all important.
It's not that I don't think recreation or culture don't have value, but these are areas that people can get their needs met from places other than the city of Calgary. And many options exist that are free or low cost (i.e. going for walks in the many city parks).
i've had personal bad experiences with the police (IG they did not show up when i had a minor emergency and for years felt unsafe walking around because of it.) i do not trust the police force to protect me or vulnerable communities. in fact they often do the opposite.

I've selected these areas because they represent discretionary slush funds that must be eliminated to protect core citizen survival. 'Community & Culture' is a financial drain used to fund progressive arts, social engineering, and ideological agendas that I completely reject; municipal government has zero business funding culture. 'Recreation' and 'Parks' are secondary luxuries we cannot afford when core infrastructure is failing. Any municipal resources, social support, or civic charity must be ruthlessly restricted and reserved exclusively for native-born Albertans and legal citizens—like those of us on disability who actually paid into the system and require local safety nets. The system operates as a subsidized magnet for non-contributing newcomers, stealing resources from native-born Canadians. Stop bleeding native taxpayers dry to fund ideological pet projects, foreign dependents, and unnecessary amenities. Core survival first; cut these discretionary sectors to zero.
Just a lot of money being spent on things that people can manage on their own if they weren’t so lazy.
Just a trade off
Just aren't as important at this time. Recreation doesn't keep the taps flowing with fresh and clean water.
Just others are more important
Just seem like they need the least amount of love
Keep city clean and running.
L
Law enforcement is not the answer to our social problems - we should reinvest funds from law enforcement into ensuring people have their basic needs met and facilitating positive social safety nets
Laws will be followed whether there’s 100 officers or 50. They need to be allocated properly so that we can deal with issues that start crime such as homelessness and lack of funds and food.
Least essential in my view when it comes to crunch time
Least Essential.

Least essential.
Least essential. You can add environmental projects and/ or office. There is no climate emergency.
least impact
LEAST IMPACT
Least impact on Calgarians
Least impact on majority
Least impact on the city
Least important
Least important
Least important essentials compared to all needs listed
Least important for survival
Least important to me
Least pressing long term.
Least priority
least relevant to maintaining liveability
least usfull
Least value got the general public usafe.
Leave Community and Culture to others to organise. I'm not convinced that we need so many fire stations or that we need to spend much on Emergency Management---we'll deal with it when it happens.
Less clear on what they do. Less long-term benefit. Only so many dollars to go around. Balancing fiscal responsibility, sustainability and debt.
Less critical

Less essential. Housing affordability is improving with lower mortgage costs, lower rents, lower house prices. The City of Calgary should be the developer of last resort and focus on maintaining their aging, often provincially owned, portfolio with additional provincial funds war marked for capital maintenance and improvement.
Less funding for Art, bike lanes, indigenous revival and refugees so that our Calgary people can be taken care of before "Pet projects" and useless things that are not noticed by the people.
Less impact to most tax paying citizens
less important
Less important that the most urgent citizens' needs.
Less redtape for businesses should mean more businesses. Housing - unless there is a joint plan with municipal/provincial/federal, it is too expensive Community and cultural - i am involved in my community and we see almost no support from the city. Not sure what communities are receiving financial support so low priority for me
Less tangible benefits when being spent / less direct impact when being cut
Less to do with basic needs of communities. The list is important. Build out from essentials, these are nice to have.
Less urgent
Lesser priorities. Housing more a private market area.
Let culture be paid by the groups or communities that want it. The city got rid of all the mobile home parks that could have been a better starting point to deal with the housing crisis, and the blanket rezoning was a poorly thought out [redacted] show. And the planning department hasn't been doing a very good job for decades.
Let's spend less on files that are others' responsibility. For example, housing is provincial not municipal
Let's deal with the things that have fallen behind.

Let's start with Community and Culture. This is usually pushing your ideologies, not what the majority of people are interested in. If for example an artist doesn't agree with flying the LGBTQ flag, they won't get funding. Stop with the push on your agendas, and get back to some common sense funding for community and culture. This community makes up a very small percentage of people--and let's get one thing straight...they were never discrimated against. For example, did City Hall ever say to anyone in this city that they couldn't enter the premesise due to their sexual preferences? I don't think so. Did the CIty used to discriminate / did businesses used to discriminate? No. But now all of a sudden the LGB flag and sticker need to inundate all businesses. [Redacted].
level if impact on day to day living will not notice change in these areas so reduction in costs will have minimal impact on the day to day living of Calgarians
Life would go on if these services were discontinued.
Likely because they are services I don't see myself relying on freqently.
limited funding needs to focus on area that matter to the function and viability of the community.
Local Economy because it can take care of itself, the city doesn't *need* to be involved in that. Bylaw because I think that is already significantly served. Community and Culture because those are also reasonably self sustaining, at least in the short term, if difficult tradeoffs must be made.
Low priorities when we have budget constraints. i.e new pathways being built when old pathways were sufficient, slowing roadways down with cement blockades to one lane
Lowering police funding and redirecting that budget to community services is a proven method in effectively limiting crime and increasing the overall wellness of communities.
Luxuries
Luxury items (nice to have). Lower priority in times of tight finances
Make it rain dollar bills.
Management cost too much money and doesn’t seem to solve anything. If you can’t afford to live and eat you can’t afford recreational activities.

Many communities will implement their own standards and run community centres that aid their residents Bylaw seems to be almost invisible these days and people regularly dismiss calling them as there seems to be no response or action taken Waste and recycling is already expensive for the average home and therefore should be able to maintain its responsibility
Marginal value for most cictzens.
Money drains
Money has limit. Don't spend a dime on LGBTQ+ or DEI.
Money is always an issue. Then stop spending so much on other less important issues.
money should be focused on emergency services and infrastructure always. recreation, culture con be supported thru fund raising if needed
Money should go to supporting the Calgarians who live here, and I believe that enforcement doesn't do as much as creating safe spaces; and we don't need more money going to the rich oil companies that call our city home.
More and more people are working from home so transit is not a huge priority and it's pretty sufficient right now. Not really sure what you mean by bylaw. Businesses already get way too much attention. There are other things that we need to focus on.
More important issues require funds.
More important things these things Wages and jobs
More investment in policing would make for a safer city, which would solve people's aversion to transit. While culture and parks are important, they aren't basic needs to keep people alive and functioning
More leisure/comforts vs needs.
More money does not necessarily equal more effective police/lower crime a lot of the time, and in my opinion, police departments in general tend to be overfunded, when the money could be better spent preventing crime by reducing poverty and redirecting troubled youth.

More police funding just goes towards hurting people. Harassing homeless people doesn't solve the problem of homelessness; homelessness has risen dramatically since the 1980s thanks to short-sighted policy decisions (austerity). The police do not need armoured vehicles. They do not need tear gas (or things that technically aren't tear gas but function the same) to harass peaceful protestors with. They do not need to fly the helicopter over every gathering of 10+ visible minorities. Improving the local economy is dependent on creating a good city, and that can be better accomplished by improving Calgary than by handouts to businesses.
more than required funs allocate to these 3
Most Calgarians abide by bylaws. Community and culture is strong from within. Transit is not used enough
Most communities have associations and host events that they organize themselves. Completely redundant for the city to be involved. Waste and recycling are paid for by most residences. Housing should not be a city priority. You collect taxes to maintain roads, sewers, water treatment. My tax dollars should not be involved in any housing initiatives.
Most of the money the city spends here only benefits some communities and is a waste anyhow.
Most of the woke policies should be eliminated
Much as I'd love these three, the other seems to take more priority in getting the city running. Without the others, we can't even think about these three.
Much of 311, Community and Culture and Bylaw services can operate as they have been with an eye on ensuring they are attended to in the next budget.
my choice
My experiences with 311 are that it virtually useless as is the city's web site. Both actively discourage contact with the city. The city has a myriad of bylaws many of which are not enforced equitably. Housing should be the purview of the private sector.

My interest is in seeing improved services and limit growing beaucracy.
My lowest priority is Climate Change and Environment but it wasn't on the list. City needs to stay in their lane and deliver priority core services that are within their municipal mandate.
My sense is that alot of the spending in those areas goes towards modern art and woke initiatives, subsidizing businesses that don't need it, and doing the job of the province or private sector.
My sense is we have made waster and recycling more costly than it needs to be. Area to reduce expense. Community and Culture should come from ground up. Not a government priority Transit .city has made several bad decisions. Good, safe transit required but Green line and dedicated bus routes are wasted funds
Na
Na
Need to focus on efficiency and cost-cutting in these areas rather than further bloating.
Need to focus on the economy and community safety and sustainability.
Need to think ahead to the future of a liveable city. Stop worshipping money. Make playing outside for kids safer by adding more greenspace. Make walking outside more accessible to curb obesity and sedentary people.
Needs before wants. I'd rather have access to water and safe streets than public art for instance. I realise that housing and recreation may be part of the solution to safety, for instance, so it's all a trade-off of moderation to some degree.
Nice but not necessary until more important areas are fixed
Nice to have - with alternatives available that are not city funded
Nice to have areas but not priority

Nice to have but basic needs come first
Nice to have but not essential
Nice to have projects could be eliminated
Nice to have, not as necessary
Nice to haves but not as important as the essentials.
Nice to haves but not essential to everyday living, reduction in service while frustrating would cause less day to day repercussions.
Nice to haves versus basics of what a city government should be delivering.
Nice to haves. Transit is already adequate and the waste they have on green liner no where and bike lanes show they can't be trusted to make good decisions around transit in anyway
nice to haves. Culture items are historically only beneficial for a small number of people.
Nice to haves. These services are important, but if there is a reduction it would not collapse the city.
Nice-to-have items.
No comments
no further comment
No housing no immigrants. City should stay out local economy, community and culture waste of money and promotes diversity whereas we should be one united people.
No idea
No one gives a [redacted] about your [redacted] logo rebrand or the [redacted] blue ring. [redacted]
No one is guaranteed home ownership. And if you do decide to own, understand the risks and be prepared to maintain your property yourself. Don't take my tax dollars and give to others for profit (secondary suites), or maintenance (new roofs or planting trees in areas where trees don't grow naturally, e.g. NE Calgary, the most arid part of the city).

No one likes poor roads and pathways, but usually they are minor inconveniences. And, although we do needs parks and green space, we can somehow manage without their focus (but, do not remove these places.) Also, bylaw services often relates to one person's annoyance from sound or a neighbour's actions. Again, mainly a minor inconvenience. HOWEVER if anything in these areas, such as a vicious dog or coyote occurs, that needs to be quickly dealt with -- safety issues. The same thing with sink-holes.
No one will literally die if they get curbed a bit.
No sure to be honest since every city device is important but feel like some of these are already well budgeted.
Non essential
Non essential.
Non essential. Can be provided or deferred without long term damage.
Non essentials
None of the above are low priority.
None of the selected items are essential city services
None of them are essential services
None of them are low priority!!
None of them. Everything is important- we just need to make sure that we fund what is needed depending on the emerging situation. E.g. water was not considered a top priority until we had a water main break. We need to make sure that all of these are provided enough funds so we can continue to be a world class city.
None of these 3 have a critical impact to everyday life compared to the others
None of these affect the greater majority.

None of these are things to reduce attention to in funding. However things like providing money to extremely rich people for pet projects like a new arena etc are easily the first that should be eliminated from city funding. They say that it will be good for the economy but really the facilities are only used by people with high incomes - Concerts and sports tickets in such facilities are way above what the "average" Calgarian can pay.
None of these areas should see major increases in funding
None of these change of standard of living.
None of these service areas are the least important. It is a very difficult decision to make.
None of those are even remotely critical services, but rather nice to haves. While not optimal, bylaw enforcement could be transferred to policing.
None previous council have ground the city into the dirt! Get rid of the immigrant criminals get them deported they’ve only come here to commit crime.
none should be considered the lowest
Not 100% necessary for everyone.
Not a high priority
Not absolutely critical (tend to become pet projects of a very small minority) or are the responsibility of another level of government
not areas of city responsibility, non essential areas
Not as important as the other ones and won't make as much of an impact.
Not as important to the health and safety (not saying they are not important, it's a matter of degree) of Calgarians.
Not as necessary
Not basic service
Not core focuses for municipalities. Nice to haves but should not supersede what should be priorities like utilities or emergency services

Not core for the city. Need to do these activities in a more effective and efficient manner to save taxpayers
Not core services
Not core services.
Not critical
Not critical to Basic human needs
Not critical to function and growth
Not easy decision but seems to be the least impactful to most people. Assuming 311 infrastructure is adequate for now.
Not enough money when the city is struggling
Not essential
Not essential for live-ability in the city, maintaining rule of law, and personal safety.
Not essential services but need to maintained not expanded extensively. Recreation does not include a Olympic bid as there are special interest developing this expenditure was voted down previously. However, if the Olympic Committee uses any of the surplus accruing to them, ensuring no deficit to the city, that would be OK.
Not essential services.
Not even sure what Community & Culture is. Each community has their own committees that can look after activities in individual communities. Continue status quo with Waste & Recycling.
Not every calgarian takes transit or partakes in community and cultural events
Not everyone’s problem
Not immediate requirements to function a city of this size
Not important now

Not included and very important is to cut funding for Climate Change and Environment due to misplaced funding that is based on erroneous information. Get back to what is important to the quality of life for Calgarians that have and continue to contribute to the tax base. This includes protecting and encouraging safe, single-family neighborhoods. Imposing population-dense high-rise developments in many communities goes against what enriches a neighborhood and makes it safe. Municipal spending amounts and directives need to be addressed and corrected. Cut back on frivolous spending, guised as cultural enrichment, as an example. The Council does not have the right to waste taxpayers money - although they continue to do so. One example is money that was paid for the 'art project' of making a phone call to the Bow River. Those who authorized this expenditure, and similar wasteful spending, should be relieved of their positions with the City.
Not necessary
Not necessary to recdive extra funding
Not needed
Not NOT IMPORTANT but less on the scale of needs. If we have working roads, address planning well, built solid assets these things might be address via proxy.
Not obligatory
Not priorities
not priorities to safety
Not relevant to me
Not so important
Not the city mandate, infrastructure is!
Not the citys job to provide housing. Bylaw is just a bunch of people paid to create problems that aren't really problems Way to much money spent on culture. Fix the infrastructure
Not top priorities it's at this time

Not urgent
Not urgent matters in my opinion
Not your business at all. The amount of money wasted on large green blue and black bins which pretty much end up in the same spot is wasteful. Just use smaller bins so people reduce their waste.
Nothing feels like a good area to not focus on… all service areas are important. These are selected based on perceived notion that they are in a good place relative to other service areas that would need more attention.
Obviously if there are things that need to be cut those are luxuries that we enjoy but not at the expense of core services. Having said that I am still of the believe that bureaucratic inefficiencies are far more costly than any of the above services
Obviously you asked for my lowest priorities!
Obviously, all of the list should be city priorities, but these three can run on less increases than others and directly impact Calgarians much less than others.
Of the least importance, in my opinion
Once again, I hope there will be a balanced decision versus these binary choices.
Only nitpicks care about bylaws, 311 is already established, and communities themselves and/or volunteers can promote community culture.
Other areas are higher priority. People need to be safe.
Other community agencies will step up to fill gaps around community, culture and recreation. We are doing great with waste and recycling, so status quo is fine, and a small reduction is service can be tolerated
Others are more important
Others housing, culture, etc. should not be paid for by taxes.
Others seemed more important

Our city has much culture and it should be the Canadian way. Trying to make every culture happy is not working for most people. There is so much building and development going on with no one moving into these shops! Why is that? Housing is getting out of control. The building that is going on east of the city is insane without the proper roads built or the infrastructure. Slow down.
Our city is a mess because of mismanagement ,wasted money spent on ridiculous things like bike paths ,closing roads, allowing the drug and criminals free passes, stupid rainbow sidewalks, wasted money going to the art like the big circle by the Deerfoot, taxing the [redacted] out of people who's income hasn't risen, yet you guys keep giving yourselves pay raises. Allowing developers to make a fortune while ripping home buyers off for enormous bills wasting money on solar and wind. Let's face it this city has been neglectful on the water for years thanks to [name redacted] and [redacted] . Make the employees accountable for their stupidity if they do the job wrong fire them.
Our life and survival doesn't depend on these services.
Our local neighborhood never comes together for anything. And our local community boarding has a bunch people that are drunk on power. I could care less. The local economy should be encouraged because that improves things in the long run. It is also nice to have more things that are produced locally
Over funded already
Over the years a huge portion of our budget has been given over to planning, which employs senior planners and who then put out tenders for other organizations to write their policy documents. I think there's been far too much money given to this department in the past, they also are some of the only folks in the City who still take conferences and trips while all other departments have reduced if not completely eliminated conference and travel for personal updating.
Overall desire to get back to basics and do the essentials well. Not sure how necessary 24/7 311 staffing is in an age where online reporting is possible. Edmonton 311 is staffed more limited hours, for example.
Overall you need 20:20 vision... reduce staff by 20% and let go the other 20%

Overreach and bureaucracy stifle creativity and citizen engagement.
overspending on these issues should be regulated!
Overspending. The so called climate budget is not needed.
Parks - because City Halls war on trees has not benefited the City - destroying trees in Eau Claire, Olympic Plaza and at Cowboys. Transit - because the City's custerf*&k of approving the train in 2020 without any idea of the cost, and then hiding the cost overruns until the month after kicking out the River Run families illustrates how untrustworthy City Hall is. The Green Line will go down as the biggest financial failure in the city's history, largely due to terrible city leadership. Culture - the leaders at City Hall should not be pushing their culture of secrecy, unaccountability and propaganda on anyone.
Parks - because the City has destroyed so many trees in the last few years obviously City leadership is focused on other priorities. Culture - because the culture at City Hall is one of secrecy, deception and reluctance to meaningfully engage - such culture should corrected instead of infecting the broader community. Housing - because City bureaucracy is a big part of the problem - not in any way the solution.
parks & urban forestry: it's really nice to prune and plant trees but nature doesn't need to be manicured. Even cutting grass in parks does not need to be done as often as it's not watered. I've seen mowers mowing grass that is short and brown. Cutting back here does not endanger lives. 311: Not as many bodies are needed on the phones as the option to make a request is online as well. As long as this is monitored and responded to in a timely fashion. Recreation: This is a tough one as users would like regular upkeep and top notch facilities. Some are important, pools to teach the life skill of swimming. Some recreation options are really a luxury. Maybe fees should be such that they cover the cost of maintenance and operations to end with a balanced budget in this area.

Parks and cultural projects are not critical to my daily safety.
Parks and Open Spaces, Recreation and Community/Culture are the lowest-risk City services because asset failure tends to be localized, manageable, service reduction and does not pose immediate safety or city-wide operational risk.
Parks are a nice to have. 311 is a great service but people can do hard things and find info themselves. Bylaw - assuming this means enforcement - are typically minor infractions where fewer resources may be assigned.
Parks are important, but tree canopies along roadways are not vital (and under our previous Councilor were a waste). Community support is important but I'm assuming the Arts fall under 'culture' and will have to do with what is provided. Housing has a low priority because the previous Mayor and Council missed the point of 'affordable housing'. Yes, residential Zoning is important as to the creation of jobs and the NEED for housing (current and future) but the City's budgeting for housing seems to be redundant to Federal goals. Bottom line should be to reduce waste of funds: which I can't help thinking about PARTS of Transit being such a waste!
Parks because you can't maintain them now, grass isn't mowed anymore because we need to let weeds grow, not sure why. Business licensing because you've made it so difficult to get downtown that all the businesses are leaving anyway. Community and culture - there are so many immigrants here now that our Alberta culture is essentially gone. We're now a third world country.
Parks can look after itself for a few years. Community has to look after itself (think community associations....like the HUB in Ogden. Planning can stay the same.
Parks, recreation and community are important, however, they are not critical and communties can drive these needs. Unlike some Calgarians I believe we have too many parks in some communities which are underutilized in most cases.

Parks, transit, and recreation were identified as lower priority only in the context of difficult tradeoffs, not because they lack value. These services are important to quality of life, community connection, and long-term wellbeing. However, compared to emergency response and core protective services, they are generally less time-critical and more adaptable in the short term. Demand in these areas can often be managed through service level adjustments, phased investments, or alternative delivery models without creating immediate risk to life or safety. For example, program schedules can be modified, capital projects deferred, and service frequencies adjusted while still maintaining baseline access. Prioritizing in this way reflects a risk-based approach. When resources are constrained, the focus must remain on services where delays or reductions have immediate and irreversible consequences.
Parks, urban forestry and recreation are in reasonable condition as is. Bylaws are less critical than police service and infrastructure maintenance and repairs.
Past 10 years Calgary seen development in major areas. There are many new communities and commercials established. Still the employment and opportunities declines. With increasing housing, building and development, the cost of living are also increasing, but the basic needs and affordability was big question for more than middle class.
Past city council has spent way to much time on things that we could use money or some infrastructure that need replacing. If money was used for community and cultural to fix water issues we would not be having water issues that we are having now. City council must do better with money management not always blaming everyone else.
Pathways, recreation and community and culture should be closer to the bottom of the priority list because Calgary is already doing a pretty good job at creating and (usually) maintaining these spaces, as well as making accessibility for people. Calgary has a lot of recreational facilities and pathways, although roads should be a higher priority. Community and culture can be developed without the overuse of citizens tax dollars. :)

Pausing on planning, building and development during budget difficulties seems logical, other than building and development of crucial sectors, such as health care and life-supporting developments. Calgary police have a very large budget, and should not be the focus when budgeting is tight. Similarly, the focus should not be on bylaw enforcement while times are tough.
PBD is not tax supported, 311 is important but isn't more important that direct services and housing is a fed/prov jurisdiction.
People are in crisis. We should be prioritizing them. Not the groups that already have a voice.
People are struggling Police do is write tickets to its own citizens and poor kid who don’t have $4 for train ticket. What is there about culture when people can’t even make ends meet 311 can be scaled back as online app is more accessible? Pls fire the people who made the blue circle like right now.
People can always create their own community and culture at their own expense if it is important to them. It is usually fairly easy to put together and do it inexpensively
People can barely pay their bills anymore. These areas pale in comparison to other more important things
People can be responsible for building their own community and practicing their own culture in any way they see fit.
People can bring their own recycle to common bins, it’s not a safety issue and you can still be environmentally responsible and continue recycling
People can handle it themselves
People can take care of these activities themselves where money is short
People can take responsibility for creating their own sense of community and culture - often they already do. If housing persists to be a problem, people will find other communities to live in and it's my impression that 311 is primarily received citizen grievances. I'm sure some are completely valid, but perhaps there's technology that could support or The City could spend less time on grievances are more time implementing service with other feedback mechanisms - will make for more resilient citizens perhaps.

people can walk or drive or bike

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People will find their own ways for community and culture. Waste and recycling is already in the wrong direction. Recycling is not what we are told as majority of it does not get recycled. Bylaw is not a law, it's important but ultimately cannot be fully enforced
Perhaps another level of government or others in the community can support these services.
Perhaps it's because I don't use 311 and it seeks like bylaw and waste management work just great as is
Perhaps they are less immediate needs
Personally find them the least useful

Personally, I think the city has gone overboard with imposing lobbying group wants into our communities. There are already enough parks and bike pathways in this city - we can maintain them but we don't need more!
Pick up of garbage and recycle could be reduced. It could be cut in half. We have to many bylaws. Most are not followed or enforced.
Planning and building are funded by development. This department does not require additional funding. Not sure what Bylaw does. 311 I a nice to have, not absolutely necessary.
Planning and development seem to approve anything a developer proposes. Standards continually diminish and building quality overall has deteriorated over time. What is the point of funding a department that doesnt really plan or ensure srnsituve development? 311 seems mostly ineffective, so not worth prioritizing. I dont use business licensing so dont know the value.
Planning and Housing because the City is a bloated bureaucratic mess with weak leadership who are focused on benefiting themselves, not serving citizens, which has resulted in the City being in the way of housing - not actually providing any material benefit - just cost. Transit - because the Green Line debacle shows how City leadership is focused on benefiting a developer in Eau Claire more than actually providing quality transit. Massive change is needed within leadership at this government.
Planning building and development
Planning doesn't need budget as this is supported by recoveries. Business Licensing is also recovered and Waste is a utility that is currently working well.
Planning has too much beaurocracy and process. Set the rules and remove the red tape. Culture will be handled by the people and private sector. Housing is a provincial responsibility and should be handed back to them.
Planning is important to all but let's go the next 5 years working on services that we use every day. Transit does not need to be expanding at this time, the green line can be put in hold as we can use buses as there are already roads to use for transit. Recreation is very important but parents should be able to do stuff with their families outdoors as we have many places to visit with in our city.

Planning is run by the administration so council input isn't required or wanted. The city should not be in the housing business or a landlord.
Planning, building & development is lowest for me, then bylaw. I think we spend too much time and money on these for the results we're seeing. I drive around our city and wonder what the heck the 'planners' were thinking. I think we're spending money solving the wrong problems.
Planning, building and development can be streamlined and efficiencies can be found.
Planning, Building and Development have shown that they cannot focus on improvements that meet the needs of the general population, and are spending money on things that the general population disagrees with. Roads and Pathways should not be tied together - Pathways should also be low on the spend list.
Planning, Building and Development is funded mostly through permit fees, which could be adjusted to compensate for reduced reliance on taxes. 311 could be reduced by redirecting SRs to relevant Business Units to address. Reduce CPS by reallocating funding towards services that support our most vulnerable .
Planning...: I don't think we should develop any more communities. We have enough sprawl as it is. Business Licensing...: If the global economy is going through upheaval as it is, The City isn't going to fix that. So I would sacrifice this item. Housing: Shelter is of course crucial for everyone. However, we are discussing The City budget; this is a lower priority for me because if provincial and federal governments aren't working enough on this, the municipal government would be spending money on plugging a hole that we can't plug using municipal funds alone.
Police already receive far too much funding that could be used to better serve citizens.
Police and bylaw will be less necessary if people are housed...full stop
Police and Fire always get significant investment each year. While necessary services other areas need investment. We also have invested a lot as citizens in building and development such as the new arena. Tax dollars should go to services that everyone can benefit from.
Police and Fire have typically been overfunded for years.

Police and to some extent fire have been funded with gold-plated resources. Do we really need 24/7 police surveillance helicopters and armoured personnel carriers? These cost a fortune and do very little to improve safety - if anything the constant buzz of the helicopter makes our neighbourhoods feel less safe.
Police are already well funded. Only conservative//UCP supporters want more $$ for police. Again, other than police, which is a clear choice for me, an almost impossible choice.
Police are bloated and over paid Police can do bylaw's job but they're lazy Transit is a joke and a stain on our city eliminate transit peace officers and install tolls like other successful cities
[Redacted]. They make a city more dangerous, and we've seen that Calgary has the most violent police force in the world. [Redacted] Subsequently, bylaw and 311 are empowering NIMBYs, causing harm to communities, and wasting resources on turning non-issues into big problems.
Police are great, but a bandaid solution to social disorder. Community and culture and recreation are great but are not necessities for the city to fund.
Police are less important than ambulances or fire services. If we have to limit resources, i'd perfer the money go to the fire departments
Police are overfunded. I don't know much about the other two
Police are overly funded and have access to everything they need. It's time to be more citizen focused
Police are over-resourced as it is. Their desire to redirect community funding to a gun range is inexcusable. They have the swankiest city building of all business units. They should take cuts if other areas take cuts. 311 seems like a bit of a failed experiment as the majority of business units have their own call centres or are in the midst of creating their own call centres. It either needs to change to be functional and relevant or it should be cut.

Police are over-used in situations where a different service would be better. The unhoused, domestic disturbances, mental health crises and many other situations are not best-served by a person with a gun, and we should stop using the police budget when it is ineffective.
Police are reactive, not proactive. Statistics show that a taco truck and an off-leash dog park do more to lower crime in a neighbourhood than adding more cops. Which is not to say Police have no function; it says that they aren't the solution to preventing crime. They're the reaction, not the prevention. Invest the funds into housing, transit, and community. Give people better things to do than crime.
Police are scary and over funded. Recreation because if our city was safe to play in (less cars) we would not need recreation locations The Roads part of roads and Pathways. STOP BUILDING AND MAINTAINING ROADS. Put all the money in to bike lanes.
Police are vastly overfunded; our per capita funding is unrealistic and unsustainable.
Police budget has always increased and continues to not show an actual improvement in public safety. CPS are reactionary in most scenarios and their funds could be better reallocated to support services that ensure Calgarians are warm, fed, housed, and integrated into our community.
Police budget has some large potential savings if services are reduced.
Police budget is already inflated, providing more funds to social needs for communities has proven to reduce crime in other regions.
Police budget is being spent in the wrong places, we should instead fund supports to solve the root of social challenges in our city.
Police budget is glutinous at best.
Police budget is inappropriately too high. More police will not make Calgary safer.
Police budget is out of control and receives in sufficient oversight.

Police budget is the only budget that increases year over year
police budget seems high with no accountability to illustrate what they are doing with it. Until they do limit funding. For the others they have the least impact to the majority of taxpayers. Too much focus on affordable housing. What about the people that bought a house and are paying the actual taxes.
Police budgets are massive across Canada, there are likely areas that CPD could operate more "lean" for this next budget cycle. 311 could be maintained as a website only, or dial on service only. City planning/ building could likely be limited as well for this next budget cycle. Prioritizing must-fix buildings and spaces, but not investing in new ones.
Police budgets can be better allocated into social services that actually prevent the circumstances that lead to crime. Community, culture, and recreation will happen regardless on a grassroots level.
Police budgets have consistently been increased year over year with nothing to show for it. And while I love the many community & culture & recreation initiatives, we have aspects of our city that have been neglected for too long & are in dire need of addressing. Recreation is a luxury many Calgarians can’t afford. And the major cost is their quality of life and cost of living in the city itself.
Police can get buy, stop making them military type. Too much of their budget goes into military equipment. Calgary is the definition of urban sprawl, slow it down
Police departments across North America are greatly over funded compared to any other municipal services, leading to them being used as a one-size-fits-all solution to problems that could be better addressed with other methods than violence and punishment. This alienates people from their cities and only increases tensions in communities, especially for black. indigenous, and other people of colour.
Police do not make streets safer. They just bully houseless and non-white people.
Police dont seem to be doing much, at least some of them. Housing is provincial and we should look at secondary suites, not big new homes.

Police forces tend to cause more problems then they solve due to lack of qualifications for a lot of issues they're sent to deal with. Instead we should ensure that the proper professional services are being adequately funded and distributed, which will help citizens in need better and remove a significant amount of the workload of the police force. When more urgent matters to health and safety are presented, I don't think it's in the publics best interest to have lawn care enforced be prioritized. Bylaws are important, but not all of them are crucial nor need financial focus. While recreation is important to overall community development and happiness, it does not come before public safety or more immediate needs of the community.
Police funding has diminishing returns for the real people of the city. Most crime could be prevented with less money by funding other social programs.
Police gets too much; roads are currently on solid footing; and sprawl needs to be brought down to sustainable levels if only to address the ongoing issues with access to potable water.
Police had a big enough budget already, strong social services prevent crime.
Police has the ability to create their own revenue, bylaw is less of a necessity and same with waste and recycling
Police have a large budget that should be closely evaluated - I have friends in cps that surprise me with their travel and training allowances.
Police have enough money.
Police in particular needs to have their processes redesigned to fit with more reasonable and accountable budgets. Local economy has loud voices already, they can survive through a fiscal reduction, whereas everything else on the list is essential.
Police isn’t an effective use of money.
Police need to be defunded. Responding to unhoused individuals with force is a proven method to increase the issue not decrease. 311 and parks & urban forestry are services that is suffice at this time.

Police need to do a better job of spending their already allocated budget. Culture and Recreation are nice to haves in tough times and could be funded through partnerships instead of massive tax increases.
Police need to see a few years of roll backs. Too many ghost vehicles. Have strictly marked police presence within the city and crime will go down. stop trying to catch people like spy's and start deterring it. They don't need multiple helicopters circling the city endlessly. They don't need drones. They don't need armoured vehicles. They need professional insurance for better accountability instead of hiding behind powerful unions.
Police serve almost no function other than to harass homeless people. They didn't stop crime and don't find the perpetrators. They're not a good use of funds. Roads are also a waste if they just encourage more people to drive. I would encourage more money spent on pathways, but you insist on counting them together in order to boost your numbers.
Police service is not a low priority for me, but I would prefer the police work on improving the community through their actions. Police members cannot be allowed to do whatever they want without consequences.
Police should be more focused dealing with violent crime not the homeless. Fire departments are important but we don't need 3 halls responding to a Carbon dioxide alarm in downtown towers every week. We make it far too difficult for people to start a small business. Provide more small spaces and allow mixed zoning to allow people to start home businesses.
Police suck up an enormous amount of the budget while actively endangering Calgarians, the road budget is spent mainly to encourage car-centric infrastructure, and local businesses often whine about improvements that benefit Calgarians such as improved public and active transit.
Police will not be required as much once the homelessness situation is solved. Community and culture - a nice to have waste and recycling can be picked up less frequently. More along Edmonton's schedule.

Police: I think we live in a generally safe city (and maybe that is because we have invested in police services?) - however if you have a reasonably happy population, I would think crime would go down and there would be a lesser need for police services. Recreation: This is difficult. I think recreation IS important however if you have pathways, parks & urban forestry and community and culture. 'Recreation' can be absorbed in some of these areas. (ie. people can use pathways, parks and urban forestry for walks, running, cycling, getting fresh air, etc.) I'm aware many community associations offer their own fitness programs and there are some volunteer organizations that provide recreational options (ie. cross-country skiing in Confederation Golf course). 311: I think our existing 311 system is pretty good. There are also now automated options ie. e-mail in your concerns. I suspect e-mail is cheaper to operate than having a human operator?
Police: I'm not going to say it, you know the acronym. Studies show time and time again increased policing doesn't keep cities safer. PBD: Planning is important and densification is important. But with the repeal of the rezoning, all this will mean is more sprawl and $ in developers pockets and more people living on the outskirts of the city, forced to drive everywhere, paying an unfair tax burden for services they can never hope to benefit from. Business Licensing: babes with the increase to taxes and how expensive everything is right now, there aren't going to be any businesses to license. Don't sweat it.
Policing accounts for a growing portion of the municipal budget each cycle, which makes it harder to fund programs and services that prevent crime and disorder and actually keep people safe. This results in a vicious cycle where there is more disorder, so police receive more funding while more services are cut or go under-funded, and things continue to get worse. We need to invest more in programs, services, and infrastructure that contribute to a safer community and less in enforcement.

Policing already takes too much of the budget and their salaries, benefits and pensions are generous and Calgary is overall a low crime city.
Policing could remain stable or decrease is bylaw gave people warnings and tickets. Less people would risk bad behavior if they thought they could get caught. Baw could forwatd serious issues to police. Emergency Management should just be part of the job for senior leadership at the city. That's how it works in all other industries. I'm unsure what business promotion and licensing needs really are. Seems like local economy would do well if the city attacts food business and has a good plan to attract citizens.
Policing creates more crime and harms marginalized people. The police in this city have abused their power far too much and we should not be wasting our tax dollars on them.
Policing is a crisis response and does not prevent challenges. We can use olive for crisis response, we dont need all the ticket dispensers or monitoring officers.
Policing is over funded. We need to focus on prevention by creating safe spaces through increased use. Planning and development needs an overhaul in the way communities are created and the over expansion of the city limit through urban sprawl brings in short term gains while increasing long term tax payer costs.

Policing people doesn't nurture trust, or respect. Some of the behaviours I've seen from the Calgary police are quite disturbing and exhibitions of toxic masculinity, fear mongering and abuses of power. We need more investment in social supports/community strategies that address the root causes of homelessness, addiction and mental illness. We don't really need to keep investing in roads when we're facing poly-crisis (environmental, political, social, economic, etc). Yes, we need to maintain roads, but these large-scale projects seem tone deaf to the times and the turbulence/stress/overwhelm people are experiencing. Bylaws can be another version of policing and control. People need to know that governance exists to support systems operation, not micromanage every part of daily life. Any kind of punitive oversight is colonial in origin and should be reassessed. Bylaws can be useful, but enforcement should be low priority.
Pretty sure the waste and recycling is going straight to the dump.
Previous take priority
Priorities, you asked for low priorities.
Prioritize the most important as previously stated and diminish or hold firm the rest.
Priority essential services should come first
Private enterprise can take care of them if there's a market
Private money can go into Private business
Private sponsorship could fill the budget shortfall for these areas.
Projects that upgrade communities have been a disaster over the past ten years. Leave the communities alone -quit narrowing the streets, upgrading sidewalks, bike paths etc it's a waste of money
Properly working and maintained systems should keep emergencies to minimum. Culture and forestry can be done on volunteering basis.
Provide least impact to quality of life and safety

Public transit competently managed is important. However, the Green Line fiasco is not competent, it is corrupt. A City leadership team that hides cost overruns from its funding partners for years is corrupt. Senior leadership in Administration needs an overhaul to restore trust in this government.
Putting money into businesses, roads and vehicle infrastructure disproportionately benefits the well-off. The people who can't afford to participate are left out
Reasons.
Recreation
Recreation and housing are subjective depending on the individual. People should be responsible for their own recreation and housing choices. Market forces should address housing needs. The City's recent involvement in housing and community rezoning has ruined many communities and wasted a lot of money. Planning and development should not be priority every year like it has been.
Recreation - while this is a good thing, this is not a high priority option. Community & Culture - while this is a good thing, it is not a high priority option. Housing - realistically, if it is for densification of communities, it's a no go option for me.
Recreation & The Arts are nice to have, but not essential. Housing should be handled by the province & federal governments - they are the ones dumping illegal migrants into our City & causing housing shortages. I feel housing can often come with corruption where government officials could be influenced by money & perks & not making the right decisions for the citizens. The Arts "investments" in the past have been laughable - the big blue ring on Deerfoot, the "mess' on Highway 1 by the ski jumps - "con art", not real art.
Recreation ,bylaws and waste &recycling is a paid by homeowner waste & recycling and Recreation is a choice of the people. By laws is should only amendments if needed or is not working to general public.
Recreation an Community and culture are nice to have not necessary services. Housing while important can be looked at under planning building and development.

Recreation and Community & Culture are areas that do not address the wants and needs of the majority of Calgarians. The small percentage of the total population who do access these services should be covering more of the costs for these services.
Recreation and community culture are wants, not needs. It's more important to prioritize critical infrastructure and services such as water and emergency services. The city isn't as beautiful without as many parks or community celebrations, but the city can not function without proper water distribution, emergency services, waste management, etc.
Recreation and parks are additional benefits that's the city can provide to its citizens AFTER everyones needs are being met. We cannot focus on luxury for the middle up class while people are going without food in this city.
Recreation because it, almost by definition, is above basic human needs, and until those needs are met for most/all of our population, recreation can subsist in the private sphere (though some access also benefits mental health, so I don't think it should be defunded entirely). Planning, building, and development is just incredibly vague. Is this for things like libraries, or a new sports structure? I have wildly differing views depending on what this is for, but I'm assuming it's about future investment at a time when our current population is struggling, that feels like it shouldn't be a priority. As for business licensing and local economy, there are already a plethora of resources and aid available via provincial initiatives that I believe these funds could be better used elsewhere.
Recreation can be had with a ball and a stick. Organized sports are not necessary although public pools are a benefit. Community can be accomplished without government involvement. Planning and building seems to allow developers to do whatever they want so I really don’t see the point in paying for their rubber stamping of whatever crosses the desk.
Recreation can be provided by the people themselves. Lots of interests can be pursued by the people themselves. People can and do form clubs that pursue a particular interest. Plenty of natural land to explore in and around Calgary.

Recreation can be supported by groups and businesses. Let the market decide on housing needs Community and culture is a waste of time and money. The new immigrants will decide what a neighborhood will be. And besides……..that is a planning building development responsibility
recreation facilities coild be supported by provate sector, if needed, and housing is an issue controlled by the market, if all the consitions line up we should have enough affordable housing for everyone in Calgary
Recreation is lesser used when people struggle to afford basic needs. Focusing on those would be more beneficial. Police are already very prominent everywhere I go, I don't feel it's necessary. How can we work toward planning and development when the current structure and things in place need work and maintenance. Focus on basic needs and upkeep before trying to add more.
Recreation is not essential. We can get by without it. It seems we already have business licensing in place; just maintain the current level of funding. I think the private sector can best carryout business development. So, eliminate the barriers. Just maintain the current level of funding for Parks and urban forestry.
Recreation is now for people with money most of us can not afford the luxury, it is sad! Parks & Rec is a waste of money, i pay a community fee of $110.00 per year and city employees can never do a job like this company for less money and faster. Bylaw is over used in many areas, every bylaw we require has been created over time-we don't need any more (another good area to cut)

Recreation programs and facilities contribute to quality of life, but many services are discretionary and can be scaled back, delayed, or supported through user fees or partnerships without creating immediate risk to public safety or essential access. Business Licensing & Local Economy functions are important for long-term growth, but in the short term, some administrative processes could be streamlined or temporarily reduced without significantly disrupting daily life for most residents. 311 services provide convenience and customer service for non-emergency requests; however, during financial constraints, response times or service levels could be adjusted while still maintaining critical communication channels for urgent issues. Additionally, based on my personal experience, I have not found 311 to be effective in resolving issues in a timely or satisfactory way, which further supports the view that it is a lower priority compared to more critical services.
Recreation services can be provided by other sources, if budgets are that constrained. Housing benefits too few people in the community on a cost/person basis. Industry should be limited in growth unless they bring housing benefits. Community and culture are important, but we cannot 'create' culture. At minimum, keep to the investments we have in it only.
Recreation should be organic, as should community and culture. Tired of the cities woke agenda on this. Waste and relying already cost far more that they should and the city refuses to actually look at sustainability (splitting bins with neighbours) rather than service fees and double charging. Businesses already have enough hoops to jump through and we need less interference.
Recreation should be paid by the users . And what would be wrong of using gymnasiums in schools ? They’re already built , ad well as school fields . And why are skateboard parks free to use ? The city owned golf course isn’t . During times when budgets are tight , community and culture , are very liw priority . In the past , I found one group of people favoured over others . DEI should not be a mandate of the city . Don’t we get enough at the federal level ?

Recreation- there are numerous parks and outdoor areas for citizens to enjoy. Although recreational opportunities are wonderful, families have a budget they stick to regarding which recreational events or memberships they will embrace so City should also have a strict budget for this. Community & Culture- communities should and can organize their own events; this should not be a priority for the City nor should it be paid from City taxes. Waste & Recycling- there was nothing addressing environmental issues or climate change so this was the closest to such items and City Hall needs to find efficiencies within rather than just increasing taxes or cutting services. Environmental issues and Climate Change are provincial concerns and should not be in the budget - not one cent.
Recreation, Business Licensing & Local Economy, and Housing are important, but in difficult budget situations they can be considered lower priority compared to core safety services. Recreation programs enhance quality of life, but temporary reductions would not directly impact immediate safety. Business services and housing initiatives are also important long-term, however they can be adjusted or slowed without creating urgent risk to residents. In times of limited funding, the City should prioritize essential services that protect lives and critical infrastructure, while scaling back or delaying programs that are less critical in the short term.
Recreation, community & culture, and parks & urban forestry are luxuries, not essential services. They are lovely and are appreciated, but they are not essential.
Recreation, Community & Culture, and Parks are nice but NOT priorities for living.
Recreation, community and culture are areas in which citizens and families can take a leadership role in supporting with out the public purse being involved. I don't believe the city is very good at maintaining efficient and economic waste and recycling programs. I'd rather elimination of the blue box and green box programs, save the money.

Recreation, community and culture, and parks are important to quality of life, but are less critical than core safety and infrastructure services. In a constrained budget, they can be scaled, deferred, or supplemented through partnerships with fewer immediate impacts on residents or City operations.
Recreation, most people find by themselves, taxpayers money should be reserved for other needs. Community & Culture because frankly, I am tired of the politicization, the opportunists that come and take what is supposed to be fun and make it into some kind of political statement. Roads & Pathways because the Provincial budget should fund the city for any work outside of city limits. Within city limits there is maintenance— and that is ongoing so just pick a few areas every year and do that. Make a public poll and see what residential areas need it. Developers should be held responsible if the suburbs they develop have shoddy roads for the next 7 yrs after development in my opinion.
Recreation, while important, is something that individuals and communities can manage on their own if provided the freedom to do so. Communities can fundraise for playgrounds, run local activities and courses - city / taxpayer funds are not needed for this. Community & Culture again are areas that individuals and communities can manage together and have done so for generations. Business licensing, I would argue, has become onerous and heavy in bureaucracy. Leave people the space to flourish and they will, along with the economy.
Recreational facilities should be paid for by the users, my tax dollars shouldn't be spent for fixing up a city recreational facility that's run down and doesn't have enough people using it to make it a valid city resource
Recycling is a joke as most ends up in landfills and taxpayers/citizens do the sorting and pay for bins/pickup. What other business gets this type of help/money? Bylaws often only enacted when someone reports on someone and not by routine inspections for both businesses and households.
Recycling is mostly a waste of time as he case for receiving its costs has been overstated. A lot of recyclables still goes to the dump. Recreation and parks are nice to have items but not required in a tight budget scenario.

Recycling is not viable Transit lines are overpriced not realistic and underused Culture should be sponsored by those that are interested
Recyling: From all accounts, this is largely a waste of time and does nothing. It's not achieving the goals one would hope for and is more about optics. Planning, Building and Development: Whoever they are in Calgary, they need to be fired. They have [redacted] developers and builders all in their back pockets and have done nothing to make Calgary a nicer place to live. The quality of homes is dreadful and new areas are just packed together, with no thought for the psychological toll of not allowing people to have space and privacy. Community and Culture: Unfortunately, these things seem to focus on communities that divide us all and have spent exorbitant amounts of money on changing slogans (Gondek) and ridiculous art (Nenshi) that almost everyone hates. And I'm an artist! This money doesn't even go back into our own artists and community. Just cut spending here as well.
red tape is not needed as there is enough. 311 doesnt ever help.
Redundancy and wastefulness.
Regardless of the current situation, housing will be made available through free market mechanisms. The City should not be interfering in that market. I don't even know what "Community & Culture" entails. If it isn't obvious, then it can't be that important As an "insider" (City Employee), I see the Business Licensing (ie. Business Experience) team, and they are inefficient, and unwilling to change. The new Manager is making progress with this group, but I believe it could sustain cuts without much visible impact to Calgarians.
Relative to highest priority, these are the least painful to lose. Communities can volunteer cultural events. We can maintain bylaws and 311 as is in the short term.
residents can live with little to no budget input into theses three items, but cannot survive without fire, police, and water
Resources for these ‘services’ already exceed requirements.
Rhett are fine just the way they are

Right now, these feel like lower priorities to me - while all important, to me they don't feel as higher priority as some of the other options. Recreation has a lot of private options in addition to city-run ventures (such as Vivo or the YMCA), I can't recall if I've ever used 311 in my time living here (most of the time I search for information online or via the city's website instead), and "community & culture" is very vague and I'm not sure what budgeting for that would entail (aside from maybe inclusion initiatives?)
Roads - because incompetent city leadership is focused on bike lanes instead of quality roads for the 99% usage which is cars. Culture - because the culture at City Hall is a gross mix of secrecy and dishonesty. Parks - because the City's war on trees is out of control, destroying trees at Olympic Plaza, Eau Claire Plaza and Cowboys - can't city leadership benefit their friends without destroying so many mature trees?
Roads & Pathways - we see the City digging up pathways when they were only pathed within the last 2 years and roads being repaved unnecessarily. Appears to be that each department is using its budget to justify more spending. Transit - Clean up transit vehicles and ensure safety under control before building more. Other countries have clean, safe public transit areas that encourage ridership. Why can't we? Housing - we now have surplus of vacant housing
Roads and pathway need to be improved but it’s not urgent situation housing especially needs to come down in cost either by buying homes or renting Bylaw isn’t a urgent situation
Roads are important, but Pathways are not a priority. 311 is non essential, Tax money should not be spent on Culture
roads are terrible and dangerous to drive on - number one priority for me. Police are important due to too many people living in Calgary now. no more new housing until we have the infrastructure to support it. transit buses ride around all day empty except at rush hour

Roads are the least efficient thing to spend money on, they constantly require maintenance. Switching to transit (particularly the Ctrain) should be incentivized. If more people took transit our roads wouldn't need as much maintenance. I support police but they have a massive budget as it is and spending money on housing is a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars - when people are housed, there are less social disturbances, making the city safer. We cannot police our way out of poverty, only supportive housing can help. I don't want my tax dollars supporting the revolving door of minor offences because what people really need is housing and support not punishment.
ROI, folks. Where are we going to get the most use of our tax dollars (and keep you from wasting it then justify taking more).
Rules and regulations are already there, we need to focus them to implement.
Sad to say but it should be council as lowest if youre considering cutting funding and services to the small businesses that pay your taxes budget and wages. Learning to lead and help your city thrive should be priority, not a difficult decision.
Safety and water are daily needs that greatly outweigh "fun" .
Safety first then everything else.
Same answer as number 4.
same as above
Same as above. The police have shown that statistically crime is down.
Same reasons above. We can't be naive about the greatest needs of the city. Thers already a huge deficit for recreational facilities which contribute to the greatest health and well being (including mental health) for the citizens in Calgary. Kids have limited options through school so it's up to everyone else to pick up the slack. The city should be enabling this, not hindering it. Get rid of the public art, special interest group agenda programs and focus on spending the money the city does receive on the best return on investment
same reasons as before, look after the city as a whole and not just your favourite portions

Save money on non essentials.
Secondary services
see above
See above answer
See above. I'd want to focus on the basics and before adding enrichment to the population at the cost of tax dollars. Enrichment can be supplemented by private means more easily than services.
See answer to 4 above.
See comments above. Stick to the bare minimum priorities. Fix our deteriorated water system, fix a few pot holes, make sure crime is more or less under control by having a decent police station and keep our fire departments running. If you want to fight climate initiatives move to Europe, Ontario, Quebec, Vancouver and try and get elected in a highlevel position there and waste their money. Your job at the City of Calgary is not that glamorous and if you don't like it then please move on and stop trying to make your position more glamorous than it is.
See my comments above.
See my note about following the original city charter
See note above
See previous comment - stick to fundamental municipal roles
See previous response. These aren't difficult decisions and saying so is a rhetorical trick classic amongst municipal bureaucracies who use fear of losing essential services to justify bloated budgets that they refuse to properly manage. Manage our money better. LOWER taxes. FIND efficiencies. Zero dollars on climate change initiatives, which is a provincial mandate. Taxpayers need to demand more competence and creativity from city finance bureaucrats in finding efficiencies. Hire a business consultant if you are incapable of doing it yourselves. This is what we voted for. This is why Gondek is gone. LEARN THE LESSON and stop playing trade-off games with taxpayer families who are hurting under your bloated and oppressive tax regime. Enough is enough.

Seem the least applicable to my family personally and lowest of all the options. I have had no issues with transit services. I quite frankly think we focus way too much on culture and community and focus it in the wrong places.
Seem to be less urgent for basic functionality
Seemingly always caught up in politics
Separating most important basic needs from bice to have needs. Blue bins can move to pickup every 2 weeks. I never fill mine weekly.
service i feel are adequate at this time
Should be done by federal
Should be funded by fees to use rather than taxpayer dollars
Should pay for these ourselves
Since immigration has reduced, he have surplus housing available, so for immediate reasoning, funds should be allocated to more important and urgent activities.
Slash “planning” until they stop sprawling. Let business take care of itself. Laissez-faire. Cultures that want to thrive will thrive.
Slightly fall outside the scope of core services that a city should focus on or they don't have immediate or visible benefits to citizens.
So difficult to decide…I tried to select the least impactful areas for Calgarians, but not sure if I accomplished this.
So much waste of personal and resources with similar departments doing same things...right hand not knowing what left hand is doing
Soccer fields!
Some like planning could easily be trimmed while others while nice to have, are not critical when we are trying to right budget priorities

Some of the listed areas are "musts" and therefore should not see funding cuts (i.e., Emergency Management, Water Utilities, Fire). If we want Calgary to be more financially, environmentally, and socially sustainable than cutting funding for multi-modal transportation initiatives (Pathways), Urban Forestry, Local Economy, and initiatives that foster community (Recreation, Community & Culture) run counter to that goal. That leaves Police, Waste & Recycling, 311, and Bylaw. Waste & Recycling could see service cuts where the time between pickups is lengthened. Police could see their scope of work reduced, provided funding is given to mental health teams and services. Unlikely, so funding should be maintained. 311 is a direct link to The City and would arguably benefit from seeing increased funding. Therefore Bylaw.
Some of the responsibilities of these areas can be delegated to citizens and community groups. If we, as citizens are safe, financially secure, and the basic services are functioning smoothly, then (in a perfect world) we should be in a position to think of, and look after each other.
Some of these ie Housing - the city should not be involved in. Lower the fees for builders to allow them to do this in the private sector who know better.
Some of these include businesses and local economy which does not really affect seniors. Planning & building as well as community & culture does not really benefit seniors either.
Some services should be made the responsibility of private enterprise in attempt to reduce costs and yherefore the need to tax the populace to death.
Spend so much money on them with crumbling infrastructure, bankrupt non profits and company's, why bother?
Sprawl in Calgary needs to be contained. So stop spending money on new roads. Bureaucracy at city hall is excessive and extreme. There are so many areas, processes, and forms that could be simply dropped by the bureaucrats.
Stay focused on survival
Still really important, but we can survive without them.
Stop spending all of our money on policing!

Stop spending money on sprawl and new communities, densify existing communities and ensure they are getting their fair share of investment.
Stop with the ridiculous blue rings
stupid bylaws hamper business not enhance it
Supply and demand will take care of itself
Support big business instead of everyday people.
Support important tasks at hand first. Feels like all those recreation/comminities service are wasteful resources when it can be spent on critical services.
Taking away from the roads budget alone could alleviate much of the budget woes. Car-centric infrastructure is a bad investment because building more roads doesn't solve traffic—cars quickly fill the new space again—while costing cities huge amounts to build and maintain. It encourages sprawl, increases pollution and traffic deaths, harms public health, and makes daily life harder for anyone who can't or doesn't drive. Over time, it leaves cities less affordable, less resilient, and less livable.
Tax payers do not get enough value for their taxes. Taxes kept being allocated to cultural items/projects when Calgary's roads, police and fire services cannot keep up. It took years to make Stephen Ave safe again, as city hall completely ignored the issues that were impacting area. It seems like Calgary funds project that add little value to the larger population in an attempt to look progressive and then increase taxes on all Calgarians to fund these projects that only serve a small minority of the city. Calgary taxes continue to increase, but there is little to no improvements. We are paying more to get less.
Terrible question, because all possible least important services were not listed, and a definition should be provided of what a difficult decision is (reducing budget?). Why shouldn't matter.
That is a nice to have but not essential.
The amount of money wasted in planning is astounding. I'm looking at you "blue sky city" consultants.

The billions in Green Line cost overruns that were hidden from the public for years highlights how incompetent and selfish city leadership is. For this to happen and for no one to be accountable makes it clear we should not be spending more money on most city projects, with transit standing out as incompetent, until there is new leadership.
The budgets for police and fire are over the top. Very large and they keep asking for more while social workers, transit, and rec centres get cut. What would benefit low income Calgarians are more services not more police.
The buses and trains I see are less than 15% occupied
The Calgary police already have a huge budget and do nothing to prevent crimes or contribute to the general feeling of safeness and culture in our city. They exploit their power to disproportionately target people of colour.
The choices are all relative to each other and relative to what's already in place and working well.
The citizens and business can take on more of this responsibility.
The City approaches these in too ideological a fashion and cannot be trusted with these issues in an impartial manner and/or the issue is not part of the city mandate.
The city can function very well without this service.
The city can operate without increasing these area's budgets.
The city can still function without these, or minimum amount of these services.
The city can’t afford to prioritize these
The City Council can decide whether to allow budget changes in the next few years.
The city has a history of mismanaging them so they must not be important

The City has an abundance of Bylaws that they currently do not enforce and many bylaws are dissimilatory to many residents. Useless department in tough times. Housing is a federal and provincial responsibility, and City should not be involved in areas that are the responsibility of other levels of government. For example, the City has approved $330 million dollars of OUR TAX dollars to build Indigenous housing that is 100% the responsibility of the Federal Government. Other housing initiatives are mostly provincial. GET OUT OF HOUSING. Community and culture is a nice to have when all other high priority issues like Policing, Fire Services, Water Utilities and Roads are 100% looked after and then it may be appropriate to assist groups with cultural events but NO PARTICIPATION UNTIL CORE SERVICES ARE !))% FUNDED>
The city has lost its focus, my lowest priority represents areas the city has been placing too high priority in recent years.
The city has no buisness in housing
The city has parks and urban forestry can be added later. Not time sensitive. Bylaw can sometimes be money spent on squabbling neighbours.
The city has put itself into a bad place. As a result property taxes are through the roof (mine are up 46% over 2 years which is insane). The "must have" things are a priority and the "nice to have" things must take a back seat.
The City has traditionally focused a lot of spending on growth and is lagging behind in the supporting infrastructure to maintain that growth. Focus should be on supporting services, infrastructure and maintaining/life cycling what already exists.
The city is expanding very quickly and should focus on maintaining foundational infrastructure before spending excessive amounts of money on festivals and events.

The city is great at creating bylaws but many are not really effective as few get enforced, proper planning would solve some of these issues the city has no direction just a lot of bylaws Recreation has never been properly funded so is always at a loss situation. Cuts cannot be safely done to any of the operations. Save taxpayer money get out of the recreation business and subsidize only those that cannot afford to go to a private recreational facility Unfortunately times are tough, artwork etc is really nice, but when times are tough luxury's need to be cut for necessities, I think water is a necessity
The city is growing too fast. Halt the housing so we can "catch up" to its current population. The roads don't hold all the vehicles, accidents daily likely because our roads aren't built fpr this many people to be Driving on them. Focus on getting kids off their screens by making recreation affordable and acceptable
The City is in a crisis of confidence. Priorities should be on fundamental things, not optional things like art, festivals etc. The focus on making Calgary a strong & sustainable city must be built on strong infrastructure rather than "fluff." The drive for rapid growth, a mistake perpetuated by a desire for more tax money, is what has us in many of the current difficulties; regardless of which level(s) of government are driving it.
The city is too car centric. Do not continue to expand to new districts. Plan for greater density and better transit.
The City itself should not be building homes or worrying about "community". Let private individuals and companies build houses and "culture". The city should reduce regulations as much as possible.
The city needs to do the basics better first, then move to lesser priorities. Calgary is a driving town not a transit town
The city needs to focus on core services. We also need to reduce administration in Calgary

The city needs to focus on important issues such as water, 911 services, financial responsibility as well as roads, paths and infrastructure. Priorities should be what benefit the city's needs over wants.
The City needs to reduce its total spending. Do this by cutting programs/reducing service standards. Housing can be effectively built by the private sector, or through public-private partnerships, they City needs only a minimal role. Planning, Building & development expenditures should be reduced by simplifying the approvals process, and making the zoning bylaw less complex and easier to comply with.
The city needs to spend its money on its core functions ie emergency services, roads, utilities and bylaw enforcement not areas which are the responsibility of other levels of government ie housing, social services etc. Calgarians want the city administration to “stay in its lane” our tax dollars are already been allocated to non-municipal areas of responsibility by other levels of government. Also, eliminate the climate change, housing departments and significantly reduce the size of the communications department.
The city needs to stop invading our lives. I am tired of the massive amount of stupid, invasive, etc. bylaws that we are subjected to. Stay out of the lives of Calgarians and focus on infrastructure.
The city needs to take a breather from its massive expansion efforts. Let’s focus on making the city great, safe, and connected as is. Stop the sprawl!
The city now needs to focus on ensuring Calgarians have financial freedom. Too much spending is focused on climate, community, equity.
The city of Calgary needs to drastically reduce the number of employees. The planning department has done nothing but aggravate people. Get rid of at least half of this department. Housing is a provincial matter, do not spend any more tax dollars on this issue. The city needs to spend responsibility and focus to the basics. Too much money has been spent on vanity projects, community and culture are "nice to haves" not "need to haves" like water, police and trees.

The city should be aware of what and where they can cut spending and/or find efficiency where they can improve on their spending problems.
The city should focus on affordable housing and making the city more livable. It should not focus on city expansion, urban sprawling or building more infrastructure for cars or building useless and extremely expensive things like the new Arena.
The city should focus on keeping citizens safe and moving (roads). Keep red tape minimized and the rest will fall into place. Avoid ideology at all costs.
The city should focus on what is necessary & not highly visible pet projects to gain favor for the next election.
The City should not be in the business of financing or building housing. It can provide rental support along with other required social support services.
The city should not be in the housing business because of the long term financial responsibilities. It only distorts the market conditions The choice to fund indigenous housing with Calgary tax money is the wrong choice
The city should not be involved in housing; community and culture is best left to individuals and not politicians or bureaucrats ; and for bylaws, the city could do with less red tape and bureaucracy.
The city should not provide housing but instead reduce taxes, fees and red tape. Reduce staff in this area too. Get out of culture - culture will look after itself!
The city should not provide public housing. This could be done by coops ot the Feds or we could look at changing the real reasons homes are expensive. Community and cultural is a nice to have but if it was gone I do t think we would miss it as much as police, fire or sanitation We should not be subsidizing businesses
The city should reduce services and reduce taxes. The city doesn't need to be involved in community and culture activities, providing housing for anyone, or anything other than basic services.

The City should stick to the basics. We don't need more "trophy" projects like stadiums and LRT extensions that service the few.
The city spends an inordinate amount of time and money expanding Calgary geographically and allowing developments that are against existing ARP rules. Stop expanding the city outwards, create zones within existing communities and apply rules to the zones.
The City spends too much time listening to developers and giving them what they need. Community and Culture is not for the city to decide, rather CAs, churches, and cultural centers have that focus. Private Public Partnerships for housing put the risk of financing housing projects on the backs of the tax payer.
The city spends way too much on police for no benefit. Police refuse to enforce laws they are obliged to enforce (noise, speeding, distracted driving, dangerous driving etc.) instead spending money flying their little helicopters around for no reason. Cut funding if they are not going to use it appropriately.
The City will continue to function on its own without dynamic City effort and initiative.
The current facilities for waste & recycling are working fine. But the rate at which the houses are built and population growth has happened, the recreation facilities have not been developed.
The current pace of housing construction in Calgary has reached a level of overdevelopment that exceeds actual demand. Recreational projects are less critical than other pressing issues facing our city. Costs associated with recreation and community and culture initiatives should be the responsibility of the individual groups involved rather than the general public.
The economy can largely look after itself if the key social and public services are in place.

The economy in Calgary is slow and we do not have diversified jobs especially those that can compete with wages that were previously in oil and gas. So we are attracting people from other cities where they may have made money from selling their houses, but we are not attracting new jobs and employers. We are attracting people who cannot afford to live in other cities. We will have too much housing and we are building too much density, but making it hard to park and move around those communities. There is a lot of waste within in city administration, especially incorporate functions like Human Resources and IT. There are too many middle management positions at the top down culture. We cannot even deliver the basics and I think we have enough police officers, but they need to spend more time policing than trying to generate income from ticket revenue.
The Fire Department is over-staffed. A prime example being their responses to 911 calls requiring ambulance service. Attempting to justify their budget and overtly expensive department. The Police Department regularly responds to low priority incidents with overwhelming force. Example: Vehicle was stopped for a speeding infraction, often 3-5 vehicles will respond for a single occupant in the vehicle. Employing under-qualified people as officers, lowering qualifications as part of an overall "woke" culture, instead of considering the true physicaldemands of these positions. Bylaw should be Business Friendly.

The fire department needs to stop buying ridiculously expensive American fire trucks. They should get competitive quotes from European firms that make smaller fire trucks for significantly lower prices that offer comparable functionality. The fire department wastes money on huge trucks, then they advocate for wider and less safe streets for their oversized custom trucks. They also rarely respond to actual fires, much of what they do could be better performed for less money with ambulances and work vans. It would be fine if we sent more paper and plastics to the landfill. We shouldn't be paying to send it to South Asia, where it will be processed haphazardly resulting in significant environmental damage. Roads funding from taxes could be cut if more people had to pay for on-street parking permits. This would also solve the complaints of not enough parking. The solution to a tragedy of the commons problem is market pricing.
The first two apply to a minority; housing would take care of itself with curbing further immigration and temporary visas
The free market can deal with those things if proposed and leveraged properly
The general population should not be highly regulated and bylaws should be based on common sense. In times of difficult decisions, parks and recreation should manage on a maintenance budget only.
The government should have nothing to do with housing. The government doesn’t build homes, the market does. Reduce regulation and houses will be built. The government can’t generate community or culture.
The Green Line waste, secrecy and propaganda.
The hardest one for me was community and culture because I do believe they’re extremely important but the other choices seem more urgent.
The housing crisis has eased. The others are nice, but not necessary services.
The implementation of more bylaws can be postponed until more time and money are available to be dedicated to reviewing them. Licensing new businesses won't matter to most Calgarians if they can't afford to live in the first place (for restaurants, retailers, etc)

The lack of careful response from 311. It’s become a useless tool and why should our Councelors have to use that method. Can’t that be solved in their meetings. Waste and recycling are very low on priority when communities are being destroyed and becoming unsafe.
The lowest priority isn't even listed - Climate change and environment. Defund this entire department. Chief Housing Office — affordable housing construction, Home is Here strategy - this is a provincial responsibility. And $44M in operating budget - DEFUND. Office to residential conversion - $43M DEFUND Supporting Indigenous relations - $1.2M this is a federal responsibility DEFUND. Stay under Municipal responsibilities as defined by Elections Canada. Calgarians cannot afford more taxes. We need common sense and frugality back in City Council.
The market is responding to the need for more housing and it's becoming more affordable with rents dropping across the city. Reducing administrative complexity and cost around business licensing and bylaws would be beneficial.
The more we expand transit the more the department costs
The newer gigantic buildings that cost billions of dollars need another billions for maintaince and utilities. This increases the taxes. 311 is not effective enough in my oppinion.
The number of legitimate emergencies we face are minimal, and with robust core services an actual emergency wouldn't just involve the city but other layers of government.
The offset of actually how many people uses the parks.
The only less important ones are the ones that can be kicked down the road temporarily
The other categories affect more people on a daily basis. That is not to say that these areas should not be looked at when the budget is better.

The over emphasis on policing instead of rehabilitation and mental health programs has contributed to a growing homeless population in this city. Recreation is a nice to have service but as infrastructure crumbles it seems less important.
The parks are green area they will take care of themselves we have ton of the largest land mass in the world go outside the city. Culture the people will take care of that themselves.
The people can come together to initiate and make these things happen for themselves. They don't require government to legislate them.
The planning and building should be low priority because we should be preserving our green spaces instead of destroying them.
The planning department has been doing a terrible job of addressing citizen concerns and seems to have an idealized view of the kind of city they want, not us. Communities and culture can exist without city interference or help Housing has always been mostly handled by the private sector
The Planning Department has failed to deliver on the MDP. Cutting their budget will force them to eliminate wasteful activities such as blanket rezoning and facilitating suburban sprawl. We have enough roads and road maintenance should be a lower priority than increasing transit service. (By the way, pathways - which are a high priority - should have been listed separately. Poor questionnaire design.) I would not have identified housing as a low priority if you had asked about low-income housing. As it is, the City's Housing Strategy is poorly thought out and ineffective on priorities.
The planning department is ideologically captured by hyper-densification. We need to slow growth, not speed it up. The housing market will send signals for people not to come here in order to balance out housing supply and demand. On transit, kill the EV bus idea, deliver what we can afford.

The Planning Department needs to be cropped by at least 30%. It has followed ideology and the managers have forgotten who they work for. The City should not be using tax dollars to build housing. Comunity and culture spending is a nice-to-have, not a need.
The planning department works against the citizens and for the developers. Stop this. Focus on essential services, not trying to spend tax dollars on non-essential services. Community and culture can be supported after you have a safe city with good roads and infrastructure.
The police already get a great amount of funding elsewhere.. They'll be okay. Parks and planning while we're in so much debt as it is, is ridiculous.
The police already have an absolutely massive budget, and there has been little correlation with larger budgets and better outcomes as-is. 311 and recreational programs are important, but recreation could be rolled somewhat into "community & culture", and so long as bylaw was appropriately funded it should handle a temporary cut to 311.
The police already have an unimaginable budget and are not audited seriously enough. It does not feel as if they've made much progress on any of their mandates and, therefore, it would be fiscally irresponsible to continue to fund such a slush. Both in my personal interactions with the police (mostly from running into unplowed horse pooped on our streets) and from publicly accessible data. Bylaw officers have also not been all that helpful. The church I work out of has made multiple noise complaints against a business across the way that has a noise violating alarm all throughout the night that hampers our ability to ut on events later in the evening and nothing has come of it.
The police already have too much money and not much to show for it. Businesses seem fine and don't need more handouts.
The police and bylaw are such a huge part of the budget, but they don't address root causes of disorder in the city. Investing in health and related services, affordable housing, etc would go much further than enforcing the punitive carceral cycle.

The police are funded enough. They can figure out how to deal with a couple years with no funding increases. They have failed to do their jobs and more money isn't helping. It's time for them to focus on improving under constraints like the rest of us. If they can do that, maybe we can consider increasing their funding to match COL next budget cycle, but frankly, it's time for them to deal with consequences for shoddy work.
The Police are overfunded and should have, according to my rough calculations, an 8.78% budget decrease. They need to stick to their lane of enforcement and leave social dimensions to those who are better skilled and positioned to offer them.
The police are overfunded: more resources to provide social services for those in need is essential.
The Police budget appears quite robust as is, and if there was more concentration on finding solutions to the small number of people causing the most social disturbance, there would be more police resources freed up. Planning, Building, & Development, until a decision on how zoning is going to work is resolved, this seems to be in limbo. 311 is a lovely nice to have that seems to work just fine as it is.
The police budget is already bloated and gets rubber stamped every year. Defund the police and fund actual services that improve our lives.
The police budget keeps going up and up, but essentially, they are reactionary. If we don't invest in preventive measures, we'll never address the root causes of crime, and the police budget will continue to balloon.

The police department makes up one of the largest operational budget items, second only to water delivery, but delivers a substandard return for average citizens. Perceived safety in the downtown core is decreasing due to a rapid increase in Calgary's unhoused population, and diverting funds from the police service to housing will do more to help perceived safety than any amount of policing in the downtown core can. In recent years I have seen the police service attack peaceful protesters at the U of C campus, have well-documented internal issues with maintaining a safe and respectful workplace, all while not being required to show their return on investment in the same way other city departments are. Reduce their funding and apply it towards social services to see a marked increase in public safety.
The police dept has become a far to large bloated bureaucracy that needs to clean house and get its act together, not just keep throwing money at it hoping it will get better on its own. Planning has also become another bloated department that just slows down growth and development to justify itself. Housing is not what the city should be involved in, that is a private sector issue which will be controlled by the public who use and need it, they will control the need and cost for it. The east village is a good example of how the city has wasted and continues to waste vast amounts of money trying to create something that would not exist on its own.
The police have a huge budget already and devoting some of that money to other areas would decrease their workload and responsibilities. It makes no sense to continue increasing funding for a service that isn't working to address the issues that it's facing.
The police have a huge budget and they don’t actually improve safety by responding forcefully to events. Preventing crime starts with social services like access to homes, food, transportation, and accessible employment.
The police have enough money and disproportionately cause more harm than good.
The police nationwide are overfunded. Critical resources are wasted when police chase down very minor crimes or harass the vulnerable population (unhoused, addicted, mentally unwell). If they focused on serious crimes they would waste less money. Same situation with bylaw. It is difficult to pick a third option.

The police seem to do these crackdowns every once in a while to show that they are doing a good job, but it is kind of a joke. They don't need a bigger budget. Bylaw, I don't really know but I don't think we need to put a lot of work into this.
The police service receives a large portion of the city's budget and this has continued to increase while other services struggle. Despite this, a lot of Calgarians feel less safe. We cannot police our way out of a lack of housing, social supports and an affordability crisis. Sweeping the streets and buying more equipment for the police service is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars as it does little to address the root causes of poverty and crime. Similarly, bylaw enforcement as it stands often results in punitive measures that disproportionately affect poor people, many of whom cannot afford to pay a ticket and have to go to court which increases the cost to these systems.
The police services get enough money. Community and culture is a low priority for me due to the fact that our communities are very vibrant and culture is strong throughout the city.
The police take a massive and disproportionately growing share of the Calgary budget with virtually no public accountability. This state of affairs must be reset, especially considering their poor performance. They must take a corresponding share of cuts.
The Police, of the options above, seem to me to be the most well funded and I already feel that we are continually expanding police responsibilities to address societal issues that are better served by social workers or social services. I believe cutting parks and community in times of budget shortfall will have the least immediate impact to our community. However, I do not support continued year over year cuts and that should also be considered when deciding to restrict funding in future years.
The population can make certain sacrifices in order to maintain a basic level in other services for the time till the budget can afford to increase in the areas.
the private sector needs to address housing, not the city, the city can help by reducing bureaucratic red tape.

The residents of the city do not require more police in this city. The things that are making people feel un safe is poverty. We as a community can do things like provide housing, accommodation in whatever form that can be
The ROI for our ever increasing police budgets is non existent, and I say this as a resident of East Village! Our money is much better spent addressing some of the conditions that lead to calls for increased policing (housing, transit, etc.).
The services can be adjusted based on city's budget.
The sprawl and road network have a disproportionate amount of investment at the expense of alternative forms of travel. When we're talking needs and wants, recreation is a want and there are a lot of options for activity that don't include city services. The police have a ballooned budget that keeps going up. They need to learn to share. They just got a new $23 million shooting range. If that's the kind of funding they're after, I think they're bases are more than covered.
The systems as they are now are working well enough, but will have the lowest impact if their resources are reduced.
The three choices I made here are based on the quality of service already. Emergency management in my opinion is good enough, and accessible enough, more focus on it isn't required. Fire protection is also majorly covered in my opinion. I have yet to see neighborhoods wiped out from major fires. Thirdly parks and urban forestry, considering Canada is the second largest country on the planet, with a rather low population I think its totally fair to say there is more then enough nature in Canada.
The two I chose are nice to have, but not vital to the proper and safe functioning of our city.
Their budgets have already increased with little benefit to Calgarians.
There are already many bylaws in place and they already work well, funding for the police isnt helpful for anyone, waste and recycling is already top tier
There are bigger needs right now

There are certain city services that are essential. Those are what the City should be focussing on if there have to be trade offs or budget cuts. Plus, I don't see infrastructure included in the list. Calgary should obviously be focussed on it's water system, roads, transit, housing, fire, police, waste removal & housing. That's 8 areas so designing this survey to only list 3-5 services to prioritize is kind of useless. Plus, I am an ordinary citizen who has no in-depth view of city finances or department budgets so my opinion is not particularly helpful without a great deal more knowledge than I have. That is why surveying citizens for their opinion is really dumb. It is merely window dressing, imo.
There are hundreds of free recreation opportunities in and around Calgary. it is the lowest priority. Also Bylaw and waste & recycling are just not as important. I can dispose of my own garbage and recycling (recycling for sure).
There are inefficiencies that need to be resolved within existing service delivery, as well as having a generally safe city.
THERE are more important items to be addressed first.
There are nice to haves to grow a community and necessary requirements to sustain a community. The options I selected are options that are less likely to create compounding negative effects if less invested or ignored. Imagine ignoring economic growth or infrastructure planning, you'll pay for that decades later versus ensuring the 311 system is more efficient than it was the year prior. And although I understand recreation is absolutely beneficial for communities and for access, ensuring housing, schools, jobs and safety are priority one.

There are no good choices. Also, there is no context nor nuisance in any available. A good politician will convince you the hard choice is the only option. A great politician will explain why the tough choice is the best choice and will listen to you [redacted] until you understand why the choice wasn't really a choice. A coward politician will listen to the shouts of a few without rebuttal. And a fascist will blame everyone else for the problems, without facing facts nor dealing with the issue at hand. Be a leader for the city. Make the hard choice and do what is right. Intelligent people will respect that if clarity is provided and disinformation is stuck down.
There are other entities/resources that could pick up the slack.
There are other things money could be spent elsewhere with higher priorities
There are others opportunities for funding community and culture through other levels of government.
There are presently enough facilities in these areas to last us through difficult financial times.
There are programs in place to deal with this issue and taxpayer money best invested in areas that promotes the well being of everyone instead of favouring any groups.
There are so many more important issues than petty little technicalities.
There are so many very pressing issues within Calgary - some negatively threatening individuals and businesses I think those areas should be priorities

There aren’t any, but I put Development because I want the City to stopping sprawling the borders and focus on fixing older neighbourhoods that have been left to rot. Pipes burst when maintenance isn’t performed properly. Stop daydreaming about condo developments as far as the eye can see (that end up looking like trashy road houses stuck too close together without any character and may be a fire hazards. Ogden would be a great 15-minute neighbourhood with homes, mixed use, family schools and community centres. Inglewood’s pool needs to stay open (they all do so we can still walk to the pool and actually talk to our neighbours instead of driving to some massive centre, pay for parking, and not be sure if we’ll ever see the same people).
There have been recent and past emphasis investments in these areas that we should increase focus to other priorities
There is already good amount of housing built up in the city and also country and city has no enough resources to cater the large population growth so housing construction should be stopped now.Recreation facilities are important in life only when people are able to meet their daily needs and afford food on table and go to work to survive a family so recreation is least important because people don't have a disposal funds in hand to enjoy.More than half of Canadians live in debts forever.311 should be outsourced by the city to private companies.It is anyway non emergency services which can be outsourced.
There is far too much development in the city at present. Too many poorly built properties. Developers being subsidized by tax payers. Too may demands from cultural groups - everything is me, me, me. Quit trying to make all areas of the city the same by forcing development where it is not wanted. Stricter adherence to cutting expenses instead of treating taxpayers as ATM Machines by raising taxes instead of "trimming the fat" at city hall.
There is not enough scrutiny of the police budget. As one example, whenever I tell people in other cities that we have police helicopters they can't believe it because of the expense. As another example, policing is an expensive band-aid that doesn't solve social problems that have complex root causes.

There is not one area mentioned that doesn't impact the living/quality of life in any city. They are all important.
There is too much blanket rezoning in the development and the planning and developers are taking a vantage on what the city of Calgary has done to us and the reason why I put housing is because there's no such thing as Affordable housing because the CEO of Trellis Society stated that you have to be making 50,000 a year to live in their housing. They call that low cost housing?? Not shameful on what the city of Calgary makes behind closed doors deals with Society that the taxpayers are the ones are paying for those housing projects that are already getting funded by another charity. I do not support Trellis society Because they did behind closed door deals with the city of Calgary so therefore I do not believe in the housing crisis.
There should be no low priorities on this list. Choosing any would assume that, in the next budget cycle, they would be considered more of a priority.
There's enough housing built, business license and local economy as long as no changes are made should be applicable to service through and bylaws remains
There's already plenty of recreational areas in communities. While community connections are great, they don't reduce CO2 emissions or reduce the cars on the road.
There's enough funding already for police and fire! They get more funding each year while other areas are neglected.
There's nice to have and NEED to have...Those are nice...
These 3 are luxuries in my opinion.
These 3 categories are difficult to manage. Bylaws are useless if they can't be enforced, which is what's happening now. Recreational is nice to have but for the time being I think it's not a priority. Community and culture are also things that are not a priority at this time.
These 3 services should be able to limp along with current or somewhat decreased funding
These allow too many pet projects, too many tax $$$ wasted annually.
These already get a lot of attention.
These are "nice to haves" but are not critical to Calgarians' daily lives.

These are “nice to have” and not essential services.
These are “nice to have”, non-essential services that should be at the top of the list of reductions/cuts
These are “nice to haves” but not essential. The City has done a disastrous job taking care of basic infrastructure like our water main and the quality of our parks and green space is embarrassing. We don’t need tax dollars wasted.
These are all important areas for consideration, but they are paramount to the city surviving the many challenges it does. The core of the city is dealing with essentials, not optional choices. We have parks, although previous councils did their best to try to eradicate them, but we still have many areas people can enjoy. Community and culture are things that individuals and groups can promote on their own without city budgeting, and there are many ways for people to engage in recreation without having to have the city pay for them.
These are all nice to haves that can wait.
These are all so important and this is very difficult!
These are all things outside the City's mandate and can be focused on by non-profits.
These are already running consistently and can be maintained as-is.
These are always areas where thriving economies can take advantage of. We’ve had an influx of people into our province and city and as such over taxing our systems too quickly. We need to catch up.
These are area people use less of vs needs that have to be maintained
These are areas in which individual communities should be more than capable of managing for themselves. These are areas that in decades past were handled entirely by communities in fact.
These are areas that are already currently well-funded and can sustain during a "have not" period.
These are areas that are nice to attend and look after if a budget allows, but in no way are nearly as important or urgent

These are areas that are nice to have but are not necessary. Many of Calgary's residence do not use these things, but everyone uses our roads, water and waste services.
These are areas that are not required to live in the city of calgary.
These are areas that either the province can deal with it or have outside contracts to fill the needs.
These are areas where citizens could take more responsibility themselves and not require extra funding/oversight from the city.
These are areas where they can be prone to undue influence by special interests
these are areas where we, as individuals, can make a difference and changes ourselfs.
These are beyond the core manaldate of a municipality and beyond basic needs.
These are bloated departments with absolutely no accountablility. Reduce them and no one will notice.
These are CoC employee heavy, money sucking items. "Culture" - give me a break...
These are day to day operational requirements and which can be delivered through innovation and collaboration amongst city departments.
These are extras not essential services.
These are extremely tough decisions. I feel that waste and recycling runs smoothly enough and doesn't need updating. Bylaws could be enforced less often and community and culture is certainly nice and affirming but could be pushed aside.
These are fluff pieces. Other fluff areas: bike lanes, art (like the big blue ring), renaming the city (big blue sky is stupid).

These are for the entitled and the wealthy. If we are constantly spending on roads, we won't put any money into transit and use the roads we already have. We can get many cars off the road if we have better and more efficient transit. As for recreation, people won't use what they can't afford. These are for the privileged, some people earn only enough to be cut off for Fair Entry but still can't afford to use most of these facilities. The costs for these places is ridiculous. Planning and development is for developers. We don't need to help them make more money, they have enough money. Let them pay for development themselves.
These are great to haves but not priorities in my mind
These are important and contribute immensely to quality of life but they cannot take precedent over essential services.
These are important but the high needs will take of these with good long term planning
These are initiatives that cost a lot, aren't essential and don't incentivize the government to be responsible.
These are items people can set up in their own community. Quit expecting the city to do everything for everyone.
These are items that are non essential. They are nice to haves. They do not service all calgarians needs
These are largely administrative functions, and while important for City operations I believe they can still serve Calgary effectively on constrained budgets.
These are least critical
These are less critical in times of trouble and easiest to get going when things get better
These are low priority in my opinion, as these are already adequetely managed (although the police could use more modernisation in terms of ethics and look to european countries such as Norway for inspiration).
These are luxuries, not necessities when the budget is tight. Something that is not listed is pet projects such as in environmental and climate change projects I believe that environmental and climate change projects should be nonexistent in the municipal budget as it is a provincial issue and again not a necessity for the city.

These are maintenance issues and cost benefits policies should be the rule
These are most likely to be funded if privatized or won't exist which means the city shouldn't allocate funds to it either
These are nice things but citizens can live well without them - they are a want, not a need.
These are nice to have but can be dealt with otherwise than by taxing the entire population. If communities want special services they can figure out how that community can fund it
These are nice to have but not essential
these are nice to have but not must haves... they are of lower priority like buying a new car this year might be a lower priority for a household where the roof needs to be replaced
These are nice to have but they are not necessities. If there was debt relief much of these could be publicly managed through donations
These are nice to have not necessities
These are nice to have not need to have. We already have these covered well enough.
These are nice to have services rather than core services of a municipality. Partner social and public agencies (e.g., Calgary Economic Development, Tourism Calgary) can support the objectives with support from provincial and federal funding.
These are nice to have, but a community could still function with a lower level of services. I would also add DEI initiatives and programming, as well as the climate change and environment department as the lowest priorities. I think the city needs to focus on basic services and core infrastructure.
These are nice to have, but more urgent repairs are needed at the moment. Let's focus on the basics that effect everyone
These are nice to have, not needs
These are nice to haves and can be put on hold for a period of time with little negative impact. Further these services can be provided through volunteering within communties.
These are nice to haves but if we need to cut back, these can wait.
These are nice to haves but we can sacrifice for the more important issues

These are nice to haves, rather than need to haves. While they enrich our community life, this needs to be considered in the context of affordability. If I can't put food on my table, I'm not going to spend money on entertainment or recreation.
These are nice to haves.
These are nice to haves. Citizens can make their own culture and recreation, city shouldn't have to pay for it. Not sure what housing entails but assuming it's affordable housing. Not a priority - all housing is expensive, we're all in the same boat.
These are nice-to-haves. Get serious. The City has already outsourced a lot of the maintenance for our parks. What's left to do? You want areas with pretty flowers and yet you hide behind allowing native grasses to grow in other places that create an eyesore. You can't have both.
These are non core "nice to have" services
These are nonessential
These are non-essential services and that have a lot of middle-management overhead.
These are nonessential services. The city needs to focus brining essential services up to standard.
These are not as bad
These are not as important for creating a better city once they exist. For example, police services are essential for a city, but when the police are spending time enforcing a school zone at 9:55pm, in -40C weather during winter break. You have to imagine that they are just fishing for money rather than genuinely protecting a community. Quality roads and pathways are also not as vital as long as there is some budget to maintain them. But better transit is always better than paving roads, since it will help lower income people as well. (And with less cars on the road, road maintenance will be less)
These are not basics, again focus on running the city with basics don't waste our hard earned tax dollars
These are not city responsibilities.
These are not core services.

These are not essential services and are either redundant with other levels of government or should simply not be funded through tax money.
These are not essential services at a municipal level. Provincial and federal money is available for most of these programs
These are not essential services.
These are not necessities. People can develop their own communities and create their own recreation. And the Public Libraries already serve as hubs for people to meet.
These are not needed by all of us. Municipal government doesn't need to fix everything.
These are not priority to live
These are not services I rely on that impact my quality of life.
These are not the priorities for any city.
These are not top priority compared to the rest of the list.
These are optional items.
These are other levels of government responsibility, and in the case of transit, are often overfunded. We remember watching empty buses driving around during covid while the rest of us were laid off. Must be nice to be sheltered from the realities around you, while others pay for your comfort.
These are pluses.
These are programs that should be shed by the city and sent out to tender for private business to run. Private business is ALWAYS more efficient and less expensive when properly managed
These are service areas that I think already have more than enough support, so reducing it will not negatively impact services too much.
These are services private citizens can create for themselves or are not an absolute necessity.
these are simply "nice to haves", we don't NEED them!
These are stable in my mind

These are the functions that can be delayed with least immediate impact
These are the least important
These are the things that individuals should do for themselves.
These are things that either we pay for through utilities or when needed and fees are being paid for them anyways
These are things that if people want they can pay. User pays.
These are unnecessary expenditures.
these are vital but we need so much support and investment in all the other areas for Calgarians to thrive and to look too the future
These are your limited options. There are other areas that I believe can be reduced without adversely affect affecting the city. I have always felt it was inappropriate for the city to focus on climate change when that is not a part of their jurisdiction.
These areas already receive lots of funding/have received more funding historically. I think business licensing is less important that critical infrastructure & emergency services for all Calgarians.
These areas appear to be doing fine and could wait for a future budget for investment.
These areas are ‘nice to have’ not ‘need to have’. When finances are limited, extras should not be funded as per usual. For example, if it comes down to funding a cultural centre, or funding the police to keep crime down, we should always fund areas related to safety. Housing should be a minimal concern of the city. It should only fund projects like the subsidized Calgary Housing division that places people based on low income. There should be no subsidies for large builders who only allocate a tiny portion of their units as ‘lower income’.
These areas are already being addressed
These areas are long term, the crisis is now.

These areas are not essential for Calgarians day to day lives, and are things that I believe can be classified as “nice to haves” rather than “needs”. Additionally, Calgarians are creative and independent, they do not need to be spoon fed a community to build one of their own. As long as Calgarians are not being actively sabotaged by rising living costs and taxes with no returns, people will stay and try to build something, and find ways to connect and have fun.
These areas are solid.
These areas are somewhat self supporting and non-urgent areas
These areas can/should be provided by the province. While I think culture is important, it is far less so than core infrastructure, police, and economic development
These areas contribute least to the issue of people suffering.
These areas doesn't have an immediate impact on families, elderlies and youths.
These areas of the city are already well served
These areas seem the least critical.
These areas will continue to function without more money being spent. These administrative areas are overstuffed and very inefficient. The city should privatize the planning department like other cities have. Vancouver has done a good job.
These aren’t as important as people’s welfare and crucial services.
These can all be delayed without significant impact financially and socially
These can and should be managed by Individuals in their communities
These can and should be served provided privately, as should transit/transportation
These can be maintained by volunteer work from the citizens.
These can be provided by the community or businesses. Bylaws important but maybe not as much as the other services.
These can be scaled back without 8mpacting large n7mbers.

These can withstand longer with lower funding. Not urgent, more nice to have. If you can't afford a house, then you aren't going to be worried about driving on the roads.
These could be gone tommorow and no one would know or see any impact.
These do not create safety and security.
These do not keep a city functional. This city is bordering on major dysfunction and needs to be kept alive before it gets beautified. It is a relief to see a mayor in place who finally has the best interests of this city in mind
These don't affect me
These felt the most necessary in this current injunction now
These have probably the least effect on a fundtioning city.
These i areas should be addressed when the most urgent needs are satisfied
These initiatives currently hold a lower priority, as existing bus and C-Train infrastructure remains sufficient for our operational needs. Furthermore, the current bilaw framework seems robust, and additional large-scale development may be unwarranted given today’s economic situation
These items are a consequence of the other more important items. If the more important items improve, it will bring up the least important items.
These items are a reach to be considered necessities
These items are luxury’s and luxury’s can be sacrificed if need be to get through a tough time responsibly

These items are nice to haves; with housing being a bit of a municipal overstep--that is, the city can put up barriers to housing, and make housing policies which create detrimental conditions and difficulties in servicing, but the larger picture--affordability, access, etc largely economically driven through provincial and federal policy. Similarly, community and culture is not something that can be fabricated by the City, rather gently nudged in the right direction where safety is the key element to support. Parks are great, but Calgary has a number of parks and urban greenspace with so much more natural beauty within a stone's throw of the city proper. As such it is a waste to expand. Again, unsafe elements including nuisance fires or disruptive individuals have caused Calgary's public spaces to be significantly underutilized. Focus on improving safety to increase utilization of spaces in existence through Fire and Police resourcing.
These items are not critical items. Delaying a recreation center by a few years is better than risking the safety of our citizens.
these items are wonderful and are enjoyed but not essential to daily life for the city to focus on. There are many other ways that we can access community & culture, the same with recreation and parks& urban forestry -- definitely other ways to do this and get volunteers involved in their community if necessary.
These items can be served by outside companies or engagement of a community, eg parks
These items feel like they are adequately funded already and have benefited from excess funding in past years
These items take up huge money with minimal effect
These ones can be handled in ways that are different from how it’s being done right now and still save money.
These only impact a certain group of people and police already get enough funding they can deal with some cut backs
These processes are probably working well, and could be fine tuned to operate even better.
These seem to be bureaucratic concerns, not necessarily vital to a better city.

these seem to most often distract the city from more fundamental services
These selections for least important do not have direct impact to the QOL of citizens especially if they are lacking the more basic of services.
These services are "nice to have's"
These services are lower priority compared with others because gen z and young people have other prioritiees
These services are nice to have, but not essential.
These services are NOT Critical to running the City. Infrastructure is the most Important.
These services are not crucial to our city existing effectively
These services are often over funded and do not provide reliable/sustained solutions to problems in the city and can even make the city more unsafe. If we invested in other sectors than the need for police and bylaw officers would also decrease so investing in long term solutions to problems in the city is more beneficial
These services can stay as status quo in the event of difficult budgeting.
These services could be reduced or substituted for by other means
These services do not impact everyone everyday. I see these as the "nice to have" features of living in the city. Without them, the city can still operate.
These services have been top priority a lot. It's time to focus on other things for 5 years. You can't stand on one leg.
These services I would consider to be outside of core services. Maintaining current transit services are required but spending on large projects requires a lot of money that can be withheld until there is more money in the budget

These services still matter, but if difficult tradeoffs are necessary, I would prioritize core essential services first, such as housing, public safety, transit, infrastructure, water, waste, and roads. 311 is mainly a service-access channel rather than the service itself, so it should focus on efficiency and digital self-serve. Business licensing should remain functional but rely more on streamlining and cost recovery. Community & Culture adds value to quality of life, but in a budget crunch it should come after essential services that directly affect safety, mobility, affordability, and basic city operations.
These services, while important in their own right, are subordinate to base case needs.
These should be on a good list . The city may not be able to be all things to all people as the population expands
These should be self-funding or nearly self-funding.
These specific topics do not feel as relevant or as needed if the correct social services are budgeted for and supported by the City of Calgary
These surveys do not allow for people to pick what they really want. No bike paths, they get cleaned first, stop charging for services you only provide to some communities. I do not like having my choices predefinied.
These things are already established and do not need constant upgrades
These three areas are in very good situations based on what I see and experience plus based on crime data. We don't want them to decline but the budget is very green about new investment and some level of sustain and increase efficiency should be a part of our well functioning service at all times.
These three areas have received more attention from the City for quite some time. Constantly throwing money at transit only for ridership to drop year after year is ridiculous.

These three choices have the least daily impact to the average Calgarian. Recreation resources are great to have but of lower priority - seniors (increasing in numbers) are less likely to use them. Many Calgary parks really don't need much in the way of resources. Huge development projects in parks are not necessary if there are limited resources. We don't really need bathrooms, paved parking lots, etc. Bylaw Services, to me, are at the bottom of the priority list. Most of the time, it is just neighbours ratting each other out because they can't work things out on their own. The City needs to reassess which Bylaw issues are crucial and which are of lesser import.
These three items don't impact all calgarians at the same level. Some do not even access Recreation and Parks. I love the outdoors but I want to see infrastructure as a priority
These types of services are things that are 'nice to have' but not essential to running of a city as they pertain to things that not everyone in the city utilizes - they are more personal lifestyle choices rather than necessities.
These we can live without but not the high priority. We can not do without such things as police, fire, roads and utilities
These would be bad to get rid of but are not as necessary as the others
These would be the easiest to get along with out. We would still need planning and development but should only build what we really need not something that would just be nice to have. Do this at least until the city is not so hard up.
These would have the least impact on the city as a whole, if things are maintained as is.
These, in my opinion, are not absolute essentials, with which our society needs to function. They are extras, perhaps important, but not absolutely required to keep our city basically running.
Theses 3 are nice to have not necessities needs
Theses are nice to haves, not need to haves.
Theses are the areas that are frocked on when there is a surplus of money to focus on.
Theses areas are not vital infrastructure.

Theses areas consumed so much cost. It’s an area that can be cut with significant costs retained with relatively minimal consequence.
Theses areas impact the least amout of the population and the money is served better elsewhere.
They add little to the future livability of the city
They affect me the least.
They affect the least number of Calgarians.
They always ask for money and get it.
They are "nice to have" not needs. Emergency Management doesn't require significant investment.
They are "nice to haves" not must haves
They are a drain on people’s income and can we serviced with less attention
They are a nice to have, not a must have. Transit already exists. Spending millions/billions when ridership is declining due to safety reasons is not a priority. Many businesses still have employees working from home. The build it then they will come is not enough.
They are all important and I am not familiar enough to say what is least important
They are all important aspects of city life, but some are more essential to everyday living.
They are all important to me so I cannot choose.
They are all important, but everything else seems more essential to life and wellbeing
They are all important. We don't have the infrastructure to focus on development, so suggest parking that and bring it back when the fundamental infrastructure items I mention above are above grade and steady state. I'm an outdoors person and appreciate parks more than others, but I also take care of them when I use them. Would rather see focus on encouraging people to be thoughtful in parks, if any expenditure. If bylaw refers to responding to lousy neighbours, of which I have a few, I would sacrifice that for consistent, running water...
They are all nice extras.

They are already in place and just need to be maintained within their budget
They are an important part of city building, but are less necessary for city maintenance.
They are areas the city wastes considerable time and resources but to little effect.
They are desirable, but not essential
They are discretionary, optional and people have alternatives
They are far too overfunded as it is, and they waste so much resourcing on moving unhoused people around and handing out loitering tickets.
They are given sufficient amounts of tax payer dollars. They need to have more accountability in those departments to ensure efficient and effective use of tax dollars before increases are made
They are important but everything else must be prioritized more
They are important but not as essential as having a home, being safe and having roads and pathways that are in good condition.
They are important but not as important as other services
They are important but not as important as the others
They are important but unfortunately because of past mismanagement and gross neglect of main services, they should take a back seat until the foundational infrastructures are fixed and improved. Then we can once again focus on them.
They are important service areas. How about looking for cuts in the bureaucracy and management of the city, getting rid of the climate emergency and DEI programs, how about no electric buses…..
They are important, but not the most critical.
They are just lower priority to me. I feel before we focus on community and culture, let's strengthen our core services first. Planning and building development, sure, but the more we expand, the more we need to shift focus back to sustaining core services due to the growth, so I feel like a brief slowdown in that may be needed. Parks and Urban Forestry are among my least concerns.

They are least important to the bottom line of the city.
They are luxuries
They are more of luxury than necessity
They are nice to have . They are not essentials.
They are nice to have but dont much to my livelihood in the grand scheme of things
They are nice to have but not necessarily essential. People will find ways to do those things on their own if necessary.
they are nice to have not must haves
They are nice to have services, not core services. You can also eliminate climate change, reconciliation, and diversity, as these are also nice to have services.
They are nice to haves but they aren't life or death
they are non-essential
They are not a top priority
They are not basic human needs and they don't support economic growth
they are not core municipal requirements
They are not core services a municipality needs to always provide.
They are not critical areas for a city to operate.
They are not critical to my life.
They are not essential - just move to haves
They are not essential for health and safety. The city has good recreation facilities.
They are not essential services
They are not essential services
They are not essential services
they are not essential services and can be greatly misdirected. You should have also had climate change and bike lanes on the least important items

They are not essential services, so if cuts need to be made, make them there
They are not essential.
They are not essential.
They are not fundamental to city operation.
They are not so important
They are not the highest priorities and/or other governments have primary responsibility.
They are not the primary responsibility of a City and trade offs must be made
They are not urgently critical
They are not vital to a community under financial restraints, they are nice to have but not necessary
They are of no value to me and the City should not be wasting my tax dollars on them.
They are really nice to have but not necessary to live safely
They are still extremely important, however they are not as much of a priority as the other items. Focus can be directed towards them at a later date if the budget allows.
They are structured in place and work efficiently.
They are the areas that I feel aren't as essential as the other categories and a city can still function well and citizens can remain satisfied even if funding needs to be reduced in those areas
They are the least important to me
They are the least important to me in the list (difficult to select though as all these categories seem important).
They are the least important to me.
They are the least important.
They are the least needed
They are the nice to haves
They are the purview of others!

They are wants not needs.
They are wants, not needs.
They are working fine and have enough.
They aren't necessary but more a benefit IF you can afford the service. If not, they should always fall to the bottom of the priority list.
They can be looked at, at a later time if money is tight
They can be provided by others instead of the City if necessary
They can take care of themselves.
They can wait until the emergent issues of safety are managed
They can wait.
They do not apply to everyone
They do not exist as a basic need.
They do not need to be a city's responsibility at all. Let individuals spend that money.
They don’t impact the vast majority of Calgarians
They don’t need money
They don’t need much improvement
They don't call 4 immediate attention!
They don't seem as critical to the issues we are facing (housing, water and climate change crisis).
They don't seem very important to me.
they get a high proportion of the budget as it is

They have the worst record for meeting the cities needs - poor outcomes -they need a time out. A lot of money spent on LAP's that pit one community against another, disproportionately assign density "over there" and call it "consensus" - without upper limit density targets or evaluation of quality of life factors like ratio of groomed (free access) park space for those who live in the community or an assessment of existing active mode safe travel conditions. Zero consideration was given to the communities start status of productive use of land. Tax base contribution to developable area -density & intensity needs to be foundational data to community investment for quality of life priority investment decisions.
They least effect myself.
they least useful in my opinion
They need to be managed better.
They seem less important than the others
They seem like money sinks. It wasn't included on the list, but I would like to add that any and all money allocated to "climate initiatives" should be cut. Absolute money down the drain. Also I recently learned about millions of dollars being spent of aboriginal housing. What a racist policy to provide services based on race. End all of that.
They seem like the 3 areas that can sustain with what they may have - and because i had to select 3.
They seem like the departments that are most likely to direct taxes to benefit private businesses
They seem like things that don't need as much attention when u think of daily quality of life.
They seem to be the lesser of essential services
They seem to be u related to my needs. It’s selfish of me i suspect
They seem to me to be less important
They seem to me to be the least vital to a functioning city. If all of these services were to cease to exist, how long would it take for the people who live there to notice?
They should be private

They struck me as the most 'optional'. If the City doesn't play a role in "Community and Culture" for one budget year, I don't see community and culture dying. There are many local groups who support community and culture, and while they do likely rely on the City for funding, they can also look to other sources. I chose Emergency Management and Planning, Building and Development because I am not clear on what the true value is (ie what do those items deliver to citizens) but I am guessing there are some efficiencies to be found there.
They take care of themselves if you invest properly
They will have the least effect on the fewest citizens.
They work well enough already, and are ripe for efficiency gains due to inefficiencies.
They’re all important. Not sure how well 311 is utilized, likely better communication options than 311. in current time… social media/online methods are likely better methods. Much of society (with exception of Baby Boomers) generally don’t want to talk on the phone … they want to ask Siri for an immediate answer.
They’re fine as is. Compared to everything else going on in this city, these aren’t the areas struggling the most or getting noticeably worse. If budget cuts have to happen, it makes more sense to pull from areas that are already functioning well instead of continuing to raise costs while other services decline. Priorities just don’t seem aligned.
They’re fluff, expendable, and can be deferred until we can actually afford them. Focus on high-risk priorities first right now,
They’re living assistance.
They’re not as important as basic services.
They’re not important to me.
They're all important.
they're frivolous

they're low priorities, the real priorities are things like water, roof above heads, etc
They're things that are "nice to have" but aren't absolutely essential. For that matter, I'm not convinced that "Recreation" and "Community & Culture", whatever those terms mean, should even be a responsibility of the municipal government.
Things like public art, parades, city events are like 'gravy' or dessert - nice, but not necessary. Although somewhat important, bylaw, again is not as essential as police and fire and engineers etc. 311 - can be dealt with through email/website
Things related to the city infrastructure must be of the highest priority.
Things that are not necessary for living, things that do not impact safety. 311 is incredibly helpful, but I think we would be okay if this was not available. I don't think these items are utilized by most Calgarians most of the time.
Thinking deeper about the "come to Alberta" campaign before launching these sort of campaigns would've been helpful. The amount of people who have come to city without the infrastructure to support it has been dire.
This city spends too many tax-dollars on handouts for the ultra-wealthy (the new arena) and too little on the real people who live and work here. If your goal is to have a city that nobody can afford to live and work in, keep funding the ultra-wealthy and their vanity projects while they refuse to pay their fair-share in taxes back into the city.

This is a challenging choice because so many services are essential to Calgary's safety and stability. Emergency Management, Fire, and Police are core functions the city cannot operate without. Waste & Recycling is becoming increasingly critical as our population grows significantly and we work to extend the life of our limited landfill spaces, with more education and participation. Water services demand urgent attention given the strain on our feeder mains, and housing remains a major pressure point that affects residents' quality of life. Given these immediate, infrastructure-heavy needs, community and culture services may need to take a temporary back seat. They are important for long-term vibrancy, but right now Calgary must prioritize the systems that keep the city functioning, protect residents, and support a rapidly growing population. Strengthening these foundational services creates the stability needed for community and cultural investments to thrive in the future.
This is a hard choice and circumstances will change quickly. Much as I chose these three I would go back to the idea of choosing what we need to what we want.
This is a mugs game - just like asking how often do you want to be beaten - you need to manage everything that is a municipal mandate - you need to find efficiencies everywhere - no hour long 15 minute coffee breaks, no checking personal emails on city time and property - no running plows and sanders over streets that do not need them - no idle city employees when there are potholes to fill - no repeat tearing up of street: coordinate with department and businesses better - can the traffic flows not be managed better? - respond to notifications about failed street lights and other infrastructure more efficiently - have city employees help report areas of concern/need - when you allot finances to build a playground, make sure you have included ongoing maintenance in that budget - etc etc
This is difficult! Supporting business is important, but we have a good ecosystem of ex dev partners in the city who could fill the gap. Planning is key (light density, multi-use and transit oriented development is key) but perhaps CMLC could find ways to spin up Community REITS in support of future focused development and urbanization if you need to temporarily reduce budget in that area

This is hard as everything listed has value. Culture is important but compared to everything else that seems like something that can be provided by people and organizations and isn't the cities responsibility.
This is is a challenge because all of these are valuable/necessary for businesses to run - however perhaps some of these services can be automated? I'm not sure how valuable bylaw enforcement really is in my day to day life.
This is tough because all of these are interdependent. If people had homes, that may reduce pressure on our police force and bylaw. If we have parks and community, there can be greater community organized recreation. I apologize, I don't envy the position of having to balance these.
This is tough: all are important! Perhaps community orgs and culture should thrive organically among our community members without tax-based support.
This is very difficult. My hopes would be that these systems are maintained but perhaps do not need additional funding or attention in the next while. All these items are important and so I understand that making choices is difficult.
This seems deliberately and vaguely worded to instil fear into respondents. Trying to imply that police, fire, emergency management would experience significant cuts in favor of something like parks or licensing is disingenuous
This seems unfair. All these are essential.
This should be based on need, not preference. You haven't provided enough information. I picked areas that I thought were generally fine and not needing to be increased in funding. But what do you mean by " bylaw" for example? or 311? it's not clear.
This survey should allow for more than three selections. Housing is not a municipal responsibility. Community and culture are nice to haves and again not part of core responsibilities. There are other options, which should be on your list which aren't such as art.

this was a difficult choice, but our tax increases are high. Grocery, fuel and basic costs are crippling. We need more senior community support, parks. Planning & development is much needed for our increased population, we need to keep the city clean (waste & recycling). Business Licensing & Bylaw mgmt makes us good revenue. Fire & Police need to be a priority with the increasing crime. Water utilities & Emerg Mgmt had been neglected for so long, we know the trouble that gave us. Transit & Housing is much needed for low income. 311 is important, because it is such a good system to bring all things together (we need that). This will be a very delicate thing for The City to review & decide upon. Try your best to balance it all.
This was difficult because all are important. To me it gets down to efficiencies. Can efficiencies be found in the three areas I have selected ? And can their efficiencies in the other selections. It is my opinion that there are city departments that are inefficient due in great part to lack of communication between departments.
This was hard.
Those 3 are currently sufficiently working.
Those are “good to have services “ and are not essential.
Those are “like to haves” almost everything else “must have” also city should stay the hell out of “community and culture “ issues.
Those are “nice to have” not need to have for me.
Those are good right now , they can function as is status as of now and hopefully do not reduce or detiorate
Those are important but not essential at this point in time for example, housing (there are many houses which were constructed and still constructing leads to the vacant houses which are not sold from long time..
Those are important for quality of life but are not essential when money is tight. When budget is tight, the city should focus on core services that people rely on daily to function and stay safe. If finances are strained, the priority should shift to survival and basic infrastructure over recreation.
Those are nice to haves.

Those are nice to haves. Garbage pick up is important but if it's framed as "recycling" it repulses me with the fighting climate change priority/Gondek feeling. Promoting culture is not a municipal basic need, it is fluff. If the province can contain the drug addict culture that sprouted the past decade under "safe sites" and bring some of those suffering back to the living and work. Housing will sort itself out.
Those are perks that people can live without
Those are wonderful but they are extras. People need critical infrastructure, basic access to vital/essential services, a way to get around the city (hence proper roads and Transit too). Tax payers should not be footing more of the bill for extra services and sadly recreation, community and culture and housing are not as critical as the other areas in my opinion.
Those are working well
Those areas are already receiving a lot of funding.
Those areas could drive for greater efficiencies through business process improvements thereby reducing their budget
Those areas have cost recoveries in place to help offset their usage. in theory, they could adjust fees to make up for shortfalls.
Those aren't as important
Those items can continue perhaps with less funding if necessary.
Those were the choices given. I would have put things like not changing the name of Fort Calgary first. Forget being politically correct in your decisions and start catering to the majority of the population. Bring back our official Heritage site of Fort Calgary and the statue of the 5 Women. That is what Calgary is!
Though important, they can wait until other issues are resolved

Though recreation and community are important, like any household budget, if money is tight, you first eliminate spending on "fun" and buckle down on the essentials.
Times are tuff and will be getting tuffet. Have to more focused and fiscally responsible. Can’t spend what you don’t have.
To balance the cost, More funds will be directed toward the city's future development.
To be clear, I still believe these areas are highly important. However, if I have to choose, I selected recreation because Calgarians have the options to engage in year-round outdoor recreation for free with a little ingenuity and grit (minding the winter temperatures). To me, communities see more connectivity benefit with Community and Culture than financed, planned recreation. I selected business licensing and local economy only because I think there are some baseline social needs that require more attention before we can invest in furthering the economy. Lastly, I selected Bylaw only because I believe enforcement at the Police level is more accessible for Calgarians than enforcement at the Bylaw level. To me, Byalws guard the organization (the City), and law guides Calgarians. Both are important, but from the lens of enforcement and abiding by legislation, Bylaw development is more important for the City than it is as a guide for Calgarians.
To be clear, I think these areas are important. However, they rank lower than others if trade-offs are needed. Parks are already being ignored, and they are so overrun that I rarely bother with them anymore. In my experience Bylaw does not enforce anything so they feel irrelevant - I've called about things and bylaw comes out and confirms the problem and then says they can't do anything or it's someone else's problem, so nothing ultimately gets done. Housing is an indirect challenge for The City, it can be mitigated with programs and such to slow migration to Calgary.
To be honest I just pick them because it is need it to move on with this survey but I think all those topics are important
To clarify, these things are still very important. I would love funding to get to improving these services. They just happen to be ranked at the bottom of the list.

To create a densely populated, overcrowded city by building houses one after another without considering the consequences of major issues, will cause more strain on the infrastructure (water and waste treatment plants, distribution, gas pipes for heating gas (these are critical for safety), Power supply. Also the source of water supply from the Bow and Elbow river (some years are very dry, hardly any water in the Glenmore Reservoir, and it has nothing to do with climate change, this is our geographical location. Other major issue, overcrowded city without having enough Hospitals and Emergency care Centers is already effecting people's lives well being. Crime rates are increasing exponentially with the increased population. Traffic congestion, accidents are all over, Emergency vehicles can not pass in case of emergencies. Parking lots are full, no place to park. Roads are in bad condition. Pollution in the city, farmlands had disappeared where our food is coming from.
To improve transit to reduce traffic it would require a greater investment. Too expensive. Housing shouldn't take from the budget, at the very least break even with taxes and permits. Recreation is present and affordable provided by privates.
To me these are the parts of the city that get consistently huge portions of the budget and could take a temporary setback without much change in overall long term service.
To me, the above three are no priority - these are services that can be put off for later, when funds allow.
To me, these issues are either inefficient or less-efficient uses of our dollars during a budgetary crises. While i recognize the need for policing, I believe our existing expenditure is not efficiently, or equitably, seeing a return on investment. Community & Culture I believe is incredibly important, but non-essential in comparison to other issues.

To much red tape already, so less bylaws needed. To much focus on arts and liberal spending. We need cost efficiency in most of the departments and not more money thrown at them
To my mind other options are bigger priorities. I'm not sure pathways should be rolled together with roadways. Far more people use roadways than pathways: most people only use cycling pathways for recreation.
Too bad there was no option for 'professional sports arenas'!
Too comfy and bureaucratic. Cut it down to a bare minimum and look to have non-unionized private businesses take over some of those tasks. Or AI.
Too hard. Happy I'm not on City council. Mainly I suggest you don't extend further out of the City which then means expanding fire, water, sewer, etc services. Much better to build within our current perameters.
Too local to be of use to all Calgarians.
Too many bylaws that no one knows about and they don't apply to everyone anyway
Too many negative experiences with police for me to support them. I understand they are necessary, but they are often jerks about it for no reason.
Too many of Calgary's city councils/administrations over the past decade+ have focussed on non-core municipal responsibilities. Focus on your core responsibilities and cut you costs and expenses until you're able to eliminate city debt and lower taxes. Then come back to Calgarians to solicit how to move forward in that world.

Too much attention is being made to cultures in this city....we're all here by choice, let's all be treated equally and stop paying so much attention to giving the complainers what they want. Too much catering to immigrants. Let's stop building stuff and learn to deal properly with what we have before developers NEED to build some new inaccessible, overpriced, Unaffordable neighbourhoods that need the supporting infrastructure built by the city before they can put up their poorly thought out houses and neighbourhoods. Have them build the water, sewer, and roads. City managed recretion is too expensive. Send the kids out to play! Let the communities plan programming that appels to their neighbourhood and figure out a way to fund it without support from the city. If the community doesn't support these programs find some programs that do appeal to the neighbourhood and can support themselves.
Too much bureaucracy is not a good thing.
too much funding is wasted on Fire and police departments, bylaw officers and so many 311 agents, just use apps instead and reduce funding to force efficiencies. there are ways to deliver the same quality of service at a much lower cost.
Too much money is spent on civil servants who do not operate like a business.
Too much of the cities budget goes to the police. More community centered support needs to happen.
Too much red tape is costly
Too much time is spent revising existing ARP (which defeats the purpose of ARP)
Top-management heavy organizations that could be evaluated.
Tough choices

Tough decision. But right now with rising costs I think the city needs to focus on infrastructure and cost savings. Some of the more visible items, like art projects/installments, aren't a priority right now. No more giant blue circles or unneeded new downtown library rebuilds when transit is suffering, roads are falling apart, schools are underfunded, and costs are rising faster than most people can keep pace with. Arts, while important, are not where tax dollars needs to be spent right now. Solid infrastructure that will last a long time is important. 311 is a great resource so was a touch call to put it low on the list.
Tough question - but I think these three are the least impactful to residents?
Transit - great in concept, but not when it is as poorly managed as the Green Line, which has wasted an enormous amount of money such that City Hall should not be trusted with more funds to run transit and instead transit should be a reduced expenditure until competent management is located. Pathways - bike lanes - too many, too costly and many have caused harm to our roadways, parking and access to business. Forestry - because the City has destroyed too many trees to pretend there is a serious interest in trees - Eau Claire plaza and the riverwalk used to be so nice with the trees and grass, and now it is a sterile, incomplete mess - Olympic Plaza also used to be so nice before City Hall intentionally stop maintaining the park so they could justify getting rid of substantially all of the nature that once was loved.
Transit alone has taken more money than it deserves. Plus, too many brown immigrants take monopoly over the jobs that they are overpaid for. Bylaw is more nuisance than helpful. Community and culture focuses too much on immigrants that contribute NOTHING to the city.
Transit already gets significant funding while somehow being too expensive. I don’t use 311 because it’s arduous, confusing, and phoning and talking to someone is a pain. I’m tired of hearing about the economy and support for business. I work in the public sector and routinely get my butt kicked by the province and everyone else.

Transit and housing have taken up a lot of our city money and are mainly used by new comers. Focus more on the people who are here already and can't afford your city taxes any more. Culture & Community are not needs they are only big spenders or those that want a hand out wants- they are not needs.
Transit because City Hall negligence on the Green Line has wasted too much money. Parks because City Hall has destroyed so many trees in Eau Claire, Olympic Plaza and Cowboys - all for developers to profit. Culture because secrecy and deception is so baked into the culture at City Hall the last thing we want is for that cancerous, selfish culture to spread.
Transit because the negligent mismanagement of the Green Line has to be limited. Moving forward with this project before having any idea of the cost, and then hiding billions in cost overruns for years, may be the most financially reckless thing City Hall has ever done (and that's a high bar!). Community and Culture because the culture of leadership at City Hall is an embarrassment - secrecy and propaganda are baked into the culture at City Hall in such an ugly manner. Change is needed.
Transit because the waste on the Green Line needs to stop. Build 7th Ave to Shepard without more waste related to downtown tunnels. Community & Culture because the culture of this municipal government is steeped in dishonesty and secrecy - the spread of this cancerous, selfish culture should be contained and not spread further. Planning because the planning department is bloated and corrupt, in the broad sense of benefiting friends rather than doing what's best for the City.

Transit in Calgary is a high-cost sacred cow. Calgary's lack of density cannot now be reverse-engineered to reach a threshold where transit is a viable option for most people wanting to get from A to B as they get on with their lives. Any assumption to the contrary is based on a pipe dream fueled by urban planning dogma and fantasy. Just look at the non-existent ridership on buses going up and down the very pricey 14th St SW bus fiasco. In years of observation, I have never once seen enough riders on one of those full sized buses that couldn't fit in a minivan. NOT. ONCE. Bike lanes have not attracted a meaningful number of riders. And they never will. Stylish and modern- yes. Practical or a good use of precious tax dollars? Obviously not. This is Calgary, not Amsterdam. It is routinely too cold or dangerous (due to ice and snow) to ride a bike here. And the distances are too great. I dare the City to track and publish the "cost per rider" of either one of those two initiatives.
Transit is a huge waste and clearly needs a shakeup….think the empty busses that run along 14th St. SW. 311 could be streamlined and community associations are needing to be dumped.
Transit is a joke. Bike lanes area joke. Designating "safe spaces" and all the other woke policies admin has pursued for years are simply not paying off. You need to get back to basics. Run the city and stop running. it into the ground.
Transit is a money losing business. Housing should be determined by the market not by city taxes.
Transit is already an embarrassment when compared to other world class city's. No point in throwing money at it without fixing it. Only half decent to get to downtown in the morning and from downtown in the afternoon, IF the bus shows up and is on time. To go other places takes hours. Having an airport bus without luggage racks is not acceptable.
Transit is beyond repair in this city/country when compared to other cities throughout developed nations. Community and Culture along with services like that are too individual and don't have a common benefit when there is more urgent issues that need to be addressed (same goes for housing, need to reverse that blanket housing rezoning)

Transit is currently over-funded and under-utilized. Transit supports excessive pay for unionized drivers that lack driving skills and are not courteous. Community and Culture should be self-funded by users. Parks and Urban Forestry are expensive to fund mainly due to high costs of Unionized workers.
Transit is fine how it is. Communities have associations that can run with volunteers.
Transit is not an efficient service and projects like the Green Line will never pay for themselves. Housing is not a City responsibility and is adequately funded by other levels of government. Community and Culture can survive with volunteers and donations.
Transit is reliable at the moment with the intended project of the green line being back and forth for so long. Calgarians have been using sustainable means of transportation with few updates in the last 5 years. Each time we discuss waste management, we are discussing more restrictions and less options for waste. The reduction of waste pickup was a challenging transition for many calgarians.
Transit should be private, as well as parks.
Transit should run on an almost codt recovery basis. We need transit but it needs to be more cost effective for taxpayers. With other modes of transportation available, car pooling, scooters, electric bikes, ride sharing transit is not a priority. Raise fares, no low income passes and up fare enforcement. Community and culture can seek funding through donations from the public or businesses. Increased insurance and policing costs are the responsibility of the event organisers. It is so important to have cultural events but the city taxpayers should not be picking and choosing which events are most important. If that is the criteria, economic impact should be the number 1 criteria for funding. Calgary has lots of public parks and the focus should be on existing parks and maintenance and not expanding the park system. Work with developers to spread the cost of new suburban parks with them.

Transit will never be self sustaining and will always be a burden to taxpayers. Further, transit has the unique ability to increase the reach of crime where ever it is expanded to by making it easier for the criminal community to expand their criminal activities to other communities serviced by transit. Studies have been done to prove this postulation. Community culture programs generally do not reflect the white culture and usually end being racist towards our white communities trying to access the same services. Regarding waste and recycling, in my opinion, this "green" initiative is too expensive to operate for the benefit received and the only people gaining on this initiative are the garbage companies hired to do the work.
Transit, I see limited use of buses often large ones late in the night with one or no passengers. Culture events can be put on private organizations or volunteer community . Limited knowledge on Emergency but others seem more importtant
Trees and shrubs and grass do just fine in nature without the intervention of man. Calgary already has culture. No need to throw away money at it just to prop up the ego of someone at city hall
Umm...missing a few. How about we eliminate climate change and environment departments. A huge waste of money. And privatize some areas, like waste management.
Under Nenshi's governance we saw what happened when money was spent on ART versus ROADS and basic infrastructure maintenance. Focus on Need To Have versus Would Be Nice.

Unfortunately - pathways was included in Roads. Though Pathways are very important, I question at times the expansion of the system at this moment in time. Costly bike lanes in suburban areas where traffic is light seems a monetary waste when money is tight. Housing should be a partnership with other levels of government, Non-Profits etc if the emphasis is for affordability. Otherwise, the private sector has the rest. Just need responsible growth decisions from Council. And Community and Culture is important to ensure a diverse city, but many of the resent decisions (i.e. cancellation of fireworks on Cdn Day) indicate this is an area Council or the City should be in. Reallocating to the communities associations would probably be less expensive and more cost efficient to ensure community expansion and diversity.
Unfortunately they are all high priorities but perhaps more can be addressed in the budget, through wage and hiring freezes?
Unfortunately when it comes to having to make cuts to budgets, the fun stuff ends at the bottom.
Unless the budget is being spent on more de-escalation training, or providing alternative supports like mental health, addictions and community support workers, social workers, and other services that would actually help care for our most vulnerable populations, then what exactly is the point? Police protect property and do not care about communities. Most of the time they escalate situations and don't see or treat people as the reason they even have a job.
Unless you are going to repeal bad bylaws, we don't need anymore new ones that serve to make Calgary into 15 minute cities with no parking and congestion of people. Let communities thru their churches, synagogues etc fill that niche. Stop putting street signs in languages that aren't English or French that only enable immigrants to not learn English. Let people engage with their local groups for recreation such as hiking groups that don't cost a lot of money for the tax payer.
Unnecessary bloat
Unnecessary expense that does not keep communities any safer.
Unnecessary red tape

unsure
Until the core of the city services are working efficiently I don't think the city should spend money on community and culture - communities themselves and different cultural groups should make those investments in themselves - not the tax payer
Until we can develop the infrastructure for the communities we have we shouldn’t be planning expansion. If we have the money the areas I checked should be done but only after the other critical areas have been handled.
Unveiling a 7.5 million dollar memorial at The Confluence while the city is under stage 4 water restrictions is a bad look for city hall. Prioritizing activism over functionality is why Gondak got fired.
Urban forestry and Parks, Bylaw and 311 are less critical when it comes to basic needs.
Urban sprawl can be curbed when budgets are tight. Look into using the open available housing that is there, ensuring we don't have empty property. Not allowing builders to just build whenever taking up time and resources. The fire department has plenty of resources and staff, they are also extremely well paid. Having smaller funds won't be hard for them despite their complaining
Usefulness of 311 reduces as technology proves. Parks can still function well with less upkeep if that's where cuts have to be made.
Useless buaracey
Useless service
Users should pay for recreation. Planning and Dev are foundational and should be consistent (not subject to budget volatility and the whims of council or administration...further they should have heavy modernization and automation to reduce bloat). I don't even know what checking bylaw signifies. There's no context and respondents will be guessing what it means to check or uncheck some of these boxes.
Very difficult choice! We already have a high level of waste and recycling services, and recreation is well funded privately as well.

Very difficult choices. Business and local economy, waste and recycling and 311 don't measure up to the highest priorities of housing and vibrant communities.
Very difficult to select 3 areas tgat are least important. I am not certain which services to select. Surely waste & recycling could be streamlined. Three large city recycling/waste management trucks pickup up waste & recycling. Is there a way that this could be streamlined to one or two trucks, not three? Does all the recycling from the blue bin get recycled or is it much of it sent to landfill? Although I appreciate the need to recognize community & culture I am not certain how much should be invested in this area. Very difficult to choose 3.
Very little impact to me
Volunteer associations may be able to support community and culture initiatives to various degrees. After reviewing City bylaw library, limited applicability, especially as do not own a pet.
wants vs needs, million dollars cricket field, Taj Mahal library infested with drug addicts, those are the results of kick backs and corrupt dealings wasting taxpayers, in digital age who goes to library anymore other than drug [redacted]. We are sick and tired of being treated as stupid cash cows for Calgary flames stadium and stampede
Waste & Recycling is already well set up, so a very low priority. While Parks & Urban Forestry are important for quality of life, I think they are a lower priority than other things. Bylaw is set up. I don't think it needs to be prioritized at this time.
Waste & recycling: the city keeps changing how they recycle and compost waste. Going to private companies after building City facilities, e.g. wasting resources on composting by not building properly initially. Community & Culture: nice to have but not necessary. Why is the City so involved with trying to placate Indigenous peoples when this should be federal responsibility. An spending a Million dollars to build a monument to missing and murdered children and women. Recreation: is it necessary to build huge community recreation centers. Communities used to build their own.

Waste and recycling are good as is. I don't see why we should focus on changing anything there. Business licenses and local economy are fine as is. Bylaws seem fine to me.
Waste and recycling are important but less than the other areas listed.
Waste and recycling are important but they are low on my list of priorities because they have little immediate impact.
Waste and recycling as it can be privatised. 311 because you can’t get through by phone and email wants a picture. We are not allowed to use our phone while driving and they don’t reply without a photo. Community and culture because it’s mostly individual people who run these things
Waste and recycling charges a fee for services, they should be able to maintain the service. 311 doesn't take much to run, so we shouldn't need to do much maintence on it. the city, should be more concerned about maintaining the services that Calgarians pays for then about housing.
Waste and recycling has been working well. Police and bylaw have plenty of resources and can operate with quality over quantity.
Waste and recycling is a "feel good". Community and culture should be supercved and supported by "people" not government deciding on what it will / may be based on the current flovor of politics, Bylaw ?.. Good communites shouldnt need bylaws or the "karens" out there.
Waste and recycling seem to be working so maintain the status quo. Maybe extend weekly green box time in the fall to capture fall cleanup (summers are longer now). Planning & building development: don’t see need to increase funding. Lots of developments seem to be happening around town. Housing: lean more on non profit organizations that specialize in low income housing. Look to other municipalities to see what’s working there
Waste and recycling seems to be operating effectively as far as I am aware Community and Culture are “nice to haves” Parks and Forestry are “nice to haves”

Waste and Recycling should be outsource. Too much money wasted on propaganda LGTBQRSTUVWXYZ1234 garbage.
Waste of taxpayers money
Waste removal is a niche service and has had little to no complaints regarding it. Business licensing and community simply doesn't matter as much as the other service issues the city has.
Water is a fee based service - it is not paid for by a budget per se. So low on my list bc it's a direct to service. 311 bc it is doing great right now. Excellent service as is. Business licensing is paid for by business - local economy should be focused on sure but aren't businesses themselves also part hat equation? Get off your tax payer funded lily butts and get to work. Run your business small business owner.
Water needs capital funding for infrastructure, not more operating dollars. This is particularly true if they are going to become a wholly-owned subsidiary as has been recommended. They have the ability to recover costs through greater user fees, which many other areas do not.
Water utilities should be better reviewed for cost for users and expanding infrastructure on the edges of the city. This hauldnt be such a drain on city budget if council was to look to their administration for recommendations and engineer and planning expertise
Water utilities should be stand-alone similar to electricity. You pay what it costs. I hate to choose recreation and community & culture as they are important but the basics are the most important. (But it also makes me appreciate how tough it is to make these decisions!)
Way too much money has been allowed in these areas.
We all know not much actually gets recycled (it gets shipped around the world) so why bother spending money on this? Community and culture should not be a government-run program. The people can take care of this themselves. Planning and development, well, somewhat important, not pertinent to the basics of life.

We already have fabulous parks, recreation centres, and community centres throughout the city. As long as they can be maintained, then we will only need to add more if the city expands beyond its limits. Fish Creek, Nose Hill, Glenmore Park, Prairie Winds Park etc. We already have lots of Recreation Centres throughout the city in all areas. I think Calgary has done an excellent job on community and culture with all of the festivals it celebrates. They have lots of diversification. We need more focus on creating a safer environment and infiltrating into some of the cultures that are causing problems in our city that have not been able to appreciate or conform to Canadian life.
we already have these services, no need to add more.
We already spend a lot of money on police and their ROI is questionable. They need to be focusing on harms that damage people, not harassing homeless, teenagers or transit users. We need to emphasize the difference between feeling unsafe and feeling uncomfortable. Recreation. There are private and free options for recreation. And these private companies should be under more pressure to reduce/supplement fees. I hate to put this on the list as recreation is really important. I hope that there will come some private or grant money come to support these programs. Bylaw enforcement should be focused on safety and environmental enforcement.
We are a resilient and resourceful people and can certainly find alternative means for recreation even if funds were not allocated to that department. Planning, building and development has been very much filled with red tape, poor and slow decisions made for projects and a lack of value and respect for the communities that the so-called projects or developments are to supposedly make better. What is all involved in Community and Culture? I think there is much overlap with some of the City departments. Making clear what work they are actually doing is valuable in order to make any comment on their existence.
We are not responsible to provide housing to people. If they move here they need to provide their own housing.
We are so much taxed, reduction in expenses is needed

we are spending a lot on culture so the investments are already made. I have not had to rely on 311 or bylaw recently so I am less aware of the benefits.
We are supporting lots of our neighbours through emergency management however, the focus should be Calgarian first so as our budget! Recreation is important but through Parks, Community & Culture, im sure there are already publicly accessible activities that we can enjoy including those free events. If there are extra recreation demands of individuals/families, they should be taking consideration based on their household budget.
We are trying to solve social issues with policing and bylaw enforcement. It hasn't worked yet, so why do we just keep trying harder? Social disorder is a real problem. Throwing police and bylaw enforcement at it won't fix it.
We are used as an example.of bad urban growth. We are building on farm lands and are overcrowding the communities. We do not need housing focus when we can not provide water and safe roads
We can do without for a year. Not priority items.
We can get by without art and cultural festivals
we can live without them
We can still function without focusing to much in this department.
We can survive with limited funding of these areas
We can survive without any of these items. These he ave blown up over the years, draining critical funds from essential services.
We can thrive without these being a priority and also these areas are not that bad

We can’t throw the police at every issue. They are not trained to support the complex needs of many Calgarians. The money can be used wisely elsewhere through community support networks and housing to promote safety, recovery, and productivity. I believe 311 and Waste and Recycling are important but are a significantly smaller part in building up Calgarians resilience and sense of community to one another. When people are trying to survive with the cost of living they have no time to consider many of the things this survey has on the list. If we want people to be engaged with the city we need to make sure Calgarians are able to meet their most basic needs
We do not need any more Bylaws
We do not need new neighbourhoods. Build up in the ones that exist and support them by upgrading their aging infrastructure.
We don’t have money for fun. We need money to be spent on safety and avoiding additional wasted money by not maintaining crumbling infrastructure
We don’t need more police. I don’t feel protected and there are too many police officers. Too many nurses at the hospital. After admission most nurses are just twiddling their thumbs and get annoyed when you ask for help. I’ve been to emergency and no matter how sick you are you’re not getting help for at least 16 hours. That’s not caring for the sick. Nothing in the system implies care.
We don’t need more policing, we need to address the source of the issues that lead people to marginalization and criminalization. Investing in services such as reliable transit and affordable housing will do more to deal with crime than policing.
We don’t need new buildings we need to renovate our existing buildings already and then think of new buildings
We don’t need our roads to be in such perfect conditions. If the city does good planning and keeps life affordable, then community and culture will naturally flourish without intervention.

We don’t need police in the train stations. We need secure gates so only peolle who have tickets or passes are allowed to enter the train stations increasing the security without the presence of a cop. It’s literally a waste of money to put them in there when there’s a more permanent solution which the city disapprove because of costs but the city seemed to forget that we can’t be relying on cops forever and that we have to put a solution to this ongoing problem. We need to actually just abort TD free fare zone. Only people from downtown benefits from it and nobody else is.
We don't have the money to do everything so we need to focus on core services of the city and cut the other things. I see these services as less critical/core.
We don't need an increase in police force. We need an increase in resources for people. and there's no point in developing anything if the cities too expensive for people to survive in.
We dont need anymore meter maids, we have plenty. We dont need anymore crappy art projects in the city, we have plenty. Recreation would be nice to have but is not essential.
We don't need our police to become like an army with tanks etc. The very nature of a business is entrepreneurial with low government involvement. Adopt a laissez-faire attitude towards buisness. Bylaw can sometimes be about pitting neighbour against neighbour and that can weaken communities.
We focus too much on police; if we build our safety net, community supports and housing, we will do more for our city than police can do. Similarly with by-laws. We had some weeds growing (that I was unaware of because I seldom access the area below our house and thought our gardeners took care of everything) that were not in keeping with our neighbourhood by-laws. However, whichever neighbour reported me, could've had the courtesy to speak with me directly (imagine that!) and we would've taken care of it ASAP. Instead, they called by-law officers, which apparently took over 3 months to come talk with us. We've done a more consistent job of keeping us since, but I think it's illustrative of what happens when neighbourhoods are not more community-focused.

We have a fantastic Police department that is already doing a great job. Bylaw enforcement isn't an issue right now. Planning, Building & Development projects need to be put on hold while we wait for the Province to properly fund the green line/the UCP get voted out.
we have a great waste/recycling program, community and culture can develope through local groups , and Business Licensing and the local economy are both doing well so other areas are more useful to the citizens
We have a huge police force which we provide expensive equipment to. Our crime problems are most often related to social problems, hungry people, people addicted to drugs or alcohol, unhoused people - these are based on social issues we need to meet head on with support for on the ground agencies (e.g. Alpha House; tiny homes for veterans; safe housing and support for women and children fleeing domestic abuse; affordable housing for underemployed workers and families who can’t afford rent…) We don’t need a big police force to make a difference in our community. We will need partnerships with federal and provincial governments to change the way we deal with societal issues. The police should be tackling organized crime, gangs and abuse against women, girls, minorities, Indigenous and Black citizens and people of different faiths. A safety net of social workers, safe consumption sites, safe, affordable housing will make a big difference to safety for every Calgarian.
We have all these things already at play in all neighborhoods, so as above lets maintain them and keep them open for everyone to enjoy but not throwing endless dollars at new facilities until our budget ie under control.
We have alot of housing but inflation is what's hurting us. It is the high cost not the supply. Parks are beneficial but there are other safety issues that need to be resolved.

We have an extremely safe City already. Additional enforcement isn't the best use of limited fund. Planning and development overregulates subjective design decisions that they have no reason to meddle in. More can be done with the same or fewer resources if we refocus on the affordability and simplicity of applications vs. layering on requirements that many individual planners and architects disagree on. Leave more discretion to the applicant.
We have bigger issues to deal with right now. These are also important but less pressing. Communities & neighbourhoods can take on local & cultural events. We have a strong volunteer community in our City.
We have bylaws for everything and nobody follows them. Why create new when they don't serve the residents
We have enough Bylaws already in this city so no need to channel lots of resources there. Community & Culture can still be achieved in partnership with the private sector.
We have enough of these niche projects already, that don't benefit most Calgarians.
We have enough police around. They do not do anything especially when it comes to protecting victims from domestic violence. Roads and Pathways can wait. Bylaws, we do not need more regulation and policing at the moment our essential needs are not adequately met yet.
We have had minimal luck calling about bylaw enforcement over the years: example is the use of Engine Retarders in city limits - the small sign indicating it is illegal and the small fine doesn't do much plus the fact that no one does anything about it - we live beside the number 1 west and get to listen to truckers every day/night. Housing to me should be under planning, Building & development and it seems like the developers get there way more times than not.. Community and Culture is usually done by the communities themselves,
we have invested a lot in these service areas over the past few business cycles

We have lots of parks and recreation areas already. May take abit to get to but people can walk in their neighborhoods. Rec centers are nice but we have some so we should be happy. We need vital things first, candy comes after a good meal.
We have lots of this stuff, it seems that these areas have had lots of investment.
We have made good strides in the Housing and Recreatino areas. If I am informed correctly, we have reasonable funds available in Parks and Urban Forestry.
We have many community associations and you can't force community; citizens need to take the initiative. 311 seems to be working well and let's use AI technology which costs a lot less and could be more reliable. We have been investing in recreation facilities for the past few years so perhaps a pause is okay.
We have plenty of roads, we need better transit.
We have to focus on what is in the now, how to improve them if needed to change things but not compromising other services. ex, Improving the public transit but don't cancel the FREE Fare zone, it discourages people to move around downtown especially during business hours. Add more police for safety.
We have to get away from this road culture I'm sorry you bundled both pathways and roadways together as they're two different things I support the building of pathways, but no more roads. The more you improve the car culture the more we will drive, which is bad for us and the environment. We do have to keep roadway safe, but I don't think we need more. Bylaws are important, but I think there's other ways for the city to spend its limited resources such as on transit local economy is important, but not sure how much control the city has over it - depends on the health of the province as well as the nation.
We have to much urban sprawl already and not enough affordable housing.

We have too many regulations we don't need more busy bodies to make things even more complicated. Community and culture needs to be left to private businesses and community leaders. We don't need city to be involved past providing swift approvals. Calgary is growing just fine, again please focus on simplicity and fast approvals.
We have too much bylaws to the point of strangulation. Small Parks could be maintained by communities and neighborhoods. Community and culture seems to serve the 1% and not the greater whole.
We have too much police doing nothing. How much money really needs to be given to fire prevention? -- I cant imagine it keep needing alot of money? Recreation, its wonderful and enjoyable but if I had to trade off something for more budget in water utilities, I guess I choose this.
We have what i see as a fairly robust waste and recycling system. Maintenance of this should cost less than building up other services. Similar with bylaw. Building and development is of course important but with the speed Calgary is growing perhaps a focus on repurposing existing structures would be a better use than the many tear down/rebuild projects.
We need a safe community focused on economic growth. You must create wealth to redistribute it.
We need infrastructure fixed before spending on art and culture.
We need more medical facilities and less recreation facilities. The north east in the past few years has had more than their share of parks and recreation facilities built due to Gondek. People should not be waiting over twelve hours in emergency. No one rides transit due to crime.

We need to abolish the police. They [redacted] people, cause more safety issues than they solve, are under-trained and over-paid, never have to accept budget cuts while every other area of service has to accept cuts, white supremacist in fact and in history... They're destroying the fabric of our city. Put that half billion dollars to better use, like housing and transit. You'd solve our homeless problems overnight. I would have selected "Roads" as my third option, but you've combined it with "Pathways", which is absurd because they are completely distinct things.
We need to de-emphasize cars and focus on transit and pathways (walking and cycling). The police have too big a budget. The province has taken away revenue sources like photo radar. They can pay if they think we need more police.
We need to focus on core safety before the other fluff. Especially in a growing city.
We need to get back to basics. And stop raising funds for a special groups or initiatives that only benefit certain areas
We need to get back to the basics…..I say again. Culture, recreation, community while important……to me have been given a lot over the last years with “art” in all,of the communities…..while look nice are not essential in my view.
We need to prioritize safety of our residents above all cut back on culture and Urban Forestry
We need to reduce regulations and red tape so that means bylaw is less important. Community and culture is something that develops through citizens efforts and does not need municipal funding per se. Our emergency management has become much improved over the past few years because we have utilized it frequently and I don't think we need to apply scarce funding in the next budget cycle.
We need to stop promoting unsustainable urban sprawl and instead reinvest in gentle urban density and rebuilding and expanding our crumbling urban infrastructure.
We need to stop this massive immigration and most of our problems will go away. Fake housing crisis, healthcare over whelmed More job for locals before foreigners

We need to worry about infrastructure, safety, and business into our city. The rest will follow when those things are taken care of.
We produce too much waste. Reducing frequency of service might lead to thinking about it. I would charge per picked up garbage can. We haven't used 311 in the last 6 years more than 2 or 3 times.
We shouldn't be worrying about building and development when so many services have suffered through the years. Maintain and upgrade what we have
We the taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize all the housing for refugees. They come with their own money to house themselves, we have to house ourselves! No more free rides! Community and Culture? That is something people can organize with their own money, not tax dollars. Recreation, nice, but with all the cost of just fixing our water pipes, did we really need a new 'Saddledome"? Don't people understand we are paying for it, welcome to the rise in property taxes. I think they must have thought it would fall from the sky. I'm about spending money responsibly.
We unfortunately need to sacrifice some of the extras to compensate for the poor decisions and money management of prior councils. We can make do with out numerous cultural and community events but we need water services and decent roads and sidewalks. The sidewalks in many area are in poor condition. It is unfortunate but a reality.
we waste taxpayer $ on a system that work well or is run well

We, like nearly every other city in the modern world, spend too much on our police service for what they're truly needed for. Looking at last year's "Operation Order", which returned last month for it's second round with more no doubt on their way, we have to ask how much it costs to have how many officers (some on horseback) patrol areas of the city known to be populated by the unhoused community, issue them tickets and bring them to non-profit organizations. Similarly, with all the debate around the free-fare zone, we can't help but wonder what it would cost to expand it to Sunalta station, versus how much it costs to station 3-6 Peace-Officer vehicles at the station for hours and hours on end every day -- and how much of that cost is simply being supplemented by increased fines issued to those without tickets caught by the excess officers, the vast majority of which don't have the means to pay up. These dollars coould have such a profound effect on the well-being of our population.
We’re at a good steady state with waste management which can probably survive as status quo for a long time. Bylaws are also fine. Fire response is something that can be prevented through careful minded citizens.
We’re being charged too much for waste. Past bylaws should be good enough Let community groups pay a portion of hosting events.
Well we have Recreation Centres with budgets,they can raise fees or get sponsors to fund them, city cannot fund everything. Communiity,Culture is needed, but not a must have, if there is a need, they also can apply to have sponsors fund events and culture productions, not the city top budget item,they can merge with other community groups. Parks, urban forestry, is a big item but what is the cost and why not ask Provincial government to help.
Well, those listed services are important, however, I picked only one just because I utilize it the least
We've already spent enough money. Much of it waisted! 311 acts as a wall not a door!

We've been lied to about how bad our housing situation actually is, so at this time no more development should be done as it is never affordable housing anyways, and thirdly other issues are more important than culture as it would not be Canadian culture it would be foreign culture that is pushed!
We've been throwing money at transit for decades. Green line is been a disgusting disaster. Such a huge waste of money planning it, wasted millions and have nothing to show for it. It will go grossly over budget, and likely no one will ride it, and transfer higher crime rates. Time will tell for sure, I hope I am wrong. More bylaws means less freedom and more wasted money on bylaw enforcers. Desperately need a smaller gov't. It's a growing cancer that keeps increasing salaries, and producing less results.
What a stupid question. How cah I get the peson that thought it up moved to a job whare they can contribute instead of comming up wth woke ideas. And now this questionaire will not let me passed this step, must be something I said.
What a tough job! You really can't cut any of these out.

When difficult budget decisions must be made, the distinction between essential services and quality-of-life enhancements becomes critical. Recreation, Community & Culture, and 311 are valuable when resources allow, but they are not operationally essential to public safety or infrastructure. Recreation and Community & Culture programs, while beneficial to community wellbeing, are supplementary services. Sponsorships, grants, and non-profit organizations should be explored to sustain programming instead. Private facilities, non-profit organizations, and community groups can absorb reduced City involvement. 311 is an administrative convenience. Digital self-service platforms can handle significant call volume at lower cost without meaningful service degradation. Cities must distinguish between what is necessary and what is desirable. These three fall into the desirable category and reducing them does not compromise public safety or infrastructure reliability.
When economic times are tough, like in today's world, the focus should remain on core services, not 'nice to have's '
When evaluating value, I look at whether City services proactively keep pace with population growth. With soccer participation projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, good value means ensuring no child is left on a waitlist due to facility shortages. To me, value means making strategic investments to keep the city's most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families.
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When everyone has their basic needs (access to safe and affordable housing, non-exploitative employment, healthy food, clean water) met effectively and in a sustainable way it becomes easier for them to participate in their communities/cultures and local economies so it makes sense to prioritize the former before the latter. Prioritizing access to housing for all gets people off the street, decreases public drug use and “public safety concerns” as well as bylaw infractions and systems utilization (healthcare and justice). The answer is not the criminalization of poverty and homelessness. More boots on the ground does not fix the systemic problems that lead to the causes that make others feel a need for increased police presence.
When I can't afford groceries or gas, my biggest concern is not getting more cops out on the street to harass the unhoused and fine people who couldn't afford a $4 train ticket. We do not need more money for police. Local economy is important, but it will suffer regardless if we aren't supporting Calgarians in the most basic ways. To support local economy, support Calgarians in meeting their basic needs so that they can actually go forth and contribute to the economy.
When I say roads and pathways, I mean pathways. Bike lanes are not a necessity as has been mentioned numerous times. The city should not be in the business of providing housing. That is why you have contractors.
When survival is so challenging under current unfriendly global environment, it’s wise to downsize and find less costly replacement for those 3 items.
When the budget is limited, parks can make it with just essential maintenance.

When the police initiated a sweep of downtown during the last election cycle, arresting people only to release them to social agencies, they proved to me they're more interested in performative politics rather than solving problems of poverty and addiction. Let's prioritize spending on prevention, not punishment. The roads budget is massive. We can afford a few potholes if times get tough.
When times are tough and money is tight, the city has to focus on the basics that keep people moving and housed. Recreation and bylaw enforcement seem to be 'nice-to-haves' at this moment in time.
When times are tough we need to make priorities . I love our Parks and I'm grateful that we have so much green space. However, do not see any need to spend more money. I keep seeing too many signs put up by the city to stay off the grass. Let people enjoy nature as they need to. It's good to maintain the outdoor swimming pools however, not really sure what else is done when it comes to recreation. I'm assuming all the pathways, which are lovely snd needed are under Parks. Please stop spending money on climate program since that is a provincial responsibility and other than ensuring that your buildings are eco-friendly there's no need for climate programs. Culture and community programs feel like a waste of money and I really never see anything happening in that area. Ley the community associations raise money as they need to for whatever they want to do.
When we have hard trade offs it is hard to make those decisions. There seem to be more opportunities to fund grant money for trees and conservation so hoping they can make do with less budget if required. Bylaw is an after the fact enforcement and if we can be more proactive with education and resources, hopefully bylaw becomes less important.

Whenever the City becomes active in these areas, an unreasonable impediment is placed on the private entities attempting to get projects completed in the City. Because the representatives are not experts, and inversely, because they are experts in their fields, they attempt to influence with a fear of making bad decisions and that fear grinds the harmonious flow of citizen city building to a stop. Instead of realizing that withdrawing the influence of the City representatives actually facilitates the smooth operation of the citizens activities, the City's movement actually paralyzes the community actions of the people. Stay in your assigned lane and let the designated engines of the city run unimpeded. When administrative action is focused on in this manner, a clarity arises that facilitates a clear perception when bumps in the road actually do exist, and those bumps are much easier to address quickly so the engines may return to the revolutions per minute that are their efficiency.
While all areas are important, many community / cultural events, at least on a small scale can be done by volunteers.
While all of these service areas are important, there are more urgent issues that need funding such as housing, transit, and repairing infrastructure such as the Bearspaw feeder main. If higher investments must be made to police and bylaw, I would strongly support investing in initiatives that combine police/peace officers with social service workers such as PACT, Alpha transit, etc. as it provides more dignified and respectful services to citizens and helps divert non-emergency issues away from 911 and encourages cooperation and understanding between police and social services and helps people get connected to services that help them improve their lives.

While community culture and recreation opportunities are important, if the city has to make difficult budget decisions these are two areas that can do without additional funding, or even have their funding reduced to ensure other higher priority areas are appropriately funded. In terms of parks and urban forestry, nature has a way of repairing itself that doesn't require much human intervention, and I have observed that many newly-planted trees in Calgary (while a great idea) do not get the care and attention they need to thrive and end up dying. Leaving the parks and urban forests alone, or leaning on community volunteer groups to help in these areas, should be considered desirable in the even difficult budget decisions need to be made.
While Culture and Recreation are important, I would say that they simply do not compare to the importance of the other service areas noted. Business Licensing is important, but might better be handled by the Province of Alberta.
While essential these services could continue without additional funding.
While I feel these areas are important to keeping our communities together and engaged, we will need to have less city events that are costly. We will have to cut back on events that drain the usage of utilities, like Cowboy Park events, fireworks competitions, summer activities like Leisure centre. Just focus on basic needs that help poorer communities keep their water parks and City of Calgary events to help involve people who can't afford to take a holiday.
While I support recreation and culture, I recognize they are probably low priorities. I hope you can at least continue community support at sustainable levels, without unnecessary frills.
While I value those three areas, I want to have running water and roads without potholes first. I can survive without swimming lessons or Chinook Blast.
While important these are mostly like to have rather than need to have
While important these areas are not as critical to city's well being
While important to quality of life, these services can be scaled back or put on hold until the economy is stronger.

While important, critical infrastructure is table stakes and needs to be addressed before discretionary spending can take place
While important, these services are not quite as essential as others
While nice to have, these are less essential and bylaw doesn't help much other than writing tickets anyways
While one can make the argument that police funding makes our communities safer, to which I agree to an extent, I believe the best means of creating safer communities is to help address the root causes of the issues that make things feel unsafe at times, such as supporting supervised drug consumption sites so as to give people a safe place for unsafe habits such as that rather than other areas like public transit, which makes others unsafe. Densification and less car-centric infrastructure will help reduce the cost of living for Calgarians by further eliminating the need of a personal vehicle. Further investment into roads will do nothing but raise the cost of living in Calgary. Densifying existing neighbourhoods and making them walkable and bikable with good transit connections will have the added benefit of additional foot traffic and clientele for local businesses, generating money for the local economy. The business option as a result feels redundant.
While recognizing the social benefits of the above, a more pragmatic approach needs to be adopted to secure requisite services for everyday safe and comfortable living (i.e., no more/fewer water outages)
While recreation and community are definitely things that I support, if there is not enough money then I consider these to be perks, not necessities. If funds are tight then money should be diverted to things like utilities and emergency services, even if that means community pools aren't funded anymore. The fire department is far more important than swim lessons

While recreation is valuable, it is not critical for City investments, as people can find recreation opportunities through means outside of direct City-run facilities. The police service is also already well funded, and does not need increased funding if difficult decisions must be made.
While recreation, community & culture, & parks & urban forestry are important, they are not as important as the other categories. Also, people can create their own recreation & private funds can be used to maintain existing recreation facilities or build new ones. Community is very important, but again people can create this on their own. Culture should take a back seat to all other categories - be the lowest priority. However, both community & culture could easily continue without the influence of City Hall. Parks & Urban Forestry can be maintained by private citizens, & having areas become more natural would be very good. Nature is the best, & is at its' best without human intervention. People can & should enjoy areas naturally.
While still very important, the bottom 3 choices (with the exception of Bylaw) are simply less impactful on Calgary's families, communities and businesses than the other choices in my opinion.
While the above are necessary services, we believe prioritizing areas highlighted in question 3 now builds a better foundation for placemaking. These areas are the bedrock of city building. 311, Parks & Urban Forestry, and Emergency Management are currently less essential in preparing for the 2 millionth resident. With more citizens calling Calgary home, we can expect more cars on roads, rising need for more homes, increased demand for commercial space and jobs for those who are choosing Calgary. We believe investments in the areas selected here can be slowed until the infrastructure deficit is addressed and the City is prepared for the challenges that come with short-term growth. Projects like the Green Line and Event Centre show what long-view leadership can achieve. In contrast, the 2024 watermain failure provides a stark example of what happens when the issue isn’t addressed. We believe the time is now to invest in setting the foundation on which Calgary’s growth can be sustained.

While the city is always slashing the budget of social services, the police budget keeps on increasing no matter what and they are tasked with roles that used to be taken care of by social services. Reduce the police budget and fund social services and accessible housing instead.
While these are all important, they are not a necessity of life
While these are also important, we need to focus on what makes a city a city, and thats the basics. If we need to end the blue/black/green bin pickup so we can ensure we have water flowing and wicked rec centres built, so be it.
While these are required by some, not all citizens require these services everyday. Required sometimes.
While these options are still important for a vibrant city, they are not basic needs for the city
While valuable, services like recreation, culture, and parks can be scaled or delayed during budget constraints. Core needs such as safety, housing, transportation, and infrastructure should take priority. Spending should focus first on essential services and measurable outcomes, with clear public reporting on costs and benefits.
While valuable, these are not essential to a city’s survival.
Who's culture are you trying to advance these are soft items and don't require the investment at this time. Bylaws are representative of over reach of government. Housing is a federal and provincial matter
why is climate change/emergency initiatives not on this list? That is provinicial not municipal....so we should not be spending any money on paying staff etc for this
Why is your climate initiative not on here as the very lowest priority. Enough of the city trying to get into every possible initiative… focus on city concerns .. on making safety of your citizens a priority ..police, fire, emergency, water, heating costs, road safety - getting and keeping our roads in good condition for both cars and bicycles.
With corporate deep pockets, combined with people with extra cash, I don’t feel we as taxpayers should bear the burden of leisure activities. The same should apply to the relevant culture interests.

With limited funds, the city needs to make choices in where $ are spent. The same way Calgarians need to make choices with how their funds are spent. Difficult budget decision NEED to be made. Not IF. Funds are not unlimited so choices have to be. Please be respectful of how Calgarians' tax dollars are spent and make the difficult choices that city staff are paid to make. The city needs to focus on absolutely essential services first.
With so many critical issues that affect the entire city i.e. water infrastructure, these all seem like something that is already met adequately or doesn't have the biggest impact on the majority of the city.
Without the rest these three are useless.
wonderful services to have but not necessary to function at a basic level
Working for the city and government are meant to be in service. They get more than their fair share already - time to work with what they have for a few years, in order to bring the other services up to par for a change (note mismanagement of ageing waterways of the past years).
Worthless time spent here
Would like to measure the benefits of recycling and where the various products go and get recycled and their uses. I feel too many residents are calling bylaw enforcement for unwarranted claims, thereby wasting city employees time where it could be better used. I believe communities should bear the responsibility and have the ownice to build a strong community whether it be cultural or otherwise.
Yes, we have a large City, however, the level of militarization of our police force in Calgary is not warranted. While bylaw is an important service I don't see them in our community, I have never needed to call them. Their funding should keep pace with growth but needs to be responsibly decided upon, when we rely on police or bylaw to solve everything we loose the capacity we as citizens build for conflict navigation, dispute resolution that leads to repair not just further harm. We need to expect more of our citizens.
You asked for 3 so i choose 3. Ultimately none should be forgotten.

You asked me to pick. This city is rotting from the inside out so truly nothing should be cast aside, but due to decades of gross mismanagement, it will take twice as long to see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.
You have to pick something and I think these three can likely handle it or (in the case of police) could find ways to increase their revenue with some pretty simple enforcement wins.
You need to reduce your spending NOW. Following orders from unelected "stakeholders" must stop. Eliminate the climate emergency hoax and get back to the basics of running a city. We cannot afford to please everyone and especially not the people that dont even live here yet.
You should see how "hard," fire works. How many bba and smokers are they useing. 6 to 8 hr to make a brisket and there doing it every day. They sleep and watch movies. They don't work
Your survey is terribly biased and unfair. The choices given are biased towards an agenda that is obviously slanted towards the continuation and forced acceptance of the survey creators agenda! So utterly unfair and deceptive! I picked Community and Culture because it was the only way I could move forward in your politically biased survey. Do better Calgary!
You've made such a mess of housing. Throwing more money at it and destroying more communities with the insane housing planning that's allowed, let that go for now until you can get people who actually understand community planning that works for the community members and not just for developers' pockets. Community and Culture is important but in tough years, you need to make sure the basics are covered (water, roads, police, fire, etc). One area you haven't allowed us to ask to be focused on less is things like the crazy Climate Action plan. Drop that and you'll save a ton of money. Also, projects like letting people call the Bow River. Or being involved in lawsuits that happened in Quebec. Drop those things. I'm sure there's a ton of those things that are still happening but we haven't heard about them. Go through your departments and find the areas where blatant waste is happening.
These are nice-to-haves in a tough budgeting environment.

When city works more on city's economy and towards makin good samaritans through providing great health and activities to stay fit and connected to the community (through Recreation/parks) they will be productive and will be able to afford their own transportation. Crime will decrease when they are busy with work & earning money, which will lead to more taxes to city and more development takes place.
The police budget is too big and we would be better served if funding was put into resources like bylaw, 311 support and community partnerships.
Not important.
Because according to me maintaining a safe & clean environment for the residents is more important, rather than building up houses & knon the fact that how the overall economy is impacting the individual budgets.
Three are lot of things we need to improve to save life. Then only other things comes. With life only we can enjoy/utilize other items.
I think all those are important so I think firs not that common so the others are just picked bc it said pick 3
I don't want to see idle police officers supposedly maintaining order by harassing the houseless people. If we can get everyone housed we wouldn't need that many police officers.

Q7: When you think about City services and impacts to your daily life, what factors do you consider when deciding whether City services provide good value for your tax dollars?

Online Survey Comments

When deciding whether City services provide good value for my tax dollars, I consider how directly they impact daily life and support essential needs. Reliability and safety are especially important, particularly whether services are consistent, well-maintained, and help people get to work, school, and community activities safely and efficiently. I also consider affordability and fairness, especially for essential services like water, since rising costs can have a real impact on household budgets. Finally, I look at the outcomes I see in my community, such as safe roads and accessible recreation spaces, which contribute to overall quality of life and community well-being.
Access, reliability, and efficiency of transit. Access and reliability of pathways for walking, biking, jogging. Level of poverty in the city / interaction with folks who are vulnerable, are they having their needs met. Engagement with community and participatory governance - is council listening to community. Reliable infrastructure in terms of water, roads, and rec centres. Cleanliness of the city Access to arts and culture!
When evaluating the value of City services, I consider reliability, response times, and how directly they impact daily life and safety. Services should be consistent, accessible, and function well when needed, especially in critical situations. I also look at efficiency — whether tax dollars are used wisely without unnecessary spending. Another important factor is visible results: clean streets, safe neighborhoods, and well-maintained infrastructure. Fairness matters as well, ensuring services are available to all residents. Overall, good value means essential services work effectively, are dependable, and provide clear, tangible benefits to the community.
Are practical, fiscally responsible, access the greatest number of end users, benefit the greater good… Services that provide for healthy living ie. balanced nutrition, exercise/movement, affordable healthcare & access to a family Dr,, access to public & accessible transit, access to variety of housing options, feel safe in their community & work environments (police/fire/ambulance), access to clean/safe parks and walk/run /bike pathways, clean running water for drinking/daily use and rivers/streams; waste and recycling options.

City services that address the needs of the majority of Calgarians must be a priority. Calgarians would get value from their tax dollars if they felt safe especially on public transit. They would get value from their tax dollars if roads are in good condition, water and sewer services work well, and waste and recycling is efficient and reliable. I must give a shout out to waste and recycling. Our garbage truck drivers are great and I think the recycling and composting programs are excellent. Basically, I feel I get good value for my tax dollars if city services provide benefit to the MAJORITY of citizens, are managed efficiently and produce outcomes without wasting taxpayer dollars, and there is accountability and metrics to provide evidence to prove they are operating in a cost efficient manner, are engaged in continual improvement and are responding to customer feedback and complaints in a timely manner. Services used by a small number of citizens must be mainly user pay.
Does the service improve my living experience in the city? Is the service necessary? Can the service be reduced in size? Are there efficiencies not realized in the service? Is the service the responsibility of the city, Province or Canadian Government? Does the service provide the outcomes the service claims? Is the service continually improving? Does the service provide the basic necessities including electricity, water, good roads, public transit, and safety? Is the service driven by a particular ideology?
I consider reliability, affordability, and overall impact on daily life when evaluating City services. For utilities and water, consistent service, safe drinking water, and well-maintained infrastructure are essential. Costs should feel fair relative to quality, with efficient use of public funds. Accessibility also matters—services, transit, and programs should be affordable for people on low incomes to ensure fair access across the city. I also value investment in community and culture, as these strengthen belonging, wellbeing, and economic vitality.
reliability, friendly & fair customer services, possibility to provide input / discuss options. Transit: clean, reliable, not crowded. Waste & Recycling: reliable, friendly, respect for your bins. Recreation: reliable (no need for repairs all the time), friendly, clean spaces. Roads & pathways: cycling options that are safe and make sense for a cyclist. no potholes, no paths then end at a big intersection without a safe option to cross. annoying that you always need to push the button or the lights don't change to cross (even when your direction has green).

When considering if I am getting good value for my tax dollars I look at my daily commute (the potholes in the road that have to swerve to avoid harming my car, and how long they have been there), the activities that I'd like to sign my kids up for, but can't get them into programs (like swimming lessons filling so fast I can't get them into any). I look at the poor bus access and how long it would take me to use the transit system in my community, driving rather than use such an excessive amount of time. I look at my water bill going up because of waste and recycling service costs going up, but nothing about the service has changed. I look at the art choices city councils over the years have made at various places, and the idea of electric buses in our cold climate, and think of how that money could have been better spent on making sure our basic services are met, like fire halls going up in new communities, water mains not bursting from age, main roads needing serious expansion.
When considering whether City services provide good value for my tax dollars, I look at how reliably and consistently they meet the needs of residents. Services that are dependable, accessible, and responsive—especially those that impact daily life like transportation, safety, and infrastructure—demonstrate strong value. I also consider fairness and inclusivity, ensuring services are accessible to people from different backgrounds, income levels, and areas of the city. Efficiency and transparency matter as well—how well resources are managed, how clearly decisions are communicated, and whether there is accountability for outcomes, like the rezoning, partial rezoning instead of repealing it. Finally, I look at the tangible impact on the community: whether services improve quality of life, support economic activity, and contribute to a safe, connected, and livable city. When services deliver meaningful outcomes while using resources responsibly, they represent good value for taxpayers.
What matters most is water, sewer, safty (police and fire)... I haven't used transit in 10 years, and Calgary has tons of outdoors spaces that make recreation possible without City intervention. 311 is a human investment that could be automated, or if the website was clearer, then not needed. Calgary public library runs quites well as a seperate entity and so could other Services, like the recreation portion. The City is not responsible for my choices... it is responsible to provide basic human services... It is responsilbe to provide roads and infrastructure, which requires planning and developement. But there are a lot of redundancies in the operations, services, and commititees that are more political or self serving.

The dignity of the City's populace. Not just the well off ones. And the rest, you all said yourself: "Personal experiences, the reliability of services, if they feel fair and inclusive, how well they work, or the outcomes you see in your community." It should also be based on data, depending on how reliable that data is. And I think the city does provide good value... in wealthier neighbourhoods, or to people / communities that are struggling, less. In households and communities that struggle more, or for those who have no place to go? Well. Their struggle makes it harder for all of us. You cannot arrest people out of homelessness and addiction. To put it another way: broken water main/ contaminated water in one part of the city? Affects us all. And we reap what we sew. The more unaffordable housing is, the more people sleeping in the transit stations. The more folks struggle to afford to care for themselves, the more external care they need.
Transit reliability and being able to get to various destinations in decent time. When I ride my bike, I'm appreciative as well when the bike paths and roads and maintained and clean, and when it can get me to my destination effectively. I also really appreciate the city bike parking and always tell others that it's the best because it's simple and can fit most kinds of bikes compared to super fancy bike parking from other places / establishments. It's also nice to be able to call the police, and 311 when there are issues. I love using the community centres and have been focused on this more than using other gyms - just wish there are better times, but that's lower priority as long as bike paths are maintained! Thanks to getting our water back! Hope it continues to function well for xxxx years to come! Thanks for recycling and waste management too.
When deciding whether City services provide good value for my tax dollars, I consider how clearly those services improve daily quality of life and community well-being. Key factors include whether services are reliable, accessible, and responsive to residents' needs, and whether they reach people who need them most. I also look at long-term impacts—such as preventing more costly issues down the road—rather than just short-term savings. Transparency about how decisions are made and how outcomes are measured matters as well, especially when services are delivered through partnerships with community organizations. Overall, good value means services are equitable, effective, and focused on meaningful results for Calgarians.

When I think about the value of City services, I look at how reliable and consistent they are in my day-to-day life — things like roads, transit, parks, recreation facilities, and emergency services. I consider whether services are easy to access, work as expected, and are delivered fairly across different communities. I also pay attention to outcomes: whether services make neighbourhoods safer, support wellbeing, and help Calgary feel like a welcoming, livable city for people of different ages, abilities, and incomes. Clear communication, transparency about costs and trade-offs, and seeing the City plan for the long term all matter to me when deciding if services provide good value for my tax dollars.
- transit reliability, investment and safety - recreational facility and program availability, coverage and scope, especially for kids (libraries, swimming pools, parks, rinks, etc.) - frequency of water restrictions caused by infrastructure failure and/or maintenance - pathway (pedestrian and bike) coverage, connectivity, maintenance, congestion and accessibility - park and natural area coverage, accessibility, maintenance and connectivity - garbage, recycling and green bin services
Condition of the roads. Basic infrastructure working like water and sewer. The time it takes to access services. How "safe" it feels on transit or downtown. Public nuisances. How quickly 311 issues are dealt with. If for fee recreation such as golf courses, how the conditions compare to the cost.
I judge value by reliability, fairness, efficiency, and visible results. City services provide good value when they are easy to access, work consistently, address core needs first, and lead to real improvements in daily life such as safety, cleanliness, mobility, maintenance, and timely responses. I also care about whether services are fair across the city, whether money is being spent responsibly, and whether the City is transparent and accountable when services do not perform well.
It's all about the essentials. Is the water reliable and clean? Get the poison out of the water, remove the fluoride. Do we have enough police and fire service to respond to emergencies? Are the roads safe can traffic flow? Is there enough transit? That's it, that's all.

When evaluating City services in Calgary, I focus on reliability and consistency, as services need to work well on a daily basis to provide real value. I also consider my personal experience, including how easy services are to access and whether issues are resolved effectively—my experience with 311, for example, has not been very satisfactory. The overall impact on the community is important, especially whether services lead to visible improvements like safer neighborhoods and better mobility. I value fairness and inclusivity, ensuring services are accessible and beneficial to a wide range of residents. Finally, I consider efficiency and whether the City is prioritizing essential services and using tax dollars responsibly.
When I evaluate whether City services provide good value for my tax dollars, I look first at the fundamentals: reliable infrastructure, responsible spending, and delivery of core services that have a clear impact on daily life. I place the most value on services that keep roads, utilities, transit, public safety, and essential community infrastructure functioning well. I also consider whether the City is being fiscally prudent and staying focused on its core responsibilities rather than expanding unnecessarily into areas better addressed by the private sector or the market. In my view, good value means reducing barriers, enabling housing and small business to thrive, and ensuring tax dollars are used efficiently, transparently, and where they make the greatest practical difference to residents.
Going to the library, having beautiful concert venues, the folk Fest and other cultural events, bike paths, and great places to walk in urban parks are all of what makes Calgary a beautiful city to me. Of course, the basic infrastructure of the city is also important fire, emergency, waste and recycling, bylaws, snow removal. Not sure how fair it is to Pitt Pit various services against each other, but I realize the city has to make priorities. I feel that the cultural things are often considered frills, but these are really important to the quality of life in the city and bring a lot of money into the local economy.

I'd like to keep my taxes low so I can continue to age in place. I do not need money spent on programs and services that all Calgarians never see any benefit from. The city should stick to their knitting and deliver broad based essential services like water, waste management, police, fire, 311 and roads. Please leave the housing issues to private city developers, and without my taxes funding them. Climate management or climate programs have no place in your city business, except to ensure that you have efficiently managed your city buildings to keep costs down. You need to benchmark more of your services to make sure you're spending a reasonable amount. My monthly water bill for clear tasty water and Radium BC was way less than it is here in Calgary. I find that hard to understand that Radium, a small community and can provide a better service than Calgary for less.
In my view this city's main responsibilities are infrastructure (roads, services including waste management and water); parks and recreation; transit: and emergency services. The social engineering that has gone on by administration in the last few years is way out of scope.
Water availability, transit, condition of roads, response time for police and fire, green spaces, garbage & waste pickup,
• Access and equity: Are services available to everyone, including low-income families, newcomers, and people with disabilities? Libraries do this well because they remove financial barriers and create welcoming spaces. • Impact on daily life • Reliability and consistency: Are programs and services dependable? Families rely on things like scheduled programming, open hours, and safe, maintained spaces. • Community outcomes: Do you see the benefits in your community? With libraries, you can see kids developing a love of reading, parents building networks, and communities feeling more connected. • Long-term value: Some services, like children's programming, are investments. Supporting early learning and social development pays off over time in education, well-being, and even economic participation. For me, libraries are a strong example of a service that delivers real value because they combine accessibility, impact, and long-term

Do I have access to a reliable source of water? Does the toilet flush? Are the roads in good condition and clear of snow? Do we have enough police, fire and other emergency services? Is the garbage and recycling being picked up? Is the city wasting tax dollars on areas which aren't the core responsibilities of municipal government? Why is the city's communication department so much larger than other larger Canadian cities? Why are we wasting money on a climate change department and how many city employees are assigned to climate change across all departments? Why does the city have a chief housing officer because that seems like something which isn't a core responsibility of a municipal government? What did the city spend the unspent water infrastructure maintenance money on?
Equity and accessibility. Safety and reliability of transit. Availability of affordable housing. Beautiful parks.
First is impact and necessity. Services that protect life, safety, and core infrastructure deliver the highest value, especially when they are time-sensitive and cannot be deferred. Second is effectiveness. I look for clear outcomes and whether the service is achieving its intended purpose, not just activity levels. Third is efficiency. Strong value comes from responsible use of resources, minimizing waste, and delivering the right level of service without unnecessary cost. Fourth is reliability and accessibility. Services must be consistently available and usable when needed. Finally, I consider long-term benefit. Investments that prevent future costs or improve resilience often provide better value over time. Overall, value is delivered when services are essential, effective, efficient, and sustainable.
I consider City services to provide good value when they are reliable, timely, and directly improve daily life such as safety, transportation, and infrastructure. Transparency is critical — clear public reporting of how tax dollars are spent, project costs, and outcomes. Efficiency in service delivery, including faster permits and responsive 311 services, is important. Services should be fair and accessible to all residents, especially low-income families, seniors, and youth. I also value accountability, where delays, cost overruns, or service gaps are addressed with measurable improvements.

When considering city services - I value clean safe drinking water; public transportation options that are reliable, safe and convenient; waste and recycling/green bin pick-up; access to affordable recreation; safe clean parks and green spaces.
When I assess the value of City services, I focus on reliability, accessibility, and long-term community impact. Services should be consistently available, easy to access, and equitably distributed across neighbourhoods. Sport and recreation are key indicators of value. Access to quality facilities, fields, and programs supports physical and mental health, builds community connection, and helps prevent more costly social and health issues over time. I also consider fairness and inclusion—services should reduce barriers related to cost, location, and access, especially for youth and underserved communities. Finally, value depends on whether the City is planning ahead. In Calgary, growing demand and aging sport infrastructure highlight the need for sustained investment. Without it, access declines and costs increase.
What services I can see. Water, energy, waste, roads, transit, and housing. What services I expect from a municipality. Considerations for climate and the environment.
When I think of my daily life, and the city delivering value for the taxes I pay, I think about turning on my tap and getting clean water, having sufficient sidewalks that are accessible even during the winter (e.g., shoveled to allow mothers to push their strollers), having very few pot holes on my street, going to the BRT and having a bus that comes every 10 minutes or less, having my garbage, compost and recycling picked up weekly, having someone doing something about the homeless people on the streets (e.g., helping to facilitate people finding the right housing and addictions agencies to get a roof over their heads and the medical attention that they need), knowing that I can call 911 and someone will come within 7 minutes if there is an medical emergency or a fire on my property - having all of those to me means that I have good value for my tax dollars.
Reliable and accessible transit effects me as I don't drive. I want my garbage and recycling picked up and managed as advertised. I really enjoy having safe reliable drinking water available when I turn on tap. I also appreciate fire and police showing up at appropriate emergencies; safe, well-managed paths and trailways, recreation opportunities for kids and adults alike to make community and as part of mental health management, and fantastic community events. I love all these things. With council overturning planning, that's going to be in standstill until next election. This council will enact nothing new in that regard.

After safety and water what matters most to us is the kid's recreation access and parks. Having the ability to swim, skate etc. provides dividends to all through better health (activity) and community which means people can support each other and stay out of the system. Being able to access outdoor parks also has proven to be good for mental and physical health. Everyone needs to get outside and move more! Focus on the basic's roads, sewer, water, waste, and activities/recreation. What do people need - food, water, shelter and community/activities. Why are we funding climate initiates when we have a mental health crisis.
Basic services, water, electricity, waste/recycling, etc. are table stakes and I think the city provides good services on those fronts. Water has been problematic, but accidents happen and the city has done well to respond to changing conditions. 311 and other related services have responded effectively when I've contacted them. I would like to see more investment in established communities. I support rezoning, I support more residents, but that needs to mean more investments in those communities and I don't think that has happened. There's been no new recreation centre, no new pools, no new parks, no new pathways while residents have increased in the thousands. That's not what growth is supposed to look like.
Basic: water, fire, police, roads, transit, understanding that a city has to be developed to benefit under many aspects: building communities with schools, trade schools, all necessary medical services: dental, hygienists, physiotherapy....., family doctors, veterinary and dog sitting centers, parks, leisure centers in which you can find pools for lane swimming, pools for teaching kids, pools for walking for seniors, pools for physiotherapy, massage therapy, dance lessons, taichi....., daycares, coffee shops, pie and soups daily made ..... lots of businesses in the leisure centers; parks for families, parks for dogs, all kind of trades, small family grocery shops, green houses and perennial fruits and shrubs that are edible in our cold climate (they have many in Siberia, maybe import if all in Canada were wiped out). Solar energy on each new building built, everything in walking distance not to overwhelm the transit in general. Trades create jobs by themselves and no AI can replace.
City services should be the basic services - remove snow when needed (roads/sidewalks/pathways), pick up my garbage, maintain reliable water (storm, sanitary, water) utilities, maintenance to roads, reliable transit for those that need it.

First I want to feel safe and second the necessities in life. I want good hospital and ambulance, fire, water and roads. I work hard for my money and when I see city workers where five guys are on the job and only two working and the other three watching it bothers me. I don't get rests at my job. When I see grass being cut and they leave the outside with all the dandilions in fluff it bothers me. When I see police in my neighborhood I feel safe. When I call 911 and the fire truck is ready to help with what ever reason I feel safe. When my children don't have to go miles to school, especially when they are young, I feel better. When my children play community sports I feel good.
I believe CPS and CFD are stretched to their limit with the growth of the city and investment needs to me made to help them catch up as the city approaches 2 million people. A close second would be transit and bylaw that also support safety. The recent water services issues has shown that there are gaps in reliability in critical services. Citizens should feel safe, have reliable response when things go astray, and have consistent basic services (water, waste, sewage, electricity, gas) to live their life. If some are not working the way they are intended then changes need to be made and cuts need to be taken from non-essential or critical services.
I prefer my property taxes to be low, but to cover the basics, such as water distribution, garbage, recycling and compost collection, removing snow from the roads, police services, fire services and road maintenance. In addition, it is is good if there is some transit expansion (at an affordable pace). The City should not waste taxpayers' money on Items such as art installations and converting office buildings into condos.
I think core services are the most important. The city has gotten away from focusing on that. Water/wastewater management has been neglected for years while money has been wasted on big blue rings, rust and stone by winsport, bike lanes only a small fraction of the city uses. Roadways are becoming dangerous and torn up. Bylaws and patchworks are bandaids to proper planning
I think there is a difference between basis services such as Police, Fire, waste & recycling, water utilities, roadways etc versus more nice to have services such as parks, recreation facilities. I believe we need to fully fund basis city services and then at services as secondary.
I utilize and value recreation facilities and programs, but have also been directly impacted by the water system failures. That's why its a priority. You have a Solomon's choice here but the basic services are critical for us all. You have to take a longer view on critical infrastructure and less on sprawl, fancy arenas, and expensive trains.

Like stated previously, the fact that we have to rashion water is completely unacceptable given the ever increasing taxation that Calgarians experience. City halls priorities are completely out of touch. End all the pet projects, end all the touchy feely money pits. Just do the basic jobs of a city: Roads, Fire, Police, infrastructure. End all racially motivated projects like housing for people of a certain race. End all climate initiatives which only waste money for no tangible benefit.
Public safety is HUGE and should never be compromised. That is service #1. Fire protection is equally as important. Then roads, utilities, trash collection and transit. These fundamental services must be delivered. If not, Councillors and administrators should lose their jobs at the next election. Don't be distracted by issues that are not City priorities, like climate change. For example, spending money on electric buses accomplishes nothing for us as taxpayers, regardless of where the money comes from. Getting smart about building the green line is much more important. The priorities need to be properly established.
Water - clean, safe, reliable, healthy (preferably FLORIDE FREE!!!!!) is essential to health & life Roads, sidewalks and pathways are critical to freedom of movement (on foot, vehicles, bicycles etc). waste water management is also really important to the health of our population and the environment Garbage, recyling and compost is an important and good value of tax dollars. The recreation & park areas in Calgary are excellent and an amazing part of living in this city (been here 27 yrs), but if push comes to shove, they are not 100% essential to life and survival. Business development is also important to keep our city growing and enable people to make a living. In this area there should be freedom (with responsibility) for business owners who provide jobs and services for Calgarians. I'd like to see a leaner government budget, where waste is identified and efficiency is maximized.

Personally, I have no issues with current City services. I would like to see faster response to main roads maintenance, snow-plowing, etc. as these roads are essential for getting to work, getting home and should have top priority. Not sure if Deerfoot Trail is City responsibility, but had to travel to Foothills Hospital for an early morning checkin for surgery, it had snowed overnight. The road had not been plowed and it was very dangerous driving. I would like to see the City better support the Food Bank, school food programs as people should not be going hungry in this City. I don't use transit - tbh fearful of violence and criminals, not safe - I would like to see better policing in public places rather than after the fact. Other than this, I feel our City services are overall excellent, responsive, and inclusive. I do hear a lot about the Planning and Development department problems, careless home and building permit inspections with more focus on commercial buildings, delays.
Clean water, safe roads and sidewalks, a strong police and fire service and beautiful green spaces.
Convenience and reliability e.g. waste and recycling pickup; Availability of service within a reasonable distance e.g. public library, grocery shops; Responsiveness e.g. ability to lay complaints and concerns through 311; Benefits of nature by visiting Parks
Does our pipes explode? Is transit reliable? Are our roads full of potholes? Are we supporting new communities, and new infrastructure with services such as Transit and Recreation? Parks?
Ease of getting around in the city (having access to healthcare, groceries, restaurants, etc without having to travel far). If I have access to basic needs like washrooms without having to spend money. The freedom of movement around the city without having to spend money on gas. If I feel safe moving around by myself at all hours. Not being far from a park or a natural area that is quiet and clean. Events that bring community together and celebrate cultures different from my own. People walking around, enjoying the city.
I consider first if it's a need (ie water main replacement), and then for the wants I consider if it's something that actually makes my personal experience in the city more enjoyable and safe (ie high quality bike infrastructure, nice parks, reliable transit)
I consider the level and speed of service. For example, when needing to use public transit are there routes that take me near my destinations with frequent enough service. For recreation facilities I consider the proximity to home, the amount and variety of classes and a scale of fees. For infrastructure I consider how quickly and efficiently the City addresses concerns (water pipe as a recent example). Also, how the City works with developers to consider sidewalk and road repairs after developers rip them up. 26 Ave & 37 St SW City put in multi-use pathway then 4 months later developer ripped it up, blocked it off for 2 years. Need better planning before spending the $ only to have developers tear it up or make it unusable.

I consider the wellbeing of our community alongside the need for basic services. We need good roads, functioning water systems, good waste management services, fire, police, etc. We also need accessible and convenient transit services and transportation corridors. We also need a strong social fabric which means helping people meet their basic needs and strengthening community through things like community associations, hubs, and libraries.
I look at how reliable and consistent City services are, how often I use them, and whether they make daily life easier or safer. I also consider whether services feel fair and accessible across communities, and if the outcomes are visible, like well-maintained roads, reliable transit, or safe neighbourhoods. Overall, good value means services work as expected, are dependable and support long-term livability, not just short-term results.
I look at whether City services work well and help people in daily life. Roads, transit, water, safety, and garbage collection should be reliable and easy to use. Good value means clean and safe spaces, quick service, and tax dollars being spent wisely.
Is the service adding safety (police & first responders) or improve citizens basic needs, water, sanitary or add to aid the economy. Bike lanes for example add none of those.
Personal experiences for our family are 1, the importance of a reliable water supply 2. Accessibility to work whether via roads, transit or pathways 3. Recreational opportunities for all demographics is a keystone to a healthy society. Recreational facilities could be indoor or outdoor to support healthy living. Sports leagues, soccer, baseball, basketball, gyms, swimming pools, use of Glenmore reservoir for sailing, rowing etc, pathways for cycling, walking City services in my neighborhood provide reasonable value as I am able to access all of the above. This statement is not true for many neighbourhoods.
Quality and reliability Accessibility and coverage Cost vs. Personal benefit Transparency and Accountability Equity and Fairness Long-Term Planning

What affects my daily life is reliable water, power, waste, storm sewer, roads, traffic signals, street lighting, police, fire, urban canopy/green space upkeep and EMS. These are the primary activities that can cause major disruption if not maintained, or growth added were needed. Everything else is not as important to my daily life such as art, recreation, bike paths, golf courses, rec facilities, these types of services should be a private/public grant funded service ran by not for profit or by profit organizations following municipal governance and rules, not ran by the municipal government. If community and community groups want facilities and services those communities and groups should fund these type services. Cannot continue with communities/groups wanting everything and not willing to help fund it outside the tax base. Reduce taxes and raise funds in other ways such as municipal bonds, community fees etc. Be very transparent where the money is coming from and is going.
more transit and access to routes, road and snow clearing and vibrant cultural, recreational services and quality affordable housing with responsible development
I think the use of AI needs to be really kept to a minimum when we consider how 311 functions - Shaw and Telus have made themselves really problematic to get through to, we don't want to follow this example. This service is important and we should be answering the phones within decent timeframes, ie under 3 minutes. Pothole repair, garbage collection, water services, clear and concise design for items that help businesses through Covid, the water main break and other signage around the city, transit, police, and a fairly efficient response for those services that we receive in an ongoing basis.
Anything that supports the necessities of daily life. Ie. Removal of garbage, safe road travel, shelter, clean water, sewage systems. Not recreational facilities. Not paying to have one person working and the rest standing around watching.
Basics like waste management, water and roads are the things that help make Calgary run smoothly. Emergency services are important to maintain. Community and culture make life worthwhile and it is great to have a strong Made in Calgary flavour to the arts and communities in the city.
Good roads, working lights, flowing water, reasonable fees for waste, city-owned amenities, sustainable community associations, transit that is designed and operated to match ridership.

Good sound transportation planning and development planning. The City needs to look at the 50 year horizon not short term gains and appeasing developers. Consistent transportation design would bring increased value. Never knowing which side of an overpass the off ramp is on is VERY frustrating and likely causes numerous unnecessary accidents or at least road user displeasure. Having said this, I do feel the road maintenance is very good and much appreciated. Water, waste, road maintenance, Fire and Police all add value.
I appreciate regular waste pick up and especially compost. I like hazard dropoffs. I like running water. I love our parks and want to see more. Love our vast pathways and am pleased with maintenance. I lovevour recreation facilites, staff and affordable pricing. Need more throughout the city. Love the library. I hate when city gives land to 'not for profit' affordable/attainable housing. Too many of these outfits are crooked and take huge salaries for themselves on taxpayer dime. I also hate when city invests in very special interest groups eg. flames arena, housing funding exclusive for Indigenous calgarians
I have called 311 many times and find it a very helpful service. Bylaw officers seem to respond in a timely manner and help keep lawfulness. Crime rates are rising and MVC's are rising. We are a growing city and need police support. I use the pathways every day, they are an important part of commuting but also for socializing. Just look at Edworthy park and the pathways on weekends. Thousands of people take advantage. We are blessed to have so many paths in this city. That said, Some of the road work in my area makes no sense and seems to cause more traffic congestion. The intersection or Bowness road and home road is a disaster. It makes no sense and the back up there are terrible since it was re done
I think what is top of mind for many people right now is the water main situation. That has not been good value for the past many years that it was ignored. Waste management needs tweaked. Pick up the black and green carts every week all year and the blue carts every second or third week. The black and green carts get the stinky stuff and the blue carts get the clean recyclables that can sit in your garage (or beside it) without being smelly. It takes several weeks to fill the blue cart whereas the black and green carts become a problem long before they are full. What irks me most is foolish spending on things like the new logo, the Climate Emergency, the Roads to Mobility change. There are far more serious issues, like transit safety, both for riders and operators, that need attention. I hate budget burning, when one department feels that they need to spend all the money they are given when it could go to better use in another department. It's one city, one budget.

Police patrols, better and more efficient roads and signage. Cleaner streets and boulevards. Lighting the works (the city owns Enmax so make Enmax do it's job). Reduce fees for basic services like garbage collection and increase fees for recreation. Make transit a profit center and not a blood sucker on the backs of the regular taxing family.
Properly maintained infrastructure - water, roads, police, fire, bylaw enforcement. A comprehensive review of Enmax, expenses, fees, etc.
The City seems to provide good service for garbage, recycling, transit if one is in a transit corridor, police, fire, 311, roads, recreation. These are all essential services so good to see that the City is keeping up with these. I do not understand why the City still has a climate change department. This is a provincial and federal issue. Also I am a cyclist but the number of bike lanes in this city is totally out of control.
There are essential services that the City has not properly funded like Police, Fire and other emergency services. Roads are more important than Transit because most people and businesses rely on them. Our parks and green areas are terribly underfunded but they give so much pleasure to so many citizens. How many people go for a stroll or have their lunch in a park compared to the limited use of many of our purpose built recreational facilities. Having reliable water, sewer and waste services is far more important than Climate Change, which is a federal responsibility. City Hall needs to stay in their lane to start with.
There is very little value for the exorbitant amount of money we pay in taxes. You can't even keep the water utilities functioning properly. Transit is a disaster. The CTrain doesn't work when it snows or the wind blows too hard; streets are constantly clogged with elaborate construction projects that take years to complete and then when they are finally done, the volume has increased so much, they have to be done again or are ineffectual. Neighborhoods are clogged with garbage pickers and [redacted] camping out at bus stops and in public parks. Even at stoplights we get harassed by panhandlers wandering out into traffic. My utility bill is $475 a month for one garbage pick-up every two weeks and water restrictions because the pipes don't work, while Enmax makes a record $440M and somehow pays FEWER dividends to the City because of "new policy". Who is responsible for that and how do we fix it? Don't get me started on the zoning debacle, how much did that process cost? No longer livable.
Utilities Water, heat, waste, etc, safety police & bylaws, roads, parks, Fair &inclusive should not even be part of it these words are overblown
Personal and public safety are very important, so we must have services that provide for those - clean water, fire fighters, police services, decent roads. Other things to make life more worthwhile can be provided if there are funds available - parks, recreation, community events.

Full disclosure - I am biased in that I frequently use city swimming pools and facilities and enjoy them very much. With that in mind, recreational facilities do provide a sense of community but arguably are expensive to run. My first criterion in assessing the value of city service is an assessment if the city should be providing the service. Calgary has lost focus on the role of government services - provide public goods - fire police roads etc. Not community court or housing or saving the planet through ineffective climate management schemes. I then look at the effectiveness of the service and question if a private firm could do it better. I then look at the cost of providing the service which is frustrating because cost visibility is opaque and the budgeting process is flawed - simply adding onto the prior year's budget. The city need to implement zero based budgeting across all departments.
The majority of Calgarians use our roads, water and infrastructure, and rely on Police, Fire, and Emergency Management for safety. When our tax dollars are instead redirected to niche areas - and I include blanket rezoning in this - with our cores services being neglected, it's not good value.
There are two elements to this for me: Firstly, are basic services delivered reliably (e.g. waste and recycling pick-up, water, transit). Secondly, is the City investing and planning with a future-focused outlook. Calgary to date has not been able to keep up with its population growth and is defaulting to outdated ways of doing things (like continuing to approve new communities on its outskirts). I would rather pay higher property taxes to see truly future-focused investment and reduced point-of-service costs for things like transit.
If the roads are in good condition, water is safe and clean without restrictions, and garbage is picked up regularly that's the start of a good value proposition. Add in robust Police and Fire Departments and that is what a first class city looks like.
Proper maintenance of roadways, water services, waste management, transit, enforcement if by laws and policing are essential for us to live productive lives. Which in turn, will help us grow more attached to our home city. Happy and content citizens will lead to communities willing to sacrifice for each other.

1. Are services provided by the City comparable to other similar jurisdictions at similar costs or lower. 2. Are services provided for greater population or a smaller select few? 3. Is the City providing services that they are responsible for (staying in their lane)? 4. Are pot holes fixed, roads maintained? 5. Are crime rates up/down? Do people feel safe?
Access to clean water Upkeep of parks and roads Timely snow plowing waste pick up I think the City does a great job
Are supports in place to keep me and my children safe from wildfire smoke, extreme heat, hail and drought? Will we still be protected from these worsening hazards in future years? If not, I would not view this as a good place to live. Can I bike and walk easily on numerous parks and pathways? Are there outdoor amenities and green space for me to enjoy? Am I able to get around The City easily (i.e., does transit feel safe and efficient?) Honestly, these are the things that improve my quality of life.
Clean safe water services; knowing there is a sufficient / active police and fire service available; ability / freedom to operate a business and develop opportunities for others to work and develop their skills, to speak freely and worship as I choose; to work / participate and gather with friends, family and enjoy the community / City where I live. Roads could definitely be much improved. Things within Calgary have deteriorated in the past 10 - 15 yrs, most noticeably within the recent 6-8 yrs. This means City will have to be very efficient to trim the budget and still provide essential services. TRIM the budget and keep only essential services.
Cleanliness, order, reliability, adequacy, effectiveness, efficiency, fairness, safety, homelessness, drugs. I want to see clean and safe streets, feel safe wherever I go, and for the city to fix roads and other important infrastructure that is important to the functioning of a city.
clearing roads, maintaining potholes and dangers form roadways, parks and walkways for recreation, dog walks, summer activities - to be clean, safe and accessible. Obviously, our water supply to be clean, drinkable and well maintained, housing for all- with a growing uncontrolled population boom, affordable housing and policing have not kept up.

Does my family have access to clean water, affordable housing, proper waster removal / disposal, can we enjoy green space and have services available to us when needed.
Good value means reliable, invisible infrastructure. When water flows cleanly, roads are maintained, and wastewater is managed without incident, the City is delivering what it should. These services only get noticed when they fail — and failure is catastrophic and costly. Stable utilities are the foundation of everything. Homes, businesses, hospitals, and emergency services all depend on uninterrupted water and wastewater systems. A city that can't deliver these basics isn't functioning, regardless of performance on discretionary services. Transportation corridors are equally critical. The movement of goods, services, and people is Calgary's economic engine. Poorly maintained roads increase business costs, compromise emergency response, and erode public confidence. Value is measured by consistency, reliability, and the absence of preventable failures. The best City services are the ones you never think about because they simply work, every single day.
Good value services are consistent, reliable, and equitable. Good value services are provided at a reasonable cost compared to other developed western democracies. For example, France is consistently able to build rail transit much more cheaply than Calgary. Good value services consider total lifecycle cost, not just the initial investment. For example, making neighbourhood streets out of paver blocks is more expensive than asphalt upfront, but the street will be more pleasant and will last much longer. Good value services do not enforce car dependency. New neighbourhoods should be built with transit and pedestrians corridors top of mind. Existing neighbourhoods should be retrofit to be more pedestrian and cyclist friendly. I personally live in a community with a grid layout that could benefit from some modal filters, curb extensions, and raised crosswalks. Good value services are inclusive. What makes something wheelchair friendly often makes it more user-friendly for everyone.
Housing affordability, getting the best dollar value of investment Security: neighbourhood safety access to amenities through transit Road's maintenance
How many benefit, has it been downloaded by the province, how to provide basics for the needy, quality and reliability of core services, and recognition that the City staff are supposed to be working for the public good.

I appreciate that the City is on top of major issues such as our water infrastructure but what means the most of me is access to social and culture life in Calgary. This means various things including having affordable housing, having access to public transportation and being able to enjoy events at the library and cultural venues. It also means enjoying the parks and pathways and having birds thrive in the tree canopy.
I think about the quality of city-run infrastructure, the availability of services to myself, and the availability of services to Calgary's most vulnerable populations. Infrastructure is suffering - council is very aware of that. As someone who is very privileged I have no issues accessing or affording services. I see our vulnerable populations unable to access affordable housing, relying on substandard public transit, and unable to meet their basic needs for food, and reliant on free public services like the Library. Meanwhile, I see the Calgary Police purchasing an off-road buggy, refusing to disclose the cost to the public, so that they can more easily dismantle encampments - a practice that is incredible disruptive to unhoused populations, often destroying their possessions and making it more difficult to get back on their feet.
I think of what I experience every day - the roads I drive on, the water from my tap, the sense of security and response from police and fire services keeping me safe, the beauty of the park and trees in my neighbourhood…not pie in the sky goals like climate change!
No pot holes and police respond and reliable well trained with high standards as well for fire. A vibrant city with art and attractions.
Reliability of service - sewer, water, power, garbage, recycling. None are sexy, but this is what municipal government needs to get right before any hairy-fairy projects are even contemplated. Add fire and police, then roads and pathways to that list.
reliability of services - utilities, infrastructure, law enforcement, transit and emergency services - is very important. Also fairness, availability to all including those with least resources and influence. The combination of those is what keeps society functioning in challenging times.
Reliability, coverage, and cost are the three most important factors in terms of transit. It rarely feels worth the $4 ($8 if I need to buy two fares in and out) when I still need to include an additional half hour to an hour of additional transit. In general, my perception of the general public's use of city services is the most important thing in this consideration. Underutilized services do not seem worth the money, even if cheap, while I am satisfied with my money going towards widely used services (which offsets some of my dissatisfaction with transit) such as transit, fire, water, ect. with the exception of CPS. In their case, my usual experiences with them are watching them be overly aggressive or cruel (in a human sense, not a physical one) in their engagements which even if this doesn't reflect the service in general, does not incline me to considering their contributions worth the money.

Reliable and frequent public transit; strong cycling infrastructure that is promptly cleared of snow. Municipal recreation centres that are open most or all days of the week Housing and city livability - build up rather than out, to meet a greater variety of housing needs and budgets while also respecting environmental limits and supporting a variety of forms of transportation so that I don't need a car.
Roads the flow and are not full of pot holes, parks that are clean, streets that are safe and do not have encampments, responsive 911 services.
Safety, quality of basics to survival, affordability and fairness, responsiveness, and ease of access.
The state of the parks, recreational facilities, community center, pathways, roads, and recycling I experience in my community - and its fantastic. The parks are beautifully maintained, with new perennials planted recently. The children's playgrounds just got a recent overhaul, the community center is in need of some TLC. The pathways are always cleared in a timely fashion when I rode to work in winter. I have had fantastic experiences with these regards. The transit is the most visible flop for me.
Transit coverage and reliability, maintenance of parks and pathways, social services offered.
Most important to me is thoughtful design that reduces friction in communities, enough parking and development that doesn’t over build density or forget our client issues. Safety with proactive policing and responsive, social services that help reduce crime. Reliable access to clean safe water, roads maintained to be safe. Make Calgary small business friendly.
Waste management schedules (pickups being on time), timely snow removal, and transit come to my mind first. Driving and parking conditions in the downtown area are extremely poor, so available public transit allows people to move without adding more cars to that area. I think a robust transit system is foundational to many other urban planning pieces but only if it is affordable. I like seeing the planned repairs on the water system. It's unfortunate it needed to fail so thoroughly to inspire it but I like the investment in long term repairs for critical city infrastructure.
What matters to me is what the focus of civic government was 75 years ago, reliable water and utilities, roads, and good risk mitigation for crime and fire. When the government spends money on social programs, it only reduces my financial freedom and reduces the overall value of city services.

When quality of life is disrupted (water main break/repair) while the cost of living continues to rise, it should be prudent to focus on services that deliver broad economic and quality of life benefits. Not all services are used equally. Ex: not every citizen uses public transit, but everyone relies on waste & recycling services. Asking all citizens to contribute equally to services they do not use, while simultaneously increasing pressure on existing infrastructure by adding housing to communities that cannot adequately support it negatively impacts residents' quality of life and reflects insufficient consideration of community capacity. Services that generate significant economic value and/or reduce risk - such as emergency services and film industry support - are consistently underfunded and undervalued. These services deliver benefits that extend well beyond direct users and should be given greater priority due to their city-wide economic and resilience impacts.
I'd like taxes to be used for increased transit routs and available buses because it helps people get around the city. Perhaps crime would decrease if more people had access to various community programs instead of filling their time by doing criminal activities. Healthier options could be recovery, healing, supports groups, sports activities, and expression through the arts. It might give people more positive things to do through city funded programs. I'm in favor of infrastructure improvements keeping the city updated, and working well too.
It's important to me to live somewhere connected and beautiful, fulfilling. That means clean streets that are free of potholes, intact sidewalks, art and murals about, colourful vegetation, community services and events, and reliable transportation.
Stick to the basics of supplying reliable water and waste water services, fix the roads and bridges, stop the woke and DEI related spending.
The basics should be looked after first. Police, Fire and utilities. After that roads and infrastructure maintenance
- regular tree trimming and removal of city-owned old trees is important, but could be done by private companies. - I find the wild, natural areas in many of our parks refreshing and pleasant, and they don't need to be over-groomed. - sometimes, snow plowing and snow removal are excessive, and prevent residents from being able to drive out of their front garages without shovelling. - the police do patrol this area, and it doesn't take long for fire trucks to arrive in an emergency situation. - water, gas, and electricity are reliable most of the time, and emergencies are dealt with efficiently. - the City listens to citizens' complaints such as excessive bike lanes, need for traffic lights, and pothole repair

A 46% increase in property taxes over 2 years is grossly unfair, especially when the value of my property has barely kept even. As a senior that is unsustainable. By the way, using market value to calculate annual taxes is a ruse and bears no relationship to the services the city provides. You always talk about fair and inclusive, well this is not fair. Focus on core services such as utilities, fire, police services, roads and faster permits for projects. The rest is of low importance.
Base services impact the lives of all residents, waste and recycling, police, fire, roads, parks are core services that most Calgarians need and use
basic infrastructure are by the nature of being essential, also inclusive. We all need water/ waste water system, roads/ transportation and emergency services (safty)
Basic needs like water, waste management, electricity are crucial for living. We need to ensure these utilities and their infrastructure are in good repair. Next in line for safety would be fire and police services.
beyond police/bylaw (if they would enforce) /water/fire - free unprogrammed groomed park space - with lots of benches, sidewalks that are not full of trip hazards & missing sections,& slower vehicle traffic on streets that have the highest residential zoned adjacent density
Calgary is one of the best places in the world to live and that's because it is safe, clean, and consistently well-run. We need to focus on delivering the things that make that happen - clean water and reliable utilities, well-funded emergency services and health care, and reliable and efficient transportation that will benefit residents and businesses, from C-trains to snowplowing and pothole repairs. Some of the extraneous stuff (pride events and library nights, accessible playgrounds that cost 4x as much as a regular one...) might need to take a back seat for a while or be funded by the people who benefit from it.
City taxes do not pay for many important services besides Police, which is under funded, Fire Services, which again are under funded, roads, which are again underfunded. Then we pay directly, not thru taxes, for garbage services, water, electricity, natural gas, etc,. Road are underfunded and a mess, so there are few core services I pay taxes for and get great value as most money is waisted on non core services .

Clean drinkable water LOVE IT! Trash being taken out weekly is amazing! Investing in YMCA's that no one can afford to go to thumbs down. Investing in spaces the offer free programming for arts thumbs up. Our transit is actually pretty awesome. But the safety on transit is terrible. Investing in billion dollar libraries downtown and not consider that homeless people would take over and make it unsafe thumbs down. Same things probably gonna happen with the new workmen center. They're currently zero art spaces run by indigenous folk? Investing in a whole bunch of new art stuff and not letting any indigenous folk lead and own it? Letting the right to use drugs publicly be more important than the right for businesses, children and women to live in a safe community thumbs down. Do you like the city services used to be good, and are just getting worse and worse. But I still believe in Calgary and I still believe in our council our mayor and even our previous mayor.
Day to day things like transit and utilities. Utilities are good and bad. Garbage pick up and that stuff is good. No complaints. Utilities like water is obvious. Ignored until we're in a crisis. And when that happens, the first thing I think about is all our tax money going to the rich Flames owners and it's upsetting. Our transit is embarrassing. I've pushed my kids to use transit and we go together and they know how, but when they need to get to work a 15 minute drive away and leave an hour early and are still late over and over until they give up and drive, it's so disappointing. On top of that, his drivers insurance and a license and not even a vehicle is well over $3500 per year. What options are you leaving people to get around this over sized city? My youngest walks to school and with the pedestrian deaths being the highest in history, my stomach is in knots everyday at 3:30 waiting for him to get home safely. Cars ruin everything.
Focus on core services. A given should be we have reliable water, electricity, roads, fire and police services.
Garbage removal: biweekly compost pickup in the wintertime is totally unnecessary in residential areas. Great people on their teams ! Policing … I struggle to find any upside to being in this occupation in Calgary currently and it is reflected in my earlier comments - it's become yet another iteration of the 'Wild West'. Roads … once again, not enough manpower to adequately repair what we have? Utilities - maybe the Epcot model might provide some insight? Fire Department … I have always had a most respectful appreciation for what they do. Bylaw enforcement already mentioned and very much yet another return to the 'Wild West' analogy.

Get rid of DEI, get rid of fair, equitable and inclusive wording. We are all the same and we are all different but no one should get better treatment than another based on the crap you spew to divide us. Our city is crumbling beneath our feet and we worry which flag to fly! There are 2 flags only, Alberta and Canada. You call bylaw and nothing, you call 311 to discuss a matter regarding the city but you can't complain to the city about the city! You try to build more housing but what a joke. Fees are outrageous, permitting is long and arduous, inspection is a joke, " that one screw is wrong, so you have failed and we need to come back!" Yet certain builds will and are falling apart from extremely poor workmanship but get passed? Zero consequences from a bismally run system. We have bike lanes that are under utilized and have destroyed vehicle traffic flow causes more indling and accident; the roads are in horrendous shape. Water pipes, what penalties to those that chose to ignore them
I am happy to see rents coming down in 2025 and more housing options. I hope this trend continues. I also love the parks and bike paths. I wosh we had better transit, more stations, more buses and better coverage. Too bad the city is wasting billions of dollars on the new Arena instead of investing in housing, water infrastructure and the green line expansion.
I think city tax dollars should be going towards things like roads, police, fire, water supply, etc. that tend to be more of necessities rather than catering to 'entertaining' things for some of the population.
I think police and fire services need to be given more consideration, as their jobs are pretty tough at times. Infrastructure needs a lot more attention as that gives us our "needs" not "wants". Water, sewer, gas, electricity not a blue circle or some sticks at the city's north end. That is a waste of time and money.
I think public dollars should go primarily to public services like transit, rec centres, public parks/walkways, and infrastructure. I also want to emphasize that although someone in a higher tax bracket in an absolute sense, taxes absolutely hurt people with lower incomes more, and as such should be prioritized.
I think roads are in serious need of maintenance right now. I am afraid to use the LRT because of many cases of violence and I'm old and vulnerable. For the same reason we need a strong police force so we can feel safe. It infuriates me that so much money is being spent by the city on climate change when it's not under our power to make the necessary changes. Arts and culture are important to me but the more urgent needs must be dealt with first. If we have debt we must know we can cover it or we become very vulnerable.

I want my waste and recycling handled properly. I want my roads kept in good repair. I want maintenance and infrastructure ie: water services to have the money needed not blue rings and monuments.
I'm often frustrated living in Calgary that because we have such enormous sprawl, our taxes can't go to basic services like adequate snow removal. I want us to focus on densifying our city through accessible and mixed housing, and I am disturbed by the way taxes are funneled towards police budget inflation. Good value for my tax dollars would be water and Road infrastructure, housing, and massive investment in public transit.
In my daily life I rely on parks and pathways for outdoor enjoyment. I also count on public transit to help me get around. I appreciate the city's many cultural activities. But the best value for my money I feel I get out of the public library.
Maintain the roads, sidewalks and parks. Start paying attention to infrastructure. Going nearly 50 years and then having to deal with ignored infrastructure like broken buried water mains makes the city look incompetent. Run the city like a business!! No more big round lights, rock and stick vanity projects claiming indigenous peoples wanted the overpriced rocks and sticks on 16th Ave NW was just foolish. No more candy cane pedestrian bridges that arrive unfit for purpose to be installed on concrete pilings not fit for purpose!
Most citizens don't consider which services The City actually provides, versus those which are paid for or supported, through fee for services and contracted out, like waste collection, water distribution, and public transportation. Recreation is also operated as fee for service, although again, supported by tax revenue. The City supports Roads infrastructure, and does that with greater and lesser success. Our transportation systems should be designed to allow citizens and goods to flow quickly, efficiently and effectively throughout the urban area. Decisions made in consideration of other matters too often end up eroding that goal.
Police/fire, roadway maintenance, rec facilities at fair prices, utilities (waste and recycle from a non educated perspective is working well)
Potholes/ road maintenance. Water and garbage. Snow removal. Police. Fire. Everything outside of that is a luxury that can be considered once the budget is balanced and the deficit is erased.

Public Transportation is a key measure of a city's value. High-value cities have effective public transit. Our transit system seems designed to make accessing train stations or bus stops inefficient and cold. As if we cared more about stopping "undesirable" people moving around than making it easy for everyone to get around. Also, the buses are unreliable- the phone system says 4mins late, and then the bus leaves 3min early. Then it's a 30min wait for the next one, which isn't acceptable when you have meetings to get to. For other services, like water or waste management, if you do a good job, it's possible no one will notice because it's seamless. If you do a bad job, everyone notices. I will highlight our bike paths (ex. Around the reservoir) as particularly special to Calgary. This is not something every city has, and they stand out as special.
Public transportation saved me loads of money when working downtown and it's continuing to do so now that I'm retired. I can go places more comfortably in the winter because I don't have to worry about driving on icy roads. I've had experience with emergency services like police and EMS and without their help life would be a lot more risky and unsafe. I also wish the city would provide more public housing to help low income families have homes. I used public housing decades ago for about 1 year and it significantly changed things for the better for my family. I also used public libraries, parks and recreation centres for my kids when they were growing up, as I did. Those services help everyone in the community, especially those who have low incomes. Those serves mean everyone can participate in community and that builds stronger communities.
Recreation facilities, pathways, roads maintained, services like garbage and recycling pick up. Police presence for safety.
Road clearing for snow and alley way. Replacing lights that was burnt out for better visibility. Waste management. Planing for alternative transportations, bike paths
Roads, water, electricity (light and power/heat) are essential services that fuel households. Police and community safety (fire) and garbage pickup are also essential for any functioning society. These are the true priorities Calgary needs to focus on.
Roadways. Emergency services, Taxes, Electricity, Water, Sewer, core values
Roadworks are ongoing and needed. City Police and ambulance services are important. Maintaining existing community is more important than new creating developments. what happened to the Greenline? What is the overall plan here? I appreciate parks and pathways.

Sticking to the basics fixing the roads, police, garbage collection/stay the [redacted] of stupid woke issues. Get rid of useless bike lanes that screw up vehicle traffic and cause congestion and risk of accidents!
The amount of time spent on changing the zoning By-laws. The poor condition of roads and the lack of adequate snow clearing and removal. Spending millions to come up with a new motto for the City; what does "Blue Sky City" have to do with Calgary? We are known the world over as the Stampede City. Spending money on the GreenLine expansion which may not be necessary in a changing world of business. Putting in bike lanes and removing car lanes--we are not Amsterdam. Spending resources on feel good projects which are not in the interests of the majority. As far as inclusive why did the City change the name of Fort Calgary to the Confluence; are we not proud of our heritage.
The city has failed to maintain the most basic requirements. Forget the vanity projects. Stick to the boring basics, utilities (water, electricity), roads, police.
The city is spending too much money on frivolous things. I want to turn on the tap and have a reliable & predictable source of clean water. I dont want to live my life in fear of being attacked while walking down the street, minding my own business, or having my house, garage or car being broken into. I want to be able to drive my car on roads without potholes and without being stuck in traffic because mostly empty bike lanes - stop spending money on bike lanes I want to have the peace of knowing that a poorly built multi-plex will not be built next to my home, destroying my quality of life.
The city needs to focus more on core services: -our streets are crumbling and full of potholes, our alleys are poorly serviced (need more gravel and more frequent grading), streetlights are frequently out of service. -our problems with the water system speak for themselves. This is a core necessity. -the city spends far too much on both the arts and culture community, and the sports community and almost nothing on the rest of us. Historically arts and culture (and sports) have thrived without government.
The city needs to focus on infrastructure, safety, and basic services. We need value for our tax dollars and that has not been happening. Our roads are deteriorating and the workmanship is awful. Police, and fire need to be a priority as well and be fully supported. Wasting money on art installations or culture events is not a good use of funds and the back room agreements which can be a conflict of interest should have more transparency and be monitored by an ombudsman
Thinks that are essential come first like roads, garbage collection, police and fire response, utilities and safe communities

We have reliable electricity and waste removal and usually water. I do have some frustration with roads such as Deerfoot and 16th Ave NE that I use many times a week. Surely there is a more efficient way to handle all those cars going different directions than 4 sets of lights. We have well lit streets and good walking/biking pathways. We just need to work on infrastructure for the huge influx of people the last few years and let's face it, more in the years to come.
What matters most to me is maintaining infrastructure, roads, parks, rec centres, garbage pickup.
With the taxes we pay and the tax hikes every year had could anyone think we are getting value for that kind of money? We need water, gas, garbage collection and roads without pot holes. We don't need the blue circle, fancy bridges, rust sculptures, electric buses that don't work and all the other virtue signaling projects this council wants!
I want my tax dollars to go toward taking care of people and the environment first and foremost. Bolster social services like libraries, education, public transit, community centres, cultural centres, safe consumption sites, etc. and initiatives to address and reduce reliance on fossil fuels to transition to clean energy, preservation and improvement of green spaces, investment in urban agriculture. Everything else is secondary to making sure life is prioritized over profits, economy, etc.
Does municipal taxation serve native Albertans and legal citizens who funded the system, or is it siphoned off for ideological projects and foreign dependents? Currently, the value proposition is broken. Core physical infrastructure (i.e., water mains) are collapsing due to negligence, and housing costs are exponential. Simultaneously, YYC bleeds capital into progressive social engineering, woke cultural programs, and infrastructure designed to accommodate non-contributing newcomers. True value requires brutal fiscal discipline: 100% of municipal funding must be restricted to localized baseline survival. This means reliable physical utilities, a police force authorized to crush crime (NOT online posts), and local safety nets—specifically disability supports—that are completely locked down and reserved exclusively for native-born Canadians who actually paid into the system. Defund bloated bureaucracy and external demographics while securing my city's physical and economic foundation.
The key factor I consider is whether the services provided by the city are adequate and accessible for me and my family in my community. E.G. Transit has proven to be so infrequent and over-crowded that in order to get to daycare on time after work, I drive my car. Good value would be the option to use transit in this case. Another example is the city allowing higher-density housing in my community but not improving the transportation infrastructure that was meant for a low-density community. Good value would be, at the very least, a sidewalk to the nearest bus stop and adequate transit frequency, reducing the car traffic in the community.

What matters most, to majority if not most, is strong core services and not fancy extras. For the amount of tax we pay, the value is disappointing. There seems to be too much waste in bureaucracy and administration, with too much money going into planning, management and office positions instead of actual building, maintenance and frontline service delivery. It feels like there are too many people in chairs and not enough on the ground doing the work that residents depend on city for. Good value means: well-maintained roads, reliable transit and city where people can feel safe walking around.
Access to recreation, police well staffed, safety on roads and transit, would like to see more help for homeless issue's
Are Police and Fire available to me. Are my roads in somewhat good condition? Do I receive some value for the money I pay? Will a Fire truck [within 7 minutes] or Police car arrive within 4 minutes? Can Fire trucks get the water it needs?
Are the roads nice, is the city a nice and safe place to walk around in, is transit pleasant and reliable, are utilities handled well and is infrastructure kept up. Not very much of this is up to par right now.
Are the roads ruining my car/truck? Is my garbage getting regular pick up? Do we have access to timely emergency services? FIX OUR WATER AND ROADS!! FARKAS is the best person to get this dive!!!!
Are the streets well maintained, are drivers behaving properly, is parking available at a reasonable price, is there an obvious police presence, the number of men and pieces of equipment and their level of activity on city job sites, is snow removal apparent, are sidewalks cleared of snow, are alleys full of junk or difficult to navigate, are identified issues dealt with promptly, is it easy to access city departments to report a problem or ask a question.
At times, the best indicator of when infrastructure "works" is when it's seamless and largely invisible in news headlines. It's turning the tap on and getting clean, safe water; it's when wanting to commute - having the option to choose public transportation as a valid choice - it's showing up to a bus stop or an LRT station and knowing that you won't have to wait long to get a ride; it's feeling safe to bike, scooter or walk throughout the city because there are good wide sidewalks and safe dedicated pathways; it's having the option to choose where to live - and having a variety of housing products that are close to "destinations" such as grocery stores, vibrancy of main streets, stores, cafes, restaurants and to parks and green spaces. Public transit and active transportation options in particular I think act as equalizers - leveling the playing field for people to be able to get to their jobs, to areas to spend their money and areas to recreate/play.
City services provide good value for our tax dollars only when they Improve daily life in a meaningful way Are reliable, fair and well managed reflect community priorities deliver both short-term and long-term resilience

City services provide the best value when they prioritize long-term solvency over suburban sprawl. True fiscal responsibility is found in neighborhood densification, which uses existing infrastructure to generate higher tax revenue per acre compared to costly new developments. I measure value through the upkeep of established communities—ensuring older areas aren't neglected for shiny new fringes. Public transit provides value only when it is reliable and frequent. It must be a "service of choice" that reduces the financial burden of car ownership through connectivity and cleanliness. Public safety should move beyond reactive policing toward proactive community health, utilizing crisis diversion and "eyes on the street" through mixed-use design. Value is felt when the city is inclusive—where snow clearing and park maintenance are equitable across all income levels. Ultimately, good value isn't the lowest tax bill, but a high quality of life in a walkable, sustainable city.
Essential services that are needed for a decent quality of life like water, heating, electricity, safety, ability to move around the City. Honestly I'm at the point where I don't care if things are inclusive because all of us need the basics and even those haven't been managed well. A pride parade or Chinook Blast or cultural art do not help if I can't bathe regularly or my car tires need to be replaced because of potholes.
Factors that matter to me include reliable service delivery, fair and inclusive services (those that benefit more than one interest group), things that improve the quality of life for myself and calgarians including access to natural areas, things that reduce the impacts to air and water quality, investments being made in multiple communities, investments that focus on Calgarians, and not just industry or development.
Good roads to drive on Snow removal Well maintained parks Adequate police funding Reliable water supply
Good value would mean infrastructure that is maintained in a state of good repair, reliable transit service that provides timely service in ALL areas of the City, a safe community (including traffic), good recreation facilities and parks with amenities in all areas of the city.
How often I need a service - Police we need everyday and we should feel safe - make transit safe and make our streets safe from the criminals that feel free to pick on the vulnerable. Garbage and recycling - I do not feel brings value. Parks and rec facilities are built - but not maintained.

I consider my tax dollars to be going to good use when they are used to the benefit of the most Calgarians, especially to those most at need. Service reliability and accessibility is a must, and should be made inclusive to those who are the most economically vulnerable. My tax dollars would be best put to use if they helped to reduce the cost of living for others in Calgary, as people should have the right to enjoy life without having to worry about balancing hard or impossible decisions such as whether to buy a bus pass or pay an ambulance bill, or needing to sacrifice recreation because the electricity bill came in a little higher than usual. Overall, use of my tax dollars would be perfected if they help the most disenfranchised of Calgarians, while also building community through densification and more public facilities.
I consider services to be of good value if they are maintained at a level and quality that they can be relied upon consistently. In my area, transit (bus) service is so poor - with such low frequency, I wonder why they bother. City services from transit, to recreation, to libraries, to police feel spread so thin and have not kept pace with demand. 10 - 15 years ago I would have answered that city services had very good value, now they are so hit and miss.
I consider the reliability of services that we all need (water, waste removal, roads), the availability and affordability of the things that provide access to level the playing field for all (or at least most) Calgarians (transit, housing, social supports, Fair Entry), and the support for the City and community that I would like to live in (parks, recreation, community).
I evaluate - do I have basic services like water, waste and recycling, decent roads, etc. I also compare to previous cities that I've lived in.
I factor in which services I actually use. I never take transit as it doesn't take me where I want to go and I don't necessarily feel safe on a bus or train. I also factor in how quickly the service occurs - e.g. how fast and thorough the roads are cleared after a snowfall. Is the City cutting the grass or leaving it all summer for dandelions to go to seed everywhere? Also, it would be nice to have a facility close to my home for recreation. Not enough seniors' programs right now.
I feel I have safe water and you ensure that. You ensure our sewage systems work well and respond quickly if there is a problem; You look after the parks, keep the pathways cleared, manage waste pick-up etc. I appreciate 311 as I have a dog and he has occasionally run off. I live in Montgomery and we are increasing the population reasonably wisely which is fine with me. Bus service from this community is very good. Also Library services are very important to me.

I feel like I am getting good service for my tax dollars when I see that a program or service is: - adaptable to changing situations (i.e., has adaptive capacity); - created based off current research, not the best political move of the time; - fair and inclusive; - has good customer service and is reliable; - future-minded, helping Calgarians now and into the future.
I look at my property tax bill first. If my money is going to fund basic services like utilities, police, fire, waste management, and critical infrastructure, great but increasing taxes for woke left wing ideological policies that are not the responsibility of a municipality, I feel it is a waste of my money. When the city of Calgary celebrates and protects Khalestani and Hamas terrorists instead of protecting our Jewish community and attempts to circumvent democracy by trying to allow non-citizens voting privileges, I worry about the future of our city and our country.
I love the all inclusive library near my home, the CTrain efficiency, the parks and walkways that make Calgary great, the excellent waste management - all of which I am personally involved with.
I think about how things are run like transit, how citizens are treated by city workers and fire/police services. I look at neighborhoods and how the roads and pathways are maintained. I think about the parks and spaces where communities can gather.
I think about the outcomes for community including access and reliability of social services such as health care and transit, the ability for individuals to safely participate in civic and social life including protests, and the opportunity to learn from others through social programming.
I value having reliable infrastructure and policies that funnel resources towards the least economically well off in society. I believe this is the humanitarithing to do but also the most economically productive for calgary. The poorest members of our community are most likely to recirculation that money in local businesses. I also feel that investment in public infrastructure such as utilities, roads and other community services have the same affect.
I would consider the reliability of city services most. We need police and fire departments that can respond quickly to 911 calls. We need a reliable drinking water supply. We need roads that we can actually drive on and that aren't just a mess of potholes. We don't need hysterical declarations regarding "climate emergencies", pride crosswalks, or a government that infringes our right to free speech because we might say something the progressives in government don't like. We don't need a government that tries to regulate the use of plastic bags or that builds bike lanes to try to force people to switch to using bikes. These are all activities that are outside the scope of responsibility for a municipal government, and are therefore a misallocation of tax dollars when pursued.

If transit is safe and clean, overall safety of the city especially in the inner city areas. Overall city cleanliness Reliability and speed of services The government taking into consideration what people need and acting responsibly and transparently
Inclusive and fair services for all citizens of differing abilities and backgrounds, efficiency and functionality, and whether it helps to promote vibrant cultural and/or artistic experiences
Is it functional? Is it accessible and equitable? Does it improve the community- for everyone? Is the safe? Knowing that not all of these are municipal or solely municipal. Ensuring that each Calgarian has access to basic needs in an equitable way- housing, healthcare (including mental health and addiction services), water, green spaces (that are clean and safe). Improved transit, roads and pathways. Things that affect every day life.
Is the city liveable, affordable, can people get around, are there amenities which are accessible and used, is infrastructure reliable, etc.
My time such as transit or drive to work My family such as recreation or programs or community building
Outcomes are visible - better housing, safer traffic, reliable utilities, etc.
Quality of infrastructure. Cleanliness and general condition of the city. Quality of the public transit system. I appreciate the city of Calgarys effort to get citizens involved, and for that I think that we're atleast paying competent people in our government. Which is money well spent. I very much value our parks in Calgary, and the rec centre facilities are amazing. Even if I don't yet use them much. It looks like a lot of people do. I think reliability of city provided services is the ultimate goal, and if we maintain that then we are getting good value. I would also like to see more investment into major infrastructure, most notably the green line. And we absolutely need a train to the airport. Once we start making real, expedient headway on that then I will truly feel like we're getting good value.
Reliability of the basic services: essential services such as water, storm and waste management, protection as emergency services (police,fire), transportation.
Reliability, cleanliness, safety, equitable access, ease of use, efficiency.
Reliable emergency services. Accessible sports and recreation programs. Large and natural green spaces and parkways so my family can easily connect with Nature.
Reliably of critical infrastructure like water. Good road conditions. Garbage pickup is reliable. This "does it feel fair and inclusive" business is garbage.

Responsiveness and reliability of Police and Fire services. Reliability of infrastructure that includes water, roads and other areas that the whole city relies on.
Roads are in good condition I have a reliable water supply Frequent transit servive
Safety, Hospital and Emergency care Centers,Water supply, wastewater treatment, Services by first responders, less traffic, no densely populated areas, better road conditions, snow clearing.green space, trees should be pruned, keeping the city clean.
The maintenance of our city is very important to me. Instead of expanding urban sprawl and building new communities, it's vital we remember that communities that already exist. If the Bearspaw Feeder Main taught us anything, it's that we must not be neglectful in maintaining our infrastructure. (Not that it was caused by neglect, but it did remind me that we can't take for granted what we have.) While long term impacts might not be the flashiest, they are vitally important. Other aspects of city services and impacts are how accessible they are. As a wheelchair user, it matters when money is put into ensuring sidewalks are accessible, or that snow clearing at crosswalks allow me to cross the road (as examples).
To me it’s more the outcomes you don’t see. When things run smoothly, streets paths parks are clean, water flows to your house, garbage and recycling is picked up on time, roads are maintained you’re not dodging potholes, fiscal management is not an issue government isn’t getting larger we’re spending within our means and no major tax raises, there’s an authentic sense of community, all things everyday people (that aren’t necessarily involved) take for granted and therefore don’t have to think about. These are the factors I consider when I feel like I’m getting value for my tax dollars. This hasn’t been the case for the last 10 years
Value in the essential services like clean water, transportation, housing and roads.

I ask myself: Does this city feel like a "good place" for a diversity of people to grow up? Can a hard-working parent afford to give their kids a relatively happy childhood in this city? What services "serve" the whole community/city? I care most about: -Inexpensive transit -Cultural festivals, events, fun activities open to all -Accessibility for seniors and those with restricted mobility -Parks, playgrounds, educational sites, supporting public schools (not charters) -Libraries and other spaces open to the whole community -supporting community organizations actually seeking solutions to homelessness (Council stop denying any responsibility for this by claiming it's on the province. It's obvious that the UCP is not going to help us solve this and it's probably one of the primary issues in creating a better, safer city). -Clear messaging from the City when they need something from citizens (the water restriction messaging was awesome and clear "stay under 500").
Public services matter. Despite the reluctance of Albertans to pay taxes, taxes are how we make a city function and work for everyone. I want a city with better public transit. I want a city with bike paths. I drive an EV and would love to have a better network of fast chargers. I love being outside, and want schools in every community, and parks for people to enjoy. I want people to walk and bike and bus before they get into their cars. I want more housing, and more housing that people can actually afford. I want people to feel safe. I want people who need harm reduction services to have access to safe injection sites, food, clothing, and shelter. I want every Calgarian, not just the richest, to know that they have a home and that they matter to this city.
The city budget should follow the principles of a household budget. Money for essentials needs to be designated first. We need reliable water services. We need police and fire services. We need waste management services. We need roads to be maintained so people can drive safely without damaging their vehicles in potholes, or needing to swerve out of the way of potholes (putting them at the risk of causing a collision). Next, the budget should allocate some money to savings for future needs. Households need an emergency fund to cover unexpected emergencies, and the city should do likewise. That helps to prevent the need to use debt financing when there is an unexpected emergency need. Finally, if there is money left, it can be allocated for luxuries such as recreation, cultural enrichment, and beautification.
Things that impact daily life ie waste etc removal. Security in a. Large city. Roads maintained and let's not overlook the huge issue. of properly maintaining water and electricity services.

Transit cause I dont drive. City recreation facilities are cheap with low income. Parks cause I like the outddoirs. I think we need more monitoring and rules with those who use dog parks, drive on bike lanes with scootersand big wheeled, powered bikes. Too fast with bikes and too messy with poop. Transit: need to do more about drug users. Hopefully the province will help.
Trees, parks, bike paths, handicap parking, transit
Use everyday and the basic needs of all Calgarians. Protecting our Water source maintaining our utilities and roads would be highest priority.
Water and electrical services, police and fire services, waste and recycling services
It's pretty clear that public transit is sub-optimal. We pay a lot for it and the service is not decent to justify. Unless we take it as a priority and make driving as expensive as it actually is, and not subside its costs, transit won't ever be a priority. It's shameful that so many people get seriously injured and killed almost daily by people driving cars and getting no consequences for it. We need to value peoples live more. I also feel like the city invest too much in making the roads car-oriented and neglect other users. We have great bike lanes but some paths are clearly compromised because of cars. As population gets old, driving isn't an option. WE also can't afford to sprawl anymore. To be climate-ready, and make a positive change towards house affordability, we need more housing options and focus on urban density and make urban life easier and convenient instead of deforesting and straining our infrastructure and food sources.
None. Our infrastructure is crumbling, basic services are too expensive. Our property taxes are increasing over inflation rate yet there is no improvement. Citti's sponsibility is to provide basic services and keep citizens safe, not to be dealing with spending on public art that is made by non Canadians, dealing with "climate emergency", etc. The politians and the administration makes way too much money, and there is waste everywhere.
Responsive Fire and Police Reliable water supply Safe cost effective transit Addressing homelessness

Snow removal is absolutely abysmal. Calgary's insistence on relying on Chinooks doesn't work. For six months of the year, people are struggling to use sidewalks (don't even get me started on folks in wheelchairs or those pushing strollers who on some days are prisoners in their own homes). If the City insists on fining Calgarians who don't shovel their sidewalks, then the City needs to increase their level of service. Otherwise, you're robbing people. Transit is not reliable and the cost is too high. Half-empty busses will drive right by you while you're waiting at the station in the freezing cold. The price of transit tickets is way too high for the level of service. The only good thing is the low-income transit pass, which for some reason, is on the chopping block every budget season, despite helping people. Bylaw/policing - We need more traffic control because the number of accidents is insane. The current awareness campaign isn't working. More police presence and fines are needed.
There are too many observable and documented examples of wasteful spending by City Hall to list, but I have already given a few examples above. Add to that $245 million for the CPL downtown branch which functions mainly as a de facto homeless shelter and does not serve the majority of Calgarians who live in the suburbs. $24.5 million for an overpriced art piece instead of the pedestrian bridge that was needed. $500,000 for a blue ring. The list goes on. $270 million just in these 3 examples, but we can't drive on our roads and our water supply is unreliable. The supply of portable water is a perfect example of a fundamental necessity for citizens that the city should be supplying without fail. The city of Calgary needs to start focussing on common sense spending to provide core needs for it citizens if guidance is required in determining what those core needs are, the current city bureaucracy only needs to look at how Calgary was run in the 1980s when we did great things.
Water utilities roads police and fire department is something that every city needs in order to function well.
Water, power, waste & recycling impacts everyone every day, other than the recent water issues and what appears to be lackluster oversight of our infrastructure in previous years city services provide good value.
Well maintained water mains, roads and parks should take priority over vanity pet projects. Forced rezoning over-riding the voices and rights of tax payers is not respectful governance. Safety should be a priority. So far, our current council is doing much better than our previous 3 councils in hearing and meeting the needs of whom they represent. Thank you.

- Poor street maintenance. - Emphasis on too many things that benefit the few (I.e. coloured rings, peace bridge, bike lanes, laws that are rarely enforced) - The councillors answer to almost every thing is contact 311 and in my opinion it is a very reactive, delaying and archaic system - Overcharging for garbage bins on monthly, annual and decade basis. I could buy them cheaper myself. - Traffic safety in the residential areas is abysmal and seemingly not cared about by elected staff (speeding, reckless driving, distracted driving, ignoring stops signs, ignoring stop lights and pedestrians seem to be fair game). - Real driver test by qualified, professional and competent staff.
1Waste management is consistently good service 2. Parks & rec are good services provided 3. Snow removal is adequate in most case after 72hrs but as mentioned previously, road repairs are poorly serviced. 4. THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT!
As a population we need to feel safe, secure. This means police, fire, water, transportation, garbage disposal. The rest we have to reconsider within the order of magnitude that we can afford, or with revenue generation. We have many facilities, but all Calgarians are not able to enjoy them due to affordability, and they cost the tax payer. Many children are not able to engage in sports of other activities due to affordability, but we pay for the structures. I want a city that is safe, knowing that we are well policed and fire services are well managed and funded, a transportation system that I feel safe using, and services like water, garbage etc are well managed to support the population.
Basics that I value include: 1. Feeling safe in my home (low crime, good water, clean air, respectful neighbours), 2. Being able to move around the city with safe efficient roads and pathways, 3. Being able to have efficient access to medical services for my elderly Mother and myself, 6. Having enough money after bills to feed myself and helping family that have to rely on the food bank 5. Having safe low cost community activities to participate in on a weekly basis

Because of the issue of mentally ill and addicted not receiving the help they need to get them off the streets, I haven't felt safe to be downtown or on transit since 2018. I also don't find the pathways in the natural areas are kept in good repair. Also, I was at the dog park at Edworthy Park last week and the garbage bin was overflowing! Sidewalks are often in disrepair (unevent and cracked). And snow/gravel removal never happens in my cul-de-sac. My property taxes are more than my CPP! I am thankful that the city kept the increase low but I honestly don't know what I'm getting for the cost. I do believe that Calgary is a fantastic city but of course nothing's perfect - but I have more faith in this mayor and council than I have for the last decade. I think something more could be done to keep the city clean (maybe community service for low risk criminals, maybe more with organisations like Boy Scouts). I am thankful for 311 and that my ward councillor is more engaged.
Black bins need to be collected weekly. Park and fields very durty. Expired playgraunds in the city removed, but not planned to be replaced with new ones. Motocycles speed in the communities and make noise, cars race at night. 311 does not help.
Broken sidewalks everywhere! I have tripped on them many times and even had a fall once in my community (Woodbine) from just walking my dog that resulted insignificant injuries once that required shoulder surgery with a 2 year recovery. Further to that, I can never walk to my local bus stop in the winter because the sidewalks and crossing the road is treacherous due to constant icy conditions. I have lived in this community for 27 years and it was never this bad before. They would come and clear the ice and gravel the intersections. Delays at city for simple home upgrades. This past summer took 3 inspections to replace my back deck. Yet there is a total lack of the same scrutiny for new builds that are made with cheap materials & built not according to builder regulations. I have family who have bought & are fighting with their builders for cutting corners. We were broken into and even had a video of the car license that we gave to the police & they did nothing with the information.
City services favour those who know how to access and use the system. They disproportionately help already rich and affluent people and neighbourhoods. Our water isn't reliable. Our roads are in disrepair. There isn't enough housing, there arent enough resources for poor, unhoused or disabled Calgarians and there is too much funding for the most violent police force in North America. There is no accountability for police and transit enforcers being violent.

City should service basics: police ,fire, utilities, roads. And donut well. No more frivolous spending.
City taxes have risen far faster than inflation over the past 10 years. This needs to stop. I will feel that the City provides good value once it has shown that there are guardrails on its spending growth, and when the City contributes a greater percentage of its spending to core services that no one else can do: garbage, roads, and utilities.
Consistent access to safe drinking and bathing water: love that. Big impact. Transit: currently doesn't impact me directly but if you got losers who should not drive off the road, that would be great. fewer cars would be great. More bikes would be great. Better routes would be great. Not having a rap battle about the green line with the province would be great. Rec centres: Love them, wish there were more and the hours were a little better on weekends. Honestly I'd love to just pay for them in my taxes so everyone could just use them as they needed/wanted.
Critical infrastructure like water management is paramount. It is disgraceful that politicians and bureaucrats let Calgary's water infrastructure deteriorate to the extent it has. Road maintenance is also critical, as is waste management and recycling.
Drop words like "fair" & "inclusive" from your vocabulary. Fix the roads, pick up the garbage, maintain transit & utilities, that's it.
Emergency services are crucial. We need more schools and hospital due to population growth. Water service is crucial but our roads are deteriorating and snow removal is lacking to provide safety. Not seen any improvements in our community due to expansion of city. Population should be capped.
Good investments in water is very important, garbage pickup is important, snow removal is key, and the new Entertainment center and convention center are key for future city growth and income
Good roads and sidewalks, proper waste collection, safety when out in the community, clean water for home use and garden (canopy) maintenance.
Green Bin. I'd like to see the green bin picked up weekly 2 weeks earlier in Spring and 2 weeks later in Autumn. Ice and Snow. The roads in residential areas better maintained in winter with sanding and leveling the ice and snow. Green Areas mowed more often. I'd like to see the grass cut more often in green areas. The field beside my house was cut only once last summer and the quack grass 2 feet tall. I think the city should follow their own bylaw rules. Water Restrictions. Water restrictions do not take into account larger properties nor the health of trees.

Heres an example.... Lets think about the roads. I pay tax for your roads, tax on my car and tax in my gas (plus insurance and taxes there too) with all that, youd think I could drive to my work (where I pay tax on my wage and tax on everything I need to do said job) to be asked if roads should be maintained.....seems a bit disconnected. When a pot hole ruins my car because the city didnt maintain the roads, ill pay more money and more tax to others to fix my car to continue the cycle.... so let's talk about what's accessible. We shouldn't have to trade off emergency services, clean water and no garbage in our streets if youre going to keep telling folks to move here... our water can't sustain the people you ALREADY have.
Honestly the city doesn't have reliable services. I've called the police before for a break and enter and they didn't even show up. Water bills are high and also apparently not kept well maintained. Garbage pick up is a joke. Transit exists on some made up time that's always late/too early.
I am a transit rider and there are obvious issues where the reliability and frequency of transit do not meet our goals. Our route also got downgrade to a shuttle bus which are incredibly loud and bumpy. It must be horrible for the drivers to be in them all day. The city should invest in the quality of its fleet in the long run by purchasing electric buses. I've also benefited from having my neighbourhood and another that I frequent regularly benefit from Main Street revitalization projects which are amazing! I hope the city will do more of that work but be thoughtful about merging it with other necessary city work to minimize disruption to local businesses. Bike pathways are amazing but on-road bike paths don't feel fairly managed. They could use maintenance (a lot of chipped green paint), more comprehensive barriers between them and traffic (paint isn't sufficient), and thoughtful connectivity. Calgary can be a world class cycling city!
I do not ride the city transportation and feel users should pay a fee which provides 50% of the operating costs at a minimum, recreation facility user fees could be increased to again provide for 50% of operating costs at a minimum. by law enforcement needs to be improved as many new items e bikes motorized carts etc are impacting safety concerns on sidewalks, training for new arrivers to Calgary could have presentations to identify safety issues re walking at night in dark clothing which leads to pedestrian/vehicle incidents, higher presence of security personnel in downtown core and on transit to address un welcomed interactions, better training of bus drivers /better equipment for winter conditions

I don't have time to write what needs to be said, but focus on the basics of the city services, stay in your lane. Don't get involved in initiatives that are not in the city purview, like climate change. Do the basics extremely well, remember that we need balance. Building housing everywhere while forgetting about parks and arenas and parking, hurts everyone.
I expect decent roadways, without gaping pot holes, fresh and adequate water supply and a safe environment in which to live. The City should be extremely limited in any cultural, equity or diversity issues as this is not a valuable use of my tax dollars. The private sector should be unleashed and a permitting and regulatory environment should exist that allows business to thrive, not be buried in a morass of useless red tape.
I feel as though roads, infrastructure and police/ fire/ ems don’t matter in this city. All the city cares about is being run by the builders. They just keep jamming in multi family dwellings with not enough roads or parking for them and then not enough police/fire/ ems to deal with the problems. The city is slowly falling apart and we need to take it back
I feel that the previous two mayors largely neglected critical infrastructure. We're all feeling that as we're currently in water restrictions. I love mayor Farkas so far, I'd say our tax dollars are working far more efficiently now. Prioritizing "needs" such as water services is far more important than "wants" such as artwork or parks.
I like knowing we live in a safe city. Our police and fire do a great job. We do need the radar cameras back to help slow the speeding. Those small signs in the school crosswalks. They have been bent and run over consistently. Get rid of them. Those ideas make me mad to see how our money was wasted. The length of time it took to put up the new bus stops on center street north was insane. The dug up and filled the same holes numerous times. Almost like they did not know what order to get things done in. City street lights are so bad. No wonder pedestrians are getting hit. After reporting outages it takes forever to get them fixed if ever. The work done on Deerfoot was long but the results are great. Our local garbage and bin collection is well done.
I live in the inner city and my taxes are high. Stop creating urban sprawl and supporting new communities with the best of services at a much lower tax rate. Inner city neighbourhoods are getting the lions share of redevelopment, more people and no new amenities. Our schools are old, our infrastructure is old, we don’t have fancy recreation facilities, new libraries etc. I do like the bike lanes - do not let the ab govt get involved, love the library system, waste and recycling is great too. Transit is not great - it needs to be more interconnected. More max buses, buses and less reliance on ctrain. I have to take 2 busses and 1 hour to get to inglewood when I can ride my bike in 25 min. Transit has to be more efficient to convince people to use it

I only care about basic services - roads, water supply, waste management. Other offerings such as compost supply and the recently advertised tree program are nice to have, but all levels of bureaucracy have grown an excessive amount and this naturally and necessarily creates waste and excessive cost as divisions continually have to create new ideas, needs, purported urgencies and crises to justify their budgets and their roles. The latest number from the Fraser Institute is 43% of the Canadian economy is comprised of government jobs. This is unsustainable, and only those of us not on government payroll seem to see that. Further, given we've had two water main breaks in the last two years, and still have 20% water leakage from our system, our councils and administration have obviously been focusing on the wrong priorities for a very long time. Now permanent water restrictions being considered and our taxes continue to increase. I do not feel I am getting good value for my taxes.
I see potholes in the streets much more than a few years ago. I see improper snow removal on major roads. I see incredibile amounts of homeless people abandoned downtown, with no visible police presence. I see security guards now in EVERY store, a complete failure of city management and policing. At the same time the city spends hundreds of millions of dollars on the "climate crisis" which is not even a city responsibility!!! And the city spends millions on renovating buildings like Arts Commons that did not even need renovation. And the city wastes money on tearing up the river pathways in Eau Claire and Chinatown every 10 years! Stop wasting money!
I think an accessible and affordable transit system is very important. I think safe roads for drivers and pedestrians is important. We have to be able to get around either by transit, or car, bicycle, walking, etc. This should be easy and affordable and not an obstacle to getting out. Personally I love our green spaces. Being able to escape the city and city noise on Nose Hill, or in Edworthy or to hear bird song in Confederation Park, etc. This matters to me and makes me feel 'good' and recenters me. Cleanliness also matters to me. So recycling, garbage management, and compost services matter to me. Knowing I can compost organic matter and divert it from landfill matters to me.

I think the City gives less value every year. The numerous potholes that get filled in year after year to miraculously reappear is not good value. The weed strewn parks and roads that need mowing before they seed. The way littering and spitting has no consequences. The way people are riding enormous electric bikes through crowded parks, using a pathway that should be banned to them. They are bigger than the motorbikes of the 50's. The way complaints about all cyclists in parks behave to 311 are ignored.
I walk my dogs every day and use off leash parks. They are always busy so I think they need to be maintained. I drive most places but use the train when I can. I usually only use it in the daytime and find it safe and convenient. Garbage and recycling plus the dumps are well run. I think our roads are well maintained. Some of general green spaces are looking grim. Check along Crowchild Trail. Some of those bush beds look like they have not been looked after since they were planted.
I would like to see better roads and a program to upgrade roads on a set schedule rather than when a pothole has to be fixed. I have found that 311 has been very responsive. The issues with the water system has been well documented. Our neighborhood has experienced much lower than standard water pressure for years. We have the water department out and the response is .. too bad… live with it… not acceptable.. The city needs to crack down on vagrants and drug use specifically in the downtown area. Safety is an issue and I get comments from people from places like NewYork that they feel safer there than in Calgary. For the amount of taxes we pay as homeowners, the services the city provides is not adequate.
I'm appreciative that I have clean drinking water daily, my sewer works and my garbage is picked up weekly . I appreciate that garbage in public places are removed and that my Roads that I drive on after a snowfall are kinda cleared (albeit why use pickle when 7" fall, ?? Real dumb) . Where are the police to reign in the downtown core homeless ! I'm afriad to walk there let alone support the businesses there . Shame on you for not addressing this !
In difficult financial times the city should be focused on basics, reliable and sustainable utilities. Roadways and infrastructure required for the safety and security of the residents. Not pet projects and projects that should be funded by user pay models. Inclusivity is a failed concept that is meant to be a wealth redistribution policy which is not core to city management requirements.

It's great to have nice roads to get to where I want to. I don't use public transit, but I realize that a lot of people do so that is important. We need police. We need fire. It is nice for tourist to have nice pathways . I like to see the boulevards and streets kept clean to please the Eye.
Keep roads, pathways and parks in good shape. They are falling apart. These are core responsibilities that ONLY the City can address.
Libraries have an impact on everyone, young, old, poor, middle class or wealthy, everyone is welcome and equal in the use of our wonderful libraries. They are fair and inclusive, offer both entertainment and education through access to books, computers, programming for all ages. Vital to our society. Recreation programs, pools, parks, sports fields etc have been excellent for our family over the years. Good value for money invested! Keep them affordable. Remember Alberta's minimum wage isn't a living wage and rents and food are expensive here. Parks and green space became focal points during Covid and remain important for healthy living in a noisy, busy world. Look how well-used our parks and green spaces are! 311 service has helped me navigate city departments in many ways. The people answering the 311 phones are much more efficient and user-friendly than the online system. I'm sure 311 saves a lot of money and time for every part of the city administration and councillors, too.
Maintaining Parks, roadways, pathways and waste management
Major Infrastructure - Water Services is CRITICAL for the City to maintain. The collapse of water services to your citizens places Calgary in the realm of a Third World Country. You abandoned your citizens for frivolous structures - the Blue Ring, the rusting structure at the West entrance to City, Spray Stations, when you could spend money on maintaining our Pools and vital infrastructure. City deserves a D Grade for neglecting their citizens. Abysmal.
Make sure the water and sewage system works. Make sure the roads are drivable. Take the garbage out. Pay the police and firefighters to do their jobs. Stick to basics.
My city taxes work out to about $14 per day. I think that's pretty good value to drive on the roads, have clean green spaces and have police, fire and garbage services. People are addicted to low taxes, but that's how we pay for these things.

My property taxes have increased every year, as well as water and storm drain fees. The cost for the blue, green and black bins increases every year, but the pick up service level has decreased. Enmax, which is owned by the City, continues to increase fees even though it made sufficient profit which it used to purchase a utility company in the United States. Perhaps they could reduce fees instead. The community beautification programs again are a nice to have but not vital.
My water,gas and electricity bills are ridiculously high and I'm not even in the city. I travel for months at a timeand my utilities barely are reduced when I'm gone. Most of it is fees. I don't even flush a toilet and turn on the lights. You need to figure out how to make life more affordable for Calgarians. I love the pathway systems but only in the summer. The cost to maintain them in the winter is ridiculous considering how few people ride their bikes and how all these bike lines impact drivers that don't have any option but to drive in the cold
Operate the city, that's all logical people expect. The water, the roads, the infrastructure, police/fire and planning. Fair and inclusive is woke nonsense. Too much administrative staff at CoC, with not enough work to do.
Our city roads are often in poor condition and this impacts anyone who regularly drives a car. While our waste and recycling service is pretty good, in my view perhaps money could be saved by decreasing the black cart service further. Our black cart is rarely full so pick-up every two weeks seems wasteful. Another area of personal concern is the poor condition of green spaces in the city. I see so many dead trees and during the summer poorly kept boulevards and parks. Perhaps funds from climate emergency could be shifted to the maintenance of our parks.
Pot holes are damaging my car. I have water restrictions due to improper management of our water infrastructure. I don't care about art and cut grass when I can't flush my toilet and get to work without damaging my personal property
Previous council ignoring the water issues have left us in a precarious position. We need to fix the water main, invest in infrastructure and fix the roads. I don't want my taxes going to art and DEI projects.
Roads and infrastructure are being neglected. The number of vehicles and employees seen at locations is beyond efficient and effective use of tax payers money and reduces service levels. Council and administration are outside of their responsibilities and don't always consider citizens wishes and are not focusing on services and service levels. Example the water main issues was a well know problem but administration failed to promote concerns and council didn't address the concerns or pardon me for saying ask questions.

Roads, pathways, parks keeping up with city development. Would like to see developers have more responsibility to the roadway management (ie complete major roads and intersections before adding new communities). Parks are also becoming overrun by weeds.
Roadway infastructure, waste management and utilities are the services that impact me most on a daily basis. These are basic service expectations from the city for our tax dollars. For the most part, they are delivered well, but I am concerned about increasing costs for these, ie higher taxes that are already exorbitant.
Roadways important. Basic services important - water, police, fire.
Strong community based events. Beautiful parks including off leash areas. Local markets. Pathways that are maintained. Proper & affordable housing for our marginal population with a transit system that runs well & is easily accessible.
The amount of potholes and general wear and tear on our roadways is absurdly bad. It is clear that the city prioritizes quick cash influxes from land sales which further expand the city, further strain our infrastructure budget, and further put us in a hole. Stop building "out"! Increase density, put those tax dollars to better use making the sidewalks, roads and infrastructure in the city center better. Why should someone living in Seton have better sidewalks and pathways than the majority who live closer to the core?
The city services there are required in my daily life fail. The roads are a mess and falling apart as well as snow not being cleared in winter from major roads. The water pipes keep breaking or adding more businesses on so my water pressure goes down. The electric grid is being extended where it was not intended causing outages. You cannot have community growth without basic need infrastructure
The city should focus more on maintenance for a while instead of new shiny projects that aren't necessary. No big highway projects for a while. New roads aren't needed repairing existing ones are needed. I will support new train and BRT projects as they have better value to the dollar than roads do. After the stadium gets built there shouldn't be any more public funds for private businesses especially for millionaires that can afford to build it themselves. When our infrastructure maintenance is converted and we have surpluses then maybe we do some more vanity projects
The city should provide infrastructure stability to water, roads and policing.
The infrastructure is in terrible shape-roadways are third world! Safe tap water is critical-remove the fluoride! Remove all the silly bike lanes - very few use them in any event-waste of money!
The necessary services such as safety, roads, police, fire, water, waste management are important for me.

The water main break was worrisome and concerning to live through. I'd like to avoid this extra stressor if possible so investment in water utilities is essential. If I see less people on the streets, then I assume our housing and harm reduction programs are working. I'd like to keep these initiatives going to help the most people possible and get them reintegrated into society when they are clean and recovered. The potholes are an obvious one that everyone always talks about as Calgary is a car centric city. Since there seems to be no budget to expand public transit options, it makes sense to have better maintenance for the roads everyone uses daily.
The way that city services impact my life is through access to recreational activities, clean and well maintained parks, reliable and efficient waste and recycling management services, fully resourced library services, and finally (although this doesn't affect me personally, I do care about the effects), affordable housing for everyone.
Unfortunately, we have built a city that we cannot afford to maintain. The pattern of mostly single family homes means that current taxes cannot possibly cover the full costs now projected to be required. This means we will have to put up with deteriorating roads and instead, look to invest in modest improvements to transit. Here, we need to "sweat the small stuff". Getting simple things like platform, train car announcements and other service updates timely and correct. This shouldn't cost a lot, though requires that someone actually cares to get it right. Likewise for on-time bus service. It matters less that the bus comes less frequent if it is on time. Lastly, city communications are very poor. Publish plain language budgets and financial statements. Proactively communicate plain-language summaries of complicated policy. The changes enabled by RCG are an example where the city could have done far better at explaining what it was/wasn't.
Water, fire, police and roads should be the city’s focus but too often are lost in all of the pet projects and initiatives - such as the climate emergency and defund the police.
We expect certain standards of living in Canada. That's presumably why we pay taxes - to see that our money is used wisely and for the benefit of our city's citizens. They are the have-to-haves, not the nice-to-haves. Essential services include water, sewer, roads, and public transportation. I say cut taxes, eliminate business taxes and put as much money into these essential services. City hall and administration must come back to commonsense and thoughtful consideration.

We have built a commercial building and have done extensive renovations to our home - the city was and continues to be an impediment and not helpful. Regulations are more like guidelines and are up to the interpretation of various bureaucrats and planners - you get different answers from different people and ultimately are left spending money and taking more time. Currently planners / inspectors etc. seem to be there to impede you - not to offer help or to get your project done in a timely manner - that is clearly not important to these people. I think the police and fire do a great job and need to have more resources if they are expected to help with impaired people (drug issues) and mental health. I think the city has done a good job with the current water main feeder issues - and hopefully will learn how important it is to continually invest in infrastructure - have their own rules be as stringent as the ones they put on development projects.
We need fire, police, water, waste pick up and good roads. No pie in the sky idea (like why did we spend all that money on the new slogan for Calgary which sounds like Montana.) Just do your job and keep services available for tax payers.
we only need you to provide the basics such as roads, water, heat, electricity. STOP trying to please everyone. REDUCE the budgets. Calgary does not need a larger population as we cannot provide the basics now.
My position here is one of privilege. I pay extremely high property taxes so of course I expect my waste collection to occur regularly. I have seen cuts to transit which pushed me to drive into the core every day. Roads are in a steady state of disrepair and although I am seeing funds directed to expansion (Deerfoot, Ivor Strong, Glenmore, etc) we wouldn't need so much of this expansion if we chose to reduce urban sprawl and increase housing density.
Shutting down the main feeder water line to repair the whole pipe in the middle of winter was not a smart choice by the mayor. Losing water pressure and the unnecessary stress it caused was not needed. When making a complaint in 311 and their being no response and household furniture is still dumped illegally and sitting on the side of the road in the northeast in cornerstone and potholes go unrepaired.
The City of Calgary need to re-focus on basic police, fire, and roads. Leave things like culture and public art to the many other organizations in the City instead of using tax payer dollars.
The quality of services such as transit and housing and their availability to the citizens in the city is very important. I want these things to be more reliable and worthwhile because right now it is not useful and quite inconvenient for residents of Calgary.
The roads I drive on, the response of police and fire to emergencies, whether infrastructure is well maintained or neglected

When it improves my quality of life. Like water, housing, parks, waste and recycling. This city needs to increase revenue so we are not put into this stupid situation where we have to pick needs. TAX THE RICH CALGARY IS FULL OF THEM
Whether the services are accessible, easy to navigate, and clearly communicated. If there is construction or a process that needs to be completed, I know why it's happening and what the outcome will be. Also that the services feel that they are working to provide the best outcomes for everyone, inclusively and equitably.
If I see a service contributing to the general health of my community, I consider it a good value. For example, new bike lanes that encourage people to get out of their cars and be part of the community, buy from local businesses and connect with their neighbours. Library programs that help newcomers build community. Housing projects that give people a chance to participate in our city. Arts and culture events that can afford to be accessible to everyone. Building improvements that help disabled people be more fully included in community. I volunteer with immigrant children and work in mental health care and it’s these things that open doors for people that make the biggest difference. We want people to be proud to live here and feel like they are part of a group that cares about them.
Living in a world class city with spaces and places to visit, great pathways to explore a diverse landscape, reliable and consistent service delivery, climate more livable than other cities (chinooks), reasonable affordability compared to other large cities.
Maintaining, water, snow removal, roads, waste & recycling police & emergency services. If those are taken care of & maintained, then we aren’t getting good value.
Safe streets, Good and Reliable Emergency Services. I do not care about inclusiveness.
The biggest factor is the reliability of public transit. My partner and I are a 1 car household and so we rely on public transit to fill in the transportation gap. Similarly, we use our bikes to get places so well-maintained bike paths and lanes are important for us to get around. I am also a resident of NE Calgary and have a dog. There are not enough safe off-leash areas in parks. I take my dog to Nose Hill park because that is a large enough area that conflict between dogs is minimized. The other small fenced in off-leash parks are simply too risky. Off leash areas embedded in parks (like Nose Hill) are ideal because people tend to only take well mannered dogs that are under their control.
- Keeping roads accessible with safety top of mind in the winter time. - Ensuring there is access to clean water during interruptions to waterflow. - Removal of waste and recyclables.

- Accommodations for those with physical ailments. As I have inflammatory arthritis even though I am young. Long wait time in uncomfortable settings can be hard and exhausting. (Eg. Waiting long for unreliable transit times or long routes) - An understanding for those who are different. My family is mostly neurodivergent, have mental health needs, or intellectual disabilities. Accessibility and easy navigation to those resources is important. - my family is also very multicultural and mix race. My mom and dad tend to isolate as they get older. It's gets harder to get them to culturally interact. It's great to have them go out to community events. Use the library for example. - how reliable and consistent the service is and how far away it is from home or on the way from work. - what time the service runs and if I can access it easily. Like it was great when the water utility came to check when we were having problems in our new house. -
- how I feel safe on the road. Very very important to me because I don't. - how I feel safe when using public transit - how reliable public transit is, and can I get from place to place within a reasonable amount of time - how my tax dollars are being spent and the benefit returned to me as a middle-income Calgarian who feels affordability challenges too, but do not receive any support because I'm not low-income. - how we create more jobs within the City - how do you deal with unhoused individuals downtown because I also don't feel safe around them
Accessibility to transit. Proper driving roadways uncluttered by erroneous bike paths that start and end no where. Proper road maintenance. Recreational facilities.
Actual services and essentials. Emergency services, water, electricity, road maintenance.
Affordability and ease of use. Reliability and user-friendliness of services; connectivity. Does the service benefit many and what is the per capita cost?
City living must protect property and maintain reliable roadways. City residents should feel safe and be provided reliable basic services at a reasonable rate.
Clean water supply, road maintenance, garbage pick up, having the city not spend money on areas that are not important to the vast majority of citizens
Condition of roads and sidewalks, emergency response times

Condition of roads, sidewalks. Reliable transit service.
Condition of roads. Do we have enough police and fire. BASICS. I see all the fancy bike lanes side walks etc in Marda. How many years did that take and at what costs? 20% of Calgarians have food insecurity yet we have miles and miles of bike lanes in a city that has winter 6 months of the year. Why?
Consistent and easy to access transit is very noticeable, especially if the train/bus does not show up when scheduled. Funding for institutions such as libraries is welcomed, as it improves the quality of life for everyone through better access to education. Efficient completion of construction projects is vital, as these projects are on full display and cause frustration if they are delayed.
Decent roads and sidewalks, public safety, and efficiency in planning and permitting.
Do my utilities work? Are the roads safe? Are my property taxes reasonable? Is the city wasting money on DEI programs
Does my city feel safe and clean? This means effective waste management systems but also lots of green spaces. It also means supporting the poor to limit the need for criminal acts.
Don't care about fair and inclusivity. Calgarians need to make sure that when they turn on a tap, they have fresh water, when they drive on roads, they are not full of potholes and when they turn on a light switch, they have reliable electricity.
Equitably reliable service across all wards - e.g. citizens living in economically disadvantaged communities have the same or greater access to publicly funded service as those living in economically advantaged communities. Service that prioritizes people's quality of life, community building and time - e.g. greater access to transit so that citizens who own a car could make the choice to take transit without 'losing' an hour to their commute and citizens who must take transit can have greater flexibility and agency in their own time. Service that pushes against 'rugged individualism' and encourages citizens to be in community with each other, share space, and build relationships - e.g. medium to high density housing, third spaces such as gathering places and parks, arts and culture funding that creates more financially accessible opportunities to attend events and gather
Factors would be things I encounter daily/weekly. the usual stuff...Roads/traffic. Snow Removal. pathways, parks & green spaces. (general condition and maintenance) Feeling safe; having homeless people allowed to congregate and openly do drugs in popular, public spaces

Fair and inclusive - equal access to all. I think consistency and reliability are key factors too. People won't commit to something if the City doesn't. Trust goes a long way to personal experiences. I also think the largest impact for the lowest cost/time investments are critical when budgets are a big factor.
For the most part our daily services are fairly reliable. I am noticing waste management, utilities, street lights and park maintenance are completed in a timely way. We all want more and there could be more but that also cost more. Road repairs are a major concern for me as the pot holes seem to everywhere in the city. Many parts of the city are older and the roads need lots of repairs. I depend on the city to make the best decisions about which areas get the repairs first, there is limited amounts of money. It is very upsetting when the city spends money on unnecessary projects like art installations, (blue rings, hanging rocks), tearing up a street for work and then a few weeks later the same spot is again torn up for a different purpose and then again a few weeks after that. I watched a corner in my area torn up 4 times in one summer, why??
Garbage/recycling, health & wellness (recreation, parks, medical facilities & clinics), transportation.
Good value for money looks like stable infrastructure like roads and water facilities. It also looks like spending that supports the most vulnerable (emergency housing, shelters, other social services) both for humanitarian reasons and also because keeping vulnerable calgarians safe and housed allows them to avoid further negative outcomes that would ultimately be more costly.
Good value means the majority of people can either access the service or benefit from the service with overall improvement of the community. Services should also be reliable and be able to restore service quickly during maintenance, emergencies or other outages.
Having a ‘somewhat’ immediate access to services. Eg one calls CPS and no one can respond for more than two + days to a non emergency compliant. Our infrastructure like our water system and LRT system should be readily available at all times.
How many people are served. Is it only a subsection of the people or certain demographic of cultural groups? If so, then the value for the dollar isn't good at all. The consequences if the service goes away. Is it physical harm or recreation? Is it urgent harm (house fire) or long term harm (little city planning so there are less houses)? Effectiveness of the service. How well is the service performing now? Is it efficient in its current state? Is it managed well right now?

I consider City services good value when they reliably meet essential needs like roads, public safety, and infrastructure. I also look for responsible use of tax dollars—services should be efficient, cost-effective, and benefit the greatest number of residents. Good value means core services are well-maintained, work consistently, and are delivered without unnecessary spending.
I consider if my transit commute will take 30 minutes or 90 minutes. I wonder if I will get killed walking or biking because the city won't invest in safe active mobility infrastructure. Thank god we are subsidizing urban sprawl infrastructure so people can drive their pickups 40km into downtown then [redacted] that their taxes are too high.
I consider my personal experience living in Bowness. This community has many unconventional intersections that might have worked when it was just a small community but are increasingly dangerous as more and more traffic is being forced through. I used to live on the corner of a 5-way intersection, where every single day I witnessed vehicles making up their own rules, leading to near misses with vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. I frequently called 311 to report vehicles parked in the intersection, inside the crosswalk, or beside a fire hydrant, but from what I could tell nothing was ever done. When I wrote to my councilor about the issue all that was done was to repaint the lines on the crosswalks, which pedestrians rarely used anyway because they weren't in intuitive locations. I also wish I could take transit more often, but it is becoming more expensive and yet increasingly unreliable.
I consider the reliability of the service, if it feels fair and inclusive, how well it works, and the outcomes I see in my community.
I consider waste and duplication. I wonder if recycling actually get recycled, or ends up in the landfill. I wonder if bylaw officers that ticket people for not shoveling walkways could not let their vehicles idle while they do it. I wonder why people get fined for not shoveling walkways, when the streets are 100 times more treacherous to walk on. I wonder if we could get city green spaces grass trimmed and weeded before dandilions get spread on neighboring lawns.
I consider whether it appears our municipal tax dollars are being spent wisely, so I'm looking for roadworks being completed efficiently and effectively, whether problem areas in terms of crime are getting additional police attention, whether city services for small businesses (e.g.: licensing, inspections) are conducted in a timely and efficient manner.
I look at whether the basic stuff like roads, water, and emergency services are actually working properly. For me, value means the City is taking care of the essentials without wasting money. Living in the NE, it often feels like we get the short end of the stick, especially with snow clearing, and that makes it harder to feel like we’re getting the same level of service as other areas. I just want to see the basics done well and more consistency across the city.

I look for smooth running basics such as roads, utilities, general infrastructure.
I love the C-Train! It's reliable, comfortable, has good frequency - keep this service at least the same, and preferably enhance this service - build more train lines! I love our parks! I would really love to see more native plants and more focus on how Indigenous people rely on the land in our parks. That would be an amazing learning connection to have with a focus on Indigenous resilience. Waste pick up is done well with a good frequency of pick up - on time, sometimes there is a little mess left on the ground near the bins but mostly not.
I prioritize reliable and well-functioning infrastructure, security and safety in my community, and a competent administration addressing real issues in the city rather than chasing dreams of notoriety.
I see good value when tax dollars are being used to support newcomers, immigrants, and low-income households. My parents' have never been able to afford to go to the gym and access recreational services. Their quality of life in their retirement has drastically improved with access to fair entry program. Their lives have also improved with the building and expansion of pathway systems across neighbourhoods and parks so they can safely and easily recreate outdoors. I also rely heavily on transit to get around the city and have been forced to live in the inner city in order to easily access all my needs and amenities. Tax dollars used on transit never goes to waste as many people who don't or can't afford cars will use transit. Build it first and they will come.
I take into consideration my personal experience, whether the city services are fair and inclusive and how accessible they are., not just to me, but also our most vulnerable community members.
I think about the parks to recreate in, the convenience of transit from Tuscany to downtown and the pathways to walk and cycle on!
I think about utilities like water, my unhoused neighbours and how they are able to access services and resources, as well as ease of transit and the walk and bikeability of the city.
I think services need to be reliable, consistent, fair and inclusive, and support people who are most struggling.
If the city is being maintained, I can access transit, clean water comes out of my tap, the roads are ploughed in a timely manner.
Infrastructure maintained: Calgary’s roads are in the worst shape that I have ever seen. Water issues are continual. Basic needs must be met first. Money on extras should nit be spent until the city is back in good running order. The city wastes money on ripping up roads that are in good shape just to make them pretty while those in poor shape are ignored. The city no longer knows how to repair roads. The same issues are repaired over and over.

Is critical core infrastructure (roads, water lines etc.) being maintained or not. These are the things that demonstrate value and where our tax dollars should be going, as well as core critical services (police, fire).
Most City services are providing good value when we don't notice them in our daily lives. When we can easily move around the city on Transit or driving without worrying about schedules or road conditions. When we can use water without thinking about how much there is, or how clean it is. When we know 911 calls will be answered quickly and consistently. When doing business with The City is easy - making arrangements for fair entry, running a business, connecting through 311. When these things are equally easy for everyone, and help is available for those who struggle for any reason, then we're getting good value for our tax dollars.
Need to know that the police, fire department, and infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, street lighting, etc.) are available when required.
Plowing, basic services like water and garbage. I love the swimming pools (Southland leisure center). Keep those going as affordable options is amazing.
Quality and reliability of the services most important to me. Effective budget management. Public safety. Focus on benefits for all, not just special interest groups.
Quality of life; can I drive down the roads without wrecking my car? Is there a nice green space within walking distance that I can take my dog for a walk? When I report a backed up storm water drain it gets cleared in a day or two.
Reliability and breadth of service, I rely on transit and having trains and busses arrive on time and provide access to places I need to get to. I think Calgary could probably benefit from using a more diversified fleet (mix of bus sizes). I have been on many mostly empty busses, I really needed the route so appreciated that it was running but a smaller bus that used less fuel would probably be sufficient. We also need to invest more in the long term for services, we learned that with the watermain break but I think we need to take that approach with all services considering a rapidly expanding population. I really don't want to lose any of the services we currently have, they may not seem essential but libraries and parks and affordable recreation makes the difference between surviving and living.
Reliability and consistency Transparency/Communication of needs, successes and challenges Fairness (which means dealing with the needs not just high visibility topics)
Reliability and quality of service for fire, police, water, parks etc.

reliability of critical services like Water, Waste and Roads is key. other services can be more pay per use such as transit, excessive waste and recycling. focus on critical city-building activities for long-term growth instead of short 1-2 yr planning. make it easier for all to do business and build affordable homes in Calgary to address key civic issues. I like how the property tax assessment shows where my taxes are going, how it's spread among different city functions and especially how much is going to the province!
Reliability of infrastucture services like Police, Fire and Waste Management are basics to keep a city functioning. The outcomes are obvious, a safe and healthy city. They are also a primary service to Calgary, no matter who you are or where you live. "Fair" and "Inclusive" are subjective terms that are open to abuse by niche groups, activists and the squeaky wheels who are more interested in themselves that the city at large. I am 65 years old, and have seen them come and go over the years, and the money given to them is often frittered away on nonsensical activities.
Reliability of services (utilities and waste and recycling) and protection of existing social order and emergencies (police and fire and bylaw)
Reliability of services, affordability, equity, accessibility, and inclusivity of resources and services.
Reliability, transparency, and fairness/equity are what is important to me. Can I get what I need when I need it? Does The City follow through on their obligation to provide certain services? Are The City's policies and programs making my life easier or harder? Do I feel like I am being heard?
Reliable services and infrastructure. Public safety. Affordability. Livability. Proper management, maintenance and investment of infrastructure and police, fire departments.
Reliable water, gas, transportation and police.
ROAD CLEARING WATER AVAILABILITY ABILITY TO TRAVEL ON ROADS WITHOUT ENMAX CONSTANT CONSTRUCTION
Safe reliable transit, avaiaible sport and fitness lessons, better recreation facilities
Safety and security. Assistance and wellbeing. Reliability, consistency, accuracy and accountability. Promotion and demonstration of mutual courtesy, respect, kindness and compassion in daily life - how we treat one another matters.
Safety, appropriate infrastructure for the population growth, housing availability, and road infrastructure.
Safety, cleanliness (garbage pick up) road maintenance

Safety, cleanliness, multiuse and bike pathways, road maintenance and snow removal, garbage and recycling pickup
Services for essential resources, such as water are always good value. Any services ensuring safety such as police, fire and bylaw are always good value. Many of the services the city of Calgary manages carry great value but safety and essential resources make the top of the list.
Sustainability, longevity, community impact, safety. Forward planning rather than being reactionary. I am a transit commuter. Our tax dollars are not being spent on upgrades or safety. Just this week (and it's only Tuesday) I've had to wait in the cold instead of bus shelter because someone was taking a poo in it yesterday and people were sleeping in it today. Last week I was out in the cold while waiting for the bus due to drug use a couple times and another time when a male walked in, looked at me (female) and another single female transit rider, declared he was "going to take a wizz in here". He then went to undo his pants. I don't know the outcome because I bolted. Every few months the City comes out and talks about transit safety and making it better. I have seen none of this. I rarely see transit officers or security persons. I have been asked for proof of fare payment zero times since Covid, nor have I been on any cars where it appeared this would be happening.
The community is safe, the roads are in good repair, and the water is running.
The factors I consider are whether the service is beneficial to the community (everyone, equally accessible), a long term investment that is proactive instead of reactive, and if the decisions and investments are evidence based, not politically charged. I'm pretty upset about how much time and money has been wasted on rezoning, for instance. The repeal feels political, not evidence based. Same with the outsized budget the police receive. I also feel like equity is one of the most important drivers for me. An investment from the city should be focused on improving the lives of most Calgarians, by equalizing the opportunities for quality of life.
The first thing I would consider is whether the essential infrastructure is suitable and in working order such as roads and water and utilities. Those things make daily life in a city manageable. Without without those essential services life can be quite miserable in a city. Entertainment and such other softer issues are nice to have but not as essential. I feel too much of the cities focus has been on social issues and ideologies rather than essential services that calgarians require.
The main factor I consider is sustainability. Are the services being provided in a way that makes sense today - and tomorrow? A service provides good value when it is available to all who need it, it's easy to access, and it contributes to making the lives of ALL Calgarians better.

the overall, large-scale, big picture benefits to society and citizens, such as improving quality of life meaningfully and creating positive changes, combined with reliability and quality of services (ie: transit is horribly unreliable and poorly run, and is a constant source of frustration for many citizens)
The Police are paramount, as the legal system works hard to keep the criminals on our streets so they can Profit. Parks and green areas are very important to keep life balance (but keep the dogs out of some of them!). Bike & walking paths which allow experiencing nature, healthy transportation, social interaction and affordable transport for seniors and poorer people to get around (ease up on the electric bike regulations, for some seniors and poorer people this is their only means of transportation to get to shopping). Better maintenance of roads (keep the really large truck off of them, they do 95% of the damage that occurs.
The power grid is deplorable. Quoted $60,000+ to upgrade my 100amp supply to 200 amp when the transformer is two houses away? Crazy. Want solar panels? $25,000 and limited to my usage on an already lower supply. Water line loss is also shocking approx. 22% from source to endpoint is terribly wasteful for a city moving towards drought Transportation has always been terrible. Poor access, extremely long point to point timelines. Electric buses are such a waste of money Why does the city have a land leasing department? Contract that to someone motivated and share the funds. Your department has zero incentive to generate income. STOP increasing pay in for mayor and councillors.
The quality and reliability of core services like roads, fire, and policing.
The services need to be available, predictable and consistent. They need to show an effort to improve quality of life, efficiency or offer value to future generations.
to me it is about accessibility - is there a rec centre near me with good hours and programs that interest me. The same for community programs delivered by partners does the library have staff to stay open to access. reliable services like waste and recycling are great - I know they will be here at 7 am every Thursday.
Well maintained roads, the reliability of emergency services and the overall aesthetics of the city.

Well maintained services that are fair and inclusive and reliable. 13 years after the Flood in 2013 and we in Bowness see little movement on slowing the Bow while the Elbow is dammed and those communities can rest in peace. We, on the other hand, are victims of re-zoning that could have lasting effects for us such as lowering our housing values and remaining in risk and fear of another flood. Help US!!!
When city services are reliable, benefits as much Calgarians as possible, reduce greenhouse gases, easy to use and access, efficient, gets me to different places without needing a car.
When streets are clean, safe and in good repair, I feel the city is doing a good job. Fair and inclusive is one of the phrases that has been used to get us into this mess. Calgary use to be known for its high quality water but that is no longer the case. Coming out of the tap, it stinks of chemicals and anyone who can afford it, has been forced to spend money on special filters to remove the fluoride and excess chlorine. No need to talk about environmental protection or climate issues when the city is supplying us chemical laden water to bathe in, drink, and dump on lawns and gardens. The city has let us down badly in supplying good water and has wasted tax dollars on negligence and the addition of unnecessary and very corrosive chemicals.
Whether they are reliable and inclusive for all, especially people who may be disadvantaged. For example, I rarely use public transit, but it's imperative for other people's livelihoods, therefore it should be a priority so that it works, is accessible and affordable when people need it.
I consider what service would most the low income residents of Calgary. I would ideally like to see my tax money go to the creation and upkeep of "third spaces" where anyone can have relaxation and recreation time. I want to see more local music venues to make the scene even more accessible as there is an insane amount of talent in our youth population. I want safe consumption sites, I want homeless shelters and low income housing, I want parks and playgrounds, I want our city to thrive with happy people everywhere.
Public services and workers - the kinds you learn about in elementary school. How do schools, hospitals, police, sanitation, transit, etc. operate? Transit is great and doing much better. Teachers are overwhelmed and dealing with unprecedented rates of behaviour issues in classes. Police are everywhere and appear less serious because diff departments are staffed differently but all are under the name of police. Ex) seeing police frequently at train stations checking for tickets but retail theft is ridiculous and kids are asked to do the same security we see police doing (although there’s more behind the scenes ik). Social services seem pointless rn as addicts become more violent and aggressive with public, as addiction and homelessness need different management. Also considering what things benefit the most people over a long time. Improvements to above services are timeless, celebrations less so.

The lack of adequate funding for police and fire jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of all citizens. Proper and timely maintenance and expansion/development of our roadways and traffic corridors also benefit all citizens. Maintenance of our green areas needs to improve as it has deteriorated significantly and has become a source of embarrassment rather than pride due to neglect. The majority of pothole and road repairs are done so poorly than we no longer have reasonably smooth roadways and vehicles are jostled quite badly.
The most important things are often the things that are not visible. Obviously this became very apparent with the water main breaks. The biggest impact on my daily life is when these this are not top of mind and not properly monitored or addressed. I am of the opinion that the City's responsibilities are that infrastructure and Safety, meaning more police presence (that address open drug use in our downtown)
There is not enough city recreation programs. It is so hard to find affordable activities for families. Having an expensive YMCA is not enough. I feel the fees and GST shouldn't be charged on top of fees. Enmax needs and overhaul on the fees they charge. The roads in my community and to work, as so bad I need a wheel alignment every y
Thing affecting me most: The water main failure/water restrictions, city cleanliness(last year street sweeping was an absolute joke) and there is garbage everywhere, parks full of dandelions, road safety gone downhill with reckless big truck drivers , burglary and open drug use in my community, high property taxes.
To me creating transit oriented developments, improving transit and making pedestrian only zones like those in Europe would be my most important priority. Getting home to Calgary airport and having to get a lift/taxi/uber (sorry the busses just don't cut it with luggage) just seems like we live in a third world country. How is it that we can't connect the downtown core to the airport when it's so feasible. Creating better transit, improving pathways and making only pedestrian streets would have huge economical, psychological and physical improvements to everyday Calgarians.
Transit and recreation significantly impact my quality of life. Safe, multi-modal pathways and roads are also important. These are services and infrastructure that my family and I use everyday. I notice improvements in them almost as soon as they are implemented and similarly feel the negative impacts of reduced service and budget cuts.

Transit is the biggest city service that comes to mind, as I rely upon it frequently for my commute. Unfortunately, I've found it both cheaper and more reliable to subscribe to Communauto, rather than taking the bus. This, to me, is completely backwards. The number of times I arrived according to schedule and was left waiting in the cold for 20+ minutes for the bus, or worse, seeing the transit app update to say that it had left two minutes early is far beyond reasonable human error. The fact is, our transit services haven't improved in accordance with it's ever-rising cost. Also, the sustained argument that the downtown free-fare zone is 'unsafe' because of the presence of drug use and unhoused populations is another case of addressing symptoms rather than causes. An expanded free fare zone, more reliable transportation of all kinds, and increased social service funding elsewhere will address root causes of the issues that people like Sonya Sharp constantly complain about.
Transit services have improved in recent years, but some improvement can still be made especially with scheduling and community connections. With the recent water restrictions I think more attention should be put into the water infrastructure and all aging components be thoroughly checked to prevent breaks from occuring. Housing has been difficulty in recent years, especially as a renter with low income. It would be nice to have more indoor and outdoor public spaces, and places to get out of the weather for anyone who needs it.
Water services, we pay for water in the city, having to go on stage four restrictions is STUPID. We need to maintain the water system. It never should have gotten as bad as it has. The previous mayors/council should be ashamed of them selves. we also need police & fire to assistance calgarians in the city when need these services should NEVER be shaved back to "save" money. Transit should keep it's routes that go to C-Train stations. You want people to use Transit but you want to cancel routes of busses that go to C-Train stations...get your head on straight! think about what you are doing!
We need to reach out to other cities and see what they are doing….I feel like a new council comes in and changes things…..it gets started, and another council comes in and starts from scratch. Fire, police, housing affordability, maintains roads, clean, safe. With this new mayor I feel like things are “getting done”

i think services need to be reliable and cost effective. I think we should focus on necessities of people before spending too much on culture or arts. Water, housing, safety, transit, those are the areas i believe most important to Calgarians. The City should also strive to provide services at a reasonable cost. Delays due to politics on the Greenline and back and forth between governments greatly increased the costs and it is sad to see. We just keep budgeting higher costs and reducing the scope of the project. I hope to see projects moving faster. Investing more on capital assets and for future sustainability is a good direction. Also, creating a fund when we have surplus instead of spending it all is very important as well. They can also generate investment income which when it gets big enough it can be significant enough to reduce the taxes needed.
I think there is an overfocus on transit and an underfocus on roadways. Transit is important but if you look at the number of people who take it vs the number of people who drive, the budget should be effectively split to reality. Calgary is amazing. Just overall financial management and focus on more infrastructure I think well positions us for continued future growth and success.
I want my tax dollars to go to making people's lives better. This means affordable housing, libraries, third spaces, a thriving creative culture, and safe drinking water.
I was appalled to learn that City Transit busses do not have winter tires through the winter. The least vulnerable (those that do not have cars) are severely impacted when they can't get to work because a bus is stuck. Rich people can drive. That has happened more than once this winter. Talk about living in the dark ages. Raise our taxes! It's been many years since the major flooding in Calgary. Have all the recommendations been implemented for future flood remediation? Infrastructure that was built in the '70's, like water utilities, should have been updated years ago!! Does the City still drive vehicles from the '70's?
I wish there was more focus placed on housing, transit and utility maintenance

I would really like to see a Panel discussion reviewing water and sewage rates and fees! Does the formula for waste water (88% of use) at a larger rate still work? I really wonder if the curb and sidewalk repairs elsewhere are really necessary when I look out the window and see a cracked sloping sidewalk and an annual lake forming in spring due to a catch basin problem. Does the way in which roads clear snow (and depending on the temperature: ICE) contribute to potholes and curb damage? There are LOTS of roads to be cleaned in the spring but some crews are in such a rush that the result is poor and a waste!
I would say that the City of Calgary is considerate of citizen experience overall but perhaps could be more intentional in the ways they allocate tax acquired funding. I work in the not-for-profit sector and we effectively deliver services, host events, operate programs/organizations, and do our work with so much less funding. I've seen wastefulness and a lack of intentionality in how money is allocated. Slow down, invest locally, spend intentionally. People would feel a lot more confidence in the governance of funding if there weren't obvious examples of waste - like repelling blanket rezoning, green line taking decades to construct, or public engagements that only serve those privileged enough to have time/capacity to be present.
Improvements/upgrades for older areas such as outdoor pools, leisure centres seems to be disproportionate; there is a big difference in Stanley Park to the Forest Lawn outdoor pool and parks. Policing and Bylaw should also be equally enforced in all areas, not police telling residents that considering the area there's nothing they can do about it. That is a disgrace and should never happen as we all pay taxes. Why is there a police station in Chinook Mall and not a single one in Forest Lawn/Dover? The only off leash park in our area has been under construction & unusable for nearly a year now, with no alternative options. Why is there no enforcement of picking up in dog parks? It seems to me that would drum up great revenue for the city! It would be beneficial to have programs via offenders/community hours to assist elderly to maintain their homes/property/sidewalks etc. even to pick up litter. We need more focus on improving life for all in the city not just the fortunate few.
In my experience, northeast is under serviced. Over 13 years ago, there was a talk of extending LRT from Saddletown to Airport. It has not happened. Transit service is not frequent and does not factor number of riders during peak time. Often the buses and trains are overcrowded. Road's do not get repaired even after submitting numerous 311 request until prior to municipal election. The northeast is overcrowded with too many multi-family buildings in one community (Skyview Ranch) poor transit and road conditions.
maintain or improve service standards, safer streets and transit, this City needs more police and visible policing

Not had to use essential services such as fire and police. Day to day life requires uses of road, water, garbage collection etc. The quality of those services are POOR. Road maintenance and cleaning/snow clearing is poor. It personally costs my family thousands of dollars annually to replace tires and rims due to potholes, windshields on all vehicles annually because of the amount of gravel (largish stones) on the road most of the year. It's it terrible I could not pick road maintenance as a budget priority simply because I was limited to 3 choices (fire, police and having water). This is outrageous and will skew the survey results for what Calgary expects for tax paid public servants.
Overpriced and useless community centre (the Block in Seton) High property tax but 0 schools, inefficient public transportation routes, no CT train, roads are not clean or treated in winter, congestion on streets, speeding in residential areas and no etiquette. My daughter was almost run over by an Amazon delivery truck; construction workers and drivers on big construction trucks speeding; pollution from the generators used in constructions within the new neighborhoods.
Parks and recreation. We have Chinooks so snow removal on bike paths need not be a priority as there is already public transportation for winter months as bikes not a winter sport.
Police #1 ALWAYS there when you need them. We have a great police service and I'd like to see them better funded and supported. Roads- FILL THE POTHOLES!!!!!!! I'm n the last decade this has become a HUGE problem that doesn't seem to ever improve despite constantly raising taxes. More soccer facilities. Desperately needed.
Residential taxes have increased, and yet services have declined. Waste removal, city workers refuse to leave their automated vehicles when necessary, opting to bypass the trash bins instead; and regularly leaving a mess after their vehicles have passed. Snow removal is non-existent, except on major thoroughways. Cleaning residential streets is once yearly. Side-walks have never been repaired in my neighbourhood since I moved here over 10 years ago. Yet we pay some of the highest property taxes in the city. These services should be privatized and reviewed annually.
Roads are beginning to deteriorate. Sidewalks are not cleared for handicapped or elderly, especially where à developer has torn down a home and fenced the area. Weeds grow so tall they take over the sidewalk. No wheelchair can travel on those sidewalks. Also, we don't produce a lot of waste, yet pay for large bins and the same service as people who produce enormous waste (green bins, blue bins, black bins).

The city provides me with very little. I have had broken sidewalks in front of my house for 15 years. I get water and electricity at exorbitant prices.
The most important thing now is to reduce property taxes. Focus on the needs.-water, fire and increasing policing. Crime is out of control in the city making me and many of my friends afraid to go out even for a walk or shopping. Put more money into policing and locking up criminals and keeping them locked up. You are letting the criminals have to much Leway and not caring about the lawful citizens.
There are services I use frequently - water utilities, waste and recycling, roads. I see them working well most of the time.
Transit should be 24/7 with low fares to encourage all income levels to use. Increase availability. Increasing policing and bylaw enforcement visability with horse, foot, helicopter, atvs reminds all citizens there are societal rules followed for greater good. Clamp down on "homeless" encampments, empty building occupation and drug use.
Transit should be more affordable and reliable, and go to more places. Roads and pathways should not have insane potholes that can destroy your wheel alignment.
We don’t need bike lanes and public transit is impractical for seniors. The rezoning is ruining the character of the neighbourhoods.
We need water and the infrastructure keeps failing. Residential areas are more populated and traffic is affecting them. We need safer neighborhoods with slower vehicles. Close off first street ne to Edmonton trail and center street for some intersections. Playgrounds are great, we need more and to sell old schools and building the city can’t afford to maintain. Redevelop for commercial use. More dog parks.

My experience is that City / Citizen involvement is mostly ineffective. Calling 311 is easily a 30 minute exercise and it seems to be for data analytics, not actual help. City services don't respond, even if you have an open case reference, and there doesn't seem to be any accountability City led engagement sessions seem futile. It feels like engagement doesn't impact the outcome On a daily basis, waste and recycling are reliable. The police and fire do an excellent job. More emphasis needs to be placed on incorporating environmental considerations into all areas. For instance, how is replenishing groundwater considered in urban planning policy. How do we create more permeable surfaces. Right now, it seems like status quo and no one is leading us into the future less available water. Or, requiring solar panels on all new surface parking lots, to reduce heat island effect and strain on electrical grid.
I want the city to deliver core services in a cost-effective way. Take waste collection: my household produces considerably less waste than other households, but I pay the same rate. That's not good value. Incent households to waste less (less landfill costs) with a system of bag tagging. Waste less - spend less. Focus on the boring delivery of core services. We cannot afford flights of fancy, pet projects, and excess bureaucracy (for example, the climate change declaration - not even a municipal responsibility, but suddenly lots of staff meeting, planning, writing, monitoring, reporting, and enforcing).
I work in healthcare, so I'm always concerned about accessibility of services. Frankly even city base recreation, and transportation are cost prohibitive for a number of people with disabilities, not to mention that they are mostly not cognitively or communicatively accessible. A huge concern is of course safety – in a growing city with reduced policing and increased violence, and the removal of safe consumption, whether or not incidents have actually increased there is a general feeling of reduced safety, particularly in the downtown core, and on public transit. Many people that I know could take transit choose not to because of this.
- more park areas like bowness. - more pools, skating rinks. Pathways

1. Very disappointed with water issues - 2 water restrictions within one year. this issue was entirely predictable. council & administration ignored a very basic critical item. 2. I do not understand why we have so many problems related to drugs & gangs. Almost all of the gun action is related to these people using illegal. Why don't we hear of more arrests? 3. Roads - in 30 years, a plow has gone down our street 4 times. But, generally roads are pretty good. 4. Recycling - is everything recycled or does a lot of recycling end up in a land fill. If certain items end up in the landfill, stop the illusion. Maybe recycling should be scaled back?
311 is good. Ask me if the bus drivers on the 14th Street, SW bus lane (safest cycling road in the City) are inclusive and respectful of cyclists.... Make it legal for cyclists to use this underutilized road and ensure bus driver training, educating on the benefits cycling brings to taxpayers.
Accessibility to nature and the protection of natural environments because I use them a lot. In particular, Nose Hill Park, Nose Creek Park, and the Ingwood Bird Sanctuary. Also, that basic needs, such as affordable housing and utilities, are accessible. Crime levels have risen and this is a concern to me. I think this is best addressed by enhancing the availability of essential needs for marginalized groups and community-based policing.
Active transportation access and continuity provides us with options to significantly reduce costs by living car-light. Arts, culture, and recreation can keep our city desirable
As a bicycle commuter, my safety is threated on a frequent basis from cars driving into painted bike lanes. Separated bike lanes would greatly improve this. When I use the Ctrain, it seems like there are frequent interruptions for things that should be maintained, like power issues. Also, there are many incidents with car accidents and rider emergencies interupting traffic. I'm not sure what can be done about that, but it would be nice to publish some stats on basic causes and action plans if there are things that can be done. Cars running red lights and nearly running me over during right on red or as cars get a green and I get a walk signal. Advanced signals for pedestrians and cyclists would be great. Im not sure why the city has to develop utilites for giant developments like Providence. Dream should pay for the whole project themselves instead of asking for funding that won't be totally covered by development permit costs. Free markets mean businesses pay all their costs.

As a condo resident, some typical City services are not applicable to us. Therefore I feel pathways (I have moved over 90% of trips within the City from car to bike, including Costco shopping), transit and community recreation / sport centers are the most relevant to us. They provide good value and the investments in the MAX lines and pathways have made meaningful impact on our lives, even though we reside in Renfrew and own a car.
As a whole the provision of services by the City of Calgary are reasonable. The Parks and Recreation programmes currently available offer a lot of variety of activities to the public and various communities that make up Calgary. Some of the administration charges on monthly service charges - water, sewer, garbage need to be explained for better public acceptance. Many of the little charges seem like a cash grab when compared to other cities such as Edmonton. The frequency of garbage, compost and recycle pick-up works well.
Basic community needs: Policing, Fire, EMS and utilities first so we can go about our daily lives securely. With these addressed business, culture and recreation will grow within the financial resources that are sustainable.
Basic necessities always come first. Water issues experienced in the last few years is not acceptable - it must have top priority and remain there. Roads are in a terrible state of disrepair. Clearly has been too low on the priority list.
Bloated bureaucracy. Ridiculous public art. Bike lanes
Building more roadways and improve traffic movement. Building pathway is good where high traffic is anticipated. But, investment like bike lanes needs to be re-looked at. I don't see enough uses against dollar spent. Muliti-use asphalt pathway is the same - understand wide pathway in residential area, along the river, but what is the point to building such in industrial area - no one ride their bike to work specially in industrial district and feel like waste of my tax money to build and maintain.
Calgary is a safe and vibrant city and has much to offer all residents. I really like the consistency of service in all areas, i.e. Tuesday is recycling day every week, my lights come on, the water issue is being resolved. I feel that Calgary needs to continue to be visionary and attract more diverse industries which we have been doing. We need all generations and nationalitys to continue to bring their talents to the city.

Children's playgrounds are more important than a new place for the Calgary Flames Transit fares should take into consideration distance travelled. I live in Bridgeland, one c-train stop from the free zone downtown. It is cheaper for my wife and I to drive downtown and park rather than take the train. Parking on Centre Ave E from 7A St to 10 St E requires a $90 per month parking pass if you live in a condo but in a house it is about 90% less, so much for encouraging density. Climate issues re Gondek are a colossal waste and ineffective.
City infrastructure is a must. Calgarians should never have to worry about having utilities, roads or safety.
City is doing a good job of managing expenses and keeping up with the strong growth. Needs to prioritize business units - Police & Fire - essential services and ensure they are adequately funded first. Hopefully the recent water pipeline issue result in a review of how capital is being allocated and spent. Capital projects should be looked at on a City wide basis more than once or twice a year with priority given to essential service areas....whether they are highly visible or not.
City of Calgary for the amount I pay in taxes has dropped the ball. Our roads are a mess, our transit is unsafe, we have run down empty lots that homeless persons ruin. We allow drug addicts to wander our streets harassing people and defecating in the streets. The upzoning has ruined neighbourhoods and lowered property values and made it impossible to sell some houses. The lack of planning for this growing city is underfunded or we require better more knowledgable planners who actually live in the city.
City planners are facilitating excessive sprawl, consuming farmland and increasing expenses for utilities and services. Increase density first. As density increases, green spaces become essential for health and wellbeing.
City services affect me daily/weekly/monthly. It's hard to choose a "less important" category. I wish funds could be spent well on all of the areas. Our city benefits greatly from libraries and civic partners enriching our lives. There's never enough attention spent on those places of mental wellbeing and education. I always want more money spent on roads and snow removal for safe travel. I acknowledge that we need to spend tax dollars on our water infrastructure and make sure it's strong for decades to come. Please do not spend our limited water resources on AI data centres - that would be the worst possible use of my tax dollars!

City services have remained the same without any improvement. Even when we have a poor infrastructure to our city. Calgary is a newer city compared to most in canada and our infrastructure is lacking. And where do our taxes go? Roads are starting to Crack more and more. Water mains are breaking and our taxes keep going up. There is no reserves from over a million tax payers in case situations arise. People are not making more money but taxes keep climbing. When do the people get a break?
Climate and environment - building a sustainable future for all our natural resources, including water. Improving our building structure, longevity, and home comfort and safety through energy and resilient upgrades which also improves housing value. Ensuring all city resources are barrier free and accessible to all. Building reliable transit systems that are designed with longer-term thinking, rather than short-term budget cuts that result in poorer decisions.
Crime rates, road conditions, water system integrity and emergency response are primary. Beautification and community projects should be the lowest priority. Most to date are badly done and generally of no value. Art projects over the last decade are a sick joke at best.
Efficiency versus bureaucracy: excessive rules, forms, duplication of services, delays, short sightedness ends up losing the plot or service to be provided in favor of more bureaucratic often ridiculous rules. Too many bylaws. People over processes. Too much internal empire building / protecting within city departments. Example: Calgary Access Transit vehicle unfolds ramp on to grouchy old man's driveway. Grouchy old man logs formal complaint with Access Customer Support. Bureaucrats at Access enact rule for their drivers "Thou shalt not unfold ramps on any driveway unless specified in writing on your trip sheet / computer." Now wheelchair users suffer being bounced off curbs into slush / mud by default when picked up / dropped off by Calgary Access Transit. Wasting money by enacting Bylaws that constitutionally are not the responsibility of the City which would never stand up to a challenge in court. Example: "Climate Emergency".
Ensuring we have a safe community where people are able to access housing, in a range that can meet the needs for all people is really important to me as a citizen. Although I did not have as a high priority, roads and ways to get around the city are important parts of having a welcoming and ease of access to the city. I also appreciate all of the green spaces and access to things in community that increase my ability to connect with others.
Everyone in this city deserves the best quality of life we can provide, which means investing in infrastructure, transit, and affordable housing.

Fighiting crime which is out of control and getting worse every day. Fix the water system. Fix some pot holes. Make sure the fire department is running properly. Yes the city needs to attract attention to Calgary and attract the right kind of businesses and sectors but this needs to be done in conjunction with the private sector. We are a city of some of the most intelligent and succesful entrepreneurs in the world and I have more faith in their vision than any of the previous mayors and city councillors. We will see what Farkas does but grandstanding all over the world when we have budget issues and problems at home does not make economic sense.
Fire, police, and emergency services are doing their best but need way more support both financially and from the community they serve. There are too many road offences (cell phones while driving, distracted drivers, hitting pedestrians, speeders, accidents, etc.) on the roads because the police force is too undermanned to monitor these things. Every week we hear about shootings, knifings, people beiing extorted, people being robbed - there has to be more thought put into how to handle the causes. We don't really feel safe here anymore. Fire responses are slower because they are undermaned and underfunded as well. EMS is burning good people out at an alarming rate from understaffing. I have met far too many former EMS who just couldn't take it any more. I try to not ddeal with "city hall". responses take too long, provide inconsistent information, or insist on "having an App" to deal wit the situation. Enough!
For me and our family, infrastructure such as roads and utilities and services such as medical, police and fire are paramount. Without these being addressed the city cannot function properly.
For your statistics median of the salaries for the city workers should be within 10% of the median of the tax payers. Also the city workers should leave in the city that they are working for. That being said if the roads are fixed and clean and if utilities are provided as needed. If anybody can open or transfer a business in less than a month (more than 6 months now) we can say that ca city is fair administrated. Right now taxes went up more than inflation rate and the services and quality of the services went down.
Fund police so they can protect the city, fix roads/infrastructure, ensure traffic patterns at intersections keep traffic flowing adequately. Defund any and all woke programs/ideologies.
Garbage collection is not often enough for a family of 5 for what we pay - and have to pay for extra bags on top of that. Make it weekly and cut back composting collection - especially in the winter months. Water and utilities must be maintained, just like changing the oil in your car. We have not received any value for our dollars spent here in years.
Getting around (transit and roads) because that affects both residents and businesses/the local economy. And police and fire because they are essential to keeping people safe and responding quickly to fires to minimize damage and injuries/loss of life.

Good emergency service, roads maintained, garbage and recycling.
Good parks, good convenient transit, affordable housing, good accessible schools
Good point. Bug #1 is 311 service. I frequently refer 311 as the BERLIN WALL. I have had many times I called 311 and never received a response. It seems to be a giant black hole. Useless is how I would describe 311. Again I feel that the city is about spending money on anything NEW and ignoring basic maintenance (pot holes), water system, etcetera.
good safe transit, snow clearance, safe water supply,
Growing up I felt there was a real sense of pride in keeping Calgarys roads, green spaces (boulevards etc.) and just overall cityscape well maintained. Those services have dwindled over the years leaving infrastructure and overall upkeep of our city in disrepair while our taxes continue to increase well beyond inflation.
Having high quality functional roads, water and electricity should be the lowest possible standard and the city can't effectively provide all 3 of these (only 1 of the 3 can be considered quality and / or functional). This in spite of rapidly escalating public sector employment who seem to do less with more every year.
Home waste management and road / snow clearing is great service provided by city and very reliable. Area for improvement, transit reliability and safety. Number of garbage cans by the road side.
How I feel: I love the pathways and the flowers and landscaping that the city put into the parks. I feel proud of my city and I walk along the river and see the efforts the city has made with the furniture and landscape. When I try to figure out how to navigate safely with my bike home after work from Peter Lougheed Hospital and I feel like my life is imperil, I wonder why the city isn't addressing this. What makes my life easier: I rely on transit and value it and think it is important for a city to have a good system.
How my property taxes continue to climb (making me want to leave Calgary!) and seeing crime increase, recreational opportunities decrease (I can't even swim near my house now, as my pass goes up in price regularly and all the lane swim times are taken by schools). I have to drive half way across the city just to find a swim time. As well, all of the water restrictions, mass immigration, packed parks filled with 'cultural groups' make city services feel like poor value.
I am continuallly using water which is greatly appreciated. I am continually having to avoid potholes. I appreciate the services of police to keep the city safe.

I don't feel that i get good value for my tax dollar because the city made a stupid arena deal and continues to support unsustainable sprawl. Infrastructure is failing in many older parts of the city but we spend money on things we don't need instead of maintenance. We audio have far many roads and nowhere near enough bike lanes and transit.
I find I use very little city services and things like snow removal in our area don't happen, I believe the city is quite useless for maintenance, For years we have had a problem with the snow piling up in front of our house so we cannot get in our driveway it melts and it covers half way up the drive we have taken pictures and sent them to the city, they finally drive by , don't even stop to inspect and nothing gets done. They occasionally send the sand trucks around but that is alway to late and the don't address the areas need. The road system is made to fail Lights every where so it always ices up where you have to stop. traffic is always backing up because you put lights every instead of getting traffic moving, The police can't do a proper job . We don't have enough paramedics, firemen , police but we are over staffed but city and government workers fire all the useless jobs. Our city always looks crummy from lake of greenery Trees flowers etc.
I find myself frustrated as a taxpayer when I see roads not plowed when we all knew snow was coming. I also dont know why the city isnt smart using timing for plowing. I.e. between 3:30pm-6pm no parking on 14st SW between 17th ave and 26 ave. Why not do a good pass with the plow when the vehciles are gone? Ive reportef to 311 bad plow work, where only half a lane was plowed, and the report was closed without even inspecting. When the snow solidified to ice, it became a massive speed bump. When potholes have been there for months, you're more shocked when they get fixed because they've become a staple. I dont walk certain sections of the bow river by myself anymore, which I used to up until about 2022, becauss its unsafe (encampments). I drive by new developments and see no room for parking. We have a struggling water main/system. Feels like the city I used to be proud to live in is going downhill because our past mayors and councilors lost sight of whats important.
I love the parks system in the city, however we shouldn’t be selling “naming rights” to businesses and letting them profit off of public facilities while ruining green spaces and restricting access to public spaces. Our paths are great and any investment into making it easier for people to bike to work vs drive will improve our city. Our public transit is great, but it could be better with tram lines to many neighborhoods. Provide options for people to move around instead of just driving.

I rely on taking transit to get around the city since it's much cheaper than driving. I find service to be unreliable in the downtown area. Busses are late or don't show up so by the time the next one arrives it's insanely crowded. In the winter time I can understand busses don't have winter tires on because it's costly but there has to be an alternative to improve service. Additionally it doesn't make sense that I can buy a physical ticket booklet which lasts forever but buying a ticket on the transit app only lasts 7 days. The downtown area needs a lot of work as well. During the summer time the scooter situation gets out of control and it's so dangerous when they go on the sidewalks which are crowded with people. Improved bike lines would also make commuting to downtown more accessible to bike users which also reduces CO2 emissions and takes cars off the road. In the downtown area I see a ton of cars that are not carpooling. I'd like to see more incentives that reduce cars
I see too much waste as city council members give themselves pay raises. Too many police that money could be spent on building more affordable city housing units. Too many homeless people going through cars and stealing things. Hospital wait times are getting worse. Extremely difficult to find work; too many international students. Home prices went up like crazy ever since the government played ads in Ontario. Too many people here from Ontario and BC. I'll never be able to afford a home. I also don't feel safe driving in Calgary anymore. I've lived here for 26 years and I have no future.
I think a lot of city services are inconsistent in term of reliability (ex. Public transit) and that too much of the funding goes into things like policing and bylaw enforcement instead of actually working to help people who need it, also we spend too much money on things to make the richest people feel good rather than things that actually make the community more stable and happy overall
I think that I'd like to be able to live safely —for example to have adequate police and fire service as I don't think that we need weekly green bin collection, possibly except in late spring or early fall. I have difficulty with the emphasis we seem to have on providing extra bike lanes—especially when vehicle use is being restricted with 'traffic calming' measures.

I think the wards and communities paying the most property taxes should be prioritized for recreational facilities, road repair, and forestry replacement. I didn't appreciate writing in to support the campaign for more soccer domes only to be told a brand new facility is coming in the NE 45 minutes away. The SE shouldn't have to self fund new domes such as the Villans dome while the city builds in areas that dont proportionally contribute to city taxes. [Redacted] my family contributes 10 to 20 as much to city funding and yet are communicated that our areas of the city are not a priority.
I think transparency could be better communicated with where taxes are being allocated most. I trust the professionals in this space are making the right decisions but awareness could be so much better and reduce frustrations as to why taxes rise without always connecting the benefits. Community safety, healthy roads, business and infrastructure are important to me and when I see the great work CPS is doing (because they are actively sharing) I know my taxes are working.
I think we get a poor value for our taxes in Calgary because of urban sprawl. So much money goes towards maintaining roads and utilities for spaces with a small tax base. Suburbs should be taxed at a higher rate than urban denser communities
I would like to drive on roads that are not full of potholes or patched, and would like to have reliable water and power available to the city.
I'd like to know that my city is looking ahead and planning to ensure services like utilities and water are well looked after. Use tax dollars for necessities.
I'm deeply concerned about funding and maintenance of our emergency services. With the huge increase in our population, the need for these services to be funded, managed and held to high standards of performance is of paramount importance. How are people of quality hired for these positions and how is their performance objectively regularly monitored? How are funds allocated to ensure these services have what they need to operate efficiently? I feel the Calgary Economic Development is a waste of our tax money. They are a bloated bureaucracy with a self interested agenda that takes money away from essential services like water, sanitation, safe roads and emergency services.Let's do all we can to improve the economy of our city so people can afford housing and allow private businesses to thrive. Get rid of bloated municipal government bureaucracy.
I'm proud of our city and its services - the parks, the pools with free admission for small children, the splash parks and wading pools, the pathways and gorgeous flowers planted in city parks each summer. New washrooms at Fish creek and North Glenmore park. I enjoy these things in my daily life and feel I get great value as a citizen.

In 35 years taxes have almost tripled but level of service in almost every aspect has diminished for example roads are terrible to drive on as budgets are slashed..major roads used to be resurfaced every 5 years, now potholes and patched(making humps over them- why not properly fixed flat? And now up to decades to resurface. Water used to be reliable but in the 80's when problems arose in the US with the same type of pipe we have in Calgary, a plan should have been made to sleeve the pipe or some replacement plan option...nothing even budgeted - that is incompetent bordering on professional misconduct and mismanagement. There has also been a recent surge in last 2 decades of Councillors Pet projects that consume huge amounts of revenue but benefit few for political points or egos. I get angry every week I drive to airport and have to see the silly lamppost circle "art"
Increasing pedestrian safety is my top priority. Cars do not obey pedestrian crosswalks. They should all be replaced with traffic lights. Safe bike lanes and expanded transit is essential for our future and safety.
Less traffic. Effective snow removal. Safe neighborhoods. Reliable services including water and power and gas.
Maintaining the infrastructure for the long haul. The city has lots to take care of. Don't spend dollars that are other jurisdictions responsibility. Climate Change is not the City's responsibility. Prioritize pathways based on use and safety , not on a table that indicates it has met its date of usefulness.
Maintaining the pathways, beautifying our parks has increased enjoyment of life in the city tremendously. Things like better snow removal at intersections would make our city walkable for longer for a lot of our citizens. Lowered curbs for all sidewalk and pathway intersections with roads and the immediate removal of all vertical posts at the pathway intersections would make for safer more enjoyable use. I spend a lot of time out and about on the pathways and I would love to see this system maintained and expanded.
Make calgary a place people want to move to. Expand tech to increase jobs and get companies want to make operation here. This creates high paying jobs. Other jobs include careers within Oil and Gas, and government of Alberta, city of calgary jobs, etc. Jobs that people want to move here for and want to live in Calgary. Make roads and transit better. No one wants to have delays in transit and be stuck in traffic.
Must address essential services first...fire, police, local infrastructure,
My personal experience with transit - could be more efficient and reliable and timely - more routes and safer stations and stops. Housing is still very expensive and development has not been well-managed. I think Calgary should do more to empower new Canadians and new Albertans integration into thriving in our city.

My top items that matter most to me include: 1. Strong safety and security by locking-up criminals; 2. Effective medical services; 3. Reducing speeding drivers on the many Trails in Calgary; 4. Lower taxes by reducing un-needed excessive administrative staffing in City Hall; 5. Lower Provincial tax burden on Calgarians.
Needs of actual essential services such as emergency services and roads should be the priority of any council and city.
Nobody can operate if roadways and pathways are not usable, crime gets out of hand, taking responsibility and working is shut down by bylaws and rules, handouts are not the answer. Nor is inclusiveness or any other woke lying terminology covering up the real problems!
Our roads are falling apart, our police, fire, and EMS are stretched very thin, and our utilities speak for themselves.
Police accessibility and their impact on helping drug and alcohol dependent individuals get help and securing a safer environment for all Calgarians. Garbage and recycling pick up. Keep property taxes low so that young Canadians get an opportunity to own a home. Approve business licenses faster so entrepreneurs can help more with the economy. Cut down on bureaucracy in government. Less government, giving more access to the individuals who want to work hard and get ahead.
Police, transit and recreation. Police are working at low revolutions, patrolling frequencies are too low, respond to call minimum and hour (by then something else worse already happens) the only continuous patrolling is photo radar cars. Transit. Is insane the bad price/quality ratio of the ticket. Downtown stations pack of drugged people, also the trains and that makes people avoid that area of the train. Bus stations that have shelter often are vandalized or someone is sleeping there. And the city is not well connected to transit if you need to go aspenwoods in sw to redstone in ne that could take 2 hours on weekdays and more on weekends if your route is working
Poor 311 support, poor park maintence, poor ability of city staff to think for themselves and be proactive. The union mentality makes staff 50% effective and productive. The city needs to create a way to do more of the basics with fewer people and expense.
Recreation ,parks and library are the services I use the most Parks and library are free which are great for all residents Swimming pools provide lessons to kids which may save their lives and great exercise which keeps people out of hospitals
Recycling program is important Roads need continous improvement and mantienance Property tax are too high for the value of service maintaing my community Policing of illegal activities is crucial more so of trouble makers over traffic

Reduce the number of bike lanes in the city, increase police and fire budgets, stop high density housing in neighborhoods that aren't built for it, and decrease city administration spending.
Repair the roadways. They are in terrible shape. Maintain infrastructure so it is doesn't deteriorate & fail. People have to get around the city so Transit is essential, but the majority of people drive.
Road and bridge upkeep - Lacking. Arts and funding for insane projects, i.e. the blue ring near the airport/deerfoot. We don't need stupid [redacted] like that.
road conditions are bad with potholes and poor drainage Lack of enforcement with bikes and scooters on sidewalks Too much money given to bike lanes Emergency Services are stretched thin - Fire should not be called to overdoses More police and bylaw enforcement
Road maintenance (i.e. potholes, winter snow clearing) stands out as a major issue for me. And not just because I live on a street that hardly ever sees any maintenance during the winter. The laneway behind my home sees more sanders and plows than does the front just because the garbage, recycling and composting vehicles need to be able to get around. How about me? Scrap the 311 service and start all over. It's difficult to use and hard to follow, which makes me cringe every time it's suggested that I access to deal with my concerns. I might as well spit into the wind. Quit funding megaprojects like the new event centre and the refitting of Olympic Plaza. Easily 75% of the City's population will never see the inside of the new centre, and who knows what's going to become of the Olympic Plaza.
Road maintenance- very uneven. I pay high property taxes and get the least services in my community for roads and water / utilities. There are no schools in my community and no recreational facilities yet I pay for these resources in other communities via my taxes.
Roads are in bad shape, and when they do get fixed it seems like more of a patch and doesn't last long. Snow removal has quite a budget but roads aren't plowed in any residential neighborhoods. I feel like waste and recycling is handled well and do a great job. And a big one which council is working on is our water infrastructure for now and future.
Roads are in such bad condition, citizen pay taxes and also pay for the repairs of their vehicles. Pothole city, mediocre maintenance. Cleaning snow of the roads is done poorly: trucks clear the main lane, throwing and blocking bus stops , and garages. I ve seen the struggle for specially disabled citizens. Build pathways for recreation and commuting for cyclists so they don't have to go on the road.

roads are terrible and dangerous to drive on - number one priority for me. Police are important due to too many people living in Calgary now. no more new housing until we have the infrastructure to support it. so many projects ongoing with workers standing around looking at their phones - have a drive around and see please
Roads in safe decent shape! Safety for citizens with enough police, emergency personal with triage that doesn't just take into account young drug users first. A 50 year old having a stoke should not get bumped. Emergency Not allowing ethnic groups to demonstrate their small minority which is contrary to Canadian values. Police Utilities and taxes that the average family can afford.
Roads, Fire, Police. I want to know I am safe and the community is safe for everyone. I feel that fair and inclusive is a difficult one. How can it be inclusive when not everyone can pay to go swimming. I know there are subsidies but fees are still a barrier. I am not saying they should be free. But we will never have a city that is fair and inclusive. What we can do is make sure that the roads are safe and that if we call the emergency number for fire and police that everyone can access those services.
Roads... upkeep. Ie potholes, snow removal, cleaning. Roads are not well kept. Having to dodge potholes to avoid possible damage to a vehicle can be dangerous. I sometimes think the city hopes a Chinook will blow through so they dont have to do snow removal. Rocks in the windshield is not uncommon and is expensive. Cleaning major roads should not be held off for the summer season. Being forced to pay for green bin that I dont use. This should be an option, not mandatory!! Water restrictions... fix the darned pipes rather than painting rainbow sidewalks and other pet projects. If all systems in the city were working well we would be much better off as a whole.

Safety - over policing and seeing police cars everywhere makes me fee less safe. There is a sense of hostility and scrutiny when I see communities flooded with police, especially in areas that are lower income or higher density of community resources Transit - I enjoy taking transit but it can be incredibly unreliable, especially with the bus system. It is also limited and takes significant amounts of time to get to important places in the city. Other large cities have cheaper and more expansive transit networks. Also it feels like transit enforcement targets specific demographics when I do see them conducting checks on transit and it's very unnerving. Again, can't enforce your way to community safety when people don't have their basic needs met. Community - it feels like community spaces and "third places" are being erased, underdeveloped, or inaccessible for many people.
Safety, sense of community belonging, climate resiliency in a fast period of urbanization, easy access to services that help people live, access transit, enjoy parks. More focus on what transit and mobility systems are required now for the desired future state in 10-20 years (more lanes and more cars are not the best answer), and I want a city that is AMBITIOUS in vision - even if we need to balance big dreams with pragmatic immediate budgets. We need LONGTERM thinking inside the City. We are not the city we were in 1990, 2000 or 2012… we are nearly 2 Million and we need to ask; what type of city and what size of city to we want to be? Invest accordingly.
Seeing the city deliver reliable long term services is a priority - reducing criminal activity in all communities, building affordable housing where it makes sense (near transit and shopping amenities, etc.) and making sure utilities and other operations activities are reliable.
Sounds like a laundry list of my pains: - excessive noise, bylaws addressing them and execution - city of Calgary and corporate tenant snow removal maintenance - bylaws vs reinforcement vs people who have walk every day with - projects planning vs reality: for example underpass walks with no post-project maintenance and keeping clean Suggest for each city council to drive your "ward" once a week (or monthly) and actually do post- project cleanup, what's working, where needed some maintenance needed, etc.

Taxes have continued to increase year over year and I still see tons of potholes in neighborhood, our public transit is disgusting and unsafe overrun with open drug and alcohol consumption and trash, and you can see public decay in our streets with homeless people and trash. I saw all the construction in Marda Loop having to be redone because it wasn't planned properly in the first place, how much did that cost tax payers? I also see many areas of City spending that is outside municipal jurisdiction and should be handled either federally or provincially. This is a gross misuse of tax payer dollars. Please go back to basics because citizens are being taxed into poverty.
The city has branched into providing services that are outside of what I view as its core purpose. As I said in my speech at the blanket rezoning hearing, there is no transparency on how decisions are made that balance the needs of all residents against equity-deserving groups, future generations and planet. Most residents just want a water system that works, safe transit and neighbourhoods, a city that attracts businesses, etc
The city should be focused on providing services that make their constituents feel safe, and secure in their respective communities. Clean water, police and fire services and decent roadways are the main items city council should focus on
The city's infrastructure should be one of the highest priorities especially utilities and roads. Services of police and fire are also very important to keep the population safe. The recreation facilities are also a priority to me as I have grandchildren they are using pools, rinks and ball diamonds regularly.
The police, fire services are essential. They can not be downgraded. We need to start fixing and replacing core structures, water mains.
The potholes on the roads / repairs being done in a timely manner. Water availability is critical - restrictions are short term solutions and permanent fixes are needed. My black garbage bin is always over full and pick up more often then every 2 weeks is needed.
The previous City Council was not focussed on the fundamentals of running the City. I went off on renaming buildings, declaring a climate emergency day one, ignored the significant majority on blanket zoning and so on. it had its pet projects that added no value and ignored the basics of operating a safe, efficient operating city.
The roads and police are vital. Focus on those. And get ride of worrues about climate change and homeless services for drug addicts. Focus on now and the majority of people.

The roads are dangerous, I have never in my entire life seen Deerfoot trail in such dangerously bad shape and that is only one of the roads. You are addressing the water issues, bravo, but I suspect sewage and waste is just as bad. I think we could save alot of money removing fluoride from the water. It is a disgrace that the city forces all citizens to consume it. You would be better off with education on dental hygiene in the schools, just as they did in the 70's. Make sure low economic families have access to proper dental hygiene products. Why are seniors that have dentures forced to consume fluoride?
The roads which have potholes, are super dangerous when it snows and residential roads are never cleared. Safety in the downtowns, transit and malls where there are so many drugged out unpredictable people who increase home breakin in the inner city. Water infrastructure- the restrictions due to city not doing its job of maintaining the pipes is fraudulent.
Things used by everyone on every day are more important - such as roads and pathways (fixing potholes, clearing snow, etc) And also how far you have to go to receive emergency care - I have lived in Coventry Hills for 25 years and there still isn't a hospital or large urgent care centre on the north end of the city, so many people go to Airdrie because it's closer and faster.
This biggest impact to our daily life is the lack of accessibility to public transit due to the high cost of casual use. As retired people, the cost of taking transit for two people is as high or much higher than driving and parking. As we live in the core and walk and cycle frequently, the quality of the pathway system is of great value to us. We are also quite concerned about the deteriorating social problems in the core, and are frustrated not to see real action on addressing the homelessness/addictions crisis.
Too much money has been spent on non essential services. Artwork and non essential community art programs etc. Money should be spent on recreation facilities that would help people to be healthier. Eg. Tge city could build tennis courts and paddle ball courts on most of the school yard areas. Could be built in a corner of the lot furthest from the school building. During non school hours these could be used by people in the community. Low cost to build as the land is already there.
Transit. Good utility. Jobs and economy
Utilities, water, roads!
Waste removal and recycling; condition and growth of paths and trails; condition of roads and sidewalks; responsiveness to property owner concerns in areas of municipal responsibility; cleanliness of city property. The city does all of these things very well.

Water and maintenance of all City infrastructure is of primary importance to me. The basics must be covered before we decide if we have funds available for “nice to have” things.
Water is very necessary. Also roads are important especially in the winter. If the roads are bad it's hard to get anywhere. We need police to help combat the increasing crime. My granddaughter came close to walking in on a burglary in progress at a convenience store in Calgary. Thankfully another bystander pulled her back. She is 12 years old and was going in for a drink. This used to be rare but not anymore. its dangerous.
Water restrictions are unacceptable. Our taxes go up every single year yet greasy politicians get away with ignoring and deferring the critical basics. Downtown drug use and crime is more visible than ever. Roads are full of potholes and rarely getting fixed. The only good thing that I see is the weekly bin crew picking up our blue/green/black bins. Other than that, we have been getting terrible value for our tax dollars.
Water, water pipe infrastructure, road repair and lower property taxes are critical and these services should be priorities. The City has failed to provide core services to Calgarians. If city employees expect raises to match the private sector, they should go work in the private sector where private sector employees don’t have pensions. Start looking at total compensation packages of city employees and stop relying on the increase of property taxes. The services in Calgary have diminished in the last 10 years.
We receive acceptable value for city services. Waste collection and recycling, attention to water supply and sewer, snow plowing, and advance noticing of construction or repair services.
When driving the roads in Calgary, I constantly have to dodge crater size potholes to protect the suspension of my car and protect my life on my motorcycle. That affects how I feel about value for services the city offers. Frequent recurring water restrictions due to ageing and poorly managed infrastructure requiring limited showers and a dead lawn and yard affects my opinion on how this city is run.
Your job is to make sure the city's infrastructure functions. Are the roads cleared after snowfalls, are the bridges and roads being taken care of, are the fire / police departments properly funded, etc. The fact that you increase the property taxes every single year is a huge issue. You're making it too expensive to live here. There is a ton of waste you could get rid of so that taxes don't need to keep going up every year. So far, taxes go up every year and things get worse and worse every year.

Infrastructure and services are where I see the most value. Ensuring our critical infrastructure is sustainable is important, and I appreciate transit and infrastructure improvement and densification projects in existing communities. I feel that money spent on new developments which expand the sprawl of the city represents both poor value and a short-sited approach to planning. This approach benefits developers I more than the city itself.
Maintained roads, all utilities and social order
Maintaining our infrastructure so everyone is safe and has water and sewer. Also police, fire and the basics like garbage collection
Please do a comprehensive review of what costs can be recovered more through user fees and what costs should be shared on a progressive ability-to-pay tax basis. For instance, many city services are of private benefit (eg a curbside parking space or road capacity on Crowchild across the Bow River at 8h15) and can have negative externalities (pollution, noise, congestion, etc). Consider how these services could be offered on a pay as you go basis, so that those who benefit most, pay most. This could be done optionally, similar to how water metering was introduced on an opt-in basis. Other services, for instance libraries, parks, recreation, have positive externalities; these might be great candidates for remaining tax supported as their use benefits the whole community through improved health, education, and quality of life.
Plowing roads in the winter. Maintaining order whether it's preventing fire hazards, or taking care of potholes or ensuring that communities can flourish. Festivals, summer events, fireworks, free programs for kids…, all those things bring a community together.
Services feel like they have deteriorated seriously in certain areas- parks maintenance is atrocious . Local recreational neighborhood & community program offerings appear nonexistent. Recreational facilities hours get reduced rather than promoting their use in low demand hours and why new ones aren't attached to schools is baffling. During off hours we see the big reticulated buses in service with 2 people in them - why aren't we running the minis instead?

The City has not provided good service to drivers in Calgary for a long time now. We have seen a small improvement in some areas that have been repaved in the last year, but it has a lot of catching up to do. The water system has failed us for a few years. It has made gardening difficult. The City could offer more benefits to seniors. ie. things to do, discounts in recreation & or groups.
The City is involved in too many things that are not core responsibilities. Stop trying to be all things to all people. Get out of peoples lives, let them live their best lives without government overreach and interference. The bureaucracy is bloated and needs to shrink back to core responsibilities only. Saving money for the things they should be doing to be done well ie policing and parks.
The fees we pay for recycling are a total scam when you consider that not everything gets recycled.. half the time those loads go straight to the dump. Or how street lights are on all day, even though i have called 3x to tell them they are on.... it's been at least 3 yrs... wasting electricity.... and then there's transit... which would be good if it were reliable, but it isn't... never are... always late, or don't run enough, takes too long to get anywhere.
Services should be accessible by everyone. If there is only a group that can use the service, such service should not be funded by the city. Water, transit, roads are good services. Daycare benefits is not.
Feeling valued - we live inner city, so property taxes have always been a bit higher, yet our roads are impacted by newer communities in surrounding areas. We have had to fight for marked cross walks so our kids can safely walk to school, while people living in other communities zip through. Our roads and sidewalks are constantly being dug up for new development. Our back alley is littered with large garbage bins because we back on to businesses on the other side - these businesses were allowed to develop right to the property line to the back alley, leaving no room for garbage bins, and they are not willing to give up parking spaces in the front. The bins are so far into the alley that people swerve and hit our fence. Over the years our alderman/woman has never responded to our concerns. So in essence, we pay high taxes but feel overrun by people and businesses, basically people who don't live in our community.
I consider whether the service is necessary. If it wasn't offered would it affect my life in a negative way or is it a waste of tax payers dollars. An example: There are far too may pedestrian and traffic lights being installed. I understand that there have been too many accidents and deaths involving pedestrians. One is too many. But where is the responsibility of the driver and the pedestrian for not being aware of their surroundings? Stopping every block for a light is getting excessive and I can only imagine how much one light costs.

The reliable, equitable provision of key services. I recognize that the City is asked to do a lot with a limited tax base. I want to see smart long-term investments given the obvious future ahead.
Things that factor in are environmental impact (minimising), social/community impact, and good infrastructure. Having been oversees, I've seen how good transit can be and I want that for Calgary.
Those that save money or time and improve the quality of life for as many people as possible, especially those with lower incomes. Lots of people struggling can tear communities apart. Plus, those with long-term compounding benefits, whether for us directly or the city itself.
Fundamentals such as preserving life of the general population, maintaining a standard of living, facilities and resources that benefit the majority of the population such as recreation centres, community centres, parks and green spaces. Things that only serve a small minority of the population are not good value for tax dollars.
I rely on public transit to get around the city and I would say that I am getting good value for my tax dollars if the bus showed up on time. I also think the fare to take the bus each day is too high and should be lowered again which would increase the service as more people would want to take it. There should also be more books in our libraries and the snow clearing on park pathways could improve significantly.
Questions I ask to evaluate City spending: How do our city services compare to other cities? Is the city making investments for the future? Is the city accessible for all? Is the city providing better value than a business would?
-care for people -care for equitable, accessible, sustainable transportation options -care for environment
-reliability -inclusivity -value -long term benefit
1. I prefer my tax dollars to go to the public sector rather than third-party contractors. The more local the money stays, the better. 2. Essential services (fire/water/waste) should remain reliable
A big one is transit: does the bus or train come reliably, on time, and can I use it to offset the cost of operating my car. The other is council time: they seem to have been spending a lot of effort and money making it more difficult to build housing. Why are we spending time and money to get worse outcomes?
Affordability, predictability, availability and experience of service quality.

Are they services mostly benefitting those with the most wealth and privilege? If that is the case, the city services suck. City services should benefit everyone, especially those Calgarians who are disproportionately targetted by the police, or lack financial resources. For example, hostile infrastructure should target bad drivers (see bus traps), not people who sleep rough (city benches with an armband blocking napping). Quality bike lanes, flex lanes, and transit are the mark of good value. Repealing rezoning because a few rich people whines about their feelings based on no facts? What a waste!
Availability of good transit links. Improving urban density and improving the cities infrastructure . Not interested in spending my tax dollars on yet another sprawling community.
Being safe, being self sufficient and having water and sewage.
City service necessity and reliability to all citizens - example - water is necessity for every human being. Safety, physical and mental wellbeing are also necessary for individual to function well in the society.
City services need to keep up with population growth. Soccer participation is projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, good value means ensuring no child is left on a waitlist due to facility shortages. Value means making strategic investments to keep the city's most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families. Public transport is expensive. A $4 fare with a 1.5 hour time limit gets you 1 way on public transport. Could this be increased to a 3 hour time limit to be realistic as to how long it takes to wait, travel, run your errand and then return home on public transport? Could signs at bus stops have the estimated bus arrival times so if you don't have the App you'd know how long you can expect to be waiting in the cold? Can transit phone numbers be updated (they don't work) and a map of the usual bus route be added to these signs too? Cost of living is also an issue. Property Tax is very expensive and it's difficult to plan/anticipate/budget for each year.
City services should be fair and inclusive to the majority of Calgarians. Providing resources those that are vulnerable in the community, while maintaining safety throughout.
Comparable level of services to other major municipalities across Canada, efficiency of delivery of services, urgent concerns being addressed promptly, high quality of life in our communities.
Condition of roads at this time, and infrastructure. Attention to failproof our water system is utmost too.
Consistency of service, quality of service, how available and accessible the services are.
Consistent, reliable and inclusive services that also invest in the long-terms needs of our city for future generations.
Cost, experience, accountability and outcomes

definitely the reliability / consistency of services, feeling like there is an opportunity to weigh in on things that impact me directly, safety
Do I have good quality services for the things that matter the most. Do I have to deal with water restrictions on a monthly basis? Do I have vagrants living in a cardboard box in my neighborhood park? Do I have to avoid a 7-11 to prevent my kids from seeing people shooting crack? Do I have to fight the city to prevent a 6 unit condo going up beside a 1950's bungalow, destroying the integrity on my neighborhood.
Do they cause harm to residents (like police funding)? Do they improve quality of life for all residents, or only homeowners/business owners/car owners, etc? Do they support the healthy development of community members, including children and newcomers?
Efficiency, affordability, equity, reliability of services.
Efficiency, effectiveness, quality of life, cost of living.
Efficient mobility, cleanliness, maintenance. Timely response to concerns that impact any of the above.
Factors include whether services are reliable and function well, and whether they are fair and inclusive,
Fair and inclusive services are most important. There is much more to the city than sprawl. Providing services for lower income communities. Creating spaces with environmental responsibility and less dependency on single passenger vehicles. Recognizing that a huge amount of the population does not live in 6 figure income households.
fair and inclusivity; impacts to self, friends, family, community
For me the best value for our tax dollars is driven by the question of what provides the biggest impact to most people, especially the ones that can not afford alternatives. The city should focus more on improving transit and making it a viable alternative to car ownership. Every single time we have fresh snow, the busses get stuck or heavily delayed, which means people can not rely on transit getting them to work, appointments or school in any reasonable fashion. In addition we need to focus on protecting the most vulnerable road users in Calgary. Last year once again represented a record year for pedestrian fatalities, most of them in crosswalks or pedestrian crossings. Road diets and human scaled infrastructure is a must to bring these numbers down again.
For services to be good value for me I want to see that the are not only benefiting me (higher tax bracket) but that they are supporting all Calgarians in an inclusive and equitable manner, that they are responsive to emerging community needs, and that they are sustainable.

Good city services are reliable, address access gaps and social inequities, and always consider how this will impact future Calgarians. The people that rely most on city services are those who are financially, racially, or physically disadvantaged. Good city services should always consider how they will improve access for these groups, because helping disadvantaged people ultimately helps everyone.
Good roads, safe communities, safe transit
Greatest quality of life impact for all residents, fairness and equity in a rapidly growing city with more people.
How accessible and widespread the impacts are (I live in an outer community and services like transit are not as accessible/developed out here compared to the inner city), wanting to see people lifted out of poverty and bad situations even if I do not personally benefit, responding to and preventing future emergencies
How often I can access the services, whether the services are affordable, how reliable the services are, how the services impact my community
How well they work, how equitable and accessible are community services and how well individuals fee as though they are being supported by the city
I consider what benefit they give to me and my family based on if we use the services and then the quality of those services. If my kids take transit and it is never on time, then I would think it is not giving good value for the tax money put in. I also consider how many people benefit from the expenditures. For example, if a large amount is spent on painting a rainbow sidewalk and there is absolutely no benefit to a large percentage of the population, then it shouldn't be done especially when budgets are so tight.
I consider whether the city is focused on its true mandate or overstepping in areas of ideology or overlap with other government bodies. I consider whether the job is being done on time to the quality required and for an efficient price.
i definitely want my services to be reliable and easy to access. i want things to be inclusive and for those who need support to be able to be given it.
I focus on the final result of my service. Reliability, quality of work and timeliness of the service. The City is not known for its efficiency and quality of work. I do not believe I get value for what I pay in taxes. In addition, we Calgarians pay for our water separately from property taxes! And the result? Bursting water mains…. 😡
I look at services that benefit as many people as possible as well as ones that protect people. I look at how efficient those services are for others and myself, how well they seem to run by schedules (when applicable), and such

I see immediate value in my tax dollars when roads, sidewalks and pathways are maintained throughout the year. I know that many services that I pay into dont directly support me (housing, low income supports, etc) but I believe in supporting and protecting our most vulnerable Calgarians and leaving no one behind. It is our duty, responsibility and privilege to support all members of society.
I tend to judge value based on visible, everyday outcomes, particularly the condition of roads. When basic infrastructure like road surfaces is well maintained, it builds confidence that City services are reliable and tax dollars are being spent wisely. Ongoing issues such as potholes make that value harder to see.
I think about ease of access, reliability and community impact for all Calgarians. In other words, I ask myself, does it work when it needs to? As someone who prioritizes living in the inner city for its location and diversity, I am less enthused about my tax dollars flowing out into our city's sprawling suburban neighbourhoods. I hope the City considers factors like population density and limiting further sprawl in its future planning endeavours. Excellent value in our City libraries, emergencies response teams and community building initiatives. And thanks for finally investing the time and funds to fix our water main. An example of poor value I've seen lately is the stump grinding crew that blocked off my street on a Monday, and then otherwise did zero actual work the rest of the week (recognize mid-week snow probably paused this work, but it should have been completed in a single day and I've seen this pattern on several occasions with work crews).
I think about the long-term. Are my taxes funding schools so kids get good educations and grow up to be excellent civil engineers or doctors or scientists that will inevitably improve the lives of many in society? Good. Are they funding wonderful public spaces that we all get to use and that help community members come together and build powerful social ties? Good. Are we investing in long-term infrastructure like transit and affordable housing that improves the lives of our citizens? Good. Are we paying our politicians way above what the average citizen makes? Bad. Are we expanding policing to criminalize things that would be better solved by investing that money in affordable housing, education and social programs? Bad. I don't want unhoused people in jail. I want them to get the services they need to live safely off the streets.
I think of personal and shared experiences, observations, reliability, demand, and execution
I think we play a dangerous game trying to cater to the "less taxes" advocates. I believe that if higher taxes will result in better services (more efficient or reliable) then the taxes are well worth the money. Reliability of services and frequency of things like transit is key; the better the services are, the more people use them and we can enter a cycle of self sustainable but it requires initial investment.

I use a mobility scooter to get around and wheelchair accessibility is very important to me. Cutouts in sidewalks at intersections are very important. In most residential areas of Calgary I have to use the road because there's no cutouts for me to cross streets. We need this city to be more accessible. Also waiting 20 to 30 minutes for a bus in winter is dangerous. People can get frostbite. Improved bus service is very important especially in winter.
I value transparency, accessibility, friendliness and fairness in our city's services. I see the following as valuable services that I access. - hockey arenas -YMCA -Public libraries ***** (they rock !!!!) -garbage and recycling/landfill -I guess police too because we have never had a break-in at our house in 40 years. But I never see the police but I do hear HAWCs all the time..
I want reliable roads and well designed transit. I want reliable drinking water (with fluoride in). I want muni priorities to focus on providing infrastructure so we can live happy and healthy.
I work for a community association so I have more insight into city of Calgary services then I think most people do. Unfortunately, I think a lot of tax dollars go to red tape and administration when they could be used for other priorities. There is also a lot of what I would consider waste for aesthetic or beautification purposes, such as landscaping in the summer of grassy areas and boulevards. If something doesn't provide any benefit to the community, or only impacts a small handful of people, then I don't consider it a good value. I would much rather green spaces be transitioned to native species, rather than grass that has to be watered and mowed, and have that money redirected into other areas, such as filling potholes or the transit system.
If my family and I feel safe, well taken care of by our city services, that everything is reliable and if I need an answer I can get it easily. I also live in the Marda Loop area and when the same road is dug up multiple times in a year, I don't believe the city is handling my tax dollars well. Poor execution and poor planning.
if they feel fair and inclusive, how well they work, or the outcomes you see in your community
I'm thinking about what would impact those living on low incomes. What is most fair and equitable and what will help ensure our community has enough for all to thrive.

Impact to daily live. Ie roads with large potholes that can damage cars. Power outages. Disruptive of water services.
My Cost of utilities Road conditions
My personal experience is important. The residential parking is a pain to renew and does not work fairly- when you pay it is backdated to when it was approved but you are not allowed to use the parking without paying. This unfairness infuriates me. Equally, the development and planning in our area infuriates me. Such a waste of money. They engage us and then do not listen. Why on earth were the water pipes not replaced when clearly they were vulnerable!!
My personal experiences and outcomes for Calgarians. I can't believe the Greenline hasn't been built. When Bronconnier and Owen Tobert were leading the City things got built. I'm hoping that Farkas can manage, but with someone like Duckworth at the helm, I'm not sure that's possible. Seems to make a lot of noise without outcomes. Glad to see that the waterline is being built.
My personal experiences, the experiences of my spouse and kids, reliability of services, fair access for people with different abilities, options for seniors to feel less isolated
Personal experience, fair and quick services, feeling secure and unbiased
personal experience, reliability, impact to most if not all Calgarians, and positive outcomes for the community.
Personal experiences, efficiencies, time management I think of the things that affect me on a day-to-day basis. Currently what affects me the most is the lack of soccer facilities in the city and the constant driving all around the city to take my child to soccer in various places. My daughter is also 14 and should be playing on a full-size field at her age. But in the winter, there are not enough facilities so they all play on a quarter size field, which is ridiculous.
Police, Fire, waste removal and recycling. Whether they feel fair and inclusive doesn't matter to me. If, for whatever reason I don't feel it fair or inclusive, I'll look for a alternate. I'm an adult.
Policing, car/truck roads, waterworks, garbage disposal.
Quality and consistency of service, universality and accessibility.
relaibilty of key services like water, roads and police.
Reliability and fair and inclusive services. Communities and services, including roads and transit, need to be accessible to all. What is the city doing to decrease the constant grab of tax dollars from the provincial government instead of asking Calgarians to cut services or increase taxes.

Reliability and safety are the top factors I look at. When I think about what I want from the city I live in, I want to feel safe, I want to feel like I can use water when and how I please, and I want to know that if I have an emergency someone will respond to help me. I currently do not feel these things are possible currently residing in the city of Calgary. I also feel that funds are focused on downtown and northern Calgary, and that south Calgary does not receive what is puts in the pot.
reliability of basic services and roads
Reliability of serice; seeing continuous innovation and resource optimization; reporting to the community of their performance and outcomes.
Reliability of the service - the quality of the service and the service level. Can people of all incomes access the service. Services should not be just for the wealthy. Recreation centres and sports fields should be accessed by everyone not just those with the means to pay the user fee.
Reliability of utilities Quality/condition of roads/streets Constantly increasing property tax
Reliability, communication back with the City to ask questions and share concerns, seeing improvements, and transparency in how dollars are being used.
Reliability, consistency, immediacy and availability ought to be the mantra for all of Calgary’s services.
Reliability, fairness, inclusivity cost. There are a variety of factors.
Reliability, whether services are fair and inclusive, how well they work
Reliability. Decisions made and services that keep citizens safe, that add to the quality of life, and that show responsible management of taxpayer money.
Reliability—utilities need to function, roads need repairs—tangible everyday use.
Reliable services, law and order and functioning roadways.
Reliable water Safety in public spaces Too many services for newcomers, not enough for seniors
Reliable, accessible, quality, impactful
Reliable, safe, inclusive, achieve that they are supposed to
Reliable, sustainable, long term, cost effective, locally minded
Resolution time for problems with infrastructure. With the important job of police it's seeing a lack of problems, like if I don't think about the police that means they're doing a great job.
Responsiveness, perceived effective and efficient use of resources, availability when needed
Road conditions, water delivery and garbage pick up, better policing
Roads and pathways. Transit. Housing. These affect my daily life the most.

Roads are so important. Recreation and parks make this city. Housing is so important
Roads, water, police, fire and waste & recycling
Safety & security, good roads, proper functioning of utilities
Safety, cleanliness, maintenance, usability are some things that matter.
Safety, ease of use. For example, snow plowing is horrendous. I have kept my child hoke from daycare as the roads are not safe. I use transit, however, my recent experience trying to get to the west end of the city it was easier and quicker for me to take the train home and pick up my car than it would have been taking the train west and waiting for buses.
Safety, fire, water and roads.
Seeing and hearing about crime being stopped. With the influx of new migrants to Calgary, crime is all time high. Good quality roads make a difference.
Services must be maintained and fair. Example roads, parks, trees etc in all communities need to be provided and maintained
Services that impact the most Calgarians, and money spent on projects that most Calgarians benefit from always provide the best value. After essential services, examples are the multi-sport complexes initiative, the east Calgary development project and the BMO and Scotia Centre project - all of these are expensive, but will benefit all Calgarians.
That they are fair, equitable, affordable and reliable.
that which allows me to carry on with daily life without undue stress and concern. The roads seem to be well policed (my interactions with police have been positive). I have confidence should I face a fire or distress situation. I face very little crime situations. However, the building codes and free for all building raise my concerns. A poorly thought out (or influenced) decision by city council leaves open the city to being exploited by outsiders. A building code so minimal as to be a financial hazard to potential home buyers yet exploited by multi layered, multinational consortiums is of concern. Remove any responsibility by the City for building quality, code. The Banks will certainly become concerned about their mortgage vulnerabilities.

The City has a responsibility to deliver on the basics ... From a daily perspective, I have now had to live through water rationing and I can't drive anywhere without hitting a pot hole (to the point where my car has been damaged by the condition of the road). These are basics where we seem to be failing (no value). I don't use Police and Fire regularly but they seem responsive but to comment on the 'value' I would need to understand how much we pay for these services vs other municipalities of a similar size... (Same would be true for any city service)
The reliability of the service; the availability of the service (including to low income and unhoused people). For instance, we need a much better transit system that serves all communities, so we can focus on less cars and more mobility around the city for citizens
The road in Calgary are horiffic, they need maintenance and money should be spent on infrastructure, we dont need vanity project, we need to fix our broken infrasturture. The lasted water supply issues is a classic example of infrastructure being missed. We do not need to spend tax payer dollar on Climate Change and other vanity projects that do not produce any real measure of sucess.
The things they impact my life on a daily basis which is efficient and reliable infrastructure. It doesn't matter how culturely aware we are if we don't have reliable water and proper roads.
Thinking about the condition of the roads, the water utilities and the level of service offered by Calgary transit, I'd say my tax payer dollars are being wasted.
Waste and water, saftey, policing, roads. Taxes! Cost of living!
Water and garbage services are usually reliable , the roads could use work.
Water reliability-which has been poor. Safety/cleanliness- which has also been declining dramatically.
When assessing whether City services provide good value for tax dollars, I consider long-term outcomes, accountability, and how well the system functions as a whole. Value is undermined when services are siloed, reactive, and shaped by short four-year election cycles that reward short-term wins over long-term vision. This short-termism limits innovation, integration, and imagination, resulting in inefficiencies across all City services. Organizational culture also plays a role; resistance to change and a focus on maintaining the status quo reduce effectiveness and collaboration. These issues affect every service area, from housing and planning to infrastructure and public safety. True value comes from integrated planning, transparent performance measures, cultural evolution, and strong safeguards against conflicts of interest, ensuring decisions serve Calgarians rather than narrow or short-term interests. More efficient and integrated software is required.

When services can be maintained at no extra cost then I know everyone is working efficiently with what they have. Inclusivity is not a priority, roads and safety of citizens is most important. So when the roads are full off potholes and crime is on the rise, we should not be converted with DEI !
Knowing people are protected and have the necessary help for their health is very important. One area this city has always fallen short in is looking out for people with mobility issues being able to get around easily, especially in winter when the snow removal leaves large snowballs where people have to cross streets. Thus is very difficult and even dangerous for those using walkers, scooters, wheelchairs, elderly really a large amount of people.
I consider what will best promote City policies such as goals for balanced growth, economic efficiency, transit, tree cover, and open space.
The factors I consider are: Is my snow being cleared in a timely manner, and are the contractors doing good work (If they don't do a good job it is going to make me annoyed and I don't have anyone to share that with but I will say I have a problem with the contract work and who ensures they are delivering good quality work. Who reviews their work, who collects their feedback, how do you hold them accountable, I dont know) Are the pot holes becoming too hard to navigate due to the increased # of them Is the city communicating clearly and early enough (room to grow here to be more accessible)
The services that effect me most in my daily life are road maintenance and water services. Quite frankly I don't know enough about the red tape behind road maintenance to confidently say if its being used fairly across all of Calgary. I don't know when the response times are supposed to be after road conditions become a problem, but I do know that pushing back repair times or delay in snow plowing cause major issues. Worsening potholes destroy tires, unplowed roads cause major accidents and pile ups, faded road lines cause confusion and traffic, worse if its unclear pedestrian crossings. I don't even know even know how to get into the water issues calgary has been having for the past several years. I appreciate the work that's being done and the workers that make that possible, but prevention measures should have been taken much sooner. At the very least water emergency response times aren't terrible, but the website that's supposed to keep you up to date on them simply doesn't.
To me the most important things the city provides are the parks and transport network and I'd love to see more of a focus on active transport. These things are important to me for a mix of reasons. At times they provide my transportation around the city, sometimes I use them for work, sometimes they are for recreation so I feel like they are very important for me and at times their development is left as a bonus or an afterthought.

Transit and bike infrastructure are paramount to moving a growing population around the city.
Transit and police
Transit is abysmal. In the majority of places where I need to go, I can get there faster by bike than if I need to take transit. It is not reliable, especially in cold weather. But further to that, the reason transit is so terrible is also because of the massive sprawl of our city. It forces our city to be inefficient with money in having to build more infrastructure while having less revenue from tax. Please see the succint explanation of why allowing Calgary's urban sprawl has ruined our city's budgeting and ability to provide services well to the citizens. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjyLiElCDSs I also have been unable to afford a house despite saving half of what I earn ever since I entered the work force 10 years ago. This is unacceptable, and we need to implement controls. Housing is a basic necessity, and allowing greed to scale the price of housing is not appropriate.
Unable to go do recreational things with kids due to very little public times. Having to buy a new car after having my car wrecked by a pot hole.
water safety and conservation is must , similarly POLICE - LAW N ORDER , SAFETY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN TODAYS HIGHLY POLARISED WORLD , WASTE MANAGEMENT IS ALSO MUST TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS HEALTHYso that KIDS R PLAYING IN PARKS AND safety is maintained . salaries of councillors , ADMIN STAFF, WHO COME IN HIGHEST TAX BRACKETS(like CHIEFS OF STAFFS ,GENERAL MANAGERS AND COUNCILLORS SALARIES MUST BE REDUCED TO HALF !! THEY TAKE CONSTANT PAY HIKES , NO MATTER WHAT EVER THE ECONOMIC CONdITION IS !!
When things are working smoothly, like recycling, I don't feel that more money is needed in these areas. But things like downtown policing that impact my safety I feel they need more attention.
With infrastructure declining it is very important to have water provided,and electrical services provided with out rolling blackouts happens when we have summer that is too hot and people use a/c units , fans put a strain on the grid . With enmax as out electric provider, out water should be separate from enmax.
I use the Fair Pay program. This program allows me to use transit as well as the Killarney Aquatic and Fitness Centre. I would like to see transit service times increased, meaning less waiting times for buses in off peak times. I do find the transit in my area is great. The buses I take 66, 22, 20 and 304 are on time.
I use transit daily and I feel like the service has degraded over the last 6 months, I feel like it isn't safe and could really use more improvements. I feel like the city puts too much on building and not enough on infrastructure to support the growth

I use very few city provided services. Of the ones I have to, roads are the worst followed closely by water. My biggest irritation is with all the tax dollars being taken from me and being given to others without the option for me to get the same consideration. New roofs and trees for NE residents only is the prime example. And all the whiney business owners not wanting to pay their fair share even though they by far and away use a mu h higher proportion of city services.
I want my waste removal/recycling to be reliable and for costs to be minimized. When I visit parks I want them to be clean and presentable to the world, with social disorder and encampments handled quickly and competently. When I want to do a home renovation I want to see it taking a few weeks for a reasonable cost rather than months and months for a big gouge.
I'm not really sure what services you are talking about? Traffic and transit are horrendous coming from the deep SE. We will probably never see a C-train down here and taking two busses and a train to get anywhere is unreasonable. It takes well over an hour to get to downtown on transit and over 1.5 hours to get home, and that's if everything is running smoothly, which is never does. It takes 30 mins just to get to the train station, so my teens have never even used transit before. Services keep going down while prices go up, frustrated with it all.
I've been in Nolan Hill for 8 years and still no appreciable improvement in transit. Recent decisions overlook our community and a couple others once again along with electing not to utilize Eamon side of Tuscany Stn for a hub. Reserved parking needs to be eliminated. If you want people to use transit more, we need free parking spaces. There needs a bike lockup area so people don't have to take their bikes on work commutes to downtown. Clear the stations of unhoused people. I have no reliable or time efficient way to take transit when i was working downtown. I ended up driving after much frustration and high parking fees. Where are the city recreation centres in the NW? They are few and far between with unreliable transport to the old ones existing. The private ones are too expensive. I feel like I like in a barren wasteland with no real green spaces to encourage community togetherness.
I've had emergency services assist me fast and professionally. I want water that is safe to drink and reliable. Less business and provincial corruption affecting our city.
Is the city doing regular maintenance on critical infrastructure? The repeated failure of the Bearspaw main feeder line shows us the high paid civil servants and elected officials have not been doing their jobs and waisted tax payer funds. On top of this, no one has been taken to account for this mess and now it looks like the provincial government is going to get involved. The city needs greater accountability and transparency!!!

it's funny, the city will send people around to dig thru your garbage to see if you're recycling properly but call 311 for an illegally parked vehicle? By the time a bylaw officer gets there, it's too late!
level of taxes and safety and water and fire dept. enough of this dei nonsense and quota hiring. you hire the best available people.
Low value. I'll just share that I try to take transit, however inconsistent services for route planning poor timing with transfers and major issues with reliability in the winter makes it difficult. We also have some of the highest fares in Canada and some of the [redacted] service. I say this as someone who has taken public transit and Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, and Vancouver. It's ridiculous that we don't have a better transit system with the third largest population in Canada. That's just Transit, but there are multiple other things such as housing that I don't receive value from.
Mainly Cleaning followed by Transit and traffic rules
More viable police too many street people and drug addicts! The platforms in the downtown core still have a lot of drug addicts, smoking crack when passengers are going back-and-forth during the day ! For example, across from city Hall, where the source used to be one morning there was like 20 people in little circles, smoking crack as a senior. I really didn't feel very safe. I just jumped on the first train that came up to the platform.
Not pleased. From all the higher density approved around me with insufficient parking I often cannot park within a block or two. I use a walker and it was often so difficult to get home. Stop focusing on things that are NOT the jurisdiction of the city…. Like your climate mandates where are tax dollars are wasted!
One area that was not on list is 9-1-1. I had to call it 2x's and both times I was put on hold! Really on hold completely unacceptable. Transit should NOT cost what it does
One thing that comes to mind every winter, the street snow clearing especially throws all the snow and ice up onto my sidewalk, after I have cleared it. Now I am a senior this has become a big problem and very difficult to try to clear all that ice, pepples etc. This service needs to be changed and the drivers taught how NOT to push all of that debris up on sidewalks. I notice it is much more of a hazard now that I use a walker to get out and about my neighborhood for exercise and to pick up my mail especially.
Police and housing impacts daily.
Policing could be better with investigation of motor vehicle accidents, curtailing speeding on most roads. Road conditions are terrible with numerous potholes and manhole covers not being level with pavement. Wear and tear of vehicles is exacerbated by these. Snow removal is terrible.

Public transit. It takes my granddaughter almost 45 minutes to travel from Cranston to Seton for work by bus. Policing for traffic control in Seton is atrocious. Speeding on 212 Ave to Deerfoot is out of control.
The city has ignored infrastructure maintenance for water and roads for years. Road quality is terrible and water lines are failing. Too much pandering to immigrant communities. They need to assimilate.
The City of Calgary delivers a wide range of services exceptionally well. The challenge isn't the quality of what we have today, it's determining where future investment should go to meet the needs of a growing population. For me, the areas where I see the greatest potential for meaningful, long-term improvement are parks, naturalization, and recreation. Investing in naturalization, expanded green spaces, and parks directly enhances daily life by giving residents places to decompress, connect with nature, and stay active. These spaces also support environmental resilience and biodiversity, which makes them a smart long-term investment rather than a luxury. Recreation services have a similar impact. Facilities and programs contribute to physical health, mental wellbeing, and community connection. It's one of the clearest ways for people to see their tax dollars improving their quality of life and motivate people to go be active (because they are paying one way or another!).
Transit recreation it is good with city but needs to be more funded.
Water, sewer, garbage are important for basic heath and survival. The list here above has the elements required to create a great city. Apparently we can not afford it, so we start with what everyone needs.
We have many laws, but no enforcement. Always see bylaw and police just move people along. How about actual enforcement as a deterrent?
Why are our roads such a mess? We need to have better commutes. Bike lanes shouldn't be blocked off they are harder to access and service this way.

Riding transit is a nightmare. The last few times I've been on trains here, I have encountered people openly using drugs, passed out, or camped out in public spaces. There needs to be a place for people to go when it's cold or support for them if they don't want to be in public housing. I think the 311 program is excellent. Anytime I've had an encounter with someone on the end of that line, they've been courteous and efficient. Anytime I've made comments about infrastructure or made reports about, for example, a streetlight out in my community, the response has been impressive and timely. But the city needs to stop raising property taxes. You're going tax a lot of people out of home ownership. The latest increases have been egregious. I know we have to pay for water, infrastructure repairs, etc. but this is getting untenable as far as my personal situation is concerned. And if it's hard for me, I know it'll be hard for other people, too. Why don't you try raising business taxes?
I want to feel safe. Safe in my home, on transit, walking the streets and in parks. A strong community is a safe one. I also believe recreation and sport facilities are the glue for a thriving society. They provide a place for kids and families to participate and build health and confidence. Right now I think both of these issues could use some attention. The police service needs support to work in our growing city and we are running behind on soccer facilities.
- Newer communities are so [redacted] dirty in NE quadrant, people have no civic sense & they keep littering on the roads. Definitely, stricter bylaws are needed. Please install cameras so that monitoring can be done 24/7. - People are not afraid of overspeeding & also don't stop at the STOP signs. - We need more trees. And we want city should really pay attention to NE, we pay the same taxes as any resident of the city from the other part would pay.
-Safety, water supply, ease to get around the city (snow removal on main roads) - must be provided. -The ability for the council to LISTEN & act when people speak out against certain policies (Up-zoning, political & foreign flags flown at city hall) - the last 4 years was a disaster & the years before that it was clear that the basics were not a priority -If our council is spending money on colored sidewalks, feelings & other woke [redacted], then that money is NOT being spent on critical services which means council is waiting my money. There is ZERO value in virtue signaling. Things must change before value can be assessed. From the last 12 years - I would say limited value provided.

$4 fare for transit feels quite high when the service isn't always reliable or it feels unsafe but on a lower income there isn't much choice. Pedestrian safety has a terrible record at the moment but I see no strategies to curb bad drivers or create more spaces designed around people instead of cars.
A healthy reliable source of water. Road conditions that are traffic friendly, poor access and regress , too many bottlenecks. Very poor planing of roadways.
A reliable water supply is a fair and inclusive service that has been neglected in lieu of other projects for years. And now we are paying the price. When the city loses sight of the basic services required in a city this is not good value. Again, please get back to funding the basic essential services. While these do not provide flashy photo ops, they keep a city running. I used to work downtown and felt relatively safe but that is no longer how I feel.
appreciate the consistent scheduling for waste, recycling and compost -- just need to ensure all the pickup drivers know and understand how to pick up carts properly and ensure especially recycling ends up in the truck and not blown around the neighborhood. Many carts are left pushed over or wheels broken. snow plowing is a difficult one to figure out as to when they plow and when they don't -- also how they plow the main community streets which also are bus routes. overall some services are better than others
As a retired senior who has no vehicle, I want a transit system that is safe and reliable. I want the police to be well-trained, active, visible, and accountable throughout the city. I want my daughters and my adult grandchildren and their partners and families to be able to enjoy a full lives in our lovely city.
As above, this city should have better transit, I'm so glad the green line is finally being built! I believe in investing in that is good for long term environmental needs, and short and long term needs of the community. Recreation centres are amazing, I'm so glad that everyone has access to such great programming and infrastructure. I just want better for Calgarians and I know you do too :)
As I drive around the city I am disappointed with how poorly our roads and pathways are taken care of. Many of our parks and greenspaces look like crap and are not maintained well. The fees we pay for our city services do not reflect a quality of service I would expect.
As someone who does not drive, garbage, recycling and compost are very important id have noway cost effective ways of doing that on my own. And transit is a must have

Back to basics, NOT climate change!!
Basics done well please. Fix potholes or cars are ruined. Plow essential roads and clean public roads for neatness leading to community pride. We don't need [redacted], bad and expensive art work. We need safe access to the libraries and transit unhindered by drug paraphernalia and drug users.
Being a retired medical staff, I appreciate the EMT/paramedical services. Do to a flood of immigrants in town, I presume without too much support or help, I think the transportation system (bus, tram...) is very important, myself using for two years the system.
bi-monthly garbage pick-up is a not near enough for a family of 4 without abusing the blue/green bins this is not good value for money. Constant neglect of infrastructure until it goes critical is not an efficient use of tax dollars
Build the green line, stop putting tax dollars towards new sports arenas that should be payed for from private money. Open more shelters for houseless people and also have a pathway for permanent housing. Invest in harm reduction.
Bylaw services have been hit and miss. For example, you can't park a truck or camper on the street (a good one) but you can park 11 cars on your driveway… another example is the safety of crosswalks when placed around a corner that drivers don't see until they are accelerating to turn right.
Calgary has paid taxes for 7 decades and longer to maintain the infrastructure in this city and every single gravel alley should of been paved by now and none (zero) are done. Do not charge us for the City lack and overspending and waste. Improve the roads, traffic flow, and construction timelines. Memorial Drive is an example of work that never ends and interferes with traffic. Instead of planters along and in the middle of roads, add the extra lanes for traffic flow. The city has to prioritize the street lighting controls, times, and proper flow.
city planning and permitting is a nightmare, takes excessively long and is full of hurdles and conflicting information - if we want to grow and attract investment we need to do a better job of being business friendly. Police should be able to consistently respond to crime without having people assume that anything other than a major crime won't get any attention. Kids need options for activities that keep them healthy and engaged, which I don't see alot of once they get over the age of about 10. And even if you find something they're often full (swimming, soccer, etc) Seems like we pay alot of tax for alot of waste after the Gondek run.
City safety is getting concerning. Roads, bridges water need focus. Things like the library which I have never been too is used by a small portion of people. Expensive art. Help people first!

City services provide good value because the core model of roads, utilities, etc being operated by government is a good one. However, the city has enormous room for improvement in terms of delivery and cost effectiveness of the services it provides.
City services should work for citizens. Clean water and reliable sewage as well as garbage collection are important for health reasons. These things are out of mind until they falter. I do believe that the green cart is wasteful (no pun intended) and used very little. A drop-off station would be better with smaller containers that could be exchanged for clean ones, for those who don't compost their own waste. The blue cart could be collected every other week with the expectation that people could at least flatten cardboard. The cost of these programs are excessive and there is no opportunity to opt-out or reduce service for cost savings. Cultural services should be paid for by the people who use them. Calgary should NOT bid on the corrupt Olympics. Waste of money, our taxes are high enough already.
City should focus on infrastructure and services that benefits the most citizens and not cater to specialized groups (such as bike lanes). Resources are too limited to spread thin for all special interest groups.
Common sense. Fill potholes rather than hand wringing over climate change.
Commuting is nightmare and with one snow storm the whole city shuts down Trains don’t come in time and why we have to run 1988 rail cars.
Continuous WATER supply....we ALL should pay for what you use. City POOLS should be affordable and continue to offer programs such as aquafit and deep water workouts, and lane swim.
cost benefit review
Cost of services has generally been low value for a very long time. The recycling program is a joke. The compost system is not fair and the product is questionable. Admission fees for recreation are higher than the value the service offers.
Crime and violence in the city is a major concern, as well as theft, fraud and a general absence of ethics and accountability. The character of our city has completely changed from gracious, philanthropic and supportive to dishonest and isolationist. Without accountability, there is nothing to motivate individuals to behave fairly and justly within the community, which promotes a downward spiral. If we are paying taxes to the city, at minimum, our local communities should be safe. Also, the condition of our water mains is embarrassing and totally inexcusable. Sustainable, long term infrastructure should be protected and made a priority at all costs.

Currently the water issues are very impactful in the last 2 years. Also the roads are not being repaired/replaced in a timely manner.
Drop the expenditures on Climate Change and Environment. That's a Provincail responsibility NOT Municipal. FOCUS ON the CORE SERVICES.
Emergency services and aging infrastructure would be the highest areas of concern due to our rapidly growing population
First of all I'm sick and tired about hearing about inclusiveness, my taxes should go to fixing our streets, alleys, highways, bridges making sure winter driving is easier by clearing streets asap after snowfalls, having people that can actually speak English for our 311 operators.
First thing I think of is our transit system. Why is there no train service to heavily populated communities? And bus services are limited? Why is there no train to the airport. A city our size should have good transit for all. We require more police presence on transit and in areas like downtown.
Fix the potholes, pick up garbage every week.
For a winter city, Calgary does a lousy job of managing snow; especially around bus stops.
Frankly I'm fed up with the conditions of our roads. They're worse than some third world countries we've been to. Secondly it's nothing short of criminal how our water system has been systematically ignored by several past City counsels. The current counsel is at least facing the reality of what is needed to be done however someone should be held responsible from the past. Lastly the terminology above asking if services feel "fair and inclusive" - say what? Again I'm tired of making sure "all special interest groups" get ALL the attention. Let's stop being so woke and just get the job done.
Garbage & recycling services - drivers need to take care when replacing bins after dumping so that the bins don't end up in middle of alley or dumped over on side or upside down. Road work takes forever & they don't target bad road conditions in all neighborhoods in Calgary. It seems that they r continually fixing the same main roads every year.
Given relatively poor maintenance of sidewalks, I have in the past five years had two debilitating experiences with very uneven sidewalks. I had two serious falls resulting in a torn hamstring and recently a broken arm. I have to personally pay to get rehab for these situations and being single, I have been very stuck to home because of snowy conditions. Uber rides to medical appointments are not even tax deductible. The City needs to do a better job of maintaining roads and sidewalks.
Good infrastructure and basic service like garbage collection etc. The rest does not matter if the basics are not met.
Good roads that are full of potholes and bike lanes.

Good value was proven through the ages. Refrain from popular political causes. Don't fund pet projects such as BLM murals. Bike lanes in our climate benefit very few for most of the year. Multi cultural police is a luxury. Back to basics please.
Have been involved in art & culture program for community beautification, had less tagging on city utility and transformers. Effective use of roads on 311 calls for pothole repairs.
Having to be told I have to conserve water when I pay $5k in property taxes alone to live in a small townhouse; Unsafe and very dirty downtown core & transit
I am concerned that infrastructure repair, especially for public transportation being overlooked
I am fortunate to be able to walk to and from work, and have the means to take the odd uber if necessary. It has been a number of years since I've relied on Calgary Transit to get me to and from, but I remember those days fondly. There is no such thing as a perfect transit system. When compared to other cities, ours could use work, but it is not unmanageable or unreliable in my opinion. I feel like there is good value from COC all around, but I would like to see funds used in other areas than parks, rec and green spaces. These are important, but they do not sustain our water lines or otherwise.
I am now retired, Good or bad "city services" don't really affect me anymore. Keep the lights on, good water and emergency services are important to me. Quit giving to "fringe groups" Sorry but funding "artists" may be cute but Id rather see communities and their associations sponsered and let the people spread around the money, stay out of people lives and just keep the basics functional.
I am surprised this question has been posed! The constant disruption of water services due to ZERO PLANNING on behalf of the City of Calgary is a balantant example of what impact daily life for all CIty of Calgary residents. Provision of water services to City residents gets a failing grade. Fire and Police provide a mandatory necessity of life service.
I believe in seeking the root cause for a problem, not the band-aid solution. Council's primary job is to provide for the fundamentals of healthy living. True housing, health care, education, police & emergency services are all stressed to the limit. Why??? We are flooded with refugees. Limit the numbers to a manageable flow & poof, all these issues vanish.

I believe that overall, services should operate reliably and consistently, within financial bounds that reflects industry or market best practices. No one likes it when public services are running up huge bills because they are not being efficient with people's tax dollars, or spending a disproportionately huge amount of tax dollars to deliver worse services than a private company or individual could. For specifics services: I believe for services such as transit, cleanliness and active security presence help make the service feel safer and more welcoming to use. Roadways that are properly maintained also help in making the city feel cared for, and makes travelling (either by car or public transit) more enjoyable.
I believe the City should provide basic services like water & sewer & ensure that these are reliable. Parks & recreation need to be downsized if necessary.
I can't think of much. We have to pay extra for our water, garbage , back alley's paved , to take garbage to the dump. That is just what I can think of right now. Most of that used to be paid by our taxes.
I don't fully understand this question? City of Calgary should focus more on environmental factors, housing, equitable access to services, and reducing policing
I don't feel well informed enough to answer this well. I do think that the urban sprawl of Calgary and the developers' apparently massive influence on the city is abhorrent. I believe that new neighbourhoods needing new infrastructure should come at a massive price to developers. Why do established inner city neighbourhood residents property taxes need to pay for some suburb 45 minutes away to have infrastructure put in when densifying the city would alleviate so many other issues the city faces (such as how crappy our transit services are due to low population density)?
I enjoy the conveniences of water, garbage, composting and recycling. Don't appreciate notices because I only had one plastic bag and it was loose so I received a notice to bag all bags. But if they leave my bins on the ground they don't bother to pick them up.
I feel the value we get for our $ is terrible. Taxes keep going up and services don't get better, they get worse be abuse the city wastes money on things most of us don't care about. I don't approve of my tax $ being spent on art projects, climate initiatives, fancy bridges, new arenas that I'll never use, etc.
I have lived in Calgary for almost 50 years and have seen it grow and expand beyond what is normal. We have a city footprint that extends beyond what it should and are asking for more people to come. The result is facilities that don't keep up and rising taxes that never seem to level off. We now have more children than ever before and they need facilities to play and to be kids. That seems to be something falling behind.

I live in a high density community that used to be a very nice respectable area. Been here 30 yrs. It is now filthy. Constant traffic violations. No one cares about anything. Roads are full of potholes. Drug addicts everywhere. I don't feel safe to walk alone. Boulevards are left to weeds.. But!!!! We have bike lanes!! Stupid...
I live in Bowness and have been impacted by boil water advisories and no water service to my property. I also am impacted by major traffic when 16th ave is rerouted onto Bowness Rd during BFM repairs. This is unacceptable. I also travel on Sarcee trail S frequently and think the road is in very poor repair making the drive unsafe and damaging to my vehicle.
I live in the dense inner-city, so I often find that my tax dollars are being wasted on subsidies for suburban sprawl; or worse, road works to subsidize exurban commuters! If you don't live in Calgary, but you regularly drive into Calgary during rush hour, then you should pay a congestion toll. A pickup truck does 16 times more damage to our roads per km than my small car, and I walk most places. Unfinished projects in my community are annoying, especially when the city did 3 rounds of community consultations over 10 years. Case in point: Why is the pedestrian scramble on 8th St & 16th Ave SW still not installed? The LIGHTS for CARS were installed before COVID! Did the city forget to paint the X and upgrade the pedestrian lights? It's currently signalized for cars as a scramble. I cross it diagonally all the time in silent protest. Why fix it for cars then leave the pedestrian improvements unfinished for years?
I only grumble about potholes and poor paving on bike pathways. The city does a good job in most areas in my experience.
I regularly use the recreation programs and they are amazing, especially for families. We have some of the cleanest water in the world.
I see a lot of good in the community via ANAG. I also see bad decisions being made ie: bikeblanes, Calgary Housing upping theirvrents ridiculously for low income people on Income Support.
I see them spending money on shinny objects art installations (blue circles) Climate Change a provincial responsibility either to hope they get votes or to prove their progressive bonifides.i also see a government that does start with the premise of how can we cut cost how can we be efficient. The starting point is always we must grow the budget buy 10% and if the tax increase is 5% it’s celebrated as a cut

I spend in an immense amount of money monthly/yearly on city taxes. I personally feel I get very little in return. I live on a street that literally has a truck drive down spreading a handful of rocks once a year maybe twice. And more times than none that truck has shown up on statutory holidays where we are paying that driver time and a half. Why is that? My community looks after itself so the remainder of concerns close to home are again something I pay for through community HOA fees. I live in a community where transit is unable to access the community due to the poor quality of transit tires/routes in the winter, causing huge chaos and immediate dangers to this communities citizens. I travel Stoney regularly where I do not feel it is patrolled enough and is a huge safety concern. The quality of the roads around the city have deteriorated substantially. Too much funds are allocated to frivolous, trendy minorities and not serving the greater good for all. I miss the old Calgary.
I think Calgary would be a much more liveable city if we focused on increasing density, which would increase access to affordable housing, and investing in ways to get around the city like walking, cycling and transit that don't require ownership of a private automobile. We are so lucky to be where we are, but we use our land poorly by zoning almost all of it for single family housing and covering it with huge urban freeways. Denser cities are more walkable by definition. But they also give us more bang for our buck when investing in transit. Stop repealing the effective re-zoning policies. And make long-term investments, not just meeting the demands of the voters in the last election, but investing in our children and climate for the future.
I think city services are great. I've contacted 311 a few times and they always follow through. Same accolades for city run recreation programs. Top notch and I think they do a great job serving those who may not be able to afford it.
I think more investments should be made in transit and roads. Being stuck in traffic or waiting for a bus or C-train that never comes is not an enjoyable experience.
I think of all our tax dollars being wasted on the climate change policies, and the over developed bike lanes which make driving and parking more difficult when the ones I see regularly are hardly used.
I think of transit and how I would like my tax dollars to support transit improvements - I would use it a lot more if my community bus came more than 2ce an hour (if that). Other services are reliable and effective, especially utility services.
I think that removing speed cameras was a stupid decision by our province that means we need more police resources for the increased speeding and dangerous driving. I have taught all three of my kids to drive, and drivers have definitely gotten worse the last few years. I am more concerned about safety and I don't want all our police resources to have to be dedicated only to traffic safety. This ridiculous decision is essentially taking our tax money away - now we are all paying instead of the speeders paying a higher share.

I want city to stop building their personal agendas, ideology and pet projects into budgets. Focus on what we need as a city like providing better roads, a safer city and overall improvements in infrastructure. Stop the waste…
I want to be able to safely take transit and walk where I can. The more amenities around me the better I feel. I want to be able to safely go to playgrounds and parks.
I would like to see a safe city firstly. As a female I would not feel comfortable taking the c train. I also think the amount of extreme speeding on the roads is alarming. My experience on Stony trail is that there are many drivers exceeding the speed limit by a lot. This is not rare, it happens all of the time. Secondly I would like a better snow removal system. I think we need more plows to clear the roads when there is a snow event. Also road repairs, paving etc. In the south at Heritage drive driving east to Mcleod trail that stretch of road was terrible for years. Patching it was only a bandaid solution. I believe that is only one example of bad roadways in the city.
I would say we do not get fair value for our taxes. Anytime you see a city crew working you have a bunch of people standing and supervising and not many workers. Our roads used to be well maintained. Now the roads are covered in pot hikes and patches. You cant even walk downtown with out being harassed. And most importantly, calgarians said no to blanket rezoning and council just ignored them. Get back to basics.
If I am driving over the same pot holes, they need consideration. I want to have fire, police and emergency services get to me if I need it. Working on roads etc., if needed not just to use money from the budget because that department might lose it the following year if not used. Repairs on an as needed basis only.
If I can't have clean water to drink and bathe, or if I can't safely drive on the roads because of huge potholes, then the city is not doing a good job.
If I have running water (have been without thanks to a water main break) If my vehicle can safely drive without potholes ruining it or actually having snow removal on roadways
If transit runs on time and is accoutable, then great - but also the fee is too high to compared to other cities in the world. The fact that we almost had a legit tap system and then somehow failed when coutnless cities around the world were doing this 20 years ago. (now they have creditcard tap in and tap out. Make it affordable and people will pay. It's simple,then you dnot' have to worry about people riding for free and can direct peace officers to deal with other thigns like people being harrassed or causing others grief). Also, road cleaning and plowing. Most people need a car to get around and not having properly plowed streets is an issue. Even in the neighbourhood areas. Remember when street cleaning was 2 days per nieghbourhood? Now the come ones and dont' even do a good job, there are rocks everywhere! And not plowing Crowchild (and people say that it's worse than the highways) is just embarassing and dangerous - accidents could be minimized.

if you don't have a car you are at an extreme disadvantage. many places don't have sidewalks nor are they easy to access via transit (long commutes for things that would be a 10 minute drive for example) transit is and access to the city not via car is very important for people in the city, especially now with how the economy is right now with the cost of living and groceries getting higher. many people may choose to not drive to save money, or cannot afford to have a car.
I'm tired of "inclusive" when it does anything BUT include people. You added fluoride to the water based on a minute fraction of the population actually voting in favour of it. You say 60% (or whatever) voted for it, but what you don't say is that 60% of the people who voted which was about 32%. Do the math, the majority didn't vote for this and the money spent on it is absolutely ridiculout. Roads - can't drive any street in this city without hitting a manhole that's 3 inches lower than the rest of the road, or a pothole that gets patched over and over, only to come back in 3 months.
In my opinion, too much emphasis and resources has been allocated to bike lanes. It has been remarkable how poorly thought out an outrageously expensive section at 8St SW was implemented. The ongoing maintenance on snow removal, etc yields little benefit for a larger number of citizens. Putting these funds into recreation resources would be more efficient. Without access to good recreation, quality of life and fitness of our population is negatively effected.
In the past, it has felt like a lot of money has been wasted. (All the climate emergency stuff for example, yet enmax denies micro-gen permits if someone wants to produce "too much" solar power on the roof of their house.) The current council seems to be focusing on the city's job and working well together.
Investing in existing infrastructure is the most important to me. Do not engage in urban sprawl. Resist the nimby people who say they do not want urban density. Newcomers need to live somewhere! Ensure existing infrastructure is well-maintained so we can avoid water shortages and such.
I've been frustrated watching my tax dollars go up and still seeing common problems in the areas the city should be excelling in. Our foundational Services have been eroding over the last several years and any good indicator of an excellent Community is the main infrastructure that Citizens need to live and commute in their City.
I've had great experiences on transit while commuting - riding the train is great for my mental health (especially when speeding over stalled traffic on the flyover). My daughter attended several high-quality preschool classes at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and our local rec centre while her regular daycare was closed down. These became bright spots in her week.

Just like all taxes, I want to see my money go towards the betterment of society and making everyone's lives better, not just the select few. I want to see long-term investment into projects that will make Calgary the best city to live in. Existing services like transit and parks should be improved to be world-class.
Lack of snow clearance of residential streets, resulting in auto damage. Yet we have a bylaw requiring property-owners to clear public sidewalks. I'm not against having clear sidewalks. I just think the city should do sidewalks AND residential streets.
Like I mentioned in previous responses. Having more Recreation centres and parks accessible to all communities within reach (less than 10 min drive) will improve quality of life for every one. Better the QOL, better the people will be happy and that leads to the powerful economy.
Look after the homeless first. Improve transit and expand lrt.
Low property tax. Garbage Collection. Sewage works.
Lower taxes No potholes crime prevention
Maintain the Safety of the city including basic water, gas and electricity supplies.
Maintenance and upkeep of parks and green spaces Free flowing traffic so more time is spent with family / friends or activities
making a healthy environment for people to live. reducing the dominance of the automobile make it pleasant and safe to use walking, cycling, scootering, transit riding as the most efficient, green and healthy modes of transportation within and between major city sectors.
Money should be spent on the basic needs first, and not on so called climate control.
My mobility depends on reliable transit so that is a high priority for me. Reliable water service is a necessity for tolerable life.
New recreation and schools are required immediately in developed areas since 2013. Areas like 'Redstone'.
Nightly road works is invaluable. Our roads are subject to extreme wear due to weather and due to ongoing water leaks in our water systems (would like the leaks repaired first). Completing road repairs with minimal impact to transit is an excellent approach.
Not seeing plows and roads cleared when we have a snowstorm is a big trigger for me. We need more investment in this. Homelessness needs to be addressed and associated mental health issues to help with community safety also.

One of the largest impacts on my life is navigating the city by vehicle or transit. When traffic is overwhelmed by the lack of public transit and when we have been waiting years for the Green line, I feel frustrated. The city population is only going to grow and these issues are only going to get worse. We need to invest now.
Our parks and libraries contribute greatly to our quality of life.
Our street access is always cover in snow/ice this year a big truck took 10 cars out ! Because it was that slippery. Ice control is not working for our community. Evanscrest CT. I reported to 311 and they just closed the request saying the streets get clean by priority
Overall happy. Would like to see more money invested into transit. Glad to see the fire department is growing but it will need more to keep pace with the city.
Police , Fire and roads are important for security and safety and apply to all citizens equally
Police response time - more officers on the street would allow for better response time. Skating Rinks - all of the city rinks allow preferential treatment to hockey. Figure skating is taking a back seat - rinks need to be developed and allow for figure skating to be at city of calgary rinks.
Pot holes on the roads and deteriorating pathways. The City has got too bold and the basics have suffered. Get those right first.
Potable water access, safety and recreation
Primarily, my concern is for roads . Our main roads are in a terrible state ie: Deerfoot Tail,Glenmore Trail, Crowchild Trail.I realize that our weather conditions in Calgary and surrounding areas, but surely there is a way to pave these roads that can endure the weather conditions. Also, snow clearing in Calgary is way below par. Residents are mandated all kinds of restrictions as to where they can shovel their snow but city workers can leave mounds of snow at entrances to neighborhood streets and that is OK. It is not OK. Garbage collection is a thing of the past only being done twice a month for 8 months of the year. Some city workers have no regard for the actual containers. They are very rough in their operation of the containers. In our neighbourhood. The containers are often fallen over and left as such.
Public safety and enforecment of the law Free and unhindered quiet enjoyment of public spacees as well as our own private spaces not being compromised by ulruly or unlawful bahaviour of others, such as has been the case for a number of years now along Crescent Road NW. The situation there has become untenable and has still not been properly addressed by the city. In addition to that having reliable and woking public roads infrastructure that is safe also during the winter is important to me
Public safety and other core services. The City should stop funding pet-projects and return to what The City is supposed to be doing.

Recreation is a part of our weekly lives. I appreciate when recreation facilities are well staffed, clean and updated (especially change rooms). I commute to work by walking most days. I do pay attention to the road work going on in our neighbourhood. It seems like sometimes recently finished works has to be destroyed in order to accommodate other projects that come after. It would be nice to see that work does not get wasted. It's ok to prioritize the finalized completion of city works over private projects.
Road clearing in winter seems to be managed well- visible crews out working (and street sweepers in spring). Roads maintained well. Don’t need “ fluff” projects that affect loud but small groups of people. (pride parade- funds should be raised by donations only) - would support events that appeal to larger groups like music festivals etc.
Road maintenance! Who ever runs that department should be fired and someone with common sense and road repair knowledge should run it. Has the current manager heard of some called a steam roller that flattens and smooths the road when repairs are made? Our roads are abysmal and something needs to be done and soon! My tax dollars are not being effectively used. AND the biggest complaint are the useless bikelanes. What a waste of money. STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!!!
road quality make me think I'm in Edmonton. Older sections of Deerfoot are brutal, and pot holes everywhere else we have been paying taxes to "maintain" the integrity of our water system forever.....where has this money been moved to and why is city administration not being held "accountable" for the water emergency we are currently experiencing?
Roads are in poor shape, neighborhoods that were originally single family residential are becoming a hodge-podge of suites, and poorly thought-out renovations. The proliferation of rental properties in my community has resulted in significant reductions in pride of property and community. Lawns not maintained, walks not shoveled, cars and appliances on lawns and junk accumulated in back yards and alleys.
Roads are in poor shape, water lines are in poor shape, the city is looking rundown and not well maintained.
ROADS ROADS!!! fix them and the water supply!!!

Roads, Crime, Messiness. When did we all vote to allow all these homeless addicts to take over our sidewalks? Is there a particular reason why they have a right to do that? They don't pay city taxes, so they have no right to be there. I want cowboys with lassos on the streets rounding them up! Oh and I feel the same away about public sector unions. Having worked for the city and seen how well our union employees deliver services, I'd like to get the cowboys after them too!
Safe roads, water when I need it, safety. Better construction planning so the same road isn't torn up multiple times within a few years. Drop this inclusive mantra, it adds costs. Merit is what the focus should be, streamlining services.
Safety and security (police & fire) are absolute, non-negotiable priorities! For too long, Calgary administration and council have misplaced priorities and now we are all experiencing the neglect (infrastructure, safety, order and disintegration of former values and practices).
Services we pay hugely for with little return are; roads, they've never been worse in all my 50 years here. Potholes everywhere, extremely poor street cleaning and snow removal. Using rocks and gravel rather than sand in winter. Water- goes without saying. And to find that a billion dollars has been water fully removed from water infrastructure maintenance and spent wastefully over the last 10 years is criminal. The Calgary Water Plan is an abomination and should be thrown out. Stop using terms like fair and inclusive, they are ideological terms and have no place in public service. You are running a City, not a sports team. Calgarians do not receive value for money by any metric. Get yourselves together.
Snow removal, business license fee, business grants
Spending on the very basics for a happy, healthy life is what is important. It is the cities job to provide those services. Infrastructure takes top priority.
Stop specialty groups and grants. Improve my streets roads and the general upkeep of same. Public areas in densities areas need extra attention due to the volume of use.
Taxes are a necessity for everyone to pay for services that our city needs. However, funding is limited and must be directed to the highest priorities. Spending money on changing our city slogan or signage for example are not good use of tax dollars. Encouraging developers to build better and with more innovation and long term benefit is more important than spending money on city art sculptures sometimes.
Taxes are high and services especially transit are poor. Roads are poorly kept

The biggest challenge we have had is lobbyists dictating investment. The arena really supports extremely wealthy Calgarians expand their business more than provide the entertainment to more Calgarians. Further subsidizing edge community development and the province doubling down on that is causing even further strains and long term sustainability challenges. The general services are much more inclusive whereas the newer and large investment initiatives are seeming to be dictated by and for fewer and fewer instead of being in the interests of larger numbers of Calgarians.
the city is involved in far too many areas that it has no business being involved in - e.g. climate change; funding special interest groups.
The city services are NOT providing good value for our tax dollars. Taxes are increasing yet services deteriorates and money is not used efficiently. Please review where and how money is used and ensure each dollar received is spent as efficiently as possible. Here are some examples that come to mind: The city still uses widespread pesticides spraying in all communities. In 2026, we should know better. Invest instead in enriching the soil, re-seeding, restoring natural environment, etc... It drives me nuts to see city workers spending time polluting our environment year after year. The management of roads in the winter is absolutely awful. Year after year, Calgarians have to suffer horrendous rush hour because of the absolute lack of forward thinking (anticipating weather changes and being proactive) and poor or late deployment of resources. The city has also fallen behind with recreational facilities, especially regarding soccer facilities for year round soccer for all.
The city wastes too much money on things that don't matter. Eg- art Open and maintain more pools and recreational building for kids. Stop closing facilities. Ward councillors are paid way too much. Salaries should be cut in half and only recieve up to 4% annual raises.
The factors that are important are those impact infrastructure and essential services. Factors that impact pet projects should be avioded.
The hula hoop light fixture/ million dollar work of art still bugs me today as an example of a total waste of money as well as the recording of the sounds of the Bow River! It sure would have been more productive to use the money on maintaining our water lines.
The less politics that are involved (“fair and inclusive “?!?!?) the more efficient the service tends to be. The city must do a few things very well. The city chooses to get involved in culture and identity which are not your lane. Leave that to the non profits to offer services. If you can reduce spending at city hall it makes room for organizations to pick up the slack, and I think you will find that those issues aren’t as important as you think.

The most important services should just be there and not really thought about - police, fire, water
The police service is very inefficient. I see the police helicopter joy-riding around the city wasting taxpayer money all the time. It's obvious the police have a huge surplus in their budget if they can afford to waste money like this. The roads department specifically snow clearing is another inefficient area. I've seen them plow our street 3 times per day when it is not required. I see City of Calgary vehicles idling when no one is in them. Turn the vehicles off.
The poor road conditions get my attention every day as I drive around all parts of the city. When I get my property tax statement every year with an annual increase, I wonder if anyone considers finding a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
The price of administration on the electricity bill is a big chunk of the break down of costs. The C-train is number one especially as a senior to get around at a decent cost compared to owning a vehicle.
The roads are huge. I have seen cars damaged due to potholes. Driving anywhere right now is a nightmare. Emergency services need to be bolstered. We used to have so many police applicants, we turned them away. No we are lowering our standards just to fill seats, or hiring based on gender, or colour. This is completely wrong. Coming from a woman, very few women can fill the role of police/fire without concessions being made. Currently, this city is not desirable. It doesn't feel good to live here. It looks like a floundering place that used to thrive, but is now overrun with potholes, bad drivers, and wasted budgets. And no one is benefiting
The services that are upmost to people in the city....water/utilities. Cost controls are also vital, as is awareness of duplication of services and wanna-be services.
There should be no funds for minority groups parades and services. We need potholes filled, there must be a better way. Not sure I use many services.
There was bad age to our yard due to road construction the city did NOTHINg to fix the problem i other words sue us like anyone can afford that. Are they reliable no . We also had a brand new under 100 miles on a tire that blew because of a pot hole on Horton road again nothing. Are they reliable NO Fire ambulance & police are reliable!
This is a bogus question. Cities run on transportation, have to be safe therefore fire and police are critical mission. All the rest is nice to have and should not be overpaid for.

This is a difficult question as it's hard for us to know where city responsibility and Provincial responsibility lie. But just an observation on snow removal, having lived in both Calgary and Edmonton, snow removal in Edmonton seems to beat Calgary hands down. Roads In Calgary once the pride of Alberta are no longer the case. Our water infrastructure is a disaster and the previous mayors/councils should be held accountable. Lastly, as a senior, we are being almost taxed out of our home. This needs to stop at ALL COSTS!!!
Too much red tape and procedures. Back to common sense. The things that are important. Safety and clean water and consistent infrastructure. For what I pay in property taxes, the red tape overwhelms the services.
Tough question, but I can tell you “bad” value… When using woke terms like “fair” and “inclusive” you are using racism and feelings to make decisions. The city should be using terms like dollars and cents, as well as what would benefit the “most” people, regardless of sex, color, and all that other “stuff”. FEELINGS should NOT even roll into the decision making a little. Do your job. Look after infrastructure, fix and maintain city property (yes - mow the grass, look after the weeds too) and provide ESSENTIAL services. Let private businesses look after the rest
Transit is too often unreliable with c Train break downs and full trains during rush hour. I appreciate pathways being cleared in the winter so people can get outside and look after their mental health.
Transit is very important to me as I do not have another mode of transportation, other than walking. I find public transit to be quite reliable. The Senior Pass is a bargain. At the far west end, I feel that the train service is not utilized enough by the community. In the past, communities did not have amenities and people had to drive, even to get gas. Hopefully that is being rectified with newer communities. As we have seen, water utilities is a very important and necessary service.
Transit must be more affordable for poor people. It’s their only hope of getting around this enormous city. Parks need to protect biodiversity and create more space for nonhuman life.
Transit, getting around safely and efficiently without having to get into a car is the mark of a world class city. Car dependent cities don’t work in the long run, they are unsustainable but you’ve already priced transit way too high. Reliable utilities and safe streets are essential.
Transit, police and fire are delivered well by the city

Urgency is the biggest factor determining my 'feeling' on the reliability of services [water utilities]. City Police should look at a new delivery system for speeding tickets. If a HUMAN is operating a technology device to record infraction tickets such as "officer taken image of license plate" with "photo proof of radar result" to issue the ticket, does that circumvent the provincial legislation? 'Road side' tickets are causing a DANGER to other drivers and police. Will a radar ticket issued by the human presence remove the 'cash cow' agenda being purported by the Provincial gov't.? Such ticket will be mailed to the owner of the car in violation of the law/speed limit? Can we change the 'delivery method' to circumvent the Provincial legislation and increase safety? Smith has indicated she wants to "crack down on BAD drivers".
Utilities are something we all rely on like running water and electricity. We have problems with water the last few years and really appreciate when it’s working they it should.
waste and recycling are excessive to me I never fill bins garbage every two weeks is more than enough, Blue bins every two weeks more than enough, green bins winter not required, weekly May to October. Property taxes have more than doubled in 10 years with nothing to show for it, planning and building are gatekeepers slowing development
Waste management (as in garbage pickup) can be challenging at times. The several times I had to report the black bin not being picked up, I learned not to use the online way but phone it in. Also the removal of dead trees was certainly a learning experience on our green. Still have one tree that was to come down (had the sign on it but gone now) a couple of years ago. Across the city I know the dandelion mess is just that: a mess that should embarrass the city. Citizen yards suffer from that (personally know this).
Waste management, transit, road upkeep
Water, wastewater, roads. From what I can tell, water/ wastewater appear to be handled properly according to a well managed operation and standards. This does directly affect everyone. Roads. Poorly maintained roads indicates to me that they aren't important. We all need to be somewhere. No matter how you get there, drive or being driven, you do need well maintained roads.
We need to invest more in road safety, which starts with making design changes to improve safety for pedestrians and people cycling. Too many people are dying and being injured on our streets. This has an immense societal cost. But if we continue to just expand the road network for cars and more new communities, we're making poor use of our limited resources.

We would like the City to stop being subservient to Federal government immigration excess and stop approving new higher density residential development until we have replaced the old water lines that we should know needs replacing. Don't allow construction of new buildings unless pedestrians and cyclists have enough space between them and the road that they are not stressed by the closeness of traffic and the buildings. Don't make developers build sections of bike path for future use when there is none on either side and no chance of the bike path being completed in the foreseeable future. All it does is create wasteful expense and more space for vagrants to gather. End rapid bus routes that are not economical and won't be in the foreseeable future. Stop wasting taxpayer money on overpriced public "art" (e.g. the circle) or boondoggles like the peace bridge. Be more transparent with the details of the costs of city budget items and in the contracts awarded
What comes to mind first is roadway conditions and of our current situation with water - cannot say that I see we are getting any value out of the city.
What I really resent is tax dollars going to the multibillionaire owners of the Calgary Flames. The hundreds of millions the city is spending on the new stadium should have gone to improving social services, reducing homelessness, etc. Other than that, the City does a reasonably good job. I appreciate the bicycle pathway network.
What matters most to me is functioning infrastructure, utilities, and safe communities. The previous years have been neglecting these services to Calgarians.
When basic things like roads or our water pipes are a disaster (which they currently are), constantly increasing taxes will never feel justified, as money is clearly being wasted on things that are much less important
It is important that we invest in the infrastructure that benefits the most amount of people, regardless of political opinions. Transit helps everyone from removing cars from the road to giving access to better employment opportunities for all Calgarians.

Maintenance of infrastructure matters most to me. Green spaces should be maintained. Money should not be spent on convention centres, private arena's, redoing Olympic plaza every 35 years for aesthetic purposes. Businesses and the arts communities should be raising their own funds and building their own facilities.
Services should be avilable for the most remote communities, recycling should be avilable to all streets, publuc transit should be available day and night to furthest communities from downtown. Any community should vave access to ctrains and fast commuting to downtown or airport any time of day or night or season of the year
The city service I am most grateful for is the library. Since my children are still young, they often play with the toys available at the library. Especially in the winter, when we can’t always go to parks, it’s very helpful to have a place like the library where they can play. The library also provides many other services. Since English is not my first language, I really appreciate being able to participate in the English community programs offered there. I am also grateful for the parks. There are several safe, spacious, and clean parks nearby where my children can play freely, and I truly appreciate how well they are maintained.
The city services have to be able to fulfill basic need of the people. Safety and water.
Police controlling homeless and crime and utilities being provided
Road, policing and general upkeep of the city have worsened over the last 10 years. City hall seems more focused on pet projects then getting the city back on track. Constant increases in property taxes indicate that the city is not listening to its voters as the cost of living is getting out of control, crime and drug use has increased, housing costs (ownership and renting) have continued to increase, but the city is still allocating funds away from core services and focusing on projects that only serve a small portion of the city. Calgary has completely ignored the middle class. A good use of tax dollars would be to spend money on the services that impact the greatest number of Calgarians and make Calgary a safe and enjoyable city to live in again. City hall is asking too much and providing too little.
They feel fair and inclusive however safety for future generations should be a top priority. Public spaces are filled with drug users and should be filled with families and small children.

I consider how much I have to work to afford the basics like rent, utilities and groceries (livibility and work/life balance), what supports there are for disability and hardship (anyone at anytime can become disabled or lose their job), and how accessible the city is (understanding that even a few dollars can be a barrier to using public transit and may be someone's only transportation to get to the doctor or their job). I work three part-time jobs and can just barely cover my basics living in a one-bedroom basement unit with my partner who works full time. I lost my car in a non-fault collision and coming up with bus money was difficult to get to my job. The buses often ran late so my commutes went from 30min to 2hrs adding 3hrs of travel time to my 9hr work day. The delays also make it difficult to be on time for shift work which have caused problems with my employer. Homelessness has increased downtown and in my community since bylaws have become anti-encampment/harm reduction.
I consider where I perceive pain points in the functionality of the municipality to be, and how other municipalities resolve those pain points. For instance, a more effective and efficient transit service would reduce congestion and save people money. Beyond that, I recognize it is imperative to value what we have over what "could be", and that means maintaining our current extensive infrastructure over the creation of new infrastructure.
Long term sustainability balance with continuous growth in mind while with accountable resource management. For example, all capital investment upfront that is committed with tangible assets should have depreciation expense preserved for ongoing renewal and future replacement coverage not requiring new Capital ask in the future. What councils yet to ask and hold accountable to the city is how much of the current water main break repair expenses are covered by the depreciation fund pool designated for the existing infrastructure collected through the 50 years of depreciation expense? Are the city transferred those moneys to somewhere else which leads to the additional millions dollars capital asks today? This applies to all things. Next is that how many capital asks translate into tangible results instead human resource increase and that they translate into local investment instead paying foreign companies to do the work. (ie, City use US cloud venders' for Office AI tech?)
Usually my first consideration is how they affect me, but ultimately the budget choices need to make the most positive impact for all Calgarians. So, I may not use transit personally right now, but it needs to be improved to make it more accessible. If it was easier I might use it more but instead certain routes are being cancelled.
Water and roads impact my daily life, when these areas work well I feel good value for my dollar.
Wether or not the city can address my issues . Am i safe and can i get around in my city .

When barriers are not obvious / apparent. When I see easy access for all. When I see city delivered services functioning with similar efficiency to private providers.
When I look to city services, I expect them to be responsive and flexible. I don't expect them to be nickel and dimming me at every turn. I expect traffic to flow and roads to be cleared after snow storms so that it is safe to drive and move around. I expect Apple Green spaces and facilities that are well maintained not just at the minimum. The city should not act like its services are for the last resort. They should be inviting modern and efficient. City services should just work so that they don't come to top of mind.
Whether the service is being provided at its most efficient cost, available to all and effective in producing desired outcomes.
Whether the trains and busses make it feasible to travel somewhere. Whether it is safe to travel by bike. Whether we are investing in infrastructure or doing shortsighted austerity schemes.
I look at whether I am receiving a decent value to what I am paying with my tax dollar. Every year the city is becoming more expensive and difficult to live in. Yet I don't see much movement from our city officials in comparison to other cities around the world. I honestly don't know where the city money is going to and everything is a study and a suggestion form but nothing gets done. I would like for my neighborhood to feel safe. I would like for me to have better transit options other than driving.
I want to feel safe and supported by city services. I value convenience when accessing services AND reasonable pricing for said services. Calgary transit price increases should have at least come with some sort of tangible benefit, but none are seen or felt.
Long-term good of the City - pollution, GHGs, social justice/affordable housing, finally following the Municipal Development Plan which was a great effort of City Admin & Council but never has been given attention since. Stop the eternal Sprawl with its heavy subsidies to developers & their egregiously low levies (at City expense). Out enormous infrastructure debt is largely due to ongoing short-term Council support for major land developments, filling pockets of developers & robbing citizens of adequate services.
The city is well run and services are reliable. I question the need for additional highways like the ring road (was that a city project?) and the wisdom of continuing to build far flung communities that cause more sprawl. It doesn't seem sustainable.
- are the services provided in a consistent and reliable fashion, with "customer service" front of mind right across the city

- are they of decent quality - can i access them with minimal fuss - are they provided at a cost competitive with the private sector where appropriate
- transit - recreation - water utilities
-whether the service/infrastructure is for existing communities (good value) vs subsidizing new sprawl communities (not good value) -whether something is actually being done (a new safer street crossing) vs lip service (an awareness campaign) -whether the benefits are proportionate to the cost - for example, the police helicopter causes lost sleep without making my neighbourhood safer, so it is not good value
1. Timeliness of service 2. Quality of service 3. Equitable distribution of services across all areas
A clean, good infrastructure and a safe environment
Absolute necessities - water, sewage; next protection services - police, fire AND fix those terrible roads
Access to sufficient amounts of safe drinking water. Equitable access to city services, especially considering socio-economic and accessibility factors.
accessibility and fairness to ensuring that all can access these services, and/or equity where the services are being provided where they are most needed
Accessibility, cost, and condition of the facilities.
Again, services that are core (not the responsibility of other levels of government), services that support the broadest number of Calgarians (vs niche areas), services that support public safety & health,
Are my tax dollars being invested in what truly makes a city great—its people? Are we building shared spaces that are welcoming, accessible, and beneficial to everyone, or are they designed primarily for a privileged few? A great city invests publicly so that all residents can belong, participate, and thrive, not just those with means or influence.
Are roads maintained? Potholes fixed? Traffic moving well? Are restrictions minimized? (Road restrictions for bike and tree lanes) Is the city not wasting time on bylaws that should be fast of their jurisdictions (prohibiting straws, bags, etc)
Are the services efficient, effective and provided in a cost effective manner.
Are the services necessary according to my values (need vs. want) and does the City provide them efficiently and effectively.
Are there any waitlists? This is for things like rec programs and library books or programming. Can I access the service immediately when I need it? If there's a user fee, how high is it?

Are they consistent and working. Really the less I notice the better things are probably working.
Are they reliable, do they fix things quickly, is there to much administration wasting money that could be used for actual repairs. Unions should be eliminated to reduce costs of operations. The city needs to cut the fat from their system and actually make consequences for higher ups that do not do their jobs.
Are they well maintained? Are they accessible to everyone? Do they enhance citizens lives?
Are we making sure that people who have fewer personal resources can access a decent standard of living? For example, if a family can't afford a car, does public transit offer a reasonably comparable alternative? Budget priorities should not just come from wants of the most politically active, but needs of the most vulnerable.
As a renter in a single income household, my strongest consideration is the development of transit and living solutions as the city expands population-wise. Following that, my background in finance and experience volunteering with the Calgary Alliance for Common Good has me looking at other services. Generally speaking, I believe that city services provide good value. While our transit system needs more development (and a green line), living in Hillhurst has made access to much of the city fairly straightforward by transit. I've been able to recommend the mental health services, such as Community Connect YYC, to friends multiple times. Living near the central library has impressed me in particular; the various services offered there truly makes it the city's living room rather than just a place for students to study. I hope to see continued investment in libraries and community centers as the city grows.
Availability and reliability of service. Safety. Evaluating if we are a great city. Yes budgets are very important but if we want to live in a world class city as citizens we ought to realize that it isn't going to be free or in a libertarian castle
Availability, reliability, and accountability (written and vocal feedback and fiscal responsibility for funds being used).
Basic needs. Reliability. Fairness.
Basic services delivered in a non partisan, fair and inclusive manner
Before even considering if a service provides a 'good value' I think the City should audit its services to determine which are core vs non-core services. As per MGA, core being those that only a municipal entity can provide to ensure the safety, health, and functionality of Calgary (e.g., Water, Waste & Recycling, Recreation, Parks, Roads) Once that's defined then value comes from: reliability, functionality and cost-effectiveness.

being fair and inclusive to all. Those with disabilities and hardship should be our number one priority and we should find the services that meet their needs first.
benefiting majority of Calgarians regardless of their community/area or income level, addressing basic needs and fundamentals before going to next level
Can I turn on the tap and get treated water, or turn on the switch and get power? Currently those aren't answerable with a "yes" which is very unpleasant. It reminds me of traveling to visit 3rd world countries in my back-packing days.
City services should be accessible and equally available for all citizens. Barriers to access should be addressed. We should be using our tax dollars to benefit the most citizens, not the interests of a select few.
Clean and fast and affordable
Clean streets (residential) after winter or during construction of all the gravel and debris. Fine the companies that allow construction trucks to dirt the roads.
Clean, affordable, convenient.
Cleanliness, safety and a healthy business sector that provides job and economic growth, these are good value. Safe and clean park environments are also a good investment as they are used by all and help with mental health as well as physical well-being.
Consistency and reliability of services. How easy it is to find information regarding services.
consistency, reliability and positive impact on daily life
Consistent service, well staffed, cleanliness, amount of service provided. We need to hire more social workers to help low income calgarians navigate housing, recreation etc.
Continuity of service is always important, but equitable access to services is paramount. My experiences are not everyone's experiences, and we must make sure that new Calgarians, as well as Calgarians with low income and/or low ability to move or access services should be brought into decision making.
Cost and availability of services, ability for all calgarians to access, regardless of income
Cost and project management. Efficient execution when spending tax payer dollars. Transparency on the budget and exactly how and where our money is spent. The city should start considering a 3rd party private operating model for large and major infrastructure projects.
Cost, availability (if I pay for something, like water, is it available when I need it), and quality of service

Decent infrastructure and public transit. This means limiting urban sprawl instead of encouraging it. We can't sustain our level of sprawl while keeping or improving our public services. Stop the sprawl and encourage density in all neighbourhoods.
Developing a stable, healthy, strong community is important to me. Services should be reliable and fair and inclusive. The focus should be on a society where everyone is supported, with access to housing, food, and necessary services. Focusing on long-term goals that improve Calgarians' lives is important to me.
Does the money spent actually help the majority of Calgarians actually live better lives? Does the money benefit those who need it most?
Ease of mobility around the city. Well maintained roads.
Efficiency and quality tops all. I'm less concerned about the other examples mentioned in the question. I need to know that the employees managing and working for the city are skilled and qualified, and have the resources to do them effectively for citizens. Inefficient processes should be reviewed. Aging, old processes should be reviewed. Outdated technology should be replaced. Overcomplicated processes should be reviewed, as they often only make it worse for citizens. We're in an era where time is becoming a rare commodity, so providing citizens with paths of least resistance for services and amenities is ideal to ease the time burden.
Efficient use of taxpayer funds to provide the most impactful services for the largest number of the population
Environmentalism, usefulness, accessibility
equitable access to services across the city, long term sustainable planning that considers future generations of Calgarians. Not necessarily efficient, but effective at what they are trying to do.
Equity of resources Safety for travel Community health
Fair and inclusive and working well by metrics that at supported academically are most important to me.
Fair and inclusive. And smart spending - again as mentioned before, investing in housing saves money on police and emergency services. Investing in transit over roads.
Fairness, impact on the environment, reliability.
Functionality, safety, cost effective, community input
Generally reliability and usefulness to the community, along with working well.

Good value for tax dollars comes from high reliability infrastructure and maintenance (roads, water, sewer, utilities, garbage - the basics). Community safety is also a high priority - social disorder rules many neighborhoods, transit and the downtown core. The Federal govt's bail system is out of your scope to fix, but the social disorder needs to be fixed. City projects need to speed up. A positive example of how things CAN be done quickly is the Bearspaw water main replacement. An example of extremely poor execution is the Marda Loop main street project which took WAY TOO LONG. Permitting needs to speed up. Social engineering like "equity", "fair and inclusive", and ideological goals such as "climate change" banning of plastics all need to disappear. I am an avid cyclist but the way that bike lane infrastructure and "traffic calming" is implemented is an obscene waste of money - a painted line is sufficient versus concrete curbing, and bike lanes are not req'd on residential roads.
Good value is safe streets, clean water, money going to what is needed.
having a safe community, low taxes, affordability. I feel the city wastes too much money on small interest groups, art projects, beautification projects that were never needed ie: olympic plaza. the only thing I would do to beautify would be planting trees. utilities taxes food fuel etc are unaffordable adding unnecessary “projects” and money to unnecessary causes is ridiculous
having a working water system and having well maintained roads.
Having reliable, fair and inclusive services for all is crucial, especially for disadvantaged segments of the population. From the beginning, Calgary has been designed for cars and not cyclists or pedestrians. Although a lot of improvements have been made in recent years, a lot more needs to be done to make this a sustainable, green city.
Having to not ration water. Being able to safely ride my bike and walk.
High quality accessible services available to everyone
Housing, transit, services and recreation are key
How do they benefit me directly. How do they keep my family safe. Do the tasks completed by these areas make sense
How is this providing for my family and ensuring we feel safe; reliability;
How many people they benefit and how they can help keep the city sustainable for longer. Also whether the service provided is making a positive difference.
How quickly problems are resolved, how efficient the city is with the dollars and if the public was consulted
How reliable they are, whether they build community and trust, and whether they contribute to a better and more sustainable future.
How those services support me but also how those services support and connect other people in my community. This is especially true of those who are most vulnerable.

How well funded education, social services, and transit is. These are my priorities and everything else is a bonus.
How well the city can reliably deliver on the basics - roads, water, garbage collection, parks, recreation. Infrastructure that is in good working condition and makes the city more livable. Also a city that is focused on service delivery above all else.
How well they work and how much the cost is related to the outcomes. Whether they feel fair to the people who are actually getting any benefit or not fair to the people who are not getting any benefit. Some expenses need to be user usage based and not just general for everyone.
How well they work, their reliability and consistency
I am very easy to please, I need to have reliable essentials, feel safe and get an experience that I am living in a city and one that justifies the amount of tax dollars I spend for my property tax. That is why although I really think that recreation and other extra programs are wonderful...they are not essential to me if my taxes have to go up monumentally. Low income housing is important but I really think that the province should be helping more with that as well as Societies that are established for this very purpose.
I assess value based on reliability and consistency of service delivery, ensuring core services work as expected. Cost efficiency and value for money are critical, with clear, measurable outcomes. I also consider economic impacts, including support for local business and growth, and the City’s ability to leverage partnerships to achieve broader impact efficiently.
I base the response on my personal experience, reliability of service and community outcomes.
I believe the most significant return on municipal investment is realized when city services prioritize the healthy development of our youth. By expanding high-quality recreational spaces, promoting active sports programming, and preserving our natural forest reserves, we are securing a sustainable and vibrant future for the next generation.
I consider how we support vulnerable Calgarians. I also want services to be reliable and inclusive. I believe renters and those without a vehicle face inherent discrimination.
I consider my personal experiences, the effectiveness of the service for folks who are more vulnerable and the impact of the services on my community. For example, the ease and reliability of transit as well as the cost, whether myself and members of my community can safely get around the city, if housing is available that meets the needs of everyone especially low income people.
I consider reliability, predictability and how well they work.
I consider the cost of transit tickets, and how they keep rising, but also how I'm grateful for the subsidized low income transit passes. I just wish there was a stronger police or peace officer presence. I want to see turnstiles implemented in transit stations.

I consider the impacts of the service in the short and long term and whether those services are being provided in an equitable way with relatively fair access.
I consider the value of a service if it helps make daily life manageable for myself as well as others. I also consider inclusivity and how well these services treat communities.
I consider whether things are reliable, accessible, and well-maintained.
I find a combination of my personal experience for me and my family and feeling that services are reliable and fair for all residents is the basis.
I like to see value for money in services that, according to Calgarians, are seen to be a necessary part of life in Calgary and are well delivered and effective.
I see value in what makes life easier for others. Clearing snow off sidewalks for those with mobility issues, affordable transit so people can get to their jobs without breaking the bank.
I think about basics which my tax dollar goes toward the city providing; ie., water, power, natural gas, road maintenance, waste/recycling, especially focusing on reliability of the service and the adequate supply of those services.
I think about reliability, and quality. Water needs to be consistent and meet excellent water quality. Transit could be good, but is not reliable(Which decreases the quality because no one wants to wait 20+ minutes for a bus.)
I think first that the quality and reliability of basic services like utilities & transportation should never be in question and are essential to all Calgarians. Secondly, I compare Calgary to other major urban centers in North America and what they offer. We have seriously underfunded our recreation facilities seemingly in favor of art installations which the value of is subjective and intangibles such as declaring a "climate emergency" all of which are spending taxpayer dollars for zero or negative return.
I think services / projects that improve / maintain the lives of the majority of its taxpaying citizens - rather than trying to accommodate / attract people to a city that are not direct contributors to the city's wellbeing - is fair and prudent. The last three mayors put more stock in making the city look and behave like a city larger than it was built for or wanted by the majority. Example: the construction of unneeded overpasses, roadway "artwork" and bike lanes came at the direct expense of roadways being repaired. It is horrible to drive here and it is embarrassing. Function before fashion when economics and affordability are in question.
I want to know that they are being provided in an efficient way. I want to ensure that waste is minimized and that they are providing services that are required.
I want to live in safety - I want to enjoy outdoor spaces as a pedestrian without being threatened by cars. I want active transportation to be embraced but it needs to be safer. Can we please start enforcing tickets for distracted driving?

I want to see changes in my local communities, and when there are visible problems that they are dealt with responsibly — issues like water lines, homelessness, urban crime. When the most visible problems aren't being dealt with, how can we know that the invisible issues are?
If it is accessible to all, if it works for the most vulnerable, and if the services are reliable.
If the tax dollars provide services for many Eg bike lanes are for a very limited population Are essential for safe and healthy living- homes Are managed efficiently without big bucks going to admin
If they work the way I need them to, if I use them, if they make me feel proud of my city, if people are taken care of and their basic needs are met.
Importance to a clean safe environment and accessibility city wide.
Improved reach of services with high reliability at an affordable cost.
Is the city safe, do people have homes, are peopel able to get around, when peopel struggle can they get back on their feet. A city is ultimately about its people.
Is the infrastructure being looked after. Do you need an apps to be developed when the city website works.
Most important is reliability of services. They are there when they say they will be and I can rely on them in helping me go about in my daily life. Time is also a factor of this. If the service is only available once a week when i need it daily, that will impact my qualify of life.
Municipal services that are core, and are delivered reliably. Infrastructure incl. roads, safety are core. Garbage pickup is core (but not recycling, garbage). Community & Recreation programs are not core. Green energy programs are not core. These are « nice to have » City departments like The « Idea Lab » is no-where close to core, why does it still exist? same goes for a lot of anti-racism, DEI, and climate change departments- these are not core municipal service delivery items. Why am I paying for them?
My main factor in deciding whether city services provide good value for my tax dollars is are the services provided reliable, effective and accessible. While I love this city and have been here all my life - there are some issues I continue to struggle with. I would like to see more consideration for services funded by tax dollars going to fund initiatives that best support Calgarians. The City does have some great resources but are often underfunded or under resourced.
My quality of life, feelings of personal safety, the condition of municipal infrastructure,

My roads are safe and don’t have pot holes
Personal experience. The speed and reliability of a service. I don't care how "fair and inclusive" garbage service is but if they straight up skip my alley once every 3 months, that's a problem. The same can be said for just about every city service.
Personal experiences - ability for me to enjoy my city with my dog. Reliability and responsiveness of the city os key.
Pet projects and political ideologies provide the least value for tax dollars. Following that I look at cost for service to Calgarians compared to other cities per with similar sizes as well as cost in calgary to get a similar service from the private sector. If the city can do it cheaper with volume savings then it is good value. If the loss of efficiency in the public sector makes it more expensive then not great value.
Physical and psychological safety, reliability, sustainability
Police - everyday management Roads - are they being maintained? Communities - what is the City doing to listen to residents rather than padding their pockets? We seem to be falling behind in a lot of these areas.
Primarily I would focus on the provider of the service (front line staff) and the reliability/ applicability to my daily life. Despite living near a major bus hub I am unable to rely on transit for my regular life, it is too unreliable and too hard to get to the places I need to go. Not everyone needs to go downtown. Front line staff and their opinions/ perspectives are always a prime indicator of how the services are going. If they are happy and engaged in their job I think that is a key indicator as well.
Prompt service, proper resource/fiscal management, adherence to civic management mandate.
Property taxes published by property is public information. It's time the City also published its costs of services - including the capital costs of pipes, roads, and wires - by quadrant, by Ward, per community, per street, per capita. We're overdue to understand what residents pay vs the cost of what they receive so we really understand whether we're getting value or not. We face massive infrastructure upgrades in the coming years. Understanding who pays for it and who receives the benefit is an important tool in our planning process and service delivery.
Quality and consistency of service and infrastructure. Availability of community amenities and facilities that are competitive or better then comparable cities
Recreation fees Transit Roads Safety

Reliability and consistency and fair to everyone , not just special interest groups !
Reliability and consistency of basic city services (utilities, waste, road maintenance) matter the most.
Reliability and quality are the two biggest factors for me. As someone who is looking at purchasing their first home (condo), I'd rather services be reliable and high quality than anything else. Accessibility would also be great as well, to make sure anyone living in Calgary can access the services.
Reliability for essential Services (water)
reliability of basic services waste of money eg clearing bike lanes of snow when 0.00000000000001% of the population even uses them !! inefficient and ineffective eg 311; caters to pet projects what the union handcuffs the city eg heard city has the best eyecare benefit than even the oil patch allowing massive expansion and then subsidizes developers by having me, as tax payer, pay for the next services for new communities, street lights, roads, etc. !!! pass that cost onto developers and if they can't sell their expensive homes then maybe they will build middle class reasonable homes instead
Reliability of core services. Increased mill rates for no increase in services. My taxes have far exceeded inflation and services have often declined. Covid was brutal with many losing their jobs and guaranteed union positions meant driving empty buses, etc. Didn’t feel like a City fir the people, just the protected ones.
reliability of services (e.g., transit), how well they work, supporting inclusivity
Reliability of services and access everything by everyone who lives here. If we were to slow down building new communities we could focus on increasing density in the ones we already have, and making sure that every community has equal access to resources such as schools, recreation opportunities, transit, etc.
Reliability of services and quality of water.
Reliability of services, equitable distribution of service, maintaining minimum standards of infrastructure
reliability, accessibility, safety for myself and my children's generation
Reliability, cost, coverage
Reliability, how well they work and whichever provide the largest positive impact per dollar spent.
Reliability, outcomes, consideration for vulnerable populations
Reliability, quality and comfort
Reliability, responsiveness to change, benefits a large number of Calgarians.
Reliability, safety and cost/
Reliability, safety, livability
Reliability, value for money, inclusion.

Reliability. If a service is there I need to be able to depend on it. Availability. The service must be available to all Calgarians.
Reliability.Personal experience. Inclusivity.
Reliable essential services. accessible City facilities (i.e. Recreation). Providing a service well not just providing a minimal experiance.
Reliable fast service, visible impacts in my community
Reliable, on time, dependable, dont see them, dont hear about them, running smooth.
Reliable, safe and equitable.
Reliably, how well they work when you need them, accessibility
Roads, police, and medical. Nothing else matters.
Roads, police, fire, infrastructure that's all the city should support.
Roads, recreation, and maintaining infrastructure.
Roads, water, parks
Roads, water, police.
Roads, water, power. Occasionally transit
Roads, water, sewage, garbage pickup. Proper infrastructure is needed.
Safety and being prepared for big city emergencies and infrastructure are important. There are more and more traffic accidents and traffic on the roads I travel for work. Maintaining our roads and having emergency services ready to respond keeps me safe traveling through our city.
Safety in neighbourhood and properly maintained infrastructure.
Safety of commercial and public spaces. Areas with poor safety elements--such as around the drop in centre, negatively impact the economic value of the area and appeal for utilization. These spaces feel neither fair nor inclusive as the city has invested significant capital, but does not ensure they feel safe.
Safety of residents, quality of infrastructure and services.
Safety, water and waste management
Safety, cleanliness, appropriate infrastructure based on needs
Safety, reliability, responsive
Safety, security, efficiency and fairness in all facets of city services and administration.
Security, good roads, services
Seeing good roads. Reliability is critical Do they make sense.
service quality and proper maintenance of city facilities, including roads and paths
Services should be inclusive, equitably accessible, and reliable

Services should be reliable. Services should level the playing field (transit should have more of a role in doing this, so Calgarians without cars are provided the same opportunities as Calgarians with cars). Services should be spread across the city equitably.
Services that are reliable and accessible, prioritizing investments in services to support established and high population communities manage growth and demand, services that enable free/low cost access and enjoyment of public spaces
Tax fairness; the ability to get answers to questions; timeliness of services
That people experience positive outcomes in their lives, communities are healthy and thriving, and that barriers to participation are removed for people who are structurally marginalized
The basic necessities are the most important. That they are provided in a reliable and consistent manner to all.
The beauty of our spaces in Calgary makes me feel like I get good value. In addition having good clean drinking water whatever I need it that I'm getting excellent for my tax dollars.
The blanket zoning bylaw implemented under the former mayor is a perfect example of what not to do. Spend an incredibly large amount of money to pretend to hear what the majority of the community would like, only to completely disregard that feedback. Such a waste! Not good value. So those factor would be honesty and integrity. Is the service necessary? Is the service something a government should be spending money on? Or is this something outside the scope of basic government spending and services?
The condition of infrastructure and the design of new roads affect my perception of city efficiency.
The cost vs what I get, how much I use it, who else benefits.
The costs of running a city will never be fair. Citizens pay for so many things that they personally never use. But that is reality. The city provides poor quality services. What I want is greater efficiency from work force, more accountability and cost reduction. I have 4 family members who work at City and I know all about the shenanigans. Hire new managers from private sector to clean up corruption, theft, incompetence.
The factors I consider are practical value for reliable and safe services. Example: The city could start to actually enforce its own rules and bylaws and start fining people for infractions. Drive down a back and dodge bins and trash. Ridiculous. Go to a builders home construction site and look for any number of infractions...Nobody at the city of Calgary bylaw dept is enforcing safety or bylaw infractions but some of the employees sure drive beautiful brand new SUV's to get to where they wanna go.

The importance of ease of access including ongoing efforts to address preexisting disparity in who has the most access and how access to services impact quality of life and people's ability to participate in their local communities and economies while maintaining their wellness.
The primary factor is whether the city supplies consistent and reliable essential services ie: roads, sewer, water, public safety (thru a properly funded place and fire service). The rest of things provided by the city should be considered luxury items and only offered if the necessities have been achieved.
The primary factors I consider are whether the service is delivered promptly and competently. I could care less if they meet DEI requirements or meet some abstract climate change goal, only if I get a measurable result.
The proper upkeep and maintenance of every day use of roads and utilities.
The services should be things that all citizens can access and benefit from. They should provide lasting tangible improvements to life in the city.
Things like roads and water that I use every day
Timely and cost effective. Water and sewer systems maintained do no collapse as we have seen in the past 3 years!
Utilities to keep me warm/cool..necessary and valuable. Police service seem to be severely hampered by the UCP …"Cash Cow" seems to refer to unsafe and irrresponsible driving. I think Smith and her government should be sued for encouraging this behavior. Transit is great week DAYS…unreliable weekends.
Waste, water and infrastructure.
Water rationing because of city neglect is absolutely outrageous. I have paid my bills for 30 years with the belief that the money was going where you said it was. When I found it it actually wasn't and the it has been put into general revenue for vanity projects...well you have broken the social trust. I am reluctant to pay any of my bills now. Since reopening after Covid -My local city of Calgary pool hours are not what they used to be. It is very rarely available for me to use. Not open in the early mornings for lap swims. Roads are appalling. I have had damage to my vehicle from enormous potholes in and around my community. There is very little evidence that my tax dollars are being spent on maintaining even the most basic services in my community.
Water reliability, garbage collection and road maintenance.
We services must provide for the essential needs of citizens in a timely and efficient manner
Well the speed of the service, the value it provides to the economy, the support it provides to the vulnerable, how fair it is for use, and the amount of waste

What matters most to me is wasteful spending. Our previous mayor was more concerned about her own woke agenda that what were essential services in Calgary. The most glaring examples were her so-called "climate emergency" which no one asked for or voted for. Several previous mayors, including a now provincial political party leader, ignored water infrastructure until we experienced the catastrophic and expensive water main breaks that are still needing to be addressed. We need reliable and responsive police and fire services more than cultural experiences. And, by the way, who the heck decided to rename Fort Calgary? Again, more woke nonsense. I am not interested in inclusivity. Value for my dollar means I feel safe, I have infrastructure I can depend on, and my taxes are not increasing over and over and over again. I am on a fixed budget as a retired person and the more tax gouging that occurs, the less I have to spend on things that positively impact my life and leisure.
When city services are reliable and robust, and aren't literally falling to pieces in front of me, it's good value. If it improves the daily lives of EVERYONE in my community, it's good value.
When services are reliable and feel fair and inclusive. For example, investments that will benefit all residents of an area, but also ensuring some areas are more privileged than others.
I consider the services and people that make me proud to live in Calgary and Canada, such as skilled and experienced police, fire, and other emergency services provided by the city. I also pay attention to what is collectively affecting people the most, such as housing prices and fair distribution of taxes to affect Canadian citizens. Working at a recreational facility, I know that Calgary is already adept at providing inclusivity and accessibility, as well as nurturing community and culture.
Supporting active lifestyles. Responsible emergency response. Prevention forward thought not just bandaid solutions to a bigger problem.
The police cost too much
The police department is amazing. Patrolling the pathways rain or shine to ensure the safety of everyone utilizing them.
The renters market, desperately needs rent control. A single person with a full time job that pays $25-$35/hr struggles to support themselves which is outrageous. A jump in rent of $300/mo is completely unsustainable. So anyone making less than that is at risk of being homeless at any time. This is a provincial issue that the city could easily advocate the urgency of. Homelessness is a huge problem and the city's efforts to intervene aren't largely visible and could be much more robust.
the roads
The roads are crap and falling apart. The roads are never maintained properly.

The services I value most are those with direct, lasting impact on people's daily lives, particularly community support and mental health services. These are areas where investment pays dividends across nearly every other civic challenge, including housing instability, public safety, addiction, and poverty. When mental health and community supports are underfunded, the costs show up elsewhere, in emergency services, policing, hospitals, and shelters, at far greater expense and with worse outcomes. I also believe strongly that non-profits and charitable organizations consistently deliver better value than corporate partners when it comes to community-facing work. They are closer to the people they serve, more accountable to community needs, and reinvest resources rather than extracting profit. The City should prioritize funding and partnership models that flow through these organizations rather than large corporate contracts.
the wait time after calling 911 is of top priority when you need help
There are hundreds if not thousands of unfunded buildings/projects in the City of Calgary. Examples include many Ice Arenas, Swimming Pools and many of the buildings that have a high level of utilization. It should be a crime to not include these into budgets. I imagine the water upgrade was one of the projects that wasn't funded as well. City Council should be responsible for these assets and not to just ignore them and wait until the building or asset to fail. Just to put money somewhere else is negligent.
There is nothing more central to public service than the question of what it takes to justify my need of a service. A park is just there for me to access in my neighborhood? Great! Not all city services have that same level of accessibility to all constituents.
Things that I can actively see missing from our city. Better transit is one of them. More schools.
Thirst think I do in the morning jump into my car and drive. Seeing these horrible roads, the way they are maintained is just ruining my day in the first place.
To reiterate the previous point, the city does not have adequate soccer facilities to meet the demand. The existing infastructure is at capacity. The amount of young people playing the sport will only increase, but the city will not be able to meet it unless additional facilities are built.
Transit
Transit frequency and public realm quality
Transit is getting worse in my area, for example, the schedule for the #10 bus is very bad on the weekends, I work Stampede in the summer and start at 9:30, the first #10 is not until about that time!!
Transit is very important to me. Without it I couldn't get to places that I have to go to. I need that particular service.

Transit matters most. And we know we’re in trouble daily because of how absolutely packed like sardines we are on buses through the inner city. Uncomfortable, unsafe, unsustainable.
Transit services are important for people who don't drive. Like me.
Transit shelters. The ones we have now are stupid and honestly outclassed by the rickety wood one at UofC! Why is the heater so far up that it doesnt provide heat. Why are the seats metal in a city that gets this cold?
Unnecessary traffic stops, must focus on more crime ridden areas
Walkability and accessibility for all. Not police enforcement! I want my city to be one that supports all of it's citizens equally and sees them as people not issues that need to be removed.
We need more services for the increasing amount of homeless people across the city. Not just streamline everything downtown. We need services like warming centers and Distress centers along the c train line where it is easily accessible to that population. It would also be really nice to see improvements to parks and green spaces in neighborhoods.
We need to feel safe on the streets, we need to ensure there is enough support with hiring more police, security. We need to ensure our citizens (no matter the age) feel safe and are supported financially and otherwise. We need more health care support.
We need toll roads for sleeper town traffic to pay towards our roads Also More lotto games to generate more income M
Well, what matters a LOT to me is cycling—I go year-round—and I actually phone in to 311 every time the paths are cleared of snow in the winter. Like I said earlier, it's the pathway system that makes Calgary what it is, in my opinion, and I hope the City continues to prioritize maintaining and expanding the system. The more accessible it is, the more people will be encouraged to use it—and a lot already do.
What matters most is supporting those who are disadvantaged and are struggling with mental health issues and/or poverty.
When I can use the train to go anywhere
When I go to Renfrew Rec Centre, it makes me very happy to see my taxes put to good use by providing me with affordable and budget friendly access to fitness facilities and programs.
When the city provides recreation + sports program that is accessible especially to middle-low class family that encourages more family time + kids to become more active the whole year.

When things like the water restrictions happen, what 'good value' looks like completely changes. Having reliable water supply is something I took for granted before. Basic services like water infrastructure should not even be in the conversation, that's table stakes. If those things have been under invested in, no question they should take priority. When you work at a public company, there is constant pressure on costs, but it seems some at City hall do not have these same pressures. When I hear how many city employees get to work from home and have low productivity expectations, it is extremely frustrating. It feels like our capital (taxes) aren't being used efficiently.
With regards to transit services I am paying tax dollars for something I won't use due to the more unfortunate / homeless / drug / aggression issues. A lot of people avoid using the facilities because of this alone
Would love to take transit but we need more trains throughout the city and to focus on safety. I don't feel safe on transit
I use transit and know why it loses money! People just DON'T pay anymore. The bus drivers have had training to NOT confront the parasites that just walk on. The ctrain station are a joke too. The mayor never sees it because they know what station(s) he uses so he doesn't see what the average person does. If they paid for Transit police, they would still have excess revenue because the freebies would stop and stations would be rid of problem people. Why should people get passes or tickets when you can just walk on with your broken pieces of lumber and 3; garbage bags of cans, why should we pay???
I use transit every day. I do not like driving. I will never drive. It’s a terrible service and the price keeps going up for nothing. Even just having AC in the summer seems to be a struggle. What is my $130 a month going to? The police? I bet it’s them.
I want Fire & Police to be well funded so my community remains properly protected.
I want to know I can get from point A to point B without huge pothole and gouges in the road. All this does is damage my car which costs more more. I want to see The City using materials that don't need to be replaced or redone each season or even every couple of years. I want to see sand on the roads in the winter, not gravel. I don't mind paying a little more in taxes if it's setting Calgary up to be a city that is fair and reliable, but I don't want to see my taxes go up to give businesses a break. Set a threshold for support for small businesses. Don't do it for all. They opted to go into business and being able to sustain it without government intervention is part of what they signed up for.
If a project has merit, it doesn't need taxpayer-funded advertizing. For example, if the Green Line was a good idea, it wouldn't need the massive propaganda campaign promoting it as a good idea. Any time the City wastes taxpayer money on self-promotion - it is a huge red flag.

In the course of a day there are so many areas of concern one comes upon before even exiting your community regardless of which neighbourhood you reside, we have an increased number of Calgarians in states of crisis we have multiple families living in one home. we have a shortage of police we are cutting social services
It takes way too long to get places by bus. I think there should be more express routes. It should not take 40 minutes by transit to get from the Beltline to Chinook mall when it is a 10 minute drive. It is also crazy that transit in Calgary is more expensive on a per ride basis than it is in Vancouver and Toronto. This will not encourage people to take transit over ubering or driving. If we want to see additional ridership on transit it needs to be more frequent, reliable, and affordable. Why are we non stop building new communities when we can't even adequately provide transit access to the existing communities.
My household feels our tax dollars were misallocated away from the essentials. The city must prioritize basic services first. That includes good recreation amenities but should be less politically driven ideology statements. Planning cycles should span beyond 1-3 election cycles.
My personal experience with Calgary transit are more safety issues have to be dealt with and overcrowding issues on the popular Max routes. Transit must remain reliable, accessible and safe as transit remains the only source of transportation for many Calgarians.
My wife and me use public transit. It is unreliable and unsafe. Bus and train stations are unsafe full of drug addicts, mentally ill and homeless people. The city is not doing enough to keep our streets safe as well as public transit.
Need more INDOOR SOCCER FIELDHOUSES, and outdoor TURF soccer fields. The most popular sport, it should be our most supported = greatest bang for our taxpayer dollars.
Need transparency in the dollars collected and where spent. Eg water rate payers are paying for investment in the water utility not general budget.
No I do not feel like it's value for money - always tax increases for what??? The city is going down the toilet. Downtown looks run down. Sidewalks are trip hazards just fix them!
No more pet projects like arenas
Not enough services. Especially need another location for bus pass location needed nearer to westbrook mall would be a great idea for those who can't travel too far for 50 plus adults.
One of the most important systems to me is public transit. Everyone should have access to reliable, fast, and safe transit because getting around the city is essential, but time management should also be factored into this as it can take up to 50 minutes to go from place to place using transit.
Only thing that impacts my daily life is Calgary parks. I find the parks already well maintained and have lots to do for people throughout the year.

Overall I think Calgary has been well managed and provides good value for my tax dollars. Our visible above ground assets are generally in good shape. Obviously water mains are a current focus and this is a good and long over looked item. (I've never seen a ribbon cutting for a water main). I've always appreciated our water and envision a future with more reservoirs (provincial) and outdoor water restrictions (xeriscaping & native plants).
Pet social projects like housing provide terrible value for tax dollars
Planning should be a private & public joint effort as past efforts have been handled with a failing grade. Fire the City Manager who has allowed this to happen.
Potholes are wrecking my car and insurance does nothing to help matters.
Right now, a lot of services feel outdated, inefficient, and not designed for how much the city has grown. Things take longer than they should, feel harder than they need to be, and don't seem to keep up with population growth. It also feels like the city keeps expanding outward instead of improving what already exists, so everything ends up stretched thin and less convenient. Overall, it doesn't feel like the value matches what people are paying, especially when so many systems feel old, run down, or poorly maintained.
Road quality. It's the first thing visitors notice and the condition of our road network is the most expensive asset the City needs to maintain. Every dollar we spend on roads actually gives a $1.12 return back to the City
Social services are important for people to have access to whatever they need in their situation
Stay focused on what is needed and not the fluff and woke stuff from prior years. Big pipe problem a good indication of past poor decisions
The biggest one I see are those so call peace officers, biggest waste of money, hiring a whole bunch of [redacted] huddling in a corner staying away from trouble areas waiting to clock out. No name tags, no monitoring of their job, just a whole bunch of high paid slackers on the ground, security cams and robots can do a much better job with min paid No accountability, No monitoring, that's how the whole city admin is functioning, a whole bunch of incompetent slackers treating taxpayers as their ATM !! Also no online reporting of illegal parking, have to call to report and can't send any pics, have to describe to them all the details, what age are they living in, Stone Age? What a waste of money to hire people to answer calls, so stupid wasteful!!
The C Train - it needs to be extended to Silverado
The drastic increase loss of life and injury due to be vehicles recently is of huge concern, but nothing real is being done to stop it. Laying blame on pedestrians is idiotic when distracted or irresponsible drivers are wielding a giant weapon of a vehicle. Road rules need to actually be enforced, far more than they are now.

The last 2 years have exposed the lack of reliability of water services. WE should not continue to blame the lack of funding. We need the City Administration to step up and admit that they took their "eye off the ball." There is a lack of leadership to solve the problems in time until they accumulated to failures that affect very Calgary resident and business. I still do not understand why we agree to supply water to surrounding municipalities. Instead of wanting more revenues, we should focus on providing reliable service to Calgary first and foremost.
The potholes and roads need to be addressed. We need police officiers in each area of the City giving tickets for dumb drivers, especially as they are now running over pedestrians and taking off, hit and run fines and jail times need to increase.
There is a need in Calgary to place a focus on social services all around with a growing number of Calgarians slipping between the cracks of our systems. The greatest tool we have is prevention. Support calgarians to create greater capacity for generations to come
This is not life or death but our roads are atrocious.
Transit is not managed well, there are many unpaid riders who are seemingly homeless.
Unfortunately, the main factor to consider services is NEED. How urgent is the need? Right now, the water main is pretty urgent.
use commen sense, why redo a sidewalk six time in one yeat
Waste management, being charged for garbage removal but there are weeks where the service is being reduced like black cart, yet that is not reflected in what I am being charged. Also fire pits, Calgary wants to be considered a progressive city and yet there are still fire pits too close in proximity to houses now and they remain. Before the Calgary Boom I understand that it was a feature, but there's really no room for it now. If second hand smoke is considered unhealthy, fire pits are right up there. Some people can't even open their windows in the Spring and summertime because a neighbour lit a fire. The winds blow around and carry it to other people's backyards or the smoke sometimes 'hangs' in the air for hours…. How is this enjoyment and how is this progressive?! Please stop this practice. It's unhealthy within city limits. Let's not make another generation suffer because other Calgarians have 'always had it'. There are parks and forests so close to this city, have it there.
Why do I bother paying for public transit when you refuse to check that the drug users abusing the service aren't paying. Remove the drug users from trains. Not a 30-day blitz… return to consistent, long term, daily checks of transit payment ON THE TRAINS. Get ON THE TRAIN CARS and check there. Not at stations. REMOVE THE PEOPLE PASSED OUT FROM THE TRAIN. Daily.
Why is the water not fixed?

I think to much is spent in services and programs that do not deliver value to the majority if Calgarians. The city should start by doing city things really well. The climate emergency declaration and spending is not good value.
I consider how these services incentivize other people to use them. For example: it would be great if transit became completely free to use, but this by itself would not increase its value as a city service. If the city invested in higher bus/train frequency, more consideration for the look and location of stops/stations, and overall greater adaptability against winter conditions to start, I believe this would provide good value for the tax dollars of both people who still need to drive (more transit riders = less car traffic) and the ones choosing transit (who now have a commute option that actually feels viable for their day-to-day)
I feel like the snow removal budget, yet again, needs more money. The city drives on roadways and the roads should be cleaned after snowfall. I realize roads needs to be prioritized on when they get plowed but it might be time to add more plows to increase the number of high priority routes that can be used at once.
I want to see my tax dollars spent on critical infrastructure, and things that benefit the whole city not niche projects or things that have received some form of aggressiVe lobbing by a special interest group or are a trend that would help the mayor or council be re elected. Pragmatic, financially thoughtful, ethical decision making should not be something citizens need to ask for
- Roads all over need repair's - Discovery Ridge (terrible) Blvd! won't last the summer! - Deerfoot
-I personally make use of the bike tracks (I also drive a car so I am not an eco warrior) and i think they help by taking cars off the road and allowing more people to feel comfortable on bikes and or scooters. -I am pleased for the most part with the snow removal service- this decreases congestion and saves money by reducing accident frequency and severity and thus insurance rates. -AS I have pointed out, I really have no idea if I am 'getting good value for my dollar as I do not know the details. If Edmonton is providing better service at reduced price, the answer might be no. If we do better , it would be yes. So in reality this is a stupid way to engage uniformed people about priorities for the city
% of budget/tax to support administration (not direct staff). core services services that should be provided by the province or feds
311 app inputs towards child safety in my experience have been closed and mark competed with no results.
311 does not work. Abolish it. There is a better way for the public to contact city departments. Think outside the box.

A lot of roadwork seems to be needless. I see portions of curbs being replaced and it does not seem to be necessary.
A reliable water utility is crucial, but not necessarily for outdoor use. Certain parts of the city and pathway system are more affected by homelessness and toxic drug use. Certainly, this is also a provincial and national issue, and the cost should be shared by all.
A sense of personal safety in your community and throughout the city is important. Perhaps the City can persuade the Province to reverse its position against photo radar so we can use our police resources in a better way. It is important to prevent speeding, red light running, etc. and resulting traffic accident tragedies but in this day of technology it is inefficient and ineffective to not use photo radar and waste our valuable human resources.
Again roads are so bad and poorly maintained. Turn that around as people don't want 15 minute cities. We like our space and we like to drive wherever we want to go. Living in spacious communities is worth the drive. Stop cramming us up please!
Anything the City does beyond basic provision of essential services should be reduced. The bloat, waste and lack of accountability in this government is absurd. David Duckworth must go. Taxes have only increased while services decreased under his lack of leadership. Under new leadership that cost of this government - meaning the excess staff - should be significantly reduced.
Are emergency cases resolved (fire, police, watermain breaks, electrical disruptions. - Generally yes. Too many people n9ot in the front lines. Are the roads safe to drive on - No, the streets in Calgary look like downtown Tehran. I have seen potholes stay for months swallowing cars. All the virtue signaling and DEI efforts - You could cut city payroll by 20% with a focus on core activities.
Areas that I find most distressing is the cities deteriorating care of common in public areas, such as boulevards in other city properties which go unkempt in both the summer and winter. Grass and weeds are left to grow out of control in public sidewalks are left with dangerous snow and ice accumulations.

As a Beltline resident, I'm consistently shown day after day that increased police spending is a waste of my tax dollars. I see "sweeps" where homeless encampments are destroyed, mentally ill people are constantly harassed - with minimal supports in place. People love to complain about how dangerous it is, but the only people at risk are the vulnerable that police always seem to have in their sights. Meanwhile, the amount of times I've been groped or grabbed by drunk dudes walking down the street? Countless. Cops nearby? None. 17th Ave is essentially a drag racing strip - cops anywhere? Nope. Stampede goers urinating on my ground level patio? Lighting garbages on fire? Treating my community like a dumpster - any cops around to "maintain order" then? Nope. Watched a cop on his phone in his car yesterday completely miss a truck IN A BIKE LANE, going the wrong way down 5th. Or a cop driving the wrong way down Spiller Rd to avoid rush hour traffic. Return on investment is lacking.
As a disabled man, I watch as councils are distracted from their core responsibilities by things like inclusion mentioned in the question. Holding yourselves responsible and accountable to the core delivery of services is paramount to demographic management. There are numerous laws restricting unfair practices, and not enough on accountability to ratepayers at large.
As a person who is an above average earner in their late 20s, the services that impact my life the most are the cities planning department and housing policy. I'm getting to the age where I'm deciding where I should plant roots and raise a family. Living in a city that doesn't support progressive housing initiatives and urbanism is making question if I should take my tax dollars elsewhere.
Back to basics will be necessary. The spending spree must end.
Basic service delivery is declining and spending is going up. Please reduce spending and stay out of activities that are not necessary to be delivered by the city. Let private industry provide what the market desires.
Basic services are the most important - must have. Nice to have services are not critical. The development and retention of community volunteers, in particular, is the best bang for the buck. The continuous improvement in the efficiency of city resources should result in a lower overhead cost. City employees should be held to account.
Basic services should receive maintenance and I no warmest dollars and all these ridiculous DEI programs need to be eliminated
biggest issue for me ease of travelling in the city..quality of the roads...efficiency of snow clearing

Bike paths for less than 5% of the population is not prudent unless a licencing fee pays for a large share of the costs. Roadway decorative construction was and is a total waste of money and is not meet the approval of the majority of citizens
Bike pathways continue be taken up already limited road ways. Totally over extended and not needed. Bikers pay absolutely nothing as compared to the motorist.
Builders have priority and undue influence in communities with little to no protection and consideration to residents. The amount of drug influenced individuals everywhere in the city seems completely out of control. City resources (time, attention and money) appears disproportionately directed to small interest groups. Example .Bike lanes and sports.
Childrens' playground amenities are abysmal in Cranston's north area. Unsafe too.
Cities that are not vibrant are cold and unwelcoming. Lack of transit is one of those factors. Policing would not be in as much demand with the vibrancy of people/pedestrian visibility. Seeing one’s neighbour creates warmth,comfort and belonging.
City administration is too too heavy. People should have been fired for not placing water as a number one priority. And they were not accountable for money that was supposed to be spent on our water system. This is not fair.
City does not remove snow on time but fails to forget to collect taxes on time.Unreasonable tax rates are costing people to sacrifice their future savings and as a result those who actually want to budget their lives and genuinely want to live debt free life also get discouraged to save money and live sustainably because their real property value does not get reflected in city assessment.I would bluntly say CITY assessment is a SCAM and fool people and at the end you expect people to pay taxes on time and be fair with govt dues !!! Lol
Climate change is a scam as companies allowed to seed the skies which impacts the weather. People need space and these massive apartment buildings will become slums as no privacy and bad actors impact entire complexes.
Construction is everywhere and it is too slow. I bet the city pays overtime and is overbudget on these things
Core services a municipal government is responsible for. Stop the pet projects, indigenous housing, anti racism [redacted], and other areas that are outside the scope of municipal government.
Core services should be prioritized. Only the city provides water and transit.

Currently housing is at the forefront of my mind. I am very privileged to own a home, but that is not the reality for too many Calgarians. & it doesn't need to be, but there do need to be options for everyone. Rezoning for housing was bringing rent prices down and making it easier for lower income Calgarians to find safe places to lay their heads at night. Density helps give people the ability to choose how they want to live. It makes it easier for them to make cheaper transportation choices like biking, walking, or transit. It makes it easier for them to find community in their neighbourhoods and build their support networks. Blanket rezoning may have been unpopular with a small, vocal group, but what about the rest of Calgary? What about the ones who couldn't sit down at city hall for 12 hours to try and have their voice heard? At the end of the day, we still have blanket zoning, it's just a more restrictive type of blanket zoning.
Ensure the Police are funded & have the nes=cessay leadership to ensure prompt service. Being born & raised in Calgary 69 years ago I cannot rev=call seeing a police cruiser in my neighborhood in over 10 years. Where are they? Crime is in the rise in Calgary! I understand they are also refusing to a=respond to many calls as they are understaffed?? Is this true or just poor management? Also City services are digressing.
Essential City services must be the only priority for Council, including periodic review for efficiencies. I'm entirely frustrated with increasing property taxes every year for the same level of service. In fact, I'm expected to do a lot of work for the City (ie: cleaning, sorting of recyclables at the expense of my water bill) without any compensation, just more property tax.
Essential services need to be improved and the nice-to-haves must wait in line. Calgary shouldn't be in such poor condition!
Essential Services. Massive growth in City employees and their pensions. Let them do what most of us non-government people do for pensions. Scrap government employee unions.
Every year I have had to call the city about the boulevard mowing coming into Silversprings and every year I'm told they know it's a problem but nothing gets fixed. It should be fully managed by parks. And mowed the same time as the birthplace Forest. It is a hazard and danger every year. The weeds on Silverview Rd are now over 6 feet tall and now lay on the road so parking is no longer available. The city clams they removed the 4 foot mowing strip from their schedule..again community pride begins to slip and people follow the cities lead.
Everything seems to be running well right now. But I think police are required more as there seem to be so many collisions on our roads these days.
Factors like potholes being repaired in a timely matter, managing traffic flow.
Fed up with the condition of the roads pot holes all over the city. Wasting money on school signs in the middle of the road.

Feeling safe downtown and our aging infrastructre are the two most important to ensure continued support.
Fix roads & potholes .
Fix the water pipe leakages. Quit penalizing homeowners for your lack of infrastructure spending. Stop stupid planning rules. How about we just use provincial regulations for residential and commercial building.
Fixing roads is the most valuable thing, and not just those vanity projects that waste billions. I could care less about “fair and inclusive”. The people that worry about that are a waste of time.
Focus on basic infrastructure.
Focus on services that benefit majority of Calgarians, not a vocal few, ie bike lanes. Use common sense.
For the city to continue to offer grants to non-profits to deliver services to vulnerable populations (i.e. FASD is the leading cause of neurodevelopment disabilities. More money needs to go into FASD assessments). Also, the city needs more soccer fields. Soccer is the most popular sport and keeps youth engaged ~ supporting both their wellness, and physical health (not to mention, positive interactions with peers and mentors/coaches).
Forced water fluoridation doesn’t feel fair to me. I pay for water like everyone else and yet unwanted and unnecessary fluoride is being forced on me and my family. I’m forced to pay a lot of money to remove it and can’t use my fridge ice and water dispensers. It seems easier for people that want it to add it than for those of us who don’t want it to remove it.
From the last 2 mayors the city of Calgary has forgotten its job, which is to provide us with infrastucture. The city should not be forcing Calgarians to accept their personal policies such as the very racist DEI policy, gender neutral bathrooms and change rooms, drag queens storytime in our public libraries, what we can and cannot protest against, gay pride month, and all the other extreme woke policies of Nenshi and Gondek and many councillors.
get to removing the snow ASAP deal with potholes ASAP remove bicycle lanes its an unnecessary hazard. too much money spent on so little use get communities to clean up their areas. when you hire city workers monitor their jobs and see that they are not standing around with a shovel. and don’t waste money on common sense instructions.
Having our water cutoff is the height of irresponsible government. If the City cannot understand what its core required services are and do it at an acceptable level, then it cannot be trusted for services outside its core services.
Having water restrictions & knowing the water/sewer systems are in bad conditons should be a wake up call for everyone.

Heath care is important, ambulance a must. Police protection and firefighters are a must. Without these and all we have are lovely parks and rec centers, chaos is more.
Homelessness and drug addiction has exploded. The overall population has exploded. Traffic is a nightmare because there's constant road work being done. The policies of the last two mayors and their councils has trashed this city and now the gov't wants to raise property taxes? Total [redacted]
House permits does not consider regulations as limits of space between buildings and houses which are incredible close (1.5m or 2 m between buildings!) regulations MUST be reviewed in one of the biggest countries of the world this is unacceptable
how bad roads and traffic is and how many new jobs the city hires for and how many bonuses and pay rate of David Duckworth
I absolutely commend the city for the affordable recreation opportunities it provides. I love my live and play pass.
I almost die by bad drivers daily. They treat red lights now like they are a suggestion.. 😞
I am a daily walker. My dog and I walk to our local off leash Nose Hill park every morning. We take our lives in our hand every time we cross Shaghanappi Trail off Edgemont Blvd. I have requested an advance pedestrian access for years as I have faced near run overs by distracted or impatient drivers regularly. I fear for my life every time I step out in the crosswalk. I have called police, my current and president councillors have been emailed. DJKelly has yet to get back to me on a scary e o it yet with a vehicle this past January. I contacted his office and it's been crickets. All it would take to make this intersection safer is an advance orders option. I've learned that pedestrians are not this city's priority. But I believe that my dog and I will eventually be knocked down and gravely injured
I am glad for the fair entry the city provides, it gives me a bit of a lifeline in affordable living. Again due to my disability limiting my working capabilities.
I am honestly in a bit of a silo. I am not privy to the tax dollar value of areas outside of the social sector. But, for my area of expertise I do not believe enough is being done. We need more affordable housing, CHC waitlists are years long. We need more supportive and transitional housing options. We NEED better seniors supports and more safe spots for families who are struggling. (Lots of great DV supports, I mean more access to places like Inn from the Cold.) I also think we need to put money into proactive interventions. Better mental health care. Better support for perpetrators of crime.
I am more concerned about those who are less privileged than we are. So, housing is a priority. I think the attitudes toward those who are unhoused are ignorant and dangerous. We all have a part to play in smart solutions that don't scapegoat immigrants, people with addictions, people with mental health challenges and those who cannot make ends meet. The province is guilty of this as well as not working well with cities for better solutions.

I am very disappointed as a tax paying Calgary resident of many decades that our previous decade or more of mayors and council members allowed money to be spent on unnecessary items while ignoring the very most critical service we all need … water. I have already paid taxes that were to be maintaining water services over the years and now with the utter neglect, we are likely all going to be paying more for years to compensate. It's inexcusable and someone should be held accountable. I feel for the current council as they have inherited a disaster.
I appreciate when city innovates to make things better: like garbage/recycling/compost pick up. It's so easy! Efficient!
I ask myself what benefit do I get from paying city taxes. There is a multitude of programs that seem to be geared towards promoting the social agenda of certain people, at the expense of others. The city needs to stay in it's lane and provide basic services only. The city is not responsible to house and feed anyone, nor to build memorial sites regarding residential schools that never existed here, nor to pay for anyone's renovations of either the roofs and siding of residential homes or the conversion of downtown office towers into residential units. The city needs to stop trying to "help" everyone, which is just another way of enabling negative behavior. Lower services, lower taxes, and get the city out of the way of attempting to regulate every aspect of the residents' lives.
I believe infrastructure makes the biggest difference in day to day life for all citizens. Even the basic necessary services like police, fire and transit rely on infrastructure.
I believe money spent on a new arena is absurd considering the Saddledome was renovated after the flood and publis are around the city shouldn't cost as much as you spend how much was the ridiculous blue hula hoop, that money could have been better spent hula hoop is embarrassing, there are others but that one takes the cake.. along with the unnecessary money spent on the peace bridge, a regular less expensive bridge would have been fine.
I believe that if a level of services are maintained or small noticeable improvements can be made they should be. I avoided using the trains for a few years due to some issues with homeless and drug use on the train making it unsafe for me and my family. More recently it seems that this has been better addressed making transit safer to use again.

I believe that while effective pre-planning is important to ensuring strategic and sustainable investments of tax dollars are being made, at times too much money is spent evaluating, debating and engineering these projects. More money needs to be spent on operationalizing and maintaining these investment projects than building plans, which only benefits the consultants and engineering firms. Seeing poorly constructed or poorly designed projects is disheartening when its understood how much money is being spent on pre-planning and engineering. The Blue Ring art installation in Calgary's north end is a perfect example. It feels like money just needed to be spent and it was a project that was not designed to maximize value return to the most Calgarians. ROI needs to be prioritized over balanced allocation of resources over too many user groups or project areas.
I believe this question is almost impossible to answer - I don't know how much any given program costs, so the value proposition is hard to evaluate. Some of this is a matter of failing to educate myself, but some of it is also the opaqueness of city services. Currently, my tax dollars that go to maintaining the Water Utility feel like an incredibly poor value, but perhaps the issue was not the expenditure on the utility itself, but on specific managers, leaders, or councillors that failed to raise and resolve the issue. I suspect that, on the whole, most of my tax dollars provide me good value simply due to the economies of scale and the nature of municipal services.
I benefit from subsidised gym/pool entry since I'm on AISH. I also get discounts at places like the NMC and I truly appreciate these subsidies. Wheelchair access is still a major work in progress and I'd like the +15s to have stable working hours because I don't know them well but I worry about coming to locked passages in the Winter when I'm with my friends in wheelchairs. I'm a runner with Sarcoidosis and the spring water fountain mystery is about to begin: When will they be turned on? When with the outside bathrooms be opened up? There are plenty spots along our wonderful riverwalk where there isn't access to a business if you get caught out and I worry that these pitstops were closed because of fear of the homeless. Well, if they sleep in them, the City needs to help them, not make benches uncomfortable for everyone. The public library needs to be accessible for everyone and smoking too close to the building needs to be enforced. This is not a contradiction. Homeless need safety.
I care about the services that serve ALL Calgarians. I am still angry that the replacement for the Saddledome is on city taxpayers. That is an expensive replacement that many Calgarian taxpayers will never enjoy.

I care that Calgary is a good place to live for all Calgarians, not just the high earners. I also care about the environment and as such, am absolutely pro developing public transit and making it as affordable as possible.
I chose to prioritize policing. My two personal experiences, one at my house and the other witnessed at my neighbour's, prove that police in Calgary needs more officers and supports. Both incidences were involved a threatening and potentially violent person who struck fear in everyone especially my kids. The police didn't show up for 45+ minutes, while a disturbed woman almost broke down our door and windows. The same thing happened a couple years later when a man terrorized my neighbours house while his daughter was home alone. Police didn't arrive in time and the offender left without getting apprehended. Everyone seems to know that it's futile to call 911 for help. The response time is so slow, and victims are left in fear. Walking in some neighborhoods is scary; it's a shame for all citizens and especially businesses trying to employ people and offer goods and services to Calgarians. I don't like being held hostage by people who don't care or contribute to society.
I consider things like our roads having massive pot holes everywhere that wreck my car when I can't avoid them. Seems like we should be using tax dollars to fix them quickly and as far as I can see our city isn't doing that
I could care less about 'fair & inclusive'. We pay taxes to have services provided and maintained, many of which are essential. Services do not discriminate. You turn a tap on, water should be there. You all 911, emergency crews come to help you. To insure future reliability of many of these essential services, Council's planning and development needs to be better
I don't trust this government. The public disclosure of financial information is not sufficient. Ridiculous projects like 'chinook blast' appear to have costs that must far exceed any potential benefit - projects are approved without any clear effort to assess whether the benefit to the public can be expected to exceed the cost. Leadership at City Hall appear to fear both transparency and engagement, which leads to bad outcomes for taxpayers. The amount the City spends on propaganda to pretend City Hall is functioning competently is a symptom of how bad the dysfunction at City Hall likely is.
I drive by city construction sites on road ways. It always seems like the jobs move way too slow. Today I drove past the median replacement on McLeod numerous times, crews were always standing around on their phones. Tax dollars hard at work

I expect more officers to tackle crime. I expect more inspection of critical infrastructure. And better accountability from senior leadership at City Hall for what happens - or doesn't - in administration. I also believe we need to stop the growth in municipal employment and do better with less. I also expect tax dollars to be focused on core services. Taxpayers are not a lending institution subsidizing office tower conversions or backyard suites. Council and City Hall have to get out of service "mission creep" to deliver the fundamentals - even if it means cutting other programming.
I feel like our tax dollars aren't being used very wisely. They've been wasted on things like rebuilding Olympic plaza and confusing art installments which is something we don't need. I'm not sure if my taxes are being used to pay city Council, but if it is I suggest city Council including the mayor take a significant pay cut. Mayors make far too much money.
I feel like we maintain a good level of service that is reliable. I've had good experience with 311 when I need info or support.
I feel that my husband and myself are generally well serviced by city services. There are a few minor irritants, like the snow clearing that never happens in the various walk through pathways from one street to another in our community. I think the city should clear those, especially like the one near us that is on a slope and gets very icy. It is well used because it leads to 2 major roads, and bus stops and shopping (John Laurie and Nose Hill Drive) and is too difficult for neighbours to clear, but for us mostly the city works well for us. I feel a lot of my answers are for making sure that the people of our city as a whole are well serviced
I find it ludicrous in today's economy to spend wasteful dollars on City "beautification" projects (e.g., the Ring on Airport Trail, art on bridge abutments, etc.). In addition, far too much money is spent on woke initiatives - undertake projects that supply the needs of the majority of Calgarians, not a limited few.
I find that four dollars per transit ticket is really high considering the unreliability or frequency of some buses. It cost eight dollars a day to use Transit to go to and from work. But the experience is crowded or extremely running late. It’s usually an unpleasant transit experience.

I find the communication from The City and its departments exceptionally poor. The City website is difficult to navigate with many initiatives hidden within cascading menu systems that change between pages. I get better results searching Google. Initiatives are not well communicated and seem to be department-led rather than spearheaded by the Communications department. Look at the Rezoning engagement. The use of technical drawings and language in communications materials, while accurate, was not conducive to the public's understanding of what was before them. Calgary Transit also has poor communication. "Times Temporarily Unavailable" is a disastrous failure. If a major delay occurs it should be communicated promptly via platform speaker with regular updates on what is being done. Don't leave riders stranded not knowing what is going on. Sweat the small stuff. Small issues compound into big issues. Plain-language versions of policies & materials (e.g, The Budget) would be most welcome.
I hate to see waste. City departments need to work closely together during projects. Too many times I see roads broken up numerous times from different departments doing work in the same area.
I have had a terrible year and without fair entry I don't know where I would be without assistance. Housing housing housing
I have had several personal bad experiences with Water Services dating back to 2011. When more recent problems with obsolete and broken water mains have come I notice that those same incompetent employees are still in charge. What needs to change are those civic employees who are well past “their due date”. Start culling and look for new people to make and live up to their worth!
I just moved to Calgary, lived in norther AB for 31 years. I can only speak about the maintenance of the roads. I've never seen so many potholes and ice/snow covered principal or residential roads where even the city busses get stuck for hours. And this was a mild winter.
I like seeing Calgary's investment in the arts and communities.
I live in downtown Calgary, and I would love to see less poverty and income inequality around me on a day to day basis. Our province is heading in the wrong direction on issues like addiction, and I hope Calgary takes a different approach. The bike paths are amazing.

I live in [redacted] and there have been a lot of changes. It makes sense to me to densify and provide much needed housing. But there seems to be lack of consideration with providing enough parking for the tenants and businesses of the new buildings. The building at the corner of Edmonton trail and 19 Ave NE is an apartment building with a daycare downstairs. Most of the kids are dropped off but there is virtually no parking provided. It feels a bit unsafe for pedestrians on this busy corner. I see discrepancies in things like speed bumps and proper crosswalks in different neighbourhoods throughout the city. It's disappointing that I have to pay for a visitors parking pass when we pay increased taxes in the inner city. Just one pass would be nice.
I need rental support very badly. Being approved through Calgary housing for years without help will soon put me on the street.
I personally don't see many benefits, not in my life. Every road is pothole city, when it snows, my SUV can barely make it up the street, theres garbage everywhere, condo's being rented out for $2,000+ for a one bedroom.. Disappointing.
I personally wish there was an indoor publicly-owned recreational facility in the Beltline or downtown, but I've lived without for nearly a decade, so when times are tough, it wouldn't be prudent to pursue with public dollars. I'm a low income senior, so recreational programs are too expensive for me despite the Fair Entry program. I don't know how low-income Calgarians with families manage.
I receive a very good pension and can pay my bills and save. However, I see other seniors who are not. More services to help seniors to their appointments, radiation treatments, groceries, housing and affordability are needed. We are an aging population who will rely more and more on special services, reduced costs for those services and more workers hired to help with the aging population. I am 71 yrs old and worry what will happen to me financially if my husband dies before me. Will services in the city be increased, or decreased to help me?…. Will there be enough people hired to keep up with the demands of our aging population as people are living longer? People at the poverty level are struggling with stress, depression, and other physical and mental health needs. We needs to have costs reduced, or give them larger supplements to just exist.

I recently complained to my Alderman about vehicles speeding on my street (36 Ave between 3rd & 4th St) & asked if speed bumps could be installed. The answer was no. This impacts my daily life, as well as those of my neighbors! We have a high school close by & there is a lot of hot-rodding on our street. It would have been nice to get a positive response.
I rely on public transit to get to work and school and feel extremely let down by the increase in ticket fare considering the absolutely disappointing lack of reliable service.
I see basic services being marginalized.
I see garbage on hills close to the businesses. The city is pretty dirty. Also, I am not happy transit upcoming changes. This will add to my commute at least extra hour a day ... (Hidden Valley changes)
I see lots of police vehicles on the road and most of them are cleaner than my vehicle. I don't my tax dollars are well spent. Too much police resources are allocated to traffic violations.
I think of all the transit stations and how they are always littered and dirty if you could get people to come and clean the space so its clean and safe.
I think that City services are great, but water restrictions will impact me because I am a committed gardenerer.
I think the services provide good value and ones with trickle down effects. Housing for example provides more stability, less people on our streets and fewer calls to city police and bylaw officers. It also allows people more opportunity to find gainful employment which stimulates our local economy and provides a larger tax base for city services.
I want city services to reinforce community engagement both at the neighbourhood and city level.
I want good roads and the city to be free of 12 inch grass and dead trees.
I want to live in a city I feel safe in for me and my family so emergency services are most important.
I’ve lived in Calgary all my life.. almost 30 years and the transit system is still the same. This is the type of needs that stayed stagnant when really Calgary should provide access that is effective and efficient for all citizens to take progressive action in multiple forms of travel. You focused some much on Deerfoot and other major roadways you chose not to care.

I'd rather walk further to a bus stop and have it run reliably every 5 minutes than have a bus stop a 5 minute walk away that only arrives every 20 minutes. That's why it takes so long to get anywhere with calgary transit. I normally don't travel during rush hour either and I almost never go downtown. So I have to own a car because transit sucks. In fact transit in Calgary is such a joke that some job postings *require* that I have a car in order to work for them. Social services like this dont exist to make money. They exist so that we can pool our resources to reduce the cost of everything else.
Infrastructure negligence has consistently been the pattern of previous municipal government
Is it a core service, then do it. If it’s not a core service fire everybody in the department and save us some tax money.
It is hard to determine what value we get for the number of city employees we have - it seems the city is trying to be all things to all people instead of focusing on its core responsibilities.
It is important to have practical, substantial value, like police who are protecting against crime but NOT bringing anything about ideology into the service. I thought that it was criminal to have our police go to Ottawa to be part of attacking Canadian citizens that were PEACEFULLY protesting and they were attacked by police when they weren't resisting, sprayed with pepper spray, not to mention an elderly woman (and a man) trampled by the mounted police. The City of Calgary should have nothing to do with so called climate issues, or [redacted] related issues.
It’s a little late for the city to repeal universal planning now that we’ve got a half finished 8 plex next door that hasn’t had any construction activity since December, in what previously was a primarily single residence/family community. We are plenty pissed off with the city on this latest gaffe!
I've lived in two different areas in the city, Quarry Park pot holes get filled but sand on the road all year in front of YMCA. Spruce Dr. they got rid of the sand but not the pot holes. You notice the roads when walking, cycling, on a bus or driving.
Ive travelled all over the world and used public transit but am very uncomfortable using it here.
Judge services by efficient snow removal , road maintenance and reduced taxes
Law and order. City services and their delivery.
Less taxes Back to basics I do not see value for our dollars And finally. Stop the automatic salary increases. The tax payer doesn’t receive that and are TIRED of being a cash cow.

Living on the east side of Deerfoot it is like the city stops at Deerfoot. Any amenities and upgrades go to the communities on the west side. I have lived in Marlborough for 40 years and have seen such a deterioration of our streets and parks. The LRT stations need a total upgrade but the money seems to be spent in more influential communities. It is time the city looks at the eastside and starts doing some serious upgrades to our communities as we all pay taxes.
Many low income children play soccer compared to hockey yet many less facilities to access
More housing to get people who have no homes off the street. I live in East Village and am scared to walk due to so many people using drugs etc and always asking for money. Get them off the street into proper housing.
Most essential, affecting the most people should be prioritized. I imagine there are many inefficiencies that could sabotage our budgets. Run it like an efficient business.
Mostly good value. However, there needs to be more concentration on the basics and less on non essentials.
My children play soccer & although a new dome has been added, there's still a shortage of facilities to accommodate the constant population growth & demands that the soccer community has.
My concern is that Calgary continue to be a vibrant city and that public spaces and transit are a considerable facet of that. There is value in a safe, clean, reliable transit system.
My major concerns are environmental/climate sustainability, promoting equality, and who will be footing the bill for any given service. Corporations do not pay their share to support the cities in which they make supermassive profits and I'm tired of individuals and families having to scrape by while the wealthy increase the size of their hoard.
My personal experiences in driving on slippery roads during winter prove that the City is not doing a good job in the safety & maintenance of our roads. Also, the condo & businesses should be fined if the snow in their parking lots are not cleared within 24 hours. My senior dad slipped & fell in their parking lot because they let the snow turned into hard ice for over 30 days without treating it with salt or gravel.
My tax dollars should only be spent on necessities. Let us spend our money on things we want. Government should only focus on needs.
Need more trains. All the best cities I went to had trains the main source of transit. Stop making cars a necessity. This is one of the reasons why I want to move to another city: too much dependency on cars.
Not a fan of 8 unit residential developments mid-block!

Our roads are in dire straights, and regardless of how often they are attended to (or not), nothing changes. Pot holes are everywhere, and even after roads are repaved, they go back to their original condition in short order. One example of extreme waste, is the bridge on 25th avenue west of Mcleod Trail S.W. It has been worked on at least 4 times in the past 10 years, doing the same work over and over. This is a complete waste of money for the city. Those who repair potholes do a horrible job, with potholes reappearing within months after being repaired.
Our water bills keep going up & up. Mainly because the city has been negligent on maintenance over the years, which is not fair for taxpayers especially for the seniors.
Paying taxes means that those funds should be spent for the “greater good” of the citizens and we (allegedly) vote for the representatives to do that on our behalf. I want “my” tax dollars to go towards the general maintenance every city typically needs, but I want all people to have access to the most appropriate resources. It’s extremely disheartening to watch my fellow citizens and my community be terribly impacted by substance dependence and addiction and have so many turn the other way. My taxes are not going to provide service to HELP these people, they are just supposed to be moved so they aren’t visible anymore. If shelters are full, mental health services aren’t accessible, trauma not addressed, these vulnerable individuals have no where to turn, so where are they supposed to do drugs? They are seen this way because they don’t have a home to hide their issues or didn’t have anyone care enough about them.
People need to feel safe in their communities and the needs of those communities need essential services.
Plenty of services- except sewer services could be enhanced since some subdivisions have old pipe etc which are not being checked until there are problems. Otherwise, services are fine and I need TAXES to stay low!
Police and fire should be prioritized because we are so behind in those sector
Police doing crime prevention by showing their presence in residential areas. Return to proactive patrolling.
Police need to do their job within the bounds of the law and start to clean up the druggies, law breakers, and gangs. They are currently doing a poor job because people will not let them make our city safe. I am fed up with not being able to use the front door to my apartment building because druggies and drunks sleep there. I am tired of not being able to leave my home after dark.
Police services - regular monitoring of public transport (especially, c-train and stations), removing drug addicted and drunk people from streets, prohibition of illegal drugs and cannabis use on streets. Patrolling 'problematic' neighborhoods (Marlboro, Rundle, East Village).
Police services, safety, are most important to me. I don't believe we should ever be short police/enforcement or fire safety.

Policing keeps us safe - its top priority for me and my family. I work downtown and I do not feel safe coming down here daily. We need more police presence and more judicial outcomes.
poor roadway through calgary
Protect nature for future generations. Create a city that is fair and equitable for all.
Providing infrastructure projects should be top priority.
Providing the necessities of life and really examining spending money on 'nice to have' items. For example our overemphasis on snow removal.
Public transit desperately needs improvement. Completing the green line would be a huge boon to not only community, but also local businesses
Public transit should be priority to the community so that people has a choice they commute to work , school and every life. Accessibility is a key to success of a City . We want to grow our city more people ,more investment and more work will be created.
Quick response from emergency responders saves lives.
Quit with the “Fair and Inclusive” narrative. We’re doing just fine in Calgary.you need better management at city hall. Our roads are a mess
Rec centers waste of resources. Enough of building monuments to yourselves let’s maintain what we have. It is very obvious that previous administrations have been far to busy building monuments and not looking after what needs to be maintained for a functioning city.
Recreation facilities provide good value
Recreation is very limited in winter time… our children need more facilities and more diverse activities for winter and summer. We need more affordable sports and activities for kids and teens so they stay out of trouble. We need more schools, it is extremely crowded right now and parents have to drive far to get their kids to schools outside their community.
Repair of potholes created by winter weather, do something about the speeding of drivers who seem to have no consideration about safety.
Rezoning was a big issue with me. Why should my tax dollars go to making my community less pleasant to live in. City leaders should not encourage growth when we cannot accommodate it
Road maintenance is horrible! Start fixing the pot holes!
Roads are in bad repair resulting in higher maintenance/repair bills.
Roads in Calgary suck. We pay a massive amount in property taxes. City should be held liable for damage to people’s vehicles. City. Trees on your property that cause damage. City should rectify immediately
Service levels for the essential services have declined over the years. Pet projects and virtue signalling have taken more resources than sticking to the basics that truly help everyone

Services are not fair and inclusive. Unless you are part of the [redacted]. Then you are bowed down to and anything goes. What matters most is the City taking care of what they are and should have been taking care of. THe basics. Stop having dogs in shopping centres! I don't want to deal with a dog when I'm shopping. And no, these are not service dogs. Finally the city said no to dogs in cafes. I don't understand how this was even allowed. And no dogs on public playgrounds. DUe to allergies, those who have just had surgery, or other physical disabliites...trauma etc, this is not making it safe for those who actually DON'T want to deal with a dog running up to them, jumping on them, etc.
Services like the police do not treat indigenous people and people of colour well. They do not take into consideration the problems certain people face. These services do things TO people rather WITH people.
Should only focus on core responsibilities before funding other projects
Snow clearing and road repair
Snow removal - lack thereof! Why do I require a big 4 wheel drive vehicle to escape my neighbourhood in winter? A small efficient sedan can not navigate the snow drifts without becoming stuck. I've met many of my neighbours pulling their sedans out of snow drifts. Boulevards, overgrown with weeds no beautification. Street lights that take months to replace when burned out.
Snow removal. I don't understand why the plows are out in my neighbourhood scraping bare pavement. And in a big snowfall the berm created in front of my home by city plows is unmanageable for me to clear. In Chinook conditions all that extra snow leads to flooding as it blocks the drainage of water.
Social service programs are in need of funding. Those are the programs I care about, because they are doing the mental health, housing, education, food, shelter, etc. programs that the Alberta government is neglecting.
Spend on infrastructure
Spending on stupud things like renaming Blue Sky and art circles etc is a total waste.
Stop adding green lines which are half empty and not used all year round
STOP ALL FOCUS on Climate Change and Environment
Stop wasting tax money, Core services form the backbone of a functional and thriving city. Prioritizing the maintenance and improvement of core infrastructure and services, such as water and roads, is the essential job of City Hall. In fact, it should be the only job!
Taking care of basic needs.
The city has too much money to spend on recreation when I hear of inclusive golf programs for people with dementia. Really,., If that was important andnecessary, the Alzheimer's Society would be running it. Just one exam Le of stupid wasteful projects because there is $ available to spend.

The city is unsafe. Crime is problematic.
The City needs to focus on reliability of essential services and reducing taxes. These should be the primary outcomes of City management. Promoting "inclusivity/DEI" is counter to fair and breeds division based on race, ethnicity, sex, etc. Every member of our community should be treated equally and with respect and employment of City workers/administration should based be on knowledge, skill and merit.
The city needs to get back to providing basic services and get out of trying to manage our lives
The city should be focused on their mandates of providing municipal services and keep their hands clean of provincial and federal politics and responsibilities.
The city should limit the services it provides to only those that are essential and cannot be provided by the private sector. Government services are less efficient and more costly than what can be provided by the private sector. If the government is providing a service, I think it's save to assume that it is not providing "good" value.
The city should look to efficiency and cut stuff like having a phone number that you can call to listen to the river. A service like this is just waste. Another area that could be cut back considerably is art.
The emphasis that is placed on housing seems exorbitant. It is certainly a problem but NOT the responsibility of Calgary tax payers to subsidize solutions. I realize that poverty is an issue but again this is not the responsibility of Calgary tax payers. We are accepting g responsibility for what should be the domain of federal and provincial governments.
The fire department is always there for us
The main city service that impacts everyone id roads. Hitting potholes every day has severe impact on cars and leads to traffic accidents. It is one cause of high pedestrian impacts because drivers are focussing on missing potholes!
The ongoing issues with the city water utility show a lack of diligence — for years — in ensuring the infrastructure was intact. We expect better for essential services.
The only services I personally really receive from the city is them taking my taxes and garbage pick up. And those seem to be fine.
The previous Council voted for densification in all areas of the City. That was totally wrong. The NEW council will ensure densification in this areas where it makes economic sense!
The prime example is city water and the incompetent handling and the fact that no one has been held accountable. Notwithstanding the fact that, the senior administration has all been in charge of water works at various times

The roads need attention
The roads right note are truly awful with potholes everywhere
The streets we have to drive on are in disrepair, potholes everywhere. They are not properly engineered either and often add to traffic congestion, rather than resolve it.
The water issue was major! I certainlky did my part and hope other Calgarians did as well.
The water supply fiascos shows a lack of planning skills and sloth. Need to ensure those involved are rewarded accordingly. Would like to see control of pay increases and more emphasis on productivity. Businesses are doing that so why can't the City of Calgary do the same? Keep staff levels under control and not jump in with budgets that satisfies the demands of small special interest groups
There are a couple of services that stand out. Firstly, road and pothole repairs are years behind due to neglect, likely previous council's use of funds for their pet projects. Although it will be impossible to catch up immediately an accelerated plan is needed. Secondly, better coordination of tasks for each project needs to happen. Determining what's needed for each project and then coordinating with the various departments to create a timely schedule. I've noticed small projects seem to get abandoned prior to completion and it takes several calls to 311 to get it moving again.
There are a variety of services and do fear access for young families with finite resources. Unfortunately there is a pull for a lot, but feel with library services, pools, different subsidy programs there are opportunities. Persons with disabilities or mobility issues appear to lack access to services or have limited awareness thereof. We are fortunate we can afford/ access/ locate what we need
Things that affect me personally are the people who are breaking the rules committing crimes complete disregard to people's property. That's why policing is so important and we need to invest hugely into these departments as they are a great help to a lot of people. I would also like to see a lot more crackdown on people who disobey the bylaws.
Transit is still unsafe. I have two teenage boys, and they always have stories, almost daily with taking the transit and not feeling safe. I believe that whatever has happened in the past years of city leadership, this has been a severe and catastrophic issue.
transit is super reliable and helps me get from NE to tuscany
Transit needs to remain a focal point in the city's decision-making.
Transit. It needs to be better, though.

True tangible maintenance of our infrastructure is important for all Calgarians now and in the future. Considering tax-payers opinions regarding certain projects before implementing them and then realizing “It wasn’t such a good idea!”
Utility costs are too high
waste removal is not very efficient, not sure why they pick up the green bin every 2 weeks in the winter. we are a retired couple and once a month is too much.same with the black bin could go at least a month.
Water
Water main break was the worst experience ever.
We are “low-income” seniors. The City needs to provide more affordable housing to all seniors, also property taxes should not be charged to low income seniors.
We have all heard about the issues with the water main services that have impacted every resident and how money has been siphoned off of the fees paid by residents on their water bills over the years to fund other programs. If we pay for a service then that money needs to go to that serviced now other programs need to help pay to get the infastructure fixed and brought current. That just doesn't pertain to the water system but all main infastructure .
we have had over a decade of terrible city hall leadership and representation, so it will take some time to get back on track. The fact that citizens had multiple water restrictions is simply unacceptable
We need to keep infrastructure working and we need to not spend beyond our means.
We need to keep the new recreation sports affordable. We have 50 hockey rinks and a decaling participation. We have 4 winter soccer facilities and a few are privately owned????? Where are the cricket fields?
When you take into consideration things that impact people’s daily lives , the transit is what comes to mind. Poor transit effects the general most who require it and have little other option and this needs to be improved severely
With the very long winters we have, I’d have thought by now we’d have figured a way to get ahead of storms instead of waiting til they finish. Hundreds of vehicle accidents happening in half a day really isn’t service provided.
you only have to look at our water supply boondoggle to realize city council is sticking it's nose into stuff that it has no business being and is taking it's eye off what actually makes a city run

I like to see people thrive because life is affordable and services are accessable. If there is anyway to improve the quality of life we need it. Calgary has become one of the most unhappy places in Canada for a reason. How can things improve when global economy is shooting everyone in the foot? It should not just be about the builders agenda and money going to services that are not opporating ethically. Maybe a budget can't fix the corruption at its core but it certainly can put the spotlight somewhere else for a little bit. The builders will be fine with less for a bit. Give the middle priorities a chance to improve.
Low income bus passes and clean and safe transit
My experience had been mixed over the last few years. Bureaucratic avoidance seems to be an issue, when requests are being passed between various departments unbeknownst to the requester, with an online system that informs the latter that the issue is solved, when it has simply moved to a different department, sometimes to be dropped entirely, again, without the requester's knowledge. In other words, while the telephone responders are, in my experience, engaging and committed to address the taxpayer's concern, by contrast, a total sense of powerlessness ensues with regards to process (lack of transparency) and resolution.
Personally, the one big issue and it has been for the last 13 nearly 14 years since the blue line was extended has been a pain at Sirocco Stn. Accessibility is nothing but a pain. No bridge over 17th, no pedestrians are allowed to cross the road when trains are crossing the tracks and no traffic flow from Sirocco Dr onto westbound 17th during that time. Nothing for that time has been done to address it and it's quite frustrating.
Public transit needs better management and plans for emergencies and Calgary weather.
Safe neighborhoods. Open spaces. Avoid densification and leave older neighborhoods alone. The Mazda Loop and Altadore communities are a mess. Too much traffic too much density.
The city has a strong response to residential emergencies such as flooding, sewage etc. typically their response time is swift without prolonged waiting times. Road infrastructure has been the biggest part of reliability of services, learning when and where to do road maintenance and add streams of traffic for congested areas.

The City of Calgary needs to keep a close eye on our population growth. We need to keep pace with the number of people who are choosing our city to be their home. As a multi-cultural city, we need to identify what makes people feel at home. For example: Soccer is the largest sport played world wide - we need a place for those who consider this sport part of their identity to take part in, and feel like they belong to a community of people. The same goes for the fact that we are an aging population - we need to keep people active and healthy, or our healthcare system will feel the impacts - costing more. It's time to be proactive with our funding!
The city services are very important. I am so disappointed by the mismanagement in the water services department. Taxpayers are forced to pay multiple times for the main water main. The management must be held accountable. They did very poor job, and this has cost taxpayers millions of dollars. The City should conduct a thorough investigation into this mismanagement issues.
The city should do what it can to support the most vulnerable. The recent increase in Calgary transit is pretty insulting too. Also the city should include indigenous perspectives.
The constant construction every where but where it really needs to be repaired is none.
The extra help they give the community assoc. is very appreciated
The fact my taxes have gone up 60% due to house assessment increases yet services have decreased, also with increasing population adding to the rate base yet our roads are crumbling, crime is rising.
How well and often they are used and if certain things are redundant. Emergency services aside, adding bike lanes to our already congested downtown and already large amount of bike paths seems crazy. For example, on 8th street SW the city is currently putting in bike lanes on both sides of the street. Millions of dollars on the raodway costruction and traffic lighting changes thhat are required, to add an additional bike lane. There is currently one 1 block to the east on 7th street and also on 11th street. Why would we spend the dollars on this? Not to mention the bikes can ride on the road ways downtown and the speed limits are low enough that the hazards of having bikes on the roads without bike lanes is quite low.
Negative vs positive impact to those around me. For example, us all paying increasingly high property tax while our water infrastructure forces us into constant restrictions are conditions that are ridiculous for those around me to live under.
They need to be reliable and they need to be functional.

Things that improve safety, where they improve the quality of life of Calgarians. Ideally where there is statistical evidence of improvements or benefits, but in some cases may be subjective reports. Things that make Calgary a place that people are proud to live; where people want to live here because of those factors.
Transparency. Understanding what work is being done and when. Sometimes things just happen in your neighborhood and u get no notice. Or things take way longer than they should so u wonder why it's not prioritized. Also seeing things being done that don't seem necessary, why is money being spent in this. E.g we had all our sidewalks redone in our community and only a year or two later they were tearing them up again.
Water, parks, roads, transportation and utilities -- visibility, necessity, usefulness
We havd had huge tax increases that havd shown no progress, if we dont get any benefits from these taxs, at the very least I hope I am safe ans havd fire respond when I havd a medical emergency, cause thats life or death, the rest here are just nice thibgs that I havd seen no change or posative change in those areas for over a decade.
What matters most to me would be knowing that those in need aren't being ignored or left behind by our government. If my commute in the morning is slightly less convenient, or I'm taxed a little higher, but that means that we're investing in our population and ensuring a strong base line of livability for our citizens, then I'm all for that. Governments shouldn't be run as businesses, but as public servants.
When assessing value, I consider whether City services are keeping pace with population growth. With soccer participation expected to reach 45,000 by 2030, true value means ensuring no child is left waiting due to a lack of facilities. It requires strategic investment to keep the city’s most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families.
When needed the services are acceptable and timely.
Whether it does what it's supposed to. Black cart collection by GFL is militant where they look for any reason to avoid picking up the black cart. That is frustrating and makes it feel like it's a waste of money.
Whether services are provided fairly and equitably and not simply pandering to the NIMBYs.
Whether they help me survive and thrive.
I feel the most value for the tax dollars when I notice new developments, I hear about programs helping Calgarians, or when I can go to the library and use their services. I really think equitable access is the most important part

If i have to think about it then its likely not good value If i can get the same service from private provider for similar or less then its not good value. The City paying significantly more for its labour in many areas than private industry and providing a lower quality of service is not good value. Recreation is a prime example, the experience at private facilities is generally higher and staff a are paid multiples more by the city Honestly its not fair to ask if services we receive are good value or not as the City does not disclose true costs per tax payer for any used service in an itemized fashion
N How often they are used How many people use this Service
- In time - Reliable - Considering diverse culture of the city
-I assume with what we pay for essential services that they will be entirely reliable and available to all who require/depend on them. -I often wonder about how wise some of the current spending is and if that gets reviewed often enough. For example: I live on a residential Crescent in the far SW. Several times this winter I have seen a City sanding truck come and do our Crescent on a Sunday night at 11;30ish pm or later. Or I'll be in Fish Creek on a walk after a week of nice weather when a sanding truck/snowplow goes down doing a mostly bare road (or is that provincial?) Either way; does the Sunday night thing involve Overtime etc??
1. Does it keep the people safe. 2. Can it be taken on by people individually, as local community, without being detrimental to the functioning of the city structure or the basic health of the people? For example, people used to belong to charitable organizations that supported the community, like the Elks Club. People need to become responsible, active partsners in their community again and not expect the government to do everything for them.
1. How many people in the city do they serve & how much area of the city do they service. 2. What services do their provide and are their services life saving because human potential is the greatest wealth to a city. 3. What are the effects on the city & people of these services did not exist or were under serviced/funded.
1.Quality of life (library, parks etc) 2. Value for money 3. Maintenance of existing services
A municipality is not squandering our hard earned tax dollars and is behaving in a respectful, responsible manner
Access to basic services that I use daily. Roads, water services and safe streets.

Accessibility and inclusion
Accessibility from one sidewalk to another should be mandatory. Equity should be part of every inch of the city.
Accessibility to transit and community resources.
Already alluded to the concepts above. I don't need the sexy, media sensations. A home with running water, electricity, gas/heat, and the ability to pay for for food are key. The ability to walk/bike to work early morning without someone crawling up from the riverbank pulling up or down his pants would be ideal. I am active but not competitive, so facilities that allow for affordable & healthy activity, such as the Inglewood Pool or Bob Bahan, provide life skills for young people that will bring benefit to them anywhere in the world, for the rest of their lives. Selfishly, I'm a swimmer and come from that lens. My view is that a pool and a rec center are not one and the same, and I would be more inclined to compare pools to hockey rinks. Unbeatable life skills that will reduce health services.
Am I safe to travel and walk around the city. Focus on roads, sidewalks, fire, policing, utility infrastructure primarily.
Anytime I call 311 they do respond with services whether that is replacing a street light, or trimming our heritage tree, etc.
Appearance and safety of urban environment.
Appropriate and timely investment in crucial infrastructure, avoiding the two water main rupture crises, which were known about as potentialities since 2005, but were not addressed at all. Reliability is crucial for safety and security and business, which keeps jobs, goods and services afloat
are services equitable, do they address the material needs of marginalized communities
Are the basics covered? Police, Fire, Roads, Parks, Water, Garbage collection, Transit etc. Am I receiving value from my taxes for these services. Once that's covered, then I look to see what "nice-to-haves" are we able to provide citizens that will continue to make Calgary a good place to live. Some of these might be community events, festivals, managing the un-housed population, etc. I do think we spend far too much energy on the "fair and inclusive" aspect. It may be unpopular, but I think the pendulum has swung way too far in terms of EDIB, Gender rights, indigenous concerns, and so on. Each of us has our own set of circumstances that may put us at a disadvantage. This country was built on overcoming such disadvantages without government interference. I don't see the value to the everyday citizen of these programs.

Are the core items consistent and managed well. The city should provide the necessities: police, fire, roads, water, sewer etc to a certain standard. The city should be neat and tidy with good facilities. Money should be spent on beautification projects when the core items are funded. Maybe ask the business community to buy a flower or sweep the front of their building sidewalk rather than install “art” and green space. Those items are nice to have but “after” the core items.
Are the critical services that ONLY the city can provide being well served - water, fire, transportation and police? If not, that is where I will feel like we're not spending appropriately. Other areas can be funded or provided by other means (other levels of government, NGOs, community groups, etc.)
Are the roads driveable 24/7-365? Today they are not. Can I get a cop or a fireman to my house in times of need? I don't know. Why do I have to pay to have recycling picked up at my home when I'm perfectly willing and capable of transporting my waste/recycling to neighbourhood depots. Why is water, in a country with possibly the largest freshwater lakes and rivers in the world such a constant issue? Why is Calgary city council/administration focussed on non-municipal items and activities such as climate? Stop wasting my tax dollars on things you can't possibly influence let alone comprehend. Stop trying to be the "best" city in the eyes of the world and focus inward to ensure that those of us actually living here can live our best lives.
Are the services provided in most cost effective manner, and are they truly core or most important to "keeping the lights on'
Availability of services (eg utilities and water) is fundamental. Along with security and emergency response programs.
Benefits a meaningful share of Calgarians. Is future-proof (e.g., is not vulnerable to climate change).
Biggest thing is cost. We have to pay more for taxes, and don’t see anything that benefits you and your family. All I see currently is communities being squeezed, housing and roads getting smaller. I believe we will see a huge increase in our forward emergency costs. For example, if one house has a fire, it will now spread to numerous houses because everything is built too close together, plus larger condo complexes.
Can I get to work on time — roads and related services? Am I safe in both my work and home neighborhood — policing and fire?
City transit n sidewalks n those hidden costs(water main).
Clean and safe are most important
Comparable rates to peer cities in Canada, considering the cost versus the outcome

Consistency is what I notice first. I find it the most frustrating when a service is unavailable without clear notice during normal operating hours. Secondly, the share of the budget that a service takes is a major consideration. For instance, as discussed before, I do not believe the CPS provides good value. Another example that has become more and more apparent is the lack of safety considerations in our road designs and maintenance. Given our population and density, it feels like there should not be this many fatalities including motor vehicles despite infrastructure taking such a big chunk of the budget. To end on a good note, I think programs like the fare free zone and the fare entry program are good uses of our tax dollars.
Consistent and reliable LRT & bussing.
Convenience and reliability. If services exist but are too difficult to access then why fund those resources to begin with?checking boxes for the sake of good optics doesn't actually help actual Calgarian citizens.
Cost and accessibility! I grew up here but lived in Burnaby for a little while, my wife and I used to go to community centers all the time and use the pool's there, but since moving back here a few years ago have done that very little. The centers can sometimes be isolated and hard to access without a car. They are also $5 more expensive per service here than they were in Burnaby. For example Burnaby had these community centers often near train stations or major bus routes, but would also have things like libraries or grocery stores next to them. I struggle to think of a community pool or center that is next to a library or other essential services. We would often hit the pool for some exercise, visit the library and then do a grocery run all in the same area. And transit just got more expensive!
Cost and timeliness of service.
Cost effect and efficient
Cost efficient- shop for deals Benefits the most people including future generations
Do I even use them? How many people use them? If I don't or little used then they are a waste of resources. Can't keep up taxes every year. Core services must become a priority. Not the city's job to fix everyone's perceived issues ot problems.
Do I feel safe on transit ...no. Do police treat all people with dignity and respect no . Do I think people at lots of city jobs are grossly over paid yes
Do the systems create the outcomes we want them to create? What makes a city a good place to live? How do we treat those who are struggling the most?

Do they work? This is especially true with respect to infrastructure. This should be the starting point in city decisions. If our infrastructure is in good shape it reduces the workload of safety services like police and fire. Do they positively affect more or fewer people? Essentially, small interest groups should never, I mean never, be given priority over services that are designed for the population as a whole.
Does it benefit large number of people or only specific areas or demographics. Are we optimizing and getting the most bang for our buck in the money we are spending or are there inefficiencies that make it feel wasteful.
Does it improve my community and make it safer to travel as a cyclist or pedestrian. Can my kids walk or bike to school.
Does it make it easy to move through the city, does it make me feel safe, do I see value for my dollar?
Ease of use and reliability of access
Efficiency and ethics. Efficiency matters, as we live in a time period that is rapidly changing. It does feel though as if many services still operate in the early 2000s neoliberal mindset, where bureucracy takes a while to respond to the needs of the community. With AI and the transition to post-labour economics (David Shapiro for more information of post-labour economics, he has also appeared on UBI works), we will be ready to transition to the society of the future. It's time to start living in 2100 (or atleast prepare for it), and stop clinging on to the late 20th century notions of neoliberalism. Thus, the tax dollars should be used towards making services more efficient and afforadable (lower taxes, even if that means AI replacing labour).
Efficiency and reliability is important to me and my household. Electric transit buses are not going to improve bus schedules (this expense may be a want but is definitely not a need). Again public art/murals are like jewelry there beautiful but clothes and shoes come first.
efficiency and wise tax spending
Efficiency of execution in services..whole plan and delivery. Cut the dreams of until basic needs are met...repair what requires work before disaster strikes
Efficient service and affordability are factors for myself. Mass transit concept is a good idea, however, it is not always efficient with both time and routes. Cost of taking transit increases, but the efficiency level decreases. Road repair and snow removal are services that lack quality of workmanship and service.
Emergency services and services which involve safety and security are at the forefront.
Ensuring the greatest number have the greatest experience in our city. Prioritizing the lowest class benefits all
Equitability across the city and across different family types, impactful
Essential services such as fire and ambulance services. Water and electricity for my house are also high priority items.

Facilities to use for recreation that bring happiness to my life.
Factors I consider are comparing how other cities and countries are doing. Look at places in Asia, in Europe. Places that put focus for the people, not for corporations. places that now have incredible infrastructure connecting millions of people together at a fraction of cost for the user. How can countries that had communism 50 years ago have better transit then Calgary today? How can cities that emerged the same time as Calgary have cheaper housing? Why does it take years and decades to get approval for basic infrastructure projects, wasting time and resources when our competitors internationally can approve of projects in weeks. It seems we forgot we live in a competitive world. Where is the progress. Isn't Canada suppose to be a country that always pushes for a better future? Regardless I think we need to change our act. We are already behind in many areas of a modern city. Lets stop with all the politics and roadblocks, and simply work for a better future together.
Fire & Police, our safety is a priority. 311 is also important to communicate with the City.
Frequency/timliness of the supply of services such as waste, and recycling.
Future of the next generation, safety and security
Garbage and pick up services and the city roads
Garbage pickup
General condition of core services such as water and roads. Jump on maintaining core services and don’t even think about “woke” projects such as bike lanes, environmental non- issues, climate change, etc.
Get what we pay for - when we invest, is the investment having the desired impact, is it benefitting Calgarians, etc
Good value for tax dollars is reliability and people expecting things to get done and due to things working are able to forget and go on with their day. When people start having to question if something will work, thats a failure of reliability, a failure of trust and confidence. Sometimes things just need to work and the best thing is when no one can comment on it.
Good value for tax dollars means fundamental city services; emergency services, roadways, and utilities, are properly funded and maintained over any other initiatives.
Good value would mean amazing spaces available for families in the city. Right now, most recreation facilities are pay for use and the prices to use are getting higher and higher. We need more, free or low cost, recreation spaces, specifically for sports like soccer that have a massive demand that keeps growing. Tennis is another one though, with families in the south but nothing in the north.
Health and Safety
How effective and efficient are services delivered
How long it takes for a service to be provided and the associated cost.

How many people are supported by the service? Is the service valued by the citizens? What are the risks if the service does not have enough investment (and if so, can it be sourced from industry)?
How often they are used, especially by those with the least means.
How reliable the services are and how available they are to all residents
How they impact who need support the most. Are the lower income families being supported by city services? They should address the social needs of our communities which include fair access to services like transit, housing opportunities, and social services when needed.
How well maintained and reliable they are
How well services work. The importance to citizens of Calgary
How well they work and how many people can be serviced / use them. The city needs to focus on service delivery full stop. More direct service, less about feelings.
How well they work and the relative prices related to their services.
I believe to provide good value, it should help the Calgarians that need the most help, not necessarily the most Calgarians. But the help should be in a form that allows accessibility for upwards mobility and incentives to become a greater contributor to our city. Rather than allowing impoverished people to float on taxpayer money stagnantly. The most important thing is to see that my tax money actually goes to improving my city, even if it doesnt directly benefit me. I understand that there are always hidden benefits to me when other Calgarians are able to do better.
I can reach someone 24/7 and ensure my inquiry gets addressed. Eg 311 is easy, friendly staff and I can actually speak to someone not a robot or answering machine
I care most about the services that benefit the community, the health and wellbeing of all. I care least about the ‘services’ that prioritize social order above all else.
I compare the services to those of world class cities and see Calgary not quite there. Pathways and bike lines are under funded. City planning feels chaotic and dictated by developer money, instead of clear decision making and follow through. Each council tries to change the direction of the City, not finishing or undoing what the previous one did. I'll pay more for better.
I consider all of these factors. The ideological approach to managing city services has to stop. Get back to basics. Keep it simple and efficient!
I consider both what impacts my daily life such as my commute and my recreation activities in the city. As well, i consider what is going to impact our most vulnerable, low income Calgarians, both positively and negatively. I believe the needs of our most vulnerable Calgarians should be prioritized. I don’t feel happy or grateful to have consistent access to city services knowing there are people worse off than me slipping through the cracks.

I consider if the city services provide benefits to average Calgarians instead of just to billionaire hockey team owners. I consider if the services make life better for the poorest, the weakest and the neediest Calgarians or if the services just benefit those in powerful positions.
I consider my own, lived experiences, then those of my family, friends, acquaintances, and finally, of those who might be different from me, who need other things. That is why I am an advocate for social services across the board, even if if means a tax increase. At some point in our lives, or in the lives of our loved ones, we will all utilize and rely on City services. For instance, I am not hearing or visually impaired, yet. I do not need modified sidewalk edges or auditory cross-walks, yet. I try to remind myself that my needs can change in an instant, so the investment in services that can support people from all walks of life is really at the core of what I value.
I consider the cost vs the effectiveness most. The amount of people it impacts is also very important. There can be a great cause that may not affect very many people and it's hard to justify giving that priority over something that affects most people.
I consider the impact that the service level has for the population safety and critical needs (ie. water, fire, police)
I consider what I directly witness throughout the city and what I witness in other cities.
I consider whether the service I need is available and the quality of the service provided.
I do think about city services that benefit me directly such as clearing bike paths. I also think about other people and how housing and safety improve life for everyone.
I expect reliable, consistent and thoughtful services for my tax dollars
I factor in the cost of service as well as the reliability of the service I query the value of having city employees at events like the Home Show where they hand out stickers or pamphlets on services that homeowners are already well aware of and yet can’t answer many questions and direct people to 311 Waste and recycling is a concern for me as I live in a 4plex that has 12 bins (one for each service) while only 5 people live in the building..it’s a big expense to leave more than have of them empty and yet pay for them
I feel my tax dollars are providing value when the most vulnerable of my neighbours, friends or family are able to participate in life, they feel included and have a sense of purpose.
I look at how well the city is taken care of which has deteriorated and i look at the cost of that care. As bureaucracy has increased the quality of our services had decreased. The city is not using our tax dollars efficiently.

I look for responsible utilization of tax dollars - lots of wasted tax dollars in Calgary Prioritize needs vs wants Previous city government spent a lot of time and money on pet projects / virtue signaling
I need the city services to work and be reliable.
I should have not identified transit as less important as we NEED this to increase and function well. Good value are services that work well and impactful to the most citizens.
I think a city service provides good value if it is increasing the quality of life in calgary in a sustainable way. For example, high quality and reliable transit improves the day to day life for hundreds of thousands of people, decreases the wear and tear on our roadways, and reduces pollution.
I think about health and safety, and opportunities for my kids
I think about how reliable they are and the outcomes I see in my community.
I think access to all with a high level of service is very important.
I think good value comes when the greatest possible number of calgarians have access to basic human needs like health care and housing.
I value city services that are accessible to all citizens and are rooted in what's best for all Calgarians.
I value reliable services that benefit everyone, like public transit and the public library.
I want a safe city that has reliable services
I want to get where myself and family need to go, and safely and within a reasonable time frame. So whether things are fair and inclusive doesn't really cross my mind when the roads are snow covered, pedestrian pathways are not cleared or salted, when waste collections trucks are speeding through alleys, missing bins and 311 responding that it will just have to get picked up next time. The lack of speed enforcement on major roads, creating safety hazards. The collection of fees for YEARS for water maintenance only to have multiple breaks and inference of yet more tax hikes to cover the costs.
I want to know that my tax dollars are being spent wisely. Are our councillors, city managers and staff, well versed in effective leadership? Do they run productive meetings? Do they get things done? Is there a can do attitude amongst the City of Calgary staff? Have inefficiencies been reviewed and new systems developed? If the answers to theses questions were yes then that it is great value for my tax dollar.
I would consider the long-term impact of the services to increase the quality of life for citizens (not corporations, developers, or businesses). I also don't want to see executives paid large bonuses. Value for all.

I would say there's value when increased budgets yield measurable and perceivable improvements in service. For example, if more money is spent on police, I would expect a drop in disorder. If it's spent on transit, I'd like to see more reliable service or expanded routes. Also, the effects should not be only for one part of the community (whether by neighbourhood or demographic). We should be aiming for things that will improve life for most people. But also, there's a limit to how much we can spend. I live in a small bungalow, and my property taxes are still my second biggest expense after the mortgage.
If core services and being provided without more than inflation tax increases. We have had many years of to high taxes compounding on each other. Need to get back to basics
If I am able to access easily and use consistently
If I were to call 311 or 911, will I get an immediate or almost immediate response from the City based upon my concerns.
If money is being spent to make life in the city better for most people, especially those with the lowest incomes, then that's good value.
If the city is clean and well-maintained with reasonably priced housing and services.
If the services are generally equally valuable to most residents and if the money is practically/responsibly spent in a knowledgeable manner. (Too often someone has their own agenda that gets pushed through that may carry no practical sense and not benefit a lot of people, practicality over ideology.)
If they benefit everyone and make the City run smoothly, getting back to the basics of running a City and less on special projects.
In my own interactions I appreciate any investment in transit the most, and also appreciate public services for at risk people such as safe injection sites. I would like to see more emphasis on socially beneficial programs like these.
Infrastructure that doesn't fail.
Is it spent on quality cost-efficient long-term projects that build our future, focussed on the most people, creating and maintaining high quality living standards
Is the city providing foundational basic services? Is the city safe?
It sounds selfish, but I look at the amenities in my neighborhood and the activities I do in my life. I think the sport and rec sector has been overlooked.
It’s the city able to provide basic services to all citizens across all spectrums
Knowing when I turn on the tap water will come out is huge! Raise taxes build density but please make sure we have access to water.
Maintenance of existing city, creating a vibrate place to live, not just a constant sprawl
Mix of personal experience and outcomes in my various communities.
My ability to get to places that matter (work) and so i'm focused on things like roads and transit. Also, recreational facilities as health is wealth

My priority is if this service also benefits many Calgarians. Does it benefit people outside of my ward? I drive, and use transit, and hope that one day transit can be more accessible across the city.
No pool for my kid - bad personal experience that impacts me. We submitted a service request through 311 to fix a sidewalk - it is still there years later. Terrible communication, no accountability. 311 is the worst - they don't know how sidewalks are fixed, when they are fixed, what happens next. Why would I want more of my tax dollars to be invested in this terrible service? If they can show they are doing a great job, but there is just not enough of them that would have been different. That is not the case.
One factor is who gets served. Some of the population have benefits and alternatives while others don't so fairness and inclusivity are important. The level of services we get in this city is already pretty good.
Outcomes /effect The major police clean up of downtown was a waste of money and just got show. All the people they chased out will come right back after causing issues in new areas.
Performance and reliability of the service provided. For police services, I would like more cars on Crowchild Tr, to catch the drivers who are going 100k/m + .
Personal experiences and inclusivity
Personal experiences and the experiences of family/friends that use those services every day. Also how safe I feel when using those services.
Personal experiences, reliability, and value for money.
Police, EMS, Roads, Fire
Police, Fire, and first Responders are essential services followed closely by road maintenance.
Poor value, downtown area unsafe ppl openly doing drugs, I've been harassed and felt unsafe many times on transit, unsafe to walk by or use parks due to homeless ppl hanging out there doing drugs building encampment Numerous water restrictions. Super high User fees for Enmax
Property taxes are way too high for the services we get. There is no snow removal on my street. The repairs to street sink holes is poor. Repairs are not done properly which requires repeated repairs to be done in the same place year after year.
providing for future generations, safety and security are the most important to me
Public safety (low crime, effective traffic enforcement) and functional utilities
Public Safety and using common sense when spending taxpayers money.
Quality of life for cost of taxes paid.

Quality of life, safety and security. City comes across as tone deaf when it fails to demonstrate it listens to its constituents. The overbuilding currently being allowed without an accompanying effort to demonstrate balance and safety are being taken into account is an example. Why would you allow multiple condos to be built without factoring in the high vacancy rate in these condos.
Quality of service. My experience with the service. And the time it took.
Redundancy and efficiency. There are lots of way services or processes can be streamlined or made self service with less red tap and thus saving the city $.
Relevance, reliability, and importance.
Reliability abd accessibility of public services.
Reliability and availability of services . Housing for example, is incredibly difficult, a creating immense stress on our city and the people who live here. Mental health ties into this with housing, stress levels are up, people need access to resources and supports that decrease their stress: housing, food security, mental health supports can do this.
Reliability and how well city services work are very important to me.
Reliability and investing in things that have a clear outcome (short or long term)
Reliability and non-discrimination.
Reliability and price of services
Reliability and quality based on personal experience.
Reliability and results
Reliability and sustainability.
Reliability and the "it just works and I don't have to think about it" factor.
Reliability and unfair treatment of people living farther away from downtown. No transit system available to get to their destinations. It shouldn’t be a crime to live far from the city but there should be a way to ensure everyone gets fair access to transportation. I’ve seen people freeze outside in the cold waiting for a bus that won’t come. No notifications or warnings. I feel terrible and I wish I could so something with my own money to build infrastructure in this city.
Reliability is extremely important. Knowing that when someone has a concern, it’s actually addressed.
Reliability is of greatest value. If services cannot be relied on to be consistent, they lose credibility.

Reliability is one of the most important factors for me. I rely on public transit in my life as I do not drive and have a personal distaste for cars, so reliable bus service -- especially frequent bus service -- is one of the most impactful city services for myself and many others. Transportation is fundamental to accessing other city services, fundamental needs (food, healthcare), and recreation activities. Therefore, it is fundamental to my quality of life. Another thing is coverage and speed, i.e. reasonable access to other areas and places, or the "equity" of a service. I have only one bus route that is within reasonable walking distance of my house, and if I miss it, I am locked out of travelling for another thirty minutes. So these two things, reliability and fair access, are the most crucial.
Reliability is really important, but fairness is too. Dollars should be allocated fairly, not just to those groups and communities that have the loudest voices.
Reliability is the most important factor in deciding if a service is providing good value. If something is completely unreliable, then the quality of service will never truly be good. Secondly, if the service provides a tangible benefit that can easily be observed, then the service is of better value.
Reliability of service --- but definitely the work ethic of getting the jobs done in the most timely and efficient manner.
Reliability of service and public safety
Reliability of service and the perception that access to emergency services is easily available when needed. Seeing broken down roadways and the impact they had on the feeder main speaks to a lack of care for the maintaining of services. Problems need to be addressed, but can be prioritized.
Reliability of service is probably the biggest way services impact my way of life. If the service is not there when I need it that affects my quality of life. Fairness and inclusive comes in to play when somone else has something you do not which will effect emotions and give bias. Quality of that service is important too though. I've had experiences where in dealing with services a response from and less than enthused individual who obviously was just reading a canned response and really had no understand of the issues I was asking to address. It's hard to answer the following question since I don't have a reference to compare it to.
Reliability of services and how much it improves my quality of life.
Reliability of services and meeting the needs of marginalized groups
Reliability of services at reasonable cost
Reliability of services is critical. Having an administration that didn’t maintain utilities is criminal. If a private oil company maintained their infrastructure like the current city administration, people would be in jail. Fair and inclusive isn’t important. Safe and reliable is.

Reliability of services now and into the future. I anticipate being a Calgarian for the majority of my life, I want to make sure that the investments that are being made today are going to support long-term reliable service delivery into the future. This should include considering impacts of global changes we're seeing now and could potentially see into the future, such a global trade (e.g., impact of the US tariffs and trade issues), global instability (e.g., conflict in Europe and the Middle East), climate change (e.g., extreme weather events becoming more frequent), inflation and global price changes, immigration, etc.
Reliability of services would reflect good value for my tax dollars. Also, how well the services work is important.
Reliability of services, things improving/moving forward instead of deteriorating.
reliability, how well they work
Reliability, quality of service,
Reliability. And planning for growth. We need to take care of the infrastructure for all Calgarians and build for growth so water, roads , and transit are not disrupted.
Reliabilty of services, do preventive maintenane and smart decisions for infrastructure that will support future growth and population needs
reliable and afforadable
Reliable and affordable are essential. Everyone should have fair and equal access to services and they should work when people need them too
reliable and stable services there when needed.
Reliable busses.
Reliable police and fire and ambulance response if I need those. Our citizens must be able to depend on those
Reliable services within a reasonable cost framework that does now cause continual tax / service charge increases.
Reliable utilities
Reliable, consistent,
Reliable, how well they work. If I'm being taxed more for something like...oh...water main repairs- when I've be paying for infrastructure for years. Get out of here. Manage our money better. Tax tax tax. Ridiculous.
Response time. Personal feedback.
Road clearing and conditions
Roads, low crime, clean parks
safe and desirable place to loive
Safety and cleanliness
Safety and efficiency
safety and meeting needs of most people

Safety impacts my daily life. I am nervous walking in my own community to stores and services because of a prevalent drug problem. Roads in Calgary are a disaster. Too many bad drivers and too many unmaintained roads. The city is late cleaning streets and the dust and rocks are horrible.
Safety is a priority for me. Clean up the daily crime issues. Get serious about addressing the drug issues. Close the Sheldon drug clinic and get those people the help they need by using the mental health act. Stop enabling show some no nonsense caring. I should not be afraid to use transit especially the C Trains but unfortunately I am.
Safety is number one for everyone in the city! Transit is important so citizens can get around.
Safety of infrastructure Safety in public
Safety of the community is paramount - homeless people doing drugs in my alley, on the C-Train, in the Plus15, in stairwells, littering and stealing. Clean rocks from streets in April - increases safety for bikers. Repave residential streets - increases niceness of community
Safety on the streets from police services. Not just handing out speeding tickets or bylaw offences regarding dog licences etc. Drug addiction and treatment are a real issue. The numbers are growing and setting up camps around the city. These should be removed and proper shelters should be in place that offer treatment and support options. Doing drugs is a crime and all that goes with it. Violence, weapons, gangs, fights, rape, prostitution. They have to get money from drugs somewhere so they are committing crimes against fellow Calgarians. Look at Vancouver and Vancouver island as examples of what not to do.
Safety Reliability
Safety, security and consistency of utilities
Safety, taxes
Safety. Investment in fire and policing. Reduction of crime and emergency services should take priority over everything else. Then financial stability and conservative budgets, followed by other things when finances dictate.
Seeing a tangible improvement in services, such as better response times, more reliability, less emergency situations. Hearing positive experiences from vulnerable Calgarians would also indicate that city services are providing good value as the city should be working to improve the lives of the most vulnerable, not just the vocal few. If we improve the lives of our low-income vulnerable Calgarians that creates a ripple effect and improves life for everyone.

Seeing use of tax dollars for things being fixed and running smoothly. Waste and recycling collection, pot holes being filled, snow being removed. As well as investment in new projects that communities need such as recreation facilities, parks, natural spaces. Transit investment into spaces that can be maximized and utilized (emphasis on Westbrook mall).
Service reliability, planning for the future instead of reacting to the problem of the day, making decisions that are not just focused on capital budgets with any plans to maintain and operate those assets (i.e. I don't consider capital investments alone to be good value)
Services should be reliable and make life of citizens easy rather than making it stressful.
services that I use, if they are reliable.
Snow cleaning is important to myself as I commute often, the more this can be expedited the better IMO. Services such as those rock spring cleaning of road ways is very important. Seeing police doing a good job ensuring communites are safe is important.
State of our roadways. **Why would roads plow snow from the alleys in our area that are GRAVEL and NOT!!! our actual road!!!** Making a complete mess of our alleyway - completely useless and a WASTE of MY tax dollars!!! also spending ridiculous amounts of money on bike lanes - do you know where we live! - we have a new bike lane in our area which took copious amounts of parking away and people still ride down the middle of the road and flip you off if you tell them to use the designated lanes - another total waste of money.
The areas should be efficient and productively run.
The consistency of service and the use of the services. Transit is important even though I have a car because many people take the downtown trains and bus. These things need to be more accessible due to the people relying on it usually also not having backups.
the factor i consider the most is what impacts me, safety - feeling safe downtown and on transit AND traffic volume along with bad roads are large impacts to me.
The impact having the most measurable good for the most amount of people. I do not care if my taxes go to something that doesn’t impact me, I want the community to have better more fulfilling lives.
The level (or lack of) friction accessing services, efficiency in accessing and delivering services.

The reliability and access to services. I like to use Renfrew pool but it is always under repair. Meanwhile communities on the edges of the city have world class amenities that are not at all convenient for me to use. I feel like inner city communities (I live in Mayland) consistently get shafted at the expense of the suburbs. I honestly am unsure how I benefit from any city services when Mayland is so far down Dre Chabot's priority list (maybe we could rebrand as a billionaire and get some kick backs).
The value I receive is that I feel safe in the City and I can go about living my life without any hassles.
They must be contributing to the wellbeing of the community and must be readily accessible
Thinking about the basic services like police, water, waste and recycling, I do not have any complaints. But sometimes 311 does not work very efficiently. Asking about permits for any project at home like building or improving is confusing. And when we asked for reasons about increased property taxes, it was no help or convincing reasoning about those increases.
This question is extremely confusing to me and others I've asked about it. I think I consider the reliability and the consistency of the service in determining whether my tax dollars are being well spent.
timeliness, dependability, responsiveness
Transit, traffic, safety
Used to be the roads, notice the lack of maintenance.
waste and recycle - they come to my house each week and pick up for a relatively efficient amount. This is value, something I see and need weekly
Water utilities that function properly, roads that are not full of potholes, garbage pickup when needed, streetlights that turn on when it gets dark.
We need the police and fire to have sufficient resources to respond to emergencies and keep us safe. We need these to be the best that can be achieved. I feel there is so much inefficiency and waste that needs to be focussed on and eliminated. Just like a household. Focus on the necessities and cut out all "nice to haves" until we get the rest in order.
What are the most favorable impacts for the highest percentage of citizens at the lowest cost. IE: I don't believe that the cost of bike lanes or Gay pedestrian crossings met this criteria. In some cities both are being removed.
What I use every day, what I'm not willing to compromise about, what is used and needed to help most calgarians.
What is something that I utilize every day, and are required to keep the city running
What matters to me most is basic infrastructure like street and roads, safety and less government in my everyday life. If I want to donate to causes close to my heart, I will and should not be subject to the city forcing me to pay for social programs, especially when, as you say, budgets are tight.

What services have I received from the City. Where is the wastage and how do I work to reduce it.
What would make things better for Calgarians new and old, no matter how little they make.
When evaluating value, I look at whether City services proactively keep pace with population growth. Therefore police and water are very important with the growing size of the city. For our family and many families, we know soccer participation is important and not keeping pace with growth of the city. Children participating is projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, good value means ensuring no child is left on a waitlist due to facility shortages. To me, value means making strategic investments to keep the city's most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families. Ensuring as many kids as possible can remain active as a health prevention method is very valuable.
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When I drive on the roads around Calgary and they are full of potholes I think I'm not getting good value for my tax payer dollars. When I see the City buying electric buses that didn't work out for Edmonton, but we don't fix roads, maintain our water lines etc, that's poor value. When we have to wait TEN YEARS (and counting) before we get a park plan for Paskapoo Slopes, that's poor value when I see millions being spent on DEI initiatives, climate emergency nonsense and a permanent "home" for the missing children shoes that are based on a non substantiated story of children killed at residential schools. This is all stuff the city should not be wasting our money on.
When I think about "good value" I need to compare to services vs. taxes in other large cities in Canada. Calgary has been trending quite poorly when the total amounts sent to the city are considered (mandatory user fees are just another form of tax to the citizens.) I also compare to what we received in the past for similar money, what the inflation rate is, etc. The amount the city is spending year over year seems unsustainable even in the shortb to medium term (5-15 years.)
When our taxes directly benefit the good of the city, and the wellbeing of the average Calgarian.
When roads are in poor condition I feel I'm not getting value for my taxes

When the services I receive are delivered at prices that surprise me as to how they can be delivered so reasonably. That is when I view, and my opinion of, the effectiveness of the City's management is perceived in a positive light. Example. When I look at the final costs of my electricity I always feel that that service is delivered at remarkably low pricing. I appreciate that the deliverers of that product are doing an effective job of bringing it to me.
whereas the monies can impact more people in the community and the community itself, if the changes can impact societal behaviour for the better, and if the money is used for an issue that is imminent in Calgary.
Yes, - I do like to have clean and safe streets, schools and buildings in my city.
I consider what are needed to provide a functioning city without burdening families unnecessarily. City taxes are a significant factor in relationships to affordability, home homeownership and rental cost. Keeping taxes, low benefits, everyone
I consider what I paid when I was a homeowner and my situation now as a retiree. We paid less then than now of course but be that as it may, we all have to think about how we use services as we go through life. The different times I have needed City services, it has been the city workers on the front lines who have made the difference. I couldn't care less about the Mayor or City Council; nor do I care about senior management. They make no difference whatsoever. It's the front line workers who do. They are the greatest asset the City has.
I work for the government, as a teacher. I think mainly of the collective, the community and of sustainability for a well-educated, healthy, inclusive, safe, open minded, empathetic community in the future. Plan NOW for the future generations. I do not think people should think only of themselves and their own family.
Interacting with the city administration and bureaucracy should not consume a large portion of my time. When I'm required to take personal time to perform tasks in the name of completing a line item on some bureaucratic checklist that provides nearly no value to me, or the administration, it is wasting a very valuable resource.
It is difficult to see such disparity in our city with so many individuals struggling with housing and increasing costs - poverty and related support services are critical for advancing a strong community that values equity and inclusion. Although it is important to ensure levels of government deliver in their areas of responsibility - I don't feel the provincial government is delivering on this particularly for mental health, income supports and health services which creates increasing social pressures in our community and on the community based service providers working in Calgary...which in turn impacts our city and communities.
Opportunity to work and play in the neighborhood I live.

priorities need to be completely re-tabled. There are better ways of doing things. European Nations are way ahead of us. People should be a priority. Health Care Accessibility and Wait Times: Primary Care Access and Teams: Integrated Care for Seniors and the Disabled. The recent Aish to Asap is a classic example of where the most vulnerable are discarded. How can anyone today live on $1,740 a month. I rent a bedroom suite for $1,000 a month plus utilities. I have no TV, no subscriptions and with the recent $200 claw back i have no idea how to survive. The most vulnerable should be protected, not demonized. People on Aish are very scared of ending up on the streets, this should never be. Japan takes care of their elderly and vulnerable with honour. We are so far from that.
safety, security, community, younger generations, health and recreation opportunities
Security. Clean city. Good school system for our children.
Survival, protection, security
The city needs to focus on providing services and then finding out how to pay for them, and stop setting the amount to provide the service.. either provide or not . Otherwise you're just making [redacted] up and honestly, im a little tired of it
The City uses so much propaganda, it's hard to know what's going on. In general, if the City cannot easily explain how the expected benefits of any project exceed the cost to taxpayers, I assume the project is a bad idea for citizens and is being undertaken to benefit someone connected to City Hall.
The factors I consider when deciding where my tax dollars are spent, are the if I feel this city cares about all its people. I see wealth disparities that has continued to grow.
The homeless in the downtown is ruining the city image. The council is not doing enough to try to cleanup the downtown for both residents and visitors!
The main question is whether benefits of a service are reasonably expected to exceed the costs. Since City Hall is so secretive and dishonest, it is often unknown whether City Hall makes an effort to determine whether any particular service is worthwhile. I expect we could provide all important services for less than half of what taxpayers are currently paying to the bloated, untrustworthy municipal government.
The ones I care about are disastrously managed, and the ones I do not care about are focused on to excess.

The role of the municipal government is to deliver services that are fair and equitable to all residents within the community. I believe it is important to recognize these services as fundamental to our quality of life, rather than simply viewing them as merely a product of our tax contributions. Investing in these services ensures that everyone has access to the resources and support they need to thrive, fostering a stronger and more inclusive community for all.
The services that receive funding should benefit the most necessity in the community. Things like saftey and cleanliness of the city. Medical services for tax paying citizens and things that will further our city's economy not degrade it.
To build a healthy community, we must build an environment that is fair and safe for everyone. Without these 2 elements, nothing else will have much impact on the lives of Calgarians.
Too much property taxes and not increasing the wages to make a balance between expenses and less pay . Cost of living becoming too high
waster within city depts
Will it kill Me? Dose it cost money if I hit it? Can I turn the taps on for a shower ? Will I get run over by a driver speeding through the playground zone ?
With all the government cut backs in school extracurricular. Kids need a safe and rewarding place for activities indoor and outdoor soccer is running low on facilities. Kids need safe available places to attend for health (mental and physical) well being. Please consider creating more safe facilities for the children.
I think technology at The City leaves taxpayers subject to massive amounts of waste. I think that the budgeting process is completely broken and chaotic and has no accountability built into it. I think that GMs and Directors of certain bloated areas should be made to find efficiencies, rather than accepting bloat and hiking taxes.
I think the City does provide good value for my dollars in general. I do feel that East Calgary doesn't get as much as the rest of the city though.
I very much want a fair and inclusive city that prioritizes equity of access to services. Also ease and diverse options for accessing those services.
I walk, drive and bike all over this city and the execution of work I see is horrible. I see work that has to be redone because of poor planning. I see expensive equipment let at sites for way to long. No follow up a lot of projects city wide
I want children to be supported and citizens to feel safe
I want city hall to focus on its core job of efficiently providing reliable services.

I want for myself and my family and my neighbours to live in a city that we love and appreciate. Sometimes money is spent on areas that we see no benefit and those should be disposed of and concentrate on the things that make our lives more enjoyable and affordable.
I want my tax dollars spent on me and my property no one elses.
I want people housed and receiving services.
I want services to benefit a majority of citizens. Not just the rich [redacted] friends of the UCP.
I want the city to be as beautiful and as happy as possible. The happiness index is ultimately the only metric that matters, and all decisions should be made to increase that score.
I would like to see social disorder & public safety treated in a long term way - not just arresting and releasing, and having treatment services centralized, instead of open drug use occurring at transit stops, in ctrains, malls, +15s, Stephen Ave etc, hence Culture and Social Programs need priority, because their Social workers can affect long term change. Police and Bylaw and Fire, are not necessarily trained for mental health disorders that are at the core.stem of public safety/social disorder issues. I want to use the DT Core more on the weekends without being scared away by vagrants/homeless/druggies.
I'm glad that my money goes toward improving the collective experience of Calgarians.
If City Hall cannot explain how the benefit of a project is reasonably expected to exceed the cost to taxpayers, then City Hall should not waste taxpayer money on such project. City Hall's secrecy continues to cause enormous harm to citizens. City Hall had taxpayers pay KPMG to complete a survey on 'strengthening transparency and improving engagement' which ended last September. To date, City Hall has hidden the result of this survey - this is the epitome of bad management - hiding the results of a survey focused on improving engagement and transparency.
I'm really unsure how to answer this. I can say that my services have not changed or have degraded DESPITE my taxes skyrocketing in the recent years. This is an untenable situation and needs redress.
In general, if any project is City planned, it is poorly planned. The culture within this current government is a cancerous mix of unearned arrogance, secrecy, dishonesty and unaccountability.
It's possible the city council caters to special interest groups
It's hard to know because City Hall leaders hide so much behind closed doors and then spends large amounts of taxpayer dollars to advertise how great they are doing.
Last year I paid nearly $40,000 in federal taxes, $20,000 in provincial taxes and $5,000 in municipal taxes... I get way more for my municipal money!
Less is more. The City bureaucracy is far too large and incompetent currently. I see the City logo and I just think of incompetence and waste.

Logistics, efficiency and public safety matter most to me
Longevity.
LOWER TAXES & STOP CHARGING K-12 TO GET TO SCHOOL (2 kids both needing bus passes almost 2000 dollars more) -we work too hard & still cant afford to put our children in ANYTHING FUN- BUT work so hard to provide for ourselves instead of being a blight on the system-because of that we dont qualify for fair entry. LOWER TAXES & STOP CHARGING PARENTS K-12 TO GET THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL (DO YOU TRULY THINK PARENTS HAVE AN EXTRA 2000 A YEAR FOR BUSSING) We need to try to move because the bussing alone.
Make sure that the basic needs are met in a safe and reliable manner, that system works when we need it.
Maslow's hierarchy of needs.
My life setup in Calgary—young family, inner-city homeowner, mixed commuting, nonprofit + community involvement
necessary repairs to infrastructure
No unnecessary spending - so important! Do a back to the basics budget. Respect taxpayers eg. No unnecessary tax hikes. See if you can find ways to work things out. A family makes adjustments when meeting their budget. They find ways to save.
Parking lots if I have to pay to park that money should go directly back into the city and to that parking lot to be maintained. It's absolutely ridiculous that parking lots at medical offices are privatized.
Personal services like the city tax, assessment office, not very helpful but some say what you need is the provincial land titles to do something, to have it all okay. So what do they do is not a good job , if they have Provincial do not provide good returns. Like we pay taxes to city, but they have a part of the job done by the province to register the property but city cannot do this, so a fifty percent of job done elsewhere is not perfect. We need one provider so the public can ask one provider and get a production of the where your answer will be given. Stress is why do we need to ask both for one answer.
Provide services to diverse Calgarians and not just owners of single-detached houses.
Right now our water supply should be a priority
show me that I am getting good value. The general information doesn't do that I think we need detail for each area on how money is being spent.
The city of calgary has become a master class of mismanagement. I honestly have no clue how to fix it.

The city rarely rises to the level of basic competence. Until it does so consistently, there is no price at which any of the services it provides are at a "reasonable value". It's a bloated, inefficient mess.
The City should ensure it's branches are using their resources efficiently and for the benefit of the most Calgarians.
The economy is the biggest impact on my life. A City that supports the growth of its citizens and their opportunities is one that will succeed. Sadly, the City of Calgary has failed in this regard and more and more people are finding themselves without stable careers and unable to build themselves up. Tax dollars are being wasted on the irrelevant, and until I see our economy recover I have little reason to believe otherwise.
The value for my tax dollars is PHENOMENAL. I see it and experience it every day. For me, it's not just about the programs and services I use, I appreciate what's available in The City in a broader scope. Everyone has an opportunity, everyone gets the support they need. As I've aged with this place from a young minimum-wager, to growing up to have a family and career, I appreciate this city with my heart and soul. I want those opportunities to be there for the next generation and many more to come.
There should never be a street person in communities outside of the downtown region, as there’s nothing there for them. Security should be set up to stop this at every train leaving downtown. Take down all encampments and set up low cost canvas tent housing.
To be honest, when I see the City of Calgary Logo, I cringe. So many silly projects, unnecessary advertisements, and propaganda to hide mismanagement. It's been such a poorly run government for so long I want City Council to focus on reducing the size of the government and restoring competence and integrity at the upper management level. Until we get a competent senior management team who actually care about transparency and providing necessary, core services in a fiscally responsible way, City Hall will continue to be an embarrassing mess.
Unfair. The city gave leaf pickup in my area to the community. Its a paid service. The community only comes if you call. No oversight. Citizens were not informed. Is the community elected? Paid? Accountable? Who audits them. Where is that report? City managers spend a million dollars to rename calgary. The lady at the chamber of commerce is proud of it. The lunches trips to meetings must have been fantastic.
We are being taxes to death , why are taxes so high if we pay for all the services , obviously city management is incompetent

We have a HOA that does nothing but I pay $400 a year into it at [redacted]. I also pay over $5500 a year for my 2350 sqft home while not having access any city recreational facilities or pretty much anything. I don't know why everything is so expensive but nothing comes out of it. I think the city needs to revamp on reducing red tape, limit bureaucracy, work with limited administrative staff by incorporating technology to their work to improve productivity. So the property taxes can be made bearable.
We need accountability from all levels of unions and City workers. Throwing money at these workers when they are already making more than the private sector workers is plain wrong. They are plenty of people here that would work for less money.
We need to prioritize safety particularly for our innocent children allowing a drug store handing out methadone 1 block from a playground and 3 doors from a daycare that is drawing drug addicts from all over the city is beyond insane. I am referring to 10th Ave T RX pharmacy - the police are trying but they are powerless - revoke their business licence and SHUT THEM DOWN! Why is everyone sitting back and doing nothing about what is obviously a major issue safety risk!
When I see the City Hall logo, I think of waste, secrecy and propaganda. City Hall has build its reputation over the last decade as an organization that does not serve citizens with competence or integrity. Major changes are needed.
When I see the City of Calgary logo, it's embarrassing. The City Logo is a symbol that means: secrecy; deception; propaganda; back room deals for developers; no reasonable efforts to ensure taxpayer's money is being well spent; a lack of accountability; and, just generally how a government can fail its citizens. Change is needed.
I don't see my tax dollars are well spent or it doesn't improve any of the services I use.
I want to see our city be inclusive and reduce barriers to all people living here. We should feel good about where we live and feel that all people matter.
I want to see positive results from my tax dollars. Meaning constant improvement instead of stagnation or decreases when my tax bill goes up every year.
I wonder constantly, where do all my taxes go to.
- I would like to see a City where our tax dollars are not spent just based on the loudest voices. But where we rely on a diversity of opinions and voices to make decisions. Quite often it seems to be the most influential & richer communities that are heard. -I would like to also see a City where budget decisions are made with systems thinking rather than separating everything out as isolated entities. For e.g. If we keep investing in building new communities that are spread out, we need to ensure that we equally invest in transit services to the outer communities etc.

A clean and safe city should be at the forefront of all decision making. Crime levels are ridiculous. Taxes go up while services go down.
A clean, safe and well functioning city should take priority.
A dynamic prosperous society where everyone has housing
A proper foundation that allows ALL Calgarians to live comfortably and with dignity will eventually mitigate the need for bigger budgets for police, bylaw, etc. If people have reliable, affordable access to food, housing, healthcare (physical AND mental - and teeth and eyes because wtf why isn't that a thing), education, transportation, in a way that allows them to handle their own budgets for recreation, getting out to stimulate the local economy, everybody will benefit. We're currently failing people, nobody can afford houses - regulate how many houses can be bought by a person or organization. If you want people to work but they're spending 50+% of their income just to put a roof over their heads how are they supposed to afford a car? Transit needs to be reliable. If they do get to a point where they can afford a car why is insurance so high? If you're not going to fix potholes and it's causing damage who is expected to pay for that? Help everybody - not just the rich.
accessibility services no protectens for people with disabilities
Accountability- if you screw up do you acknowledge it and have consequences if needed (ie. nobody was fired for water debacle = ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY; same goes for how you swept your COVID actions under the rug- shameful). Service Level- the amount of tax I pay keeps going up but service has gone way down = failure on City's part. At the end of the day, do I think The City's acting in my best interest—- the answer is currently no.
Aim should always be to improve performance, quality, and efficiency by eliminating waste and by ensuring processes are streamlined and efficient. Providing reliable and responsive services that citizens value.
All city provided services, including fire & police, should be subject to annual scrutiny and efficiency analysis. The days of annual increases are over. Perhaps a pay freeze for 2 years, which often happens in the private sector, should be implemented. The largest expense for the city is employee compensation and benefits. These should be brought into consideration just as it for the majority of employees in the province.
All city services are very important.
All city services could have upgrades and improvements to them with an unlimited budget but *I believe that too many of the services waste our taxpayer dollars with too many chiefs and not enough workers. With complaints it seems that a number of areas take you information - either complaint or concern - and it doesn't get a response.

ALL SERVICES provided by the City must demonstrably be required to be provided in the most COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. It does not mean that higher ranking services should have a "free lunch" in spending when it comes to cost nor does it mean that lower ranking services should necessarily be eliminated. What is important is that the City change its attitude and Culture to find the most cost-effective ways to deliver its services. I am not convinced that this is a high priority in this City Administration nor do most taxpayers. It does not have to be an "all or nothing" world as the City like to portray things....even within this survey. After all, how do City's in poor regions of Canada survive on far smaller tax bases than Calgary.
Amount of tax increases which have been too high.
An example of waste is the insane public art experiment. It is not a core function and the results are disgusting. Not good use of tax payer money.
An upgrade to the bus stops on center street north of McKnight took way to long. Some areas of sidewalk were dug up at least 3 times, filled in and redug again. Better coordination of who does what and a proper timeline for work is needed for projects. Not alot of workers just standing around waiting.
Anything that is in service of the people is essential especially those that make livelihood more equal and just
Are the services do all residents and can the services be covered in the private sector
At the moment, I am not getting much value for the significant cost of property taxes
Calgary has to continue to a place where people want to call home.
Calgary is a great city and one that I have loved living in for the last 20 years, but I feel our substantial growth has us bursting at the seams and city services can't keep up. We need to start limiting growth so we can get to a point that's sustainable. Costs are increasing at an exponential rate, I know in most cases the city doesn't control this, but I can't keep up and I'm a thirty something year old with a good job. Council needs to start saying no to area growth plans and other non-essential services to bring what we absolutely can't live without up to par, then have a slow re-introduction of the nice to haves. It sounds so harsh and I truly can't believe I'm providing this feedback, but we need drastic change.
Chill
City employees are fantastic, its the management that needs a reorg. Too many top managers dont actually know the job they are over seeing. The top managers need to have field experience in order to understand what they are talking about when giving directions.
City Hall hates transparency so much that it is rare for the average person to have sufficient information to assess the cost vs benefit for themselves. City Hall leadership uses propaganda everyday to pretend they are doing a competent job. Change in senior leadership at City Hall is necessary.

City hall needs to look at being more efficient
City Hall uses so much secrecy and propaganda it's unusual to have access to sufficient information to form an informed view on whether most City services are good value.
city is providing undervalued services. not a single service provide by city is up to mark. corrupt city council. corrupt councilors. corrupt bureaucracy
City services are very important to all people in this city
City services need to function so people aren't left stranded. Tax dollars shouldn't be spent on more and more raises for city hall staff when the rest of the public are getting no raises.
City services, just tell us what you are doing. I.E., the Bearspaw thing in March was handled Awesome !
City wastes too much money & staff wages
Cost of living increases but the economy status of family wasn’t. It doesn’t make sense if a people who cannot afford for their basics how they can handle taxes.
Cost of living.
Costs keep increasing every years while the quality of services provided by the City goes down every year. There are so many obvious inefficiencies that you see every day while simply living in the city. So much money is wasted on crap.
Councillors are elected to lead, not do what the propertied interests tell them to do. we need housing
Currently the biggest squeeze for our family is access to recreational facilities in winter, specifically indoor soccer turf. Over winter there is such limited turf availability that most practices are held on hard-floored gyms in schools or community centres, and even these gym spaces are so booked up that practices are being scheduled far too late (9-10pm) for young people who have school the next day! For a city that spends much of the year with frozen fields, we really need to invest long term in indoor recreational facilities all across the city that give families accessible options for their kids to be active year-round.
Cut waste.
Disorder and criminality on the streets and public transit are getting more wide spread. The laws are clearly not enforced, and when criminals see that they are not punished in any meaningful way , they only progress to the higher level of criminality.
Do you mean that when you drive by a crew of people working on repairs and you see one actually working and seven standing around watching? How many city employees are employed now and how many can honestly say that they put in an honest full day of work? How many people work for the city of Calgary and how many have been hired in the last ten years?
Don’t waste taxpayers money.

Eliminate the belief that "we must spend all of our budget this year because if we don't they won't give us an increase next year." At the end of the budget year everyone is scrambling to spend money, which is where terrible waste occurs. When I look at the increased costs to remove trash, green bin and blue bin contents I find them to be excessive. Green bins are hardly used in winter and still the costs never are reduced. Have look at the terrible waste with the 24th Ave NW road, parking and bike paths. Terrible!! Many like that throughout the city. Who makes those unacceptable decisions to build that? Fire them immediately!
Emergency room waiting times are through the roof. People are losing their lives waiting for the standard of care.
Emphasis should be placed on talent selection and the absorption and adoption of innovative thinking.
EMT services could be improved by having a more efficient system when taking patients to the hospital - both EMTs and the ambulance are out of service during this time as they are required to stay with the patient until an attending doctor sees the patient, even if that takes hours. All the information about the patient is recorded by the EMTs on their computer chart and the patient could be taken care of by a nurse until seen by the physician.
Every time I go down town, there isn't enough bathrooms. I know they get filled with homeless and needles but that's another issue. Every time I walk home from an event I have to pee. Not a bathroom in sight. I tried to use a Tim Hortons once but the bathroom was closed cuz a homeless person diarrhead all over the place
Every time we mention about "inclusive", we are giving a select group acknowledgement and ignore the rest. This "inclusive" is used to divide. How were these groups excluded? It is there perception, only in there own mind. Do you not chose who your friends are, is this segregation? The best analogy of Morgan Freeman: The best way to eradicate racism is to 'stop talking about it'. So quit promoting all this 'divide'.
Fair Entry and low income transit provide good value for dollar. Thousands of Canadians benefit from the access. The infrastructure is there anyway, if a train is running it should be full, not excluding people who can't afford the fare.
FEED back from the people
Fining and cutting off [redacted] no. I pay taxes you deliver service
Focus on improving the community association- recreational and they will take the strain off other aspects of the budget like community and culture. They are a hub for support, they help manage and create safe neighborhoods but you need to listen to their concerns especially regarding funding and developments in their neighborhoods.

Focusing on long term growth and economic development is something that benefits all. It's a journey not a sprint. Long term focus
For every service, is it still needed, if yes, what is the reasonable (Not gold standard) delivery level, how should it be provided (the city, contracted out or a combination)
For me personally, I like to see smart decisions being made. The city sometimes focuses on the new shiny services (of which currently is AI) When i see funds injected into these types of initiatives while basic services and QOL services are lacking, it sends a message that 1. yes the city has money. and 2. They care more about optics than smart improvements for the citizens
Funding public spaces and services is a huge help for my family, and helps strengthen my local community. That includes maintaining parks and local forestry.
generally the city does not provide good services for tax dollars: too much spent on irrelevant items.
Getting around the City and having places to go that create a sense of community.
Getting value for the services I use.
give better life people make studying make move more only this provices is give the opportuinty much better the onther provice4s
Governments need to understand that there is only one taxpayer, so increases are cumulative. Citizens expect reliable core services at a reasonable price without additional spending on items that are not needed.
Happy with services when they do happen, sometimes they don't happen at all, consistency needs to be improved.
Hard line policy in allowing police to do their job would help. They are being ran to the ground by corrupt judges and weak sentencing. Thank the liberals our downtown and city is getting worse and becoming unsafe.
Having a safe city is what would be most important to me. I would like to be able to walk around my neighbourhood without fear of something happening to me or my family. That being said, it is also important to have a beautiful city. One where walking around is enjoyable to do because it's pleasant to look at.
Having been a business owner in Calgary I can say one that that affects most businesses are city business taxes. I would suggest a sliding scale so that small businesses can thrive and grow to where higher taxes are manageable . This would help grow the local economy.

Having the least amount of governance is best. Not only is everything more affordable, but there is far less interference in our lives. ALL levels of government are far too controlling, regulated & interfering. Government stepping in & taking over DOES NOT improve our lives - IT MAKES EVERYTHING FAR WORSE. People need to rely on themselves to resolve matters & only invite others in to mediate - NEVER CONTROL. ALL GOVERNMENTS REGULATE, INTERFERE & CONTROL & COST ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO MAKE EVERYTHING WORSE. ALL GOVERNMENTS MUST REDUCE & ELIMINATE REGULATIONS, POWERS & CONTROLS, & ONLY STICK WITH BARE BONES NECESSITIES FOR THE SMOOTH FLOW OF OPERATIONS & SERVICES. THAT'S IT.
Health, Wellness and happiness
healthy choices like cycling, walking and enjoy nature
Honestly I get best value out of city services vs my other tax dollars. I could care less if they're fair or inclusive, though they may be. But generally city services just work pretty well.
Hopefully community members will begin to take a more active role in ensuring healthy communities
How high my rent is due to property tax determines what I spend outside of that.
Human life must be maintained at all costs.
I am most concerned about safety and protection of my civil rights. I think that protests, for whatever reason, should be restricted to certain areas like City hall, or a government building. Protests should not be allowed to infringe on the rights of the public to drive down certain streets and to walk safely in and out of buildings and malls.
I am new to AISH and CPP disability funding I have worked my entire life had a home had RRSP savings and such because of illness full time job was lost continued to work part time now my ability to do that is deminished im am learning when I start my AISH and CPP disability the Alberta will be the only province to clawback the $200 CDB Why??? Rent is so expensive I will have to move again and payout the fees for that there is no apartment cheap enough for me to live and have enough money for my basic needs to be met I lived responsibly my entire life and paid into CPP now I don't even get that disability benefit one govt gives it and the other takes it away just as well put me underground and leave me there this is not a life
I AM SATISFIED WITH CITY SERVICES BECAUSE I LIVE IN THE BEST CITY ON THE PLANET EARTH
I believe that while Calgary has some great employees, too many decide what to do for the citizens based on their own private beliefs. All departments need to co-ordinate and work closer together as a team.
I believe the choices I selected previouslyindicated that I'm not in favour of most of the social decisions that taxpayer money are being spent on. Get back to basics.

I believe we should have **evidence-based decision making** - establishing valid and meaningful metrics and collecting and acting on data that reflects the experience of a **broad spectrum of citizens, not just those who have political voice**. I want to see those **metrics and how they are being collected and applied88. My personal experience and those of my network are important, but we need to have a **collaborative and community-oriented mindset** to have a successful and vibrant city **for everyone and into the future**
I can only speak to the city services I've experience but I feel the reliability is fair, but there are still a lot of improvements that can be made
I care that the services are useful to a broad range of people from all over the city. I think that there shouldn't be a trade off for accessibility and good quality. City budgets sometimes feel like they are full of good ideas but are never actually brought to life. It would be nice to have consitent updates about progress and money spent
I definitely do not feel as safe as I used to here. Downtown is even worse. Would love to see it busy and vibrant again but it's just not safe
I do not have complains as all the services I do receive are great and I am happy about it.
I do not think that the City is providing my family and I good value for our tax dollars. We are paying higher taxes than ever, yet the City services have declined over the last 10 years.
I don't trust the Saint Calgary because there's a lot of conflict of interest on the council board left in the City Hall is well working with real estate lawyers and planning development so therefore I don't trust any of one of them and I think they're all crooked
I dont care about inclusive as a criteria - run the city as if we are all human beings, which we are - not all disabilities can be accommodated at all locations, but there should be someplace with reasonable access for example. City employees should not receive benefits and perks that the people they serve do not receive!
I don't have sufficient information to answer. City Hall's hatred for transparency causes too much to be hidden behind closed doors. To assess value, one would need to have full disclosure of the costs and expected benefits. Since secrecy usually means something to hide, I'll assume very poor value.
I don't think we are providing enough green spaces in the newer districts and the ones I see are far too small.
I feel that the city does not have enough support and services for people who are houseless. We love in a cold climate for most of the year and the lack of support and warm areas for these Calgarians has negative impacts for everyone in the city. The criminalization of their attempts to stay warm is not only dehumanizing but not cost effective for Calgary tax dollars. This needs to be addressed in Calgary's budget if we want to improve our city.

I feel the city has done a good value of service at least for me the only time I wasn't impressed was the last city election in ward 9 after the election signs were still up after a week later when I called to have sign to be removed that person connected to the candidate and the candidate went off on me that was not a good response !
I feel the services being offered to people who do not contribute to the city are a lot more than people who work hard everyday
I had my fence damaged by city contractor almost two years ago and it has not been repaired and will never be repaired . The city had 3 departments working on it with no solution . The contractor took reponsabilty but has failed to make repairs .
I had to go to court to have a parking ticket thrown out, that I was wrongfully ticketed for. The city ignored their own policies and did not apologize after a big hassle and waste of my time.
I have experienced and have heard examples of "getting the run around" from city employees. It's frustrating and I think leads to people taking out this frustration on the very people who are meant to be helping them. I think that is a sign of a lack of sound decision making at the most senior levels, a lack of clear direction to each department, a lack of working together and lack of the process followed to allow city employees to explain things. Oddly a very positive experience was when I called because my property taxes were too high! Excellent, logical explanation with all the comparisons and the process used and real clarity around why it was the way it was. I felt there had been some thought into the whole thing, everyone was being treated similarly and a process had been followed. Seems that could happen with pretty much everything.
I have no personal bad experience
I have to say I am not impressed with the services of the city of Calgary.
I just hope it goes to good need
I like having public services available to people who may struggle with things like driving
I live in the inner city and I see a lot of resources going to new developments in the suburbs. I would like to focus on an accessible city that is dense and more affordable.
I mean I think with water and waste management we're in great shape and get what we deserve in value but our transit, police, and may other service do not meet expectations. I feel unsafe on our roads every time I drive due to how people don't follow rules and are often un policed. I feel unsafe as a pedestrian for the same reason and unsafe to walk downtown alone.
I neither care nor have an opinion about city services. Most of the time things just work well.
I pay too much tax.
I personally see very little return on the high level of tax i pay.

I prefer to see my taxes building the community as opposed to funding war and subsidizing oil companies and orphan well clean up. Municipally, I would rather see taxes supporting the 5A network and transit than expanding roadway. I think the continued expansion of greenfield development drains our taxes. Aim for 50/50 development to help our tax base.
I rarely consider if it's good service. I believe the City is good stewards of these dollars and trust that good decisions are being made.
I see many wasted tax dollars in the lax manner of many city workers. It is my impression that the city is over staffed and workers feel no need to work efficiently and use my tax dollars well. There really needs to be an overhaul in every department with managers thinking like business owners - providing excellent service in a cost effective way
I should have to spend more on property taxes than Groceries; even in these Liberal inflation years! The City should cut its budget line items in half. If it wasn't in the 1990 budget, it shouldn't be there today.
I think about city services when I see blatant waste of precious tax dollars. For example. the large sand bags along memorial drive that were placed on the bike pathway. What a stupid waste of money. Is that for a flood? It doesn't flood there. Also, they say right on them, Made In The USA. Buy Local!
I think Calgary is a well run. Others would know about inclusivity. I am a white native Calgarian. Easy to get around.
I think politicians and people in general are getting very lazy. They don't want to work for anything anymore. With increase costs on everything with decrease on services,
I would like to see services benefit all strata of Calgarians, not just developers, or well-to-do home owners, etc.
I'm neutral
If it's something that you need or use, you notice if it's not good. If I have an emergency, so services are vital.
If the poorest member of your community is unsupported, than nobody is supported.
If, by "inclusive", you mean part of DEI; please just get rid of all aspects of DEI.
I'm angry with the UCP government for stealing my city tax dollars and therefore I support every service the City provides despite the actions of the provincial goverhment.
I'm pretty sure there are a LOT if inefficiencies.
Infrastructure and security.

It feels like we are giving too much tax dollars and those dollars are going towards too many side and secondary issues. It also seems that the efficiency of city activities is very poor resulting in wasted tax dollars. Supplying basic services like water, waste and roads are what the priorities should be. Street crime should also be included in these key areas.
It is easy to criticize, but the city sure has a lot of civil servants and they are very well paid. I tend to see the civil government as not cost effective
It seems to me that the inner city is neglected.
It seems we pay more and more, but receive less and less. Yet, City councillors still get pay raises and have low accountability. I feel there is much waste. If you run the City like a business, there would be more responsibility, more accountability and more benefits for the people.
It's important that city services are maintained in a fair and inclusive manner so that not only the higher socioeconomic bracket citizens/communities receive benefits at the expense of lower. All services need to be accessible to all and responsive to all. City services are not intended to be revenue increasing, i.e., transit is not about making money for the city, it is about moving all citizens throughout the city. The city's services are to function reliably in order to meet the needs of and provide safety for all of it's citizens.
Lack of safety Downtown especially east village and area.
Less is more. The bloated City bureaucracy at City Hall is in the way of growth and progress in this City. Any time I see this government advertising, I assume the opposite of their narrative is the truth because this government is not to be trusted.
Living close to downtown I often see the prevalence of social disorder and the need to keep us all safe.
Living in Silver Springs, I find the city is providing all the services I require. What's happening downtown and in other areas is irrelevant to me.
Logistics
low taxes
Lower property tax's now!
Most of what the City does is incompetent. You couldn't manage a drinking festival in a brewery. Stop pretending that you can and cut surplus staff.
My alley has very little gravel and it makes my home full of dust in the summer time. I think I have it pretty good and some of my friends in other countrys, a good rain and they have no road or access.
Organizations always want to include indigenous people but fail to follow through with inclusivity. The city should include indigenous voices in the decision making.
Personal safety anywhere in the city is lacking.
Poor planning, DEI priorities rather than best qualified, lack of common sense

Probably the biggest concern I have is for public safety with the rising opioid addiction issue. This should be put to bed with laws to incarcerate the users and stiff penalties for the sellers. There should be a choice of incarceration or rehabilitation. Stop with the injection sites it causes nothing but crime and harm to citizens in the area. With the riddance of this problem would decrease the need for an over population of fire police and ambulance your budget would shrink or hold at current levels. You'd have an increased ridership within a safe transit system.
Public sector union work is bloated and inefficient. City work should be contracted to the private sector
Quality of Services have diminished over the past ten years
red tape that comes with all levels of city services. there is a lack of customer service "one box" does not fit all. If your issue is outside the normal, you are stuck in red tape
Reduce staff and redundancy. Too many managers and staff. Cut costs. Change out senior managers.
Right now I can't name one the city is in bad shape because of previous councils needing to fund pet projects that has done nothing for city services.
See above comment
see last question
Services have for the most part been good. If you have to cut start with city council salaries.
So many funds have been fed to the new communities in suburban Calgary, while the older neighbourhoods have suffered the consequences. We have higher density, higher social disturbances, and use less resources on city services like roads/transit/etc, and yet it feels like we receive the least funding to improve the overall city experience.
Specialist or scan wait times takes more than a month or years.
Stop wasting money on woke initiatives
Stop wasting money. Examples Snowplows on dry payment at 1:00 AM. Enmax replacing perfectly fine lamp posts and now underground cables for street lights.
Tax hikes have been too high and the UCP is now imposing even bigger tax hikes on urban areas.
Taxes are way too high for what we get. We need to put money only in areas of need.
The budget is constrained by the province's waste and mismanagement - it is ridiculous that a portion of property taxes are going to fund private schools.
The city does maintain the community buildings properly. The process of requesting and granting funds to main the structures needs to be reviewed and updated. Some buildings are past their useful life.

The city employees are too generously paid considering the similar jobs not for profit organizations do for communities. Tax dollars from all Calgarians are supposed to be for all Calgarians as well.
The city is doing a poor man b on all fronts
The city must be safe and welcoming to all with respect for all individuals. Do away with DEI and ESG which divide and separate our citizens into us and them.
The City needs to find more efficiencies while maintaining quality in the services it provides. Private businesses do this all the time.
The city needs to privatize many of their services and therefore a huge savings with unionized employee salaries.
The city pays its employees too much and they have too many employees. Make the cuts there and spend the money on the taxpayers. Services are too expensive and too slow (getting/needing a permit).
The excessive spending for " inclusive" is a total waste of money. They need to stop pandering to special interest groups. That would be truly inclusive.
The mayor, councillors, and top city staff all make too much money. Their wages should be frozen. There has been a direct correlation between rising taxes and their wages also rising. Do not use my tax money to raise your wages. Use my tax money for more police.
The question itself betrays the City's focus on trendy nonsense. "fair and inclusive"/"outcomes"/"personal experiences". For God's sake, this sort of analysis template makes me want to barf. Step 1- Make sure I have water, and that the police and fire department show up. Provide a good road system. Fix the potholes. Make sure the guy in the next lot doesn't overbuild. Step 2- If Step 1 can be fulfilled at reasonable cost that does not result in tax rates that hamper business growth and force families and seniors out their homes, please go to Step 3. Step 3- Maintain some nice parks (please mow the grass more than once or twice a year) and good recreation facilities. Step 4- Hire based solely on ability. Delete all policies based on DEI and "inclusivity". Review employee performance based on proven results and productivity. Productivity to be measured on whether a taxpayer would acknowledge TANGIBLE results. Step 5- Introduce zero-based budgeting for ALL departments. Good luck.

The services provided by the city are not a good value overall. The city spends needlessly on programs that are unnecessary.
There are no services i access, personally I feel my tax dollars are misused at every level.
There are serious concerns regarding the epidemic of homelessness, illegal drug distribution and consumption, and rising crime in the downtown Beltline area. It appears that current police efforts are merely dispersing individuals from one location to another rather than addressing the root causes of these issues. This "patch job" approach results in a continuous cycle that places a significant and repetitive burden on all emergency services, including police, EMS, and fire departments. More sustainable solutions that go beyond temporary displacement is needed to effectively improve the safety and well-being of our community.
They all jeed to be privatized, the city wastes money for low quality across the board
Things that we can not do ourselves
Those services that have no private sector alternatives like police and fire
Vancouver and Kelowna are known firstly for their ghastly traffic. To go there and get stuck during a bad choice of travel times affects one's memory for a long long time. Calgary's has some pretty bad bottlenecks, but Stony has fixed much of them.
Walking through downtown I don’t feel like our tax dollars are being managed well. The core needs a clean up and that does not involve bandaids like moving the homeless shelter into the communities, it requires proper management and getting people help so residents can feel safe.
Want a safe community for all but with efficient operations. That does not mean necessarily adding more people but making sure waste is cut at all levels.
We must reduce property taxes balance the budget n no mater what cuts need to be made. Direct administration to provide a surplus plan.
We need to stop these continuous increases in taxes. We get nothing from the Federal government. We have to make difficult decisions and cut back spending. We have to innovate.
We pay high taxes & yet because we live in a villa community we do not get all the services other home owners get with their taxes.
What does mean inclusive services ?

What matters to me is it actually helping or making a problem worse or just nothing or a different reaction is happening. I use services all the time from the city and the one thing I notice is the city council loves to talk game but most on council don't actually care about all the people in the ward only the ones with wealth. I live in Kingsland and all the folks around me disagree with the person elected to represent us but have no choice because of what the provincial government did and the lack of fighting back this city did even from candidates who ran as willing to stand up to the province's [redacted]. The council just passed repealing rezoning something that as a disabled poor young person would've possibly helped me get actual housing, but per usual with the city they chose the wealthy over the majority no shock. Personally stop making survey's when none of the council actually give a [redacted] and only care about the rich and corporations.
When I see the City logo I cringe. It's a badge that means: secretive, dishonest and bloated government. New leadership is needed to restore some trust in this government.
When the government need to make costly decisions it should be put to vote. Ie blanket rezoning.
Whether it's something necessary for a city to provide or something I'm willing to pay extra to have more of or a better version
While people are struggling financially, the city should be focused on safety and security but keep all costs low.
You do a good job with limited resources. It is the provincial government who needs to get out of municipal business and give you back the grant money they have taken away.
You shouldn't be scared to walk in any part of this city alone or live in fear that your property will be vandalized or broken into.
New to Calgary but came from a place where the previous municipal councils did nothing to service and maintain infrastructure. Council brought in a tough budget, held town halls to explain it and most everyone got on board.
The city needs to focus on saving money, keeping our city running smoothly, and invest in our future. Stop providing free access for so many.
The biggest factor for me is knowing that tax money is being spent solely to better our city and citizens. ANY link to corruption whether it be developers, "think tanks", boards or trustees, unions, politicians whatever I have no time for. This is unfortunately a problem at all levels of government and why as Canadian's, Albertan's, and Calgarians we are seeing our quality of life go down the tank while those that hold power get wealthier and more powerful.
The City's ability to seem at least somewhat competitive with other service providers from the aspects of strong, effective management of resources and accountability for that management, right-sized and risk-based investments, and customer service are what determine whether or not I feel I'm getting good value for my tax dollars.

The main factors I consider are the increases in property taxes over the last few years - vastly outstripping the growth of inflation (especially when considering that housing values have increased significantly AND the % for property taxes also increased). At the same time, I have not noticed an increase in services or value. The same programs are being run out of our local library, the buses are a similar level of reliable (although they do seem to be safer in the last year), garbage, compost and recycling get collected at the same frequency. All in all, it has seemed like a significant increase in taxes, without much change in the services delivered, that makes me think that there is some substantial need to reduce bureaucracy and/or pull back on some services to a more sustainable level.
The money put in is shown in productivity.
Transparency from the City by sharing progress of service improvements on social media. Keeps the City accountable to meet deadlines
Transparency is key on where money is being spent. If the City is clear on their priorities and transparent with tax payers then I would see that as good value.
What provides the best value as a tax payer in the City is that the services are done properly the first time and not paid for based on the projects completion to a standard that allows it to last long term. Enough paying for services only to have to pay to do it again within a couple years. Set it up for success at the beginning and save long term. The entire RFP process within the City is broken and leads to loss on purchases that could have been avoided as well. Pittingsuch strict guidelines on these RFPs lead to missed opportunities to buy the right product once instead of the wrong product multiple times
When see proactive approach to addressing matters prior to when media attention as road condition for example there is no story as city services has identified and addresses and not reactionary
Whether they include the largest number of Calgarians. Not everyone can afford to go to Flames games.
I consumer how many oracle are affected by an issue. Ie: homelessness affects far too little to be actually a concern. We may complain about a cardboard shelter but it us nit really affecting most taxpayers. The homeless should be given cleanup jobs for food and clean clothes. Bring in garbage bags and get stuff in return.
I only think about my immediate family and where my tax dollars go... If it affects any of us, in the immediate, in a negative way, it does not have my support.
If services/roads are well maintained, you can immediately tell..has little to no impact. If there is a large gap, it is physically apparent. Hard services are easier to assess than soft services.

It comes back to what service is essential versus a non-essential. I would love to have community events, but we should leave that in the hands of people and not driven by the city.
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- services that help with disability and student loans matter to me bc there more relevent to me.
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1) Efficient provisioning and providing reliabile basic infrastructure and services, 2) Keeping property taxes down, 3) Less focus on "personal" causes and intiatives.
1. We judge it by what we experience first hand for examle - State of the roads bad potholes everywhere, disgusting. Roads themselves literally breaking apart, no real planned work since mayor Kline. - Garbage pickup good - Annual road sweeping good - Water main preventative maintenance proven deplorable. - Snow clearing good intentions to have snow roadways but seem to rarely see them prioritized in our area. - Given we have first hand knowledge of lax work efficiency at city hall, improve supervision of time wasters and time away from tasks, down time etc. Implement private sector standards to improve efficiency.
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A feeling of community safety while travelling on our roads or walking around the city or even rafting the Bow, I want to feel safe in my city.
Accessibility for disabled folks
Accessibility was not on your list. A vibrant community needs to be available to all Calgarians. Housing, transit and safe pathways are fundamental to creating communities that can sustain their residents - both at work and at leisure.
Are the basic services that government provide being run efficiently
Are the core needs to a city functioning being met!
Are they there when you need them
Areas that provide a positive return on investment including socioeconomic factors. For example, investments in road safety and transit that support health outcomes, environment, and save users money
As a contractor to The City, I have regular interactions with how city decisions are made and where investment of tax payer dollars are directed. It is through observations of preparedness, decisive project management, and practical decision making that shape my perspective on obtaining good value for tax payer dollars.
Being able to go about life and business seamlessly. Not having to work around infrastructure issues and not having pushy government mandates or restrictions

Biggest factor is whether or not the city is actually addressing the "basic Needs" of the taxpayers such as basic water, sewer, policing and fire fighting. Anything beyond that is a "want". The City has to address the needs before they spend money on the wants. Not a popular opinion, but quit funding what "looks nice" at the expense of what we really need. When a crisis like our water system failures arise, there is no way that the city can be identified as providing competent service, never mind trying to assess whether it is good or poor value. If you can't do the basics, then the rest doesn't even matter.
Bureaucratic waste
Can i afford what i need (housing, transit and food)
Can I flush my toilet, drive to work without popping a tire in a pothole, or see rampant drug use in public. Get the bare minimum figured out please
Can I get efficiently from Silverado to downtown? I could with the red line extension
Can people live- do what they need to do efficiently.
Cc
City services are lacking. We pay a lot of money each month and don't see the value.
City transit for my kids getting to school
consistency is key - reducing services can have greater impacts on equity and general day to day life
Core services like water and roads
Costs
Criticality of service provided. I am concerned when I see $ spent (e.g.expensive report/graphic/communication/engagement) with little regard for the fact that someone could have spent that $ on something tangible (more bus service, additional $ spent on repair of utilities, better equipment for front-line staff, or left with a business/resident to use on local economy)
Daily commute and ongoing maintenance issues
dependable services (roads without potholes, water, sewer, power).
Direct impact on health and safety of residents.
Do I use it? Can I afford the basics? If I can afford my life - food, housing, commute to work - I am happy to support everything else.
Do I want and enjoy living in this city.
Do the services improve people's lives, across the city? Not "economy" or "investment" or words like that. But basic human needs. Food security, safety, growth.
Do they benefit the majority of Canadian people, or tax Canadians for the benefit of others? Are they in the best interests of citizens and their futures?
Does the city function well? My observations say yes but... ...the incessant suburban growth costs are ridiculous.

Does the majority of the population use the service.
Does the service allow people to safely engage in community life? Does the service keep people safe in an emergency?
Easy to access and use.
Effectiveness over efficieny. Paying the price for inclusion. The rich can look after themselves.
Efficiency and burucracy. AI can make things more efficient and lower taxes and transition Calgary to the 2030s onward.
Efficiency and doing things right the first time. Lifestyle is important.
Ensuring our city is cared for and safe
Equal opportunity to the amenities, community event and development plan. Newer communities always get more funding than older communities. The newer communities have way more nicer library, recreation centre and more retail amennnities.
Essential services
Every year the same pot holes appear only to be redone again and again, if they were done correctly the 1st time would last a lot longer. This is due to unskilled city employees wasting our money on projects they don't know how to fix! Contractors do it right the 1st time if not is redone on their dime! Why do we pay employees to do parks and rec and receive poor results for money paid-contract this out for good!
Factors that are important for my considerations of where my tax dollars go are things that impact the health of the Calgary population. As well factors that impact local ecology are extremely important.
Feeling safe in my home and when out in the city.
Feeling safe! When I drive or walk somewhere as citizens we should feel safe from tripping, damaging my vehicle(pot holes), being accosted by a deranged individuals.!
First and foremost transparency. Please explain to me how the city's top manager can actively not reveal the watermain issues to the public for years and still have his job. His removal is paramount to restore confidence in city hall.
Funds spent in areas responsibly. (eg. new garbage trucks with sleepers when only one driver)
Good value means focusing on the systems that everyone relies on to survive and work. Drinkable water and emergency services are the top priority. Basic maintenance regarding parks, roads, etc. I feel also that libraries are foundational when it comes to recreation, as they are a cornerstone in the community.
great firefighters
Hi
How does it benefit the most amount of citizens in the city.
How easy it is to get around my city

How high my property taxes are for the value back - the city has let the roads deteriorate for so long while declaring emergency climate disasters to focus on questionable spending. I don't take transit because it's not a good option for where I need to go for work and I wouldn't feel safe. Tired of careless spending.
how i can still get around ...that's why transit is so important esp. as one gets into above 80 range
How it affects my family and business
How much it helps me in my daily life in my wallet. Does it save me something or not?
How much it is costing me based on how much I use the service. I do not use transit and neither does anyone in my household.
How much money is wasted by corporate bloat and bureaucracy
How much money is wasted on Dei policies in the city? Every time the taxes go up, I think oh great another brainchild created another thing to celebrate and be inclusive. Cut the [redacted] drop the Dei and fix the infrastructure.
How much progress I see within a specifac system. How employees act in regards to that system
How much we pay, and how many problems we have. I've visited the calgary website many times and looked at city job salaries. I believe the lowest paying position was $42,000/yr. Green line director I believe was making $315,000 a year. These salaries are unbelievable to hard working private sector folks. The real world has no guaranteed raises, no job security, tangible production targets. The city workers have full benefits, multiple perks, no accountability for poor decisions, full job security, and all this is on the backs of tax payers. as times get harder the city wages should be decreasing with the rest of us. Forced to make balanced budgets, and get rid of programs that aren't bearing fruits and meeting targets.
How safe I feel in my community and city as a whole. I have two children and you couldn’t pay me to take them on transit (and I used to take transit all the time!) because I don’t feel that they are physically safe (not to mention the scary behaviour/circumstances they may witness).
How they impact the most vulnerable community members
How well the city delivers the basics like water sewer, roads. Vanity projects like bike lanes for 2% of the population are not a good use of funds
How well the police are supported.
I am regularly impacted by City departments that refuse to speak to each other, pass responsibility from department to department and seem to have no centralized information hub. When action is finally taken it is generally good. I would feel I was getting good value for my tax dollars if getting simple information didn't take months or years.

I believe personal experiences is the most important factor. Personally I like to go to our city parks for walks and cycling and so appreciate the maintenance of these trails. This is important for my mental and physical health.
I consider how it impacts my children as live and grow in calgary, in various phases of life
I consider how much I pay for the service versus the amount I use it. Why do I pay so much for monthly compost when I do not use the bin more than seldom.
I consider how they affect my quality of life and make living in Calgary a pleasure. I'm semi retired and work from home, so my priority needs include water and utilities, pathway and bike routes, recreation facilities, roads and emergency services. These either affect my daily life or need to be in good working order for when I do need them (emerg. serv.).
I consider how things impact my life on a daily basis. The things that have provided great value are living in a safe city where I feel comfortable is the most important. Parks and pathways have the most impact on my daily life as being outdoors walking / biking is good for physical and mental health and enjoyment. May be expensive but provide good overall value worth the dollars for health and happiness.
I consider if my life is improved by these services and they increase the livability of Calgary.
I consider if the City has stayed in their lane or are they just repeating efforts that are the province or federal government's responsibility.
I consider their impact on those not as fortunate as me. I look at how services impact lower income families more than I focus on my little world.
I consider what will benefit the most people.
I considered the outcome the service provides to the community (city)
I don’t think there’s good value if the service is provided by union labour. Let’s get AI and/or the private sector to take over more tasks and eliminate public sector union labour to get better value.
I factor in whether there have been real changes or improvements in the city, driven by the people, not political ideology.
I feel like the city services provided are good, but tax rates, more importantly fees on some of the utility taxes are outrageous
I have made request to 311 about getting a new recycle bin in which i pay for, but they denied my request with no explanation so I feel I do not get good service in that regard. Having to restrict water use in which I pay for is not a good value in my opinion. Overall I pay quite a high amount for just existing and not accessing many services and have to pay more than I would say is a good value. There are managements in place that I know go on behind the scenes that are important so hard to say for sure.

I like to think of the impact that my tax dollars will have on others. I think I am in a position of privilege and would rather have my taxes go to helping more impoverished people
I look at needs, not wants or nice to have.
I look at safety first
I look at the MGA which sets forth the core responsibilities of a municipality. The city of Calgary needs to cut back their spending.
I look at the services offered by the city to see which ones are actually not scams or directed to a specific vocal minority. City funds must benefit the greatest number of residents, not just the woke left and green scam agendas pushed by the NDP, liberals and other communist entities.
I look at what affects me, like potholes, useless bike paths that reduce our roads. I would like to police to patrol our neighbourhoods to reduce crime. Street lights that do not work or are not bright enough, fixing the alleys. Construction that affects my everyday in a negative way.
I mostly consider whether, in my personal experience, the services are "getting the job done". I am most concerned about those services that are truly Municipal responsibilities: we need passible roads and clean water and "freedom from fear"; I am less concerned about environmental issues which are more typically a responsibility for the higher levels of government.
I primarily consider the cost and benefits. For example, signage expenditures in City parks are atrociously high and a waste.
I see constant spending on nice to haves and pet projects while core services fall into disrepair (look no further than the recent water woes or the decaying roads) all the while my property taxes and user fees (charged by the city) keep going up. Feels like I pay more for less.
I see money spent on 'traffic calming' which seems unnecessary, but not spent on marking and iiluminating crosswalks adequately. likewise money spent on bike routes and pathways when roads maintenance is substandard.
I think about city services that improve or hinder my daily life. When it takes me and hour and a half and 3 buses to get somewhere that only takes a 20 minute drive I wish the city would invest in improving and expanding our transit system.
I think about longevity. Are we making the community a better place for the next generation? Are we investing in services, processes, and initiatives that show our youth that we care about them and their future and want them to stay in the city? The current housing and renting affordability in the city, the quality and reliability of transit, and the community initiatives allowing young people to have their voices heard do not reflect longevity to me at this moment.

I think about my personal experience growing up in a low income households in Calgary and when I needed city services the most. Are we continuing to ensure that the most in need in our city feel supported, particularly in these economically challenging times? Is the city ensuring services are in place to support these needs?
I think about my personal interaction and I have the most interaction with, parks and urban forestry (free), recreation programs (cheap) and transit including roads and pathways (necessary to function in this City) plus water services. I think we cannot cut these as this will erode trust and I think by investing in them heavily we build trust between the City and Calgarians.
I think about safety. We have drug addicts abusing the transit system, broken water infrastructure, etc. And our taxes keep increasing! We clearly aren't getting good value for our money.
I think about what most people need in their lives: safety and the ability to live comfortably. The city needs to be maintained, roads and sidewalks kept clear, water lines repaired and replaced when needed, etc.
I think I am not getting the good value fo my tax dollars as whenever I have to ho in calgary it takes 2 hours minimum as I can not afford to have a car and have to take transit so I spent 4 hours in calgary transit only
I think of what I receive for the tax dollars spent. Basically I receive very little - my tax dollars are the poorest investment I make.
I think the recycling and garbage collection services are great and they make a huge difference in the cleanliness of the city. They are a great example of a service that helps everyone and impacts all our lives positively. Services that improve everyone’s lives, even if they aren’t glamorous, are the best value for my tax dollars.
I usually look to reported efficacy. I find council often chases quick and media ready goals for looking like they are accomplishing things and rarely considers reported and critical assessment of the efficacy of a given initiative.
I value services that do the most to defend the city's life and its flourishing. Life in all its forms. I don't mind waiting in line, or being inconvenienced on occasion, so long as the broad wellbeing of the city is maintained, free from punitive and short term political biases.
I walk most places and live in an inner city community. Factors that I consider when deciding whether The City provides good value is primarily centered around when I see physical work and change taking place that I know will increase my enjoyment and use of the community environment.
I would sum it up in terms of doing the most good for the most people.
If a service wasn't offered, would it impact me daily. Water, utilities, roads, police, fire, garbage, transit are examples of services impacting everyone everyday.
If I actually benefit from them.

If I feel like I have options and accessibility, then I feel like I have value. Can I even take the bus from my house to the C train? is there a pool near me where my child can take swim lessons? Is the park too busy for myself and my family to enjoy?
If i get to experience them in my day-to-day, a good example would be transit.
If I use the service. ie: transit. I drive everywhere and have driven for 25 years so anything that goes to improving transit i am not inclined to support. Sure, i hope it is safe for people but I've heard stories of the things happening on trains and platforms that include homeless taking over and drugs being used openly...so i don't support this unless the plan is to clean up this filth. I think a lot of money goes towards things that calgarians may not fully support because it doesn't apply to them. For instance, i would love to use the leisure center and pools to work out but i can't afford it and i can't get fair entry. The folks who are using this program often are abusing many systems around the city and as a born and raised calgarian, to be refused help in this area is frustrating. i also received a notice of being towed away for parking on the road in front of my house. how is this a good use of city resources? its a public road and i park there all the time.
If money is actually impacting CALGARIANS. Giving money to large corporations and trusting the trickle down effect seems outdated and could be better spent with a direct investment
If the response I get with a request is looked after in a decent amount of time that makes me happy! I know that city workers get paid astronomical amounts of money and their sick days add up to cost us a lot. It is no wonder our expenses are so high.
I'm a senior, so my priorities vis a vis City services are vastly different from a young family with children. We need to spend the majority of tax dollars on services and projects that provide benefit to the largest percentage of Calgarians.
IMPACT ON DAILY LIFE, AND TOTAL BUDGET
Incentives to increase capital deployment, development, and the greater economy in general
Inclusive design that sets us apart from the rest of Canada
Individuals' daily life routines seem smooth and trouble free living in Calgary.
Indoor soccer facilities for the kids
Integrity of the system.

Investment with positive returns, not a tax drain. For example the blue ring is a joke and funds could have served better elsewhere. Would like to see mentorship proposals to get people working and off social services or low income. Focus on drug cessation programs and getting those individuals into the work force again. During COVID not impressed that the mayor called people useful idiots instead of looking at unbiased sources. Police swat teams after one pastor was a joke and waste of money. Would like the council to think like a business instead of focusing on taxpayers as an unending source of income stream.
Investments that deliver immediate benefit and don't require expensive maintenance
Is it fair for all, not just the entitled rich that have time to complain and money to buy power.
it help keep people safe
It is all about core services to me and not the frills. I would be willing to have less service, even with some of the core services, if I knew the city was managed efficiently and that the savings were reducing my property and other taxes.
Keeping people safe. Getting rid of trouble makers off the streets so people can walk without worrying about getting mugged, etc.
Knowing that safety is a priority to Calgarians and it is taken seriously
Least expensive and cost affordability in service provision. Cut staff in City Administration. Start with management.
Life safety
Making sure that my tax dollars make it to the people who need it most. Prioritizing services for low-income and struggling residents helps ensure equitable opportunities for everyone in the city to thrive.
Maximum benefit to the most citizens per dollar
Meet the needs of many calgarians
Most important is whether the money is being used to provide services for all or being used to line the pockets of and make aesthetics for rich people. I need transit, my neighbors need OAT, we all need clean water, the homeless need housing. Several recent projects seem to be a whole lot of money for something that benefits only a few - subsidizing office to apartment conversions for example. Affordable unit guarantees are great except now every other apartment building nearby raised their prices.

My experience with City services has been positive. Operations are reliable and communications are decent.
My issue is the disconnection between objectives and outcomes. If we want more people to take transit, then all the MAX lines should have separate lanes. All of them. MAX green - literally one of the busiest routes in the city, shares lanes with cars. HOV lane rules aren't enforced. There are never any consequences and so there is no motivation to adhere to rules/bylaws. "Value for my tax dollars", therefore, means that the city puts money where they say their objectives are.
My job included me driving to all 4 quadrants of the city on. Regular basis. There appears to me to be inequitable quality of services provided to each quadrant. An example is snow clearing. I live in the south & continually see city workers shovelling the sidewalks to clear around bus stops. I see enclosed bus stops in the south. In the north east I do not see either of these.
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No comment.
No comments
Not sure on this question, I never thought about it before, I guess they are doing good.
Nothing stands out, there are far more services that DO NOT provide good value than services that do.
One factor is the excessive amount wasted on grading snow back and forth on our street when it is already melting.
Outcomes are important, the benefits of our tax dollars should be tangible.
Outcomes matter. Cultural events are great and I always hope that the culture they are supposed to be benefiting actually appreciates and gets value from the investment.
Personal and family and friend experience.
Personal experience and what services my family and I leverage.
Personal experiences
personal experiences, the constant struggle to maintain a healthy active lifestyle.
police & fire
Policing, firefighters, by laws, safety
positively effects as many people as possible

Probably the biggest identifier of value for me, is if nothing is in the news about how terrible our services are (i.e. watermain breaks. Potholes in the city. Vagrants, crime.). Good stories make me think services are being provided and I have value. No ideology slants in the news, as I don't see the city as taking on ideology as a service.
Property taxes need to provide value for money spent. Currently, Calgarians are being ripped off! Are water supply is in crisis, our roads suck, & we have no new recreational facilities.
Recreation for kids
Reliability
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reliability and dependability.
Reliability is the most important aspect, but the city is fighting a losing battle on making its services more visible. Management seems ashamed of asking for money to maintain services or to advertise their successes.
Reliability of provided services
Reliability of service is critical as the city grows and that needs to be supported by a strong and well-resourced group supported by Council working together. This period of growth is not the time to make cuts or the future will experience outsize consequences of timidity now. Particularly with the province abdicating their responsibilities to municipalities.
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Reliability of services and work load
Reliability of services is top of mind with the water restrictions. Otherwise our libraries and recreation centers are always a great source of pride as a Calgarian. Honorable mention to our amazing pathway system.
Reliability of the service is very important. If you don't have a service that works consistently over decades of use, it won't matter if the city programs improved accessibility. For example, let's say you have a pool that offers improved access to school children, but that pool is unable to function due to infrastructure issues. It means no one has access.
Reliability to services

Reliability! I don't mind paying taxes for services that I can rely on. But when the water pipes break, or my bus doesn't come, or if the garbage doesn't get picked up, I get very frustrated.
Reliability, frequency, and spread of transit.
Reliable services
Reliable services are what matter most, and merit in the delivery thereof.
Reliable services is at the very top of my list - most importantly for me are transportation and utilities.
Responsiveness to emergency situations.
Results count and when I see the roads being repaired that increases my safety and the life of my vehicle. When I read about spending on climate change, bicycle lanes in a winter city, ceremonies for various interest groups - I don't see how that improves the city for the majority of people. You need to listen to the tax base and get the basics solid - or you will drive out, let along attract, investment capital.
Roads
Safety
Safety and basic living come first.
Safety is paramount. We pay taxes but do not feel that they used for safety of the community.
Safety issues being dealt with adequately ... but, preferably dealt with well. For instance, as a senior with a walker the sidewalks nearby could be addressed better. I did report a bad 'lip' (lift and gap between two slabs of concrete) to 311, and eventually - several weeks later - someone from the city came by and outlined the problem area with white paint, which I can see and avoid. However, it becomes more of an issue coming back along 25th Avenue SW and 2nd Street SW when headed east, returning home with a grocery bag on my cart.
Safety, complementary to a healthy active lifestyle, respect the inherent worth and dignity of all citizens.
Safety.
Servic es that must be reliable to all.
Service levels and the amount of tax dollars I pay. The amount we are taxed should be reduced and you need to maintain service levels. Perhaps some money can be saved by exploring how The City is run internally (hiring practices, programs, initiatives, etc.)
Services should be provided based on the needs of citizens. The ‘how’ in providing the services will determine the level of value. Simple Example: changing light bulbs- fixed cost is the light bulb, variable cost is the number of people changing the light bulb. If only one person does the job then it is great value. If one person plus a supervisor plus another person (perhaps) are on site, then value decreases. Always be safe but only use the resources that make sense.

Services should be provided for all equally, no one group gets preferential treatment.
Services with maximum impact. Ones that only serve some, or are optional and could be fee-for-service provide less value
Snow clearing during snow events: excellent thus far. Consistent, fair, cleared quickly.
Spending money on projects for a minority of citizens (bicycle lanes) is not of good value.
Sustainability, both in terms of the environment and financial. Urban sprawl costs us a lot. And, we have to protect the environment for the future.
That services are made available to those who have less ability to find them privately…to the needy not the greedy.
The city is well managed by a professional municipal public service. Over reach by politicians inhibits efficient and effective operations.
The impact itself that the service has in my life - in an emergency or life/death situation, police are vital. Community and Culture, recreation? Not even comparable!
The impact on the community
The most important factor to consider is how accessible and affordable the city is to the most vulnerable and marginalized. Can people living on low incomes access services and live a dignified life? Are they able to participate in the community? If so, the rest of the city prospers. If not, the city suffers, including those that don't struggle.
The obvious most visual impact is the cleanliness of a city. I have seen daily the increase of garbage and illegal dumping on our streets, in our alleyways and country roads
The reliability of services for sure. We need to fix our water system so Calgarians can rely on the water system.
The services should support/benefit the majority of the population.
There is value in community centers and activities to encourage participation for its local inhabitants. Focus needed for beautifying each community to promote pride and meet demographic needs.
Things that make our most vulnerable better lift up all of us.
To me, value means ensuring City services keep pace with our growing population. With soccer participation projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, we must invest wisely so that every child has access to facilities and no family is left waiting or unable to afford the city's increasingly popular sport.
Traffic violations, speed limits Traffic
Transit.
Transparency. Never, have we as Calgarians, ever had absolute clarity and honesty presented to us as taxpayers about where dollars go, how much of them go there and who made decisions! Increasing numbers of us are angry.

Using services and subsidies to benefit the lower, marginalized groups. We focus too much on the corporations and the big dollar people when they only make small percentage of Calgary as a whole
Value for my hard earned taxes. Basics only.
Value must be for all calgarians
Was money spent wisely (properly planned and sourced) or was it another government boondoggle wasting thousands or millions dithering during planning.
Water services or lack there of…..the most basic service to be provided for Calgarians and the lack of accountability by the administration was beyond imagination. Then Council buys into a more bureaucratic way to manage water services by throwing more tax payer dollars at the incompetence. All that was required was to fire the city manager and fire the key people in water services. Then reallocate the millions of dollars already in capital budgets. Move the funding to where it is needed most now. The new model will be too good for water services as they now will become like enmax with higher paid positions and nearly untouchable. That will work like a charm until the next failure.
We notice services when they don't work, e.g. water limits, potholes, broken street lights or street signs. Most times everything works then the value for services is fine.
What and how much am I getting for what I pay for.
What builds resilient and thriving communities over the long term.
What ever benefit's everyone in the city, not just who ever yells the loudest or special interest groups looking for one off items.
What is important is what is appropriate for a City government to deal with, which is mainly infrastructure and household services. The biggest impact on my life are the homeless and drug users. Something should be done discourage such antisocial behaviour. Open-air drug use should be criminalised and strict penalties enforced.
What matters most to be is transit, safety, reliability, and frequency.
When City services focus on equity, I know that is good value for my tax dollars.
When considering cycling (particularly in winter), reliability of services such as snow and ice clearing has a major impact on daily life when getting around without a car.
When evaluating value, I look at whether City services proactively keep pace with population growth. With soccer participation projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, good value means ensuring no child is left on a waitlist due to facility shortages. To me, value means making strategic investments to keep the city's most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families.

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When they meet the needs of those most at risk.
When things run smoothly, I don’t think about them. If I go about my day comfortably and never think about the services the City supports me with daily, I feel the value is good.
Whether community groups such as CAs and BIAs are sufficiently funded. My view is that they are much more efficient spenders of tax dollars than directly provided services.
Whether or not I can count on services..... such as water and roads that are driveable .
Whether the people with the lowest income are seeing any benefit from services, or if most money is being diverted to concerns of the wealthy.
Whether these services are needs (must haves) or wants (nice to haves).
Whether they are accessible when we need them.
Whether they are environmentally beneficial.
Whether they help the most vulnerable or exclude them.
Who benefits- special interest groups (like developers, ethnic minorities, gender/queer spectrum etc) or anybody in the city? I hope dollars will go to resources anybody can enjoy equally. I am disappointed to hear announcements of park space being given at low price to developers, or housing funds for specific ethnic groups.
Will the service make life sustainable, easier and better for the most people living in Calgary. Vanity projects like the new arena etc should not take precedence in funding decisions.
I don't see my tax dollars are well spent or it doesn't improve any of the services I use.

Pop-Up Comments

More affordable housing and housing that is affordable. Transit needs some work in terms of # of busses and frequency. Think about coordination with CBE kids taking bus routes. Water issue is nobody's fault. Bike path system one of the best in the country. More bikelanes Climate is important
Build greenline up to 144 Ave! Road maintenance
More money on transit Prov increases property tax Ward 3 buses are very drowded, Need increase in service Water issue is nobody's fault. Water + recycling surcharges are not equitable, comparative to property tax. Increase property tax and decreses ENMAX utility collection Sales tax/fuel tax to(/) explore other options to collect revenue
Blanket rezoning - does not accurately capture parking requirements Zoning for places of worship - require parking zoning- near as parks - helps with parking Fix bus shelters
In terms of budget (heart symbol) Hiring Software Engineers & Application Support Enginee to maintain Calgary Parking website at six-figure salary seem excess. This money could be utilized to improve TRANSIT SERVICES
Would like the City to clear all the snow in our resident streets. Very slippery & dangerous to drive for our seniors citizens please and T.you
Don't increase tax, don't doble charge us for your mistakes - watermain
Transit is moving away from old communities & no amenities closer to older communities Increase in property taxes

HOW ARE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS (DESIGN TO AUTOMATE WORK & REDUCE RELIANCE ON PEOPLE (SALARIES) IN FAVOUR OF SYSTEMS. (Hopefully better value) Categorized? OPERATING? /vs CAPITAL? HOW TO INCENT DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENT TO DRIVE VALUE DELIVERY?
IN THE LONG RUN ALL COSTS ARE VARIABLE. HOW DOES THE BUDGETING TEAM ADDRESS THE LIMINAL SPACE BETWEEN OPERATION & CAPITAL Needs?
Electric scooter rules for pathways downtown
Connectivity + safety for people travelling by bike, scouter, skateboard.
Concerned about safety down Need a safety plan that starts with communities Communities working with other communities *Human Connection* Accessibility!!
Not enough accessible public transit/transport. During winter time poor bus services cause massive issues for sudents living in the area. Snow plows should be implemeted better. Cmon now you live in Calgary and know how harsh winter season is
Direct $$ from CPS to other areas to deal with situations that CPS shouldn't need to handle (e.g. welfare checks)
. increase tourism in the city . attract people to come to the city more . recreational activities
. reliability: knowing the services is there when I need it. . helps as many Calgarians as possible . inclusive
.Performance measures can be more related to funding decisions . Select right metrics, e.g. infrastructure, fire, etc.

low entertainment & active program low quality of transition- high prices for transition & poor infrastructure
. Arbour Lake's playground was removed . Arbour Lake's Catholic school playground is being removed
Focus on the basics & infrastructure.
Build pickleball courts or inexpensive facilities
Good value: fair entry free fare zone Could be improved: SCS harm reductions
. Good parks & recreation . But Food more affordable is needed
Fair entry
Good facility Like: -Transit Services. - Clean areas. - Good environment. - Good City.
A lot of available resources, especially for low income families!
Good because sometimes in snow the government doesn’t clean the snow.
We should use it for: 1/5 for Roads, Buses, Transit, etc. 1/5 for colege charity, celeberties, etc. 1/5 for the acknowledge of schools 1/5 for homeless and for paying hospital fees. 1/5 for grocery bills to go down. $ Let's help Others.

POLICE CORRUPTION LIVING WAGE IS NOT GOOD AT ALL PAY IS POOR AND OPPORTUNITY LITTLE NO OPPORTUNITIES MASSIVE CORUPTION NO LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SERVICES ARE OVERPRICED . INTERNET?! .TRANSIT .GASOLINE!? .UTILITIES;water, electricity, heating and colling, sweage .MISMANAGEMENT OF TAX
. School No buty lisis. .Work
Fair Entry program abuse is severe
. School System need work .Roads have a lot of pot holes . Live&Play spring camp to much time spent on phones instead of focusing on kids . Homeless needs more support and help
School Because fild trips and (ect) are being shortend & maby help with cleaning, reparing.
STILL RELATIVELY CLEAN SERVICE; still available . Transportation .Public library . Some fire services . Some (small) medical services UTILITIES; STILL WORK .water electricity heating and cooling NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS . Forestry .rivers and lakes military equipment and surplus
More social programs for Finances
Spend money on school

Want to see more of availability of Access Calgary to let clients go to washrooms when they need, more availability -Access Calgary is reliable but it needs to be more flexible
I think the City does a nid job for the City Sarvices but thery need to bump it up more
Make Transit cheeper
I love the city rec centres but I wish there was more classes available - its hard to grab a swim class for my todler before they fill up. Also childcare in the facilities would be awesome.
Community hubs such as Village Square leisure Centre
Accessible public transit, improve active transportation Open data and searchable info & digital services!!
Too much bureaucracy & budget priorities are mismanaged G&A too high Capital overspent Too many vanity projects
Best city ever. Free food, and kind people!
Transit needs an overhaul - the payment should be based on distance & bus frequency should be increased/more reliable.
Best city ever the have homeless centers to make sure the homeless eat and I like program and calgary is a great city
Ideas to think about The city nees to invest more money into roads because the communities roads, and Deerfoot Trail North and South have potholes all the time. The city could invest more in our public library, so there are more books in it. The city needs to help individuals with addiction and homeless issues. What are you not reaching out to organizations and working with police to help them? Also, do not keep raising the bus fare and continue to cut bus routes. We need more bus routes and running more often.

Need updates on infrastructure for Chinatown (lighting, streets) Interdepartmental get-togethers are needed for the city so we learn each other roles
Why I dishevel & poorlike due to me being homeless, finding it hard to get housed from the WSQ. Que thing with a unsure amount of actual homeless, seems not enough very cheap low to low income people are waiting years to get a place, also with the high living cost in Calgary making it hard to pay for essentials, even with all the unknown organizations working together /with a unsure planning when they hold events. I seem to miss (understand) so need better education awareness on easy steps to getting off the streets. It's being almost 2 years and because of a longterm chronic substance problem and can't get help for that either so?
Public Private Partnership The Vivo centre is a lovely place to engage and I wish the other municipal places were similar
Dear Council I love my City but it's a pity that we have grown out when we should be growing up and when you go to city hall and I give my Alderman a call then all I hit is a brick wall. Give me a call back and at least we'll start on the right track. Ward 9 [redacted]
Have GPS in trains like in Japan
Public outdoor space and snow clearing is very valuable and noticeable. I went to the bird santuary and loved the welcome centre and resources available for use (sound bathing)
Fix the water feeder main Bearspaw Do not waste money on climate change like Joti Gondeck did Improve public safety on transportation.
More resources for elementary education (have seen influx of new comers whose first language isn't English. Thank you :)

Rec facilities Playgrounds Pedestrian safety initiatives
Good arts programs and opportunity for artistic outreach
Green Line Suggestion: . My suggestion is to elevate the green line through downtown. This will result in: <Brighter stations <Cleaner stations <Better visibility < Devices will work still on the train (phoning) < Less criminal activity
. Less spread - less new neighbourhoods . More investments in existing infrastructure
School zones poorly designed Neighbourhood designations keep changing & moving further Old houses being knocked down & replaced with monstrous 6-plex units
I would like trash pick up weekly not 2X amonth Quarry Park_SE
Invest more on road maintenance - fix potholes
. The average condo fee is so high . I wish there are more trains . I got a parking ticket a week after my mail. It's slow. . I wish there are more services that help people from 25-40 years old getting jobs. Or increase job market.
Love
The Fair Entry has given me the opportunity to be included in programs and activities I would normally not be able to attend (initials removed)
Lower property taxes to improve affordability.
More garbage pick up
. Reliable and easy to access . Good customer service.
Anderson new bus New diesel bus (30 more??) replace shuttle
New school in Millrise

. Transit costs and overall transit improvement maintenance . Traffic safety, implementing more traffic lights for crosswalks . Better recreation maintenance . More funding for non-profit unhoused programs
A new rec centre w/ a stem & sauna An improvement on transit
More public recreation facilities
Lower property taxes to improve affordability.
- re-assess the value in sending fire trucks to all accidents… Can we send CFD trucks instead? - Pavement quality in Discovery Ridge Blvd is terrile. Nees attention ASAP!
Transit safety
affordable housing
I feel as though the transit buses needs to be better in a way because during winter times the buses usually lose traction and causes the lost of time for the passengers and their own safety. I would like to be safe when riding the buses
Focus more on the Little thing, pot holes, roads breaking down. Fix all of that First before big project. Make it so people can actually walk and not get tripped up by broken sidewalks ect.
I remain hopeful this new Mayor and Council will address the pressures on this city without taxing the citizens to whom they represent into hopelessness. Tkx - signed
ensure that the sidewalks by transit stations are clear

Absolute failure of past administration to address known capital risks has left Calgary with major aging infrastructure and no plan to fix it. Poor decisions, wasteful spending, governing by committee, has diluted responsibility and accountability. Unchecked spending on idiological agendas has brought crazy high taxes, open drug use, agressive pan handlers and homeless, increase property crime and personal injury. None of this was addressed by previous admin. or council. This had led to increased organized crime, shoplifting and theft. Police presence has disappeared. Bolstering the petty crime occuring everyday. Calgary's traffic has worsened also. Congestion along with unsafe/un-checked violations has resulted in daily occurances of red light/ speed/ and other violations. The roads are unsafe. This mayor must resist spending frivolously - find efficiencies within and address these governance issues.
More enforcement of noice bylaws
City of Calgary is AWESOME!!
. Homelessness issue around Westbrook is really bad and the City isn't doing anything about it . Sidewalks are not shoveled around here. Always slipping and sliding.
MB (undecipherable)
Q: Are the monthly expenditure reports available to the public & if not, why not?
Q: Where is the execution plan for the 10 year capital budget *discrepancy bw/ amount budgeted & actual % spent each year -& what was budgeted for & what was done & what wasn't done?
Transit compared to other cities is not as good as other cities even though we pay more. City beautification (of parks) is nice but should be lowered so Calgarians feel better velue Zoning needs to be better - there are too many single family homes

Transit in Noland Hill Lack of transport
More supports for the houseless community.
Park & Recreation paths are clear
I like my neighbourhood. (Heart image)
I want to request for creating more transit Routes in North-East Area Students are struggling everyday.
Don't change Route 85 so I don't need to walk further.
I LIKE THE CITY
Fire dept is greeat
More handicap parking places specilly in recreation centres.
Parks & recreation is great
Medical system wait time issue
I think the City is doing a good job with services and infrastructure. Transit, buses and road maintenance are of great importance to me. Rec centres and Libraries and outdoor parks are essential for all neighbourhoods to gether. Housing and food for those less fortunate are also very important.
Parks should be more family or kids friendly Every time its small s someone using "something" small s Bad & Health
Need good transit
+ Transit serice importance . Change to winter wheels . Downtown parking and transit not reliable for employees. . Senior Transit availability. 85 number route is must here in N.E
1) Speeding issues 2) Trees are not planted in the Cornerstone/ Skyview & nearby communities 3) People don't follow traffic rules in NE. More Police vigilence 4) People are definitely losing civic sense. So we need more stricter policies, especially for littering around.
1) Senior services & health care system improvement. Healthcare system wait time is too long.

Drugs are not good. But I find so man people making mess shouting on the road sites It should not be going open or easy to buy for youngster.
Free parking in the hospital
Community buildings like this (Genesis) and Centres and events are great!!!
Repair the broken roads in NE.
More housing, shelters and hospitals/Ers
. Water shortage .311 waiting times are so long
Upgrate the internet speed
Safety, security & policing is an issue. Increased N of home break-ins Construction break-ins & copper theft Issue with the judicial system - ops catch but criminals get released for minor crimes
Safety on transit & street, esp for women
Schools should have more EA's to help teachers deal with complex needs students
THE CITY IS GOOD FOR MY SISTER AND ME
Councillors don't talk or listen to us unless it's an election time. NE
* Traffic safety and speeding issues.
* ROADS ARE NOT IN GOOD CONDITION, SO MANY POTHOLES *NEED MORE TREES ESPECIALLY IN NE. NO TREES AT ALL ALONG METIS, COUNTRY HILLS AND OTHER STREETS IN NE * EXTORTION CRIME IS GOING UP A LOT. NEED CALGARY POLICE TO GET STRICT ON THESE CRIMINALS
Cut the gas taxes Property taxes should be brought down, Immigrants need proper training education to fit well. Some dicipline
Job opportunities not only for youth but also for mid-aged professionals
Problem with waste collection
Transit from NE across to NE it takes 2.5hrs to gget across
Public safety issues Money related threats on increase Seems like [redacted] here too now.

Q9: What else is important for The City to consider when developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, and why?

Recreation areas in the NE Calgary. Places like basketball, badminton courts, splash pools are needed for residents. Schools are needed. These are new communities and recreation facilities are a must. Couple of big parks need to open in NE Calgary.
Health, schools, community -- all leads to better society
Schools - no school in Cornerstone Area Swimming & Skating Recreation in this area Affordable housing for low or single person.
While this business plan looks to 2030, please consider the long term impacts of today's decisions. As we are seeing with the water main breaks, we truly need to be looking ahead with all of these choices.
More schools and recreation.
I would reiterate the same thing, which has been mentioned in some of the last questions, that implementing the stricter laws is really important NOW, MORE THAN EVER IN FACT. Please do something! People should be aware of the consequences.
- more job openings bc the inflations up
We are all having to minimize our budgets at this time, you could be doing the same.
The City needs to continue funding for 5A transportation network. Having alternative means of transportation besides cars is important for affordability, physical and mental health, and climate change mitigation. Continued funding will allow The City to continue development of pathways and bike routes that will enhance recreation, work commutes, shopping, and attending school, as well as reducing congestion on roads. The City should continue to fund climate initiatives. Climate change is increasing, and ignoring it will not make it go away. In particular, The City should continue the CEIP program. It is very popular, and allows Calgarians access to renewable energy alternatives. Also, The City should renew its renewable electricity certificates to fund city operations electricity use. These are not just climate issues, but also help address affordability, as energy and electricity costs are sure to rise, and renewable energy is now cheaper, than fossil fuel alternatives.
Further to the previous questions, why isn't suburban infrastructure a choice in the priorities list? I don't see the value in permitting or allowing, much less funding further surburban development we have seen in Calgary and would immediately defund sprawl. It's putting a strain on our infrastructure and our budget, it's bad for our health and it is an unsustainable way to develop. Recreation facilities are affordable and good quality, MNP (former Lindsay Park) is wildly popular. I use our libraries extensively and I am happy to see the investment in them (such as the new Central). I use and appreciate bike lanes, they make an immense amount of sense to me as a form of transit - much more so than cars, particularly downtown.
We need density to be able to have good services and amenities for reasonable taxes.
The city must invest in climate solutions. The city must avoid more suburban sprawl and focus on livable, diverse and walkable neighborhoods. Life needs to be more affordable through transit and better urban planning. More parks are needed if we are increasing human population. Reduce the investment in roads and instead invest in transit and planning for

main streets and walkable places. Suburban neighborhoods should retain forestry and parks as they densify.
Please don’t let a handful of millionaire developers control the future of the city for everyone.
Fire and Police provide very high service - street repair apparently do not have ANY resources - telephone operators/information are very human and care about helping but often are limited in what they can provide - City Managers/Administration are more concerned about pet projects and certain peoples 'feelings' than managing in the public interest and being good servants and stewards of public resources - the City comes across as the Authority instead of helping citizens solve problems and conflict-especially ones the City itself have caused.
Housing, because everyone needs a house
People are economically squeezed. Inflation has eaten away at the budget flexibility that many folks maybe once had. There is no room for taking more out of Calgarian's household budgets for City pet projects. Tough decisions need to be made. Refocus on the quality and reliability of core services. All else should be dropped.
Consider developing better surveys. These questions are so vague and confusing, it is difficult to imagine how most of them might possibly inform budget decisions. Maybe do focus groups instead of a survey. Or get the U of C to put together a properly worded survey. The City needs to consider equity and be okay with an uneven distribution of resources to compensate for past years of neglect. The City also needs to consider the terrible human costs of policing and how enforcement is the worst way of accomplishing safety goals - data, journalists, and academic studies have shown that literally anything else would be better. I'll repeat that last one: the City needs to consider *reducing* police budgets for once.
Development of our existing communities. The demand for renewal is upon us and it needs to be managed in a representative and responsible manner. I understand a reevaluation is underway and my hope is that it will not be governed by the interests of the developers who do poor work, have no vested interest in the community, go out of business, and open up again under a different banner. We will pay the price not far down the road for this. What are the core services that we need to catch up on and plan for our rapidly expanding population? Emergency services, transportation, recreation for the existing city, then look at how to expand as we grow. Not only building new, but looking at our existing assets and what we've put off doing (water supply only one example).
The city needs an audit to see what they are actually spending their money on. There is fat to be trimmed. Property tax payers are tapped out. And city property assessment values are over valued and driving up unaffordablity in this city. The city needs to cut most departments by about 10%
I am very anxious to see the city stand up for itself and not be dominated by an autocratic, ill former provincial gov't. The MLAs pitifully unqualified and immune to data. What they don't know - which is limitless - they fabricate. Their reluctance to release information we have paid for and should have is criminal. Just because electronic voting didn't suit David Parker - it was 3rd on his removal wish list - we had an unbelievable and unnecessary quagmire at the polls. Many people left. So many things that should not come under their jurisdiction they take over. City council so impressive compared to the UCP gov't. Orban is gone so there is hope. Keep up YOUR good work - Jeromy and council.
HOUSE PEOPLE
AFFORDABILITY It has been disheartening to watch hard earned dollars being spent on non-essentials Constant increases in taxes need to stop. Give Calgarians a break!

Safety in mobility should be top priority
Again, address essential services first...then work down the list of priorities in terms of "must have" vs "nice to have"
Developers have an extremely strong presence at the city hall. Time to stop this! And stop this sprawling city! We can’t meet the needs of our super spread out city
Not increasing footprint of city. Reinvesting in the communities we already have
Although more than a Municipal responsibility, we have to consider "best practices" in keeping the cost of housing from overwhelming (typically younger and newer) Calgarians. This does not mean a "free for all" and that "anything goes" like it does in the Third World, but it is always surprising when a newer neighborhood is opened up and we are taken by surprise that schools, recreational facilities and other initiatives have not been adequately contemplated.
The City repeatedly claims that to maintain services at their current level, taxes would need to increase by x% and argues that services need to be reduced significantly to deliver moderately lower property taxes. This assumes that there is no possible way to find efficiencies at the City. Businesses find efficiencies all the time. They constantly look for ways to deliver more with the same amount of resources (or even less), as taxes have increased, families learn to do more with less. When considering the lowest priorities for the City, where is the option for Climate Change and Environment? Climate Change is a provincial responsibility, not a municipal responsibility. Why not suggest saving money in an area that isn't even their job! This kind of biases in the questions undermines the quality of the results of this survey and provide a revealing insight into the attitude at City Hall. How can we keep taxes under control when the City doesn't know how to be efficient with our taxes!
Variety of changes, maybe prioritize and change
Do maintenance, do short - mid & long term planning
Be fiscally responsible. Pretend our tax money is your personal money and use it more wisely!!
Show that the "Climate Emergency" is real and how this will be reflected in specific initiaties to invest in renewable energy and sustainability initiatives. Along the same line, making communities more walkable and bikeable through modal filters encourages residents to also make sustainable choices at a fairly low cost to the City.
Reduce sprawl to support infrastructure repairs, lessen the need to constantly extend transit options, and how many millions were donated to rich team owners.
continue moving away from the "vanity" projects of the past
Keep costs down. Find efficiencies. Manage your unions effectively. Fire people who aren’t delivering value. Please remember that not all city programs need to continue. Simplicity is a good thing for a city and perhaps spending on small little, one of, programs needs to stop.
Tax me more and make transit useful for more than just reaching downtown. Present this as value instead of cost. Doubling my property tax is still cheaper than a second vehicle and quality transit in other centres is much more enjoyable than traffic. Also, BUILD MORE DIVIDED BIKE LANES
Active transit is only going to become more appealing to calgarians as the cost of living (and fuel) increases. I hope the city budget sees this as an opportunity to invest in pathways and transit services.
Housing is not about just building more housing ... it is about providing housing that is available and affordable to all the city's citizens. It was a mistake to repeal the blanket rezoning that had been in place. It was not about just building anything anywhere ... it was about making it easier with less red tape for requesting permits in order to build (which could be approved or not approved depending on the circumstances).

Please consider setting a consistent budget for building and maintaining the 5a network in Calgary. And provide a masterplan of the order for continuing to build out and maintain this network. Also, in this survey, pathways and active transportation should be separated from roads. At Bike Calgary, we would like to see more funding on pathways, but we are neutral on road funding.
It is important for the City to focus on making careful, evidence-based decisions that use public funds efficiently and consider long-term impacts. For example, in areas such as rezoning and housing policy, it is important to clearly assess the trade-offs between different development approaches rather than making broad changes without fully weighing the consequences. Less dense development can increase long-term infrastructure costs, such as extending water, sewer, and other utility networks over larger areas, which can create higher maintenance and service delivery costs over time. Because of this, planning decisions should consider not only immediate community preferences but also long-term financial sustainability, environmental impact, and service efficiency. Overall, the City should prioritize solutions that balance growth, affordability, and infrastructure efficiency, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used in a way that supports sustainable and responsible urban development.
Improving mass transit both accessibility and safety. It is failing at the moment and many calgarians would benefit from a better system. Spent money on proper development plans and bylaws that improve areas. Many inner city areas have been negatively impacted by HGO developments
Quit giving the builders the upper hand, and more rights than homeowners. When the people want something as a majority, the city shouldn't strike it down, because they are supposed to be working for the city people.
Remove DEU programs if there is a cost to it, it does not help majority of calgarians Remove climate emergency if it is a cost we are already a healthy city
I am sure there are circumstances that we are not privy that affect these decisions, but if council people would apply the rule “how would I proceed if I had to put my own money into it ” might not be a bad one.
Operate within budget. Make realistic investments meeting timelines and budget.
The city MUST get back to basics. Stop wasting taxpayer money on vanity projects. Stop trying to social engineer how Calgarians live their lives. Fix the potholes, maintain the critical assets and keep our streets clean and safe.
Reduce excess spending on non urgent items!
The global economy, local economy and their effects upon the residents.
Try and get as much money back from the Flames arena as possible. Probably the biggest and most corrupt waste of taxpayer money in the history of the province.
It seems like homelessness and poverty are becoming more intense. As a City, we're tolerating a lot of suffering. We want infrastructure that works, but we also need to have social supports that work. We seem to be at a moment in time in which we're failing to maintain the infrastructure or provide adequate social supports. And since we continue to build our city's growth outwards and spread our infrastructure out, it also seems like we're building the least affordable version of city we can. Which means that it's going to cost us to address our infrastructure and social deficits.

I believe the councillors have better access to the information necessary to make budget and planning decisions. It is what they were elected to do.
Provincial "equalisation" payments must END. Stick to your guns!
The budget planning must include a strong path forward for a dynamic, growing city. The last thing we need is council wringing their hands and not looking at opportunity. The bid for the 2026 Olympics was a perfect example, we would have improved infrastructure and updated facilities had the council not kicked around in the dirt but, instead, looked up the sky at the possibilities. If I hear “fiscal responsibility” as an excuse to hide behind a lack of vision I will scream.
Rezoning needs to be reintroduced in a thoughtful way. The inner city can’t be the only place where densification occurs. Transit is also key.
social justice
Management of homelessness and public drug use.
Reduce your bloated bureaucracy. That means that 20% of your employees do 80% of the work. Your outside workers deserve more respect as well; your older workers saw how things were much more efficient when everyone just decided to do the "right thing!"
Infrastructure and safety
City Hall leadership hates transparency and engagement so much, they had KPMG complete a survey on the topic, a survey which they to date have kept secret and refused to discuss. So incompetent.
the survey lumps in roads and pathways under one category. Greater priority needs to be given to pathway development. Compared to roads, pathway expansion represents a minimal cost. Increasing numbers of cyclists and peds count on the pathways for exercise, recreating and getting to their destination.
Safe environment...
Important to make sure that we attract tourists and so cleaning up the downtown and creating interesting events/venues is vital.
Stop spending on non essentials, like climate change - it’s not the City’s responsibility.
The City should invest more in Indigenous and POC-led organizations. These groups need infrastructure and operational funding and are best positioned to serve their own communities. If we keep directing most resources to organizations that are not community led, we risk repeating low-impact programming that doesn’t truly connect. I also believe schools are being left behind. At Nelson Mandela High School, students have no lockers and rely on online books, even though studies show lower retention compared to physical books. At my daughter’s elementary school, a former library was turned into a classroom with around 70 kids. A portable was added, but this was the reality for years. The City also needs to look at waste. For example, the CBE building downtown has reportedly been underused for years. We need more transparency, accountability, and better use of public funds. At the end of the day, we need the City to stick up for us and make sure resources actually support our community.
Be respectful of the tax payer and your job is to keep most important services going and no nonsense ideas like climate emergency. That's not your role.
Stop wasting money on bike lanes nobody wants and can’t even use half the year. Climate Change and DEI initiatives aren’t something the city should be focused on.

Develop communities smart to create a high level of life. Any new building should have commercial spaces on the main level for schools, restaurants, daycares, medical clinic, massage, physiotherapy, chiropractor. If you are happy in Calgary you don't travel to spend money in other places. Create good lives. The method of squeezing as much as you can from property taxes doesn't take you a long time in the future, but with good healthy communities well developed the grandparents, parents, kids, grandkids would want to live in the same community, help each other and create jobs for themselves, as I said trades should be the focus along with small diversified commerce (have warehouses to bring grocery from all over the world, we can pack it here), family restaurants, coffee shops, learn math, learn to sing, dance, literature - story telling, places to drop your kids to meet friends or neighbors. Lots of terraces in summer. Should have edible perennial plants and fruits grown in AB, Canada
The city needs to consider ways to reduce it's budget. The city needs to proactively find ways to reduce spending like all the households it supports during these times. The city needs to find creative ways to save money, get rid of the things that don't contribute to the core requirements. If you are still considering climate change initiatives, don't (I noticed this isn't mentioned in this survey). It is important for the city to cut back during these times so as not to add more burden to already strained households, this should be the only consideration.
Climate change and income challenges. People who cannot afford to live will still live, and they need to be housed and fed and supported.
How to massively expand the rapid transit network and improve the reliability of the existing rapid transit network (underpasses along 7th avenue to improve Red and Blue Line service)
If transit were dramatically improved, or if it were free, as done in cities elsewhere, we would have less automobile traffic, less wear and tear on roadways, less pollution of air and noise, fewer auto accidents, and more money for pedestrian safety. If you want people to walk or ride bikes more for their services: make it safer for them to do so. If you want them to bus more, make it more attractive to them.
Less focus on accommodating cars. More alternate transport
Stop thinking about fail vs success, this isn't about right or wrong it's about making space to give time and care for needs that should have been basic in the foundation of the city. If a pipeline made in the 70's is now jeopardizing our water pipeline system. History only repeats itself when you don't learn from the experience and stories of it. If you want quantity and not quality we'll be back here in 59 more years with new problems. Stop rushing, stop think and care about what you want if these effect your own family children and well being.
Cut back on the level of upper and middle management. Too many cooks as they saying goes. My husband was a crane operator for the city for decades. He had 5 supervisors and 5 managers to answer to. Let alone all the other levels at city hall. That is utterly absurd!
Stop wasting tax dollars on social activism like "climate emergencies," pride crosswalks, plastic bag bylaws, and bylaws that infringe on the free speech rights of Calgarians, and focus on delivering the essential services that Calgarians depend on. The best way for any government to be "fair and inclusive" is to be neutral when it comes to contentious social issues, because trying to take a position automatically excludes anyone who disagrees with that position.
Stop the Expenditure on DEI, stop paying for flags other than the Provincial Flag of Alberta, drop the expenditures on Climate Change and the Environment.
aging infrastructure, inner city density, building cohesive happy communities, strong arts and culture to set us apart from other cities our size.
Please do not look to privatize for the sole sake of privatizing. The pilot program of privatizing waste and recycling is a waste of time and money, given that there was already an external review that determined money would not be saved in the private sector. Privatizing services

decreases reliability and increases cost, as the time given profits go to corporations rather than back to the public.
Reduce funding for sprawl.
Sustainable growth and investment. Care for inner city communities. Tax breaks for citizens, not billionaires that don't even live here or development companies only interested in more sprawl. Stop raising the cost of transit! It's literally cheaper to own and drive a car. Almost everywhere else in the world has cheap affordable transit which actually encourages people to use it. I mean the risk of seeing or being a victim of violence while waiting or taking the train doesn't help either.
No cost overruns, providing the services needed by all age groups in the City
What will benefit us farther in the future then 2030
Focus on lean team size with highly competent people, and introduce accountability / consequences for poor decisions and going over budget. We need to assure taxpayers that their tax money and quality of life are valued and respected by those accessing the purse strings. For some time now, it has felt like a free for all for City Hall to do whatever they want and demand ever more money when they can't find a way to stay within budget. This is wrong and has to stop.
We do need more trees, and parks are very important, especially with so many people living in apartments and condos with no yards of their own. Children need playgrounds where they can be active and enjoy the companionship of other children when the other choice tends to be spending too much time alone on computer devices. Arts and culture are important to expand our imagination and bring a great deal of pleasure. At present my husband has required emergency health care too frequently and paramedics have always been there for us so we really appreciate all our emergency caregivers. We have a beautiful city but if we build up debt spending more than we can afford on unnecessary things it won't remain that way.
Drop all climate initiatives.
Eliminate positions that resulted in water line breakdown
The city needs to be very respectful of tax increases and have the resourses.
A tax freeze or reduction should be a goal. In my corner of the private sector, we have not seen a pay raise since 2014. Since that time inflation has risen 35% and deteriorated the buying power of both our cash flow (income) and retirement savings. Governments at all levels seem to be completely insulated from these challenges - Feds still simultaneously printing money and attacking our energy sector with carbon taxes and regulatory obfuscation, and the leftist ideology filters through all three levels of govt including municipal with bike lanes, bag laws, residential rezoning, "free" housing, social programming to name a few. Stick to the basics - fix the crime, clean up the social disorder and keep the water running. Don't even think about govt run grocery stores. Our taxes have skyrocketed and it is time for the municipality to get with the times and find significant efficiencies.
Focus on core essential services, reduce taxes and waste. The City needs to have an external audit done line by line to determine where taxpayer funds are being spent and reduce waste, programs/projects that don't add value and/or any potential fraud. Is there waste within our levels of administration? We continue to see too many workers on small road/power and other repairs, with many standing by watching. Why is this necessary?
Don't give my taxes to the police to criminalize poverty. Use my taxes to raise people out of poverty.
See previous notes.

Hello, I'm from Edmonton so have not answered all your questions out of respect. However, I have a simple message. In 2011 we in Edmonton cut the ribbon on the Saville Community Sports Centre. The City of Edmonton contributed $9M to the project, at the time costing $45M to build (not including land). The building has been open for 14 years now, hundreds of thousands of Edmontonians, Albertans and others have enjoyed it. It has proven to be a sustainable model, paid for by the community, while on University land. Buildings like the Saville Centre should be looked at by The City of Calgary and other municipalities. The people attending a building like Saville are citizens. Why would the City not want to partner with the community and other motivated groups to provide facilities. If the City contributed say 50% of the costs, that frees up significant money for other projects, and no downstream cash need on the operating side. Thanks for listening! [redacted]
Piss poor planning equals piss poor results. Ie. water infrastructure. Hire competent employees, fire incompetents.
Look at not taking on what should be the responsibility of the province. Stand strong in getting your way. Maybe selling off dead areas of city owned land to cover long term projects.
Don't be UCP shills. Protect residents as much as you can from the gouging those crooks will do.
Stop overspending on cultural posturing. Focus on the city infrastructure that is actually affecting Calgarians everyday
Stay within the budget you decide upon. No overruns.
Dramatic shifts need to be made to address increasing wealth disparity by eroding low income housing and affordable public transit. Address the increasing climate crisis we are in by providing alternatives to oil and gas dependency, more green spaces to provide cooler temperatures.
Fiscal constraint
Clear strategic priorities Service levels and core mandates Financial stability Revenue stability and tax impacts capital planning and infrastructure lifecycle workforce and organizational capacity risk and uncertainty planning measures and accountability transparency and understandabilty
I really think we need to invest in helping the unhoused folks have housing. If we do this and provide other robust support programs, everything else gets better for us all. People feel safer downtown and then businesses get more patrons. Bylaw and police are freed up to focus on actual issues. Businesses can focus more on the future. Everyone wins
The city needs to stop being a doormat for the provincial government.
As we continue to face rising costs and uncertainty - I believe it is important for the City to consider invest more into the services that people rely on for their basic needs and wellbeing. I believe many of us are barely holding our heads above water despite our best efforts. It would be worth considering investing in the type of care based supports that would prevent more houselessness. Many supports help the most vulnerable populations - which is great - but there are also many folks who feel like they're in limbo because they are not "poor enough" to access those resources.
A core principal in all budgetary decision is economic and fiscal integrity. We cannot spend more than we have. It is a principal all individuals have to live by and the city should be

maintained to the same standard, Previous administrations have unfairly used increase in taxes to mask poor, incompetent management. This cannot be allowed to go on.
Stay out of social causes, this is not the city's responsibility. Stick to providing services that maintain our city's infrastructure and safety to the residents.
Budget restraint, fighting our quickly growing crime problems, common sense and being prepared for very tough economic times rather than always expecting that money grows on trees and you can just tax Calgarians to death in order to continue ridiculous frivilous spending.
Did I mention how cars ruin everything? Cars are great, in the right circumstances. They can't be the default because then you get a place like Calgary with unsustainable growth and unhealthy sprawl. I would like some real movement in traffic calming and alternative forms of travel. More transit. More trains. More cycle paths. No new neighbourhoods until our city is in a healthy spot again. Our zoning doesn't allow for a lot of good growth within communities. Leaves food deserts that require cars to get food.
Getting our fair share from the province
More support for the homeless in order to make our downtown safe and appealing. More planting of trees, especially in suburb areas that have been neglected. More ability for communities to plant their own trees without city input. More beautification of downtown area. More pathways.
From reading the news this morning, apparently we need to include playgrounds in the budget. These are so important to building strong communities!! Likewise with libraries -- both are equitable and accessible to all of us. We need to better protect our trees and overall canopy as we grapple with the climate crisis. I think the city needs to re-open and add more safe consumption sites!!! Shame on the province and those on city council who don't rely on evidence-based information before making policy decisions.
Take street safety seriously for cyclists and pedestrians! Better public transit and ensure that buses can stop in the designated bus zones and aren’t being used for parking. Ensure that our local businesses, like the Ship and Anchor, don’t close down. Support mid-size and smaller festivals survive in our city—they’re what makes this place interesting and vibrant, not just Stampede (which seems to get bigger every year and get opportunities not afforded to other events that are just as important).
Planning for the future generation - not just addressing the current issues
We need to plan for future generations. We can't keep burdening our infrastructure systems by building sprawling developments that are only accessible by car. Increase my property taxes - I'm ready to contribute to my community! More buses, more trains!
I would like to see more trees planted and the pathway system maintained but it’s not the biggest priority by far.
I would like the city to ensure they take a good look at the economic situation of City residents when planning the budget. Both in terms of what people can afford in property tax, Transit fees, etc etc, but also so that money is allocated where it is most needed such as food insecurity programs, reduced Transit fees or low income housing.
More focus on what benefits our citizens (not billionaires).
Infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure. Invest the money that saves everyone money.

More trees! Stop cutting down existing canopy for infills, plant more trees around sidewalks and roads. We have lost a TON of canopy in Calgary over decades. During the summer as a kid it would be brutal to walk around the city in direct sunlight on concrete for blocks and blocks. More community and culture - adjacent to the developer problem, we build arts infrastructure but then fail to fill the spaces or support programming in those spaces, the NMC is a great example of this, its unaffordable to rent/use for most of the local arts community. I hope ArtsCommons approaches this differently, I have seen some examples of this, but they are already short funding for the development they are doing. Imagine what could be done if the money spent on that went to providing funding to local artists or community arts programming! There are very limited affordable spaces for this in Calgary as it is. Let's make Calgary an international cultural hub, not an empty wasteland of cool buildings.
Investment in future years through transit is going to be critical. As gas prices, chip access, and vehicle use gets more scarce, we will need to focus on how to connect a city so vast and spread out, else face economic hardship.
All these areas are important for the city to thrive. The basic services need to be prioritized.
Pedestrian safety. Again bad drivers. Just have an officer walk during walk to work hours down down and see how many people you will pull over.
Cut cut cut. Focus on core municipal responsibilities. Clean up city hall - from the outside looking in it appears that my voting for a councillor has very little to do with how the city administration actually operates. The inmates appear to be running the asylum and this needs to change, starting at the top. Balance a budget; in fact create a budget that is lower than any in the previous decade so that taxes can be cut.
Pedestrian safety . Just in 2026 alone I've had several close calls with drivers almost hitting me while crossing a marked crosswalk. Several of those incidents required me to jump out of the way or I would've been hit and not all drivers bother to look both ways. I know plenty of folks in the community who have been struck by a car, some even involving children that end up in the hospital. Some drivers even mock pedestrians as they cross a crosswalk which is simply unnecessary. There's a ton of distracted driving, aggressive driving and speeding in community areas. I'd like to see stronger regulations for driver licenses and better speed control within communities to keep these aggressive drivers out of roads
Pulling your heads out of your [redacted] Thats a good first step most on council never do that and didn't in previous iterations either. Another thing that's important is oh yeah actually getting the majority of people to respond to something not rich [redacted] people who have the ability to constantly squawk cause they have money and nothing better to do then pretend they aren't a bigot when they actually are cause policy can be bigotry. Another consideration young people or disabled people or anyone else who isn't white, wealthy, cishet and able-bodied and there voice actually being heard when making decisions but again most on council only care about themselves. Another consideration that the mayor and council should have for budgeting is actually making sure transit is affordable making people on low income passes pay even less and oh actually invest in transit and climate change you stupid [redacted].
infrastructure. transit.
As a group Council must be vocal and stand up to the UCP government, and this includes the right-leaning councillors who sit on their hands while the UCP government steals my city tax dollars.
It seems that our city continues to build high rises for the purpose of businesses and high cost housing? Many of these buildings aren't full. Reasons? Shouldn't the space be utilized? I recently visited Singapore who houses both the rich and poor in the same building. It works very well in solving housing problems while focusing on inclusivity. The rich pay more for their units, while the poor are charged only what their income allows. They all use the same

services. This city is amazing but more focus on the poor, homeless, and aged should be top priority.
Don't forget about the people who built this city.
no further comment
Mental health was missing from this survey. This is a critical need in our city. Only the city (not the province) can support community-led and preventative initiatives
We need to cut red tape for housing development and redevelopment in existing communities. Nimbyism is toxic to our long term future and cannot be how we make housing policy decisions. Many established neighborhoods have seen significant population decline over the decades. This is completely unsustainable and cannot continue. We need to make decisions for the future that make calgary a better place to live for everyone.
Not sure of anything else
I am not sure I can add more, or be more clear, than what I have already said... outside of us needing to figure out how we can better manage with nature, too. Our car dependent, sprawling city eats up more spaces for wild life. That's what leads to Coyotes being in my neighbourhood, where many pets, and children, are. If we are not careful, We will sprawl out, have more inexpensive housing, and paved more of what habitat is left, leading to more animals coming into our communities. Which puts us at risk, too. To balance housing costs, and having enough space for nature, and transport. Is not an easy thing. But, if we want our city to survive, we need to budget and prioritizes things that balances all of these issues. We need provincial and federal leaders to consider these things as well. Cause, wrong moves could put us all in danger. Like the 2013 floods. We have to figure out a better balance of these issues. Or we are all going to pay for it.
Think of funding services and recreation centres and parks in ALL quadrants and communities that serve all taxpayers. Enough of the wealthier communities receiving disproportionate police surveillance and drive-bys and services. Please lobby the province harder to bring back photo radar to protect our kids and pedestrians from speeders and thus increasing city coffers for police and other services.
Tax fairness needs to be sought, the city can't continue to use excuses to cut services or increase taxes. What is being done to make taxation more fair in the province and why has the provincial government been allowed to continued to take more from property tax. Police budgets are too high and costs are out of control, increased policing has not made our city safer and we need to look at alternatives to policing to ensure civilian safety.
Future planning. Where are the trains, buses, schools, parks roads going to go and what does it look like as the population grows and needs to flow. Plan for the next 25, 50, 100 years. Stop DEI. Hire the right people, who are the best candidates for the work, not just because they are a “visible minority”. Transparent budgets for accountability. Start paying down debt and saving money for emergencies. Work with the government to encourage more high voltage power. Never blanket change the zoning again. This effects value and investment
We need to focus on sustainability i.e. water supply and climate issues.
Don’t forget Seniors & low income citizens.

Focus on the future with the budget instead of vanity and self interest projects that the current council thinks will make them look good and gain popularity. The last two mayors were focussed on vanity and self interests projects that blew our budget. Happy there is no blanket zoning which is a great move by current council. Lose the bike lanes. Allow and promote bikes to ride on sidewalks with the rule pedestrians have the right of way. Safer for both cyclists and vehicles.Look at the new Canmore sidewalks. This is a good example of how they should be built in the future.
Keep Danielle Smith's grubby hands out of municipal financing and politics.
The city should prioritize items that have a proven and quantifiable positive impact to the most number of Calgarians.
This council has stated its priority is addressing the homelessness/addictions crisis, and I fully support that. I believe developers should take more financial responsibility for paying for infrastructure and not expect taxpayers to cover that. I would also like to see continued progress on the 5A network. I am always encouraged to see investment in city beautification and parks, which make the city a quality community and a tourism attraction.
Laying a solid foundation for future generations.
Developers need to start paying their share if they want to develop large development in the inner city they should be contributing more to the improve services this should not fall to residents. This could provide a revenue stream to help with community development and allow tue city to focus on safety and downtown cleanup
The City should focus on affordability, protecting core services, maintaining existing infrastructure, and being transparent about tradeoffs. Calgary is growing, and not every project can be funded at once, so I would rather see the City prioritize reliability, risk reduction, and essential services before expanding lower-priority items. It is also important to clearly show residents what outcomes they are getting for their tax dollars, what is being delayed, and why. The budget should be practical, measurable, and flexible enough to adjust as conditions change over the 2027–2030 period.
Not expanding the City to make it any larger. Fix what we have and make it better.
Our water and transportation infrastructure are vital to day to day living. But let's not forget the importance of our cultural amenities to our quality of life as well as our tourism revenue. I also value historical buildings, libraries and all the hard working city staff.
Most private companies can find internal efficiency to improve the way they service customers and reduce the cost. For some reason, municipal governments tend to avoid looking internally.
Police response times and available resources to allocate to lower priority calls directly impact all citizens' perception of the city's service quality during the most stressful moments of their lives. Optimizing maximal resource availability while minimizing wasteful downtime will have a major impact on perceived value
I think there needs to be a pause on the amount of new builds in areas to allow for those areas to actually have a chance to know who they are. Everything is going so fast that people don't even have a chance to settle in their neighborhoods due to ever increasing expansion.
Sometimes small budget items can make a big difference in how the city feels. Think of a public art fund like in Portland, OR! And more pedestrian, bike and transit infrastructure to minimize traffic related injuries and deaths.
Dedicated cycling pathways and pedestrian walkways to protect safety of commuters. Also investment in transit, ensuring we have reliable, interconnected transit. Perhaps zoning, allowing more density in neighborhoods for backyard suites.
Stay focused on the big picture, " Calgary". Don't get tunnel vision trying to prop up or defend pet projects. There is only a limited amount of money to fund the city and basic services that provide health, safety and community well being.

As per the recent rescinding of blanket rezoning, I think it's really important - of utmost importance - that the City and council quickly develop a meaningful replacement strategy for increased range of housing availability - Eg, whether it is LAPs, or transit oriented density (terms I've come to recognize now that this has hit the headlines over the past few months). I was not able to attend the public hearings but should have tried to make the time to do so. Although my spouse and I are fortunate to live in a beautiful neighborhood in single family house in Ward 1, we strongly differ in opinion from the leadership of our community association, which we believe is stuck in the past: we really hope our two daughters will some day be able to find places to live that they, as now university educated workers, can afford. Thank you to the City and Council for all of your careful deliberations
It is important to consider how much taxpayers are able to bear, which effects quality of life for all.
Consider disadvantaged people, who likely are not completing this survey and therefore won't have a voice. They need advocates, and that's part of the city's job. The city does not exist just to provide services and more advantages to businesses, executives, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and those who are already doing well.
Might wanna revisit traffic and transportation/roads. This city has so many accidents and just the worst drivers.
Audit and fund infrastructure maintenance and repair. Stop sprawling growth, focus on densification
The police will always try to fearmonger to get more money, because they benefit the most from inequality and service cuts. Address the problems at the root by increasing social spending and see how much less you need policing.
Services are a service and profitability (ahem transit) should not be the driving factor in deciding their value. Nobody asks how much money the fire department makes for the city. Stop the sprawl and make the enormous space this city already occupies more efficient. How are you going to increase density in the existing footprint. I think Marda Loop is a great example of higher density. It's reminiscent of European cities and I think it's charming. Too expensive for most people, but a great example of how higher density can look. The problem is all the cars. We need to become less reliant on cars and that can't happen by making transit unusable for people in the suburbs. It would take me 40 minutes on a bus to get to the c train - I can drive there in 12. The last time I looked at the route of the express bus it only went down 5th ave. They've cancelled it due to low use. I wonder why. Stop making transit so useless that nobody uses it and using that as the excuse to underfund it.
Consider limits: limits to sprawl, to growth, to traffic---all are unsustainable.
This government is bloated and untrustworthy. City Council's primary focus should be on changing the leadership team in Administration to have people who are trustworthy and who actually want to serve citizens. Everything has gotten worse and more expensive under David Worthless.
Police budget seems like they are being given too much, because they are being asked to do too many things outside their specialty. We should use the money in a focused manner.
We need to take a long-term view and make sure we're including everyone in the city. Issues like crime and substance abuse are closely tied to difficult living conditions, and those root causes need to be addressed. Many people are under an unsustainable amount of financial strain, and that ultimately affects the whole community. Ensuring that recreation programs and libraries remain accessible and welcoming, along with prioritizing housing and environmental care, should always be central to the city's approach.
Consider humanity and the next century. Short term decisions are rarely the best for society. Don't leave a mess for the next council.

Stop the city sprawl! It is expensive, a waste and very bad for the environment. Fix and improve existing infrastructure. Please
The list covers the major ones
Fairness to the most people.
Bringing as much manufacturing and commodity jobs into the city as possible
Help those who want help - stop encouraging those who are criminals and druggies by funding their habits. Start to expect people to contribute and if they do not, stop funding them.
Only essential services to be provided by the City. Efficiencies have to improve SIGNIFICANTLY, even if it leads to reduction in services offered. Lower the property taxes should be a priority!
Make our city sustainable. We need to avoid winding up in continual crises. The water main is a warning sign. Make the investments we need to for sustaining our great city and make it clear to Calgarians why and explain the reasoning and benefits.
I think the current councils public disdain for the reports and presentations from administration is atrocious. These are the public servants who are hired, presumably, for their expertise and diligence. To presume that a brand new public official knows more about the inner workings of these specialized areas is dangerous, and proves that they are more interested in "politicing" than governing. Listen to experts. Make evidence based decisions. Stop trying to "score points" and start listening to comprehend.
For the 2027–2030 budget cycle, the City must prioritize climate resilience and digital infrastructure. As Calgary faces more extreme weather—hail, drought, and wildfires—taxpayer value is found in "future-proofing." Investing in permeable surfaces and natural flood mitigation in existing neighborhoods is cheaper than post-disaster reconstruction. This "resilience dividend" protects our homes and keeps insurance rates manageable. Additionally, the City must bridge the digital divide. Treating high-speed internet as a core utility, similar to water or roads, ensures that densified neighborhoods remain competitive for remote work and innovation. Finally, transparency in lifecycle costs is vital. Council should move toward "Full-Cost Accounting," showing citizens not just the price of building a new bridge or park, but the 30-year cost to maintain it. This honesty prevents the "infrastructure trap" and ensures our children aren't burdened with the debt of today's sprawl.
To ensure the green line gets built properly, and not according to the insane whims of the provincial government.
Focus on diversification of business to create a healthy economy for the future. Invest now in infrastructure instead of building new communities. Focus on urban density instead of sprawl.
Continuing to find ways to secure funding from other levels of government and pushing back when other levels of government attempt to push programs down to the city to manage.
Efforts should be made to seriously consider Calgary's environmental impact in every city department (not just token comments in a report, but actual action with measurable outcomes). Avoid decisions that will bring lasting costs or debt for the future (e.g. policies that support or subsidize sprawl). Make material improvement to daily life (e.g. enforcement of bylaws to make downtown & transit clean and safe).
Keeping taxes low. Preventing urban sprawl.
STOP DEVELOPMENT. OR MAKE DEVELOPERS PAY.
City growth with roads/access
Outward growth stretches our resources thin. It's important to make sure that the overall size of the city is managed carefully.

More provincial oversight is needed. City Council does not hold leadership in Administration accountable, which leads to a leadership team that acts like spoiled children. Elected officials have not been in charge of this municipal government for a long time. This needs to change.
Calgary is a family friendly city, focus on keeping it that way, its the little things like the pathways and parks that make the biggest impact and they don't have to be expensive. The city can help communities take more ownership of their parks and pathways.
Transit expansion/safety, road maintenance
Urban sprawl is bankrupting us, stop building more suburbs and putting that burden on future generations. Fight the province as hard as you can, they are raising our taxes and providing nothing in return. Make safer communities by calming traffic and fostering community.
I appreciate that you care enough to find out what citizens think and want.
Do Better! People are houseless & hungry
The city needs to stick to its core responsibilities and not allocate funding to areas which are the responsibility of other levels of government. Emergency services, utilities, roads and other critical infrastructure. These are where we need to focus. The city administration has become to focused on areas outside of these core things and now we have roads which are under maintained, a failing water system and other key infrastructure which needs critical investment. Time to stop trying to solve every perceived problem and focus on the ones you are being paid to solve.
Make sure that the most vulnerable in our communities have the support they need. Invest in transit. Stop urban sprawl, focus on densification and upgrading services in the city centre.
Planning for future growth and the infrastructure required. Traffic is an issue. The number of bike lanes needs to be reduced as they are not used to extent that was planned
Urban sprawl must be slowed.
Urban sprawl - it is expensive. Support for newcomers, including libraries as connection points and free learning spaces.
Maintain clean and functioning water, garbage and road services whilst keeping the general public safe.
The City should consider how it can potentially provide services and resources for vulnerable people in areas that the province has cut back in, like supports for people with disabilities and legal services and grants.
Balance, be forward thinking/ planning and be inclusive. Not everything should be invested in new communities. Developers could contribute more to supporting the initial infrastructure. Once they are out of the development the City is on the hook for many costs that has limited access to the citizens as a whole . Assess the utility infrastructure and start planning and inform residents of the identified needs and have more public input. Solution focused
The City should focus on long-term, strategic decision-making that supports economic growth and fiscal responsibility. This means strengthening the tax base, attracting business, and using public funds efficiently. Planning should be proactive, not reactive, with clear, measurable priorities. Emphasis should remain on core services and broad community benefit, avoiding “woke” or non-essential initiatives that do not deliver tangible value.
Do not increase property taxes.
Decrease the obtuseness and stubbornness around the sprawl that have led to the ongoing potable water issues. If this matter isn't taken seriously, we as a metropolis will just see it happen not only repeatedly, but with more severity.

Is this a service that delivers to all, especially people in new communities. They really need better transit and so do the businesses that rely on them as employees.
Investing in the future is the only viable option. Crises that are already on our doorstep are only going to get worse. Immigration and integration, housing affordability, access to health care and education etc are a problem now, when climate migration has only begun. Where will we house people when entire nations are literally underwater? What I want is for the city to stop catering to the corporations and the wealthy and the heckin oil companies and focus on providing services for its citizens, with particular emphasis on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. City policies and spending should not be increasing the wealth disparity.
Re-examine Emmax fees. The cost of the product (gas and electricity) is small compared to the total bill.
More safety and convenience
Federal funding, some proposed changes to zoning would exclude Calgary from a large amount of federal funding.
Use some of our surplus to build better main water lines so we aren't at the mercy of burst pipes from the Glenmore line or the Bearspaw line anymore. Why have a surplus if we can't use it to meet current and future needs in something as vital as our access to water? Don't agree to anymore new districts on our borders unless the developers who want them build the infrastructure needed (roads, water, sewer lines, street lights, etc.). Not the taxpayers! Put money into parks, recreational facilities, libraries across every neighbourhood! Our tree canopy is dwindling rapidly as development kills trees wherever new buildings/homes are built. Make developers accountable, make them plant more trees. Make sure money that's allocated in the budget gets spent on what it's there for…. No more letting it sit because something seems fine (e.g. water lines approved or recommended for inspection or upgrades but it was never done!) Hire more building inspectors to make sure buildings are well built!
Think about the future! Think about water usage. Think about the water cost for AI centres. Think about the animals, the streams, the air. Avoid thinking in the greedy here and now.
Urban planning. Blanket rezoning made a mockery of this - there were no plans. The LAPs that we have were ignored. Each developer did their own thing and stretched the bylaws to the max. The MDP was ignored too. The housing we need is subsidized housing and student housing . And seniors housing. Not expensive town houses. And no it does not 'trickle down'. We need strict guidelines for permitted uses then we wouldn't have to take everything to council. So please focus on that. That is compromise. Too bad the amendments didn't pass
Recreation makes a city feel vibrant and alive. When you see many on a pathway running, walking, riding; with families. It makes people want to go there.
Hire better staff
Come up with a business plan/budget that does not increase property taxes every single year. STOP the madness.
when people are finding it hard to afford groceries, maybe considering dropping having to pay to park in front of your own house, or the fancy art installations for now. Plus transparency in what some of the salaries are for the higher up employees. Transparency would be great.
We're becoming very big. How is the City going to manage infrastructure including roads, water, etc
Please increase transit frequency, which would increase ridership if it was more convenient. Please stop supporting new urban sprawl communities which make Calgary's footprint even bigger and harder to maintain services. It is not fair that inner city communities pay higher

taxes and are helping pay for these unneeded ever-expanding communities for developers. We need to focus on water supply, efficiency, and fixing those system leaks that apparently result in significant losses. We should s as l so increase the cost of water usage to help pay for the infrastructure repairs needed. Water is priced too artificially cheaply and doesn't provide incentives for reducing water usage.
Stop wasting money on public art, arena funding, and taking pay raises. Have simple to understand budget documentation so we know where the money is really being spent.
Focus on making transit safer, and improving transit. A lot of European cities have vibrant areas because it is amazing to get around not only on transit but also other ways.
Limit urban sprawl, do not annex any more land ! Greed and growth is NOT good. Do not let real estate developers bribe you as much as they have in the past.
Affordable housing has been lacking for decades. We have huge lists of people waiting years to get an affordable place to live. It's even harder if your disabled and have a pet. Build more affordable housing that's wheelchair accessible and pet friendly.
Stay in your lane!!! We also fund the Provincial and Federal governments so stay away from their responsibilities. Be mindful of the rapidly increasing special interests; at the rate they are increasing those of us that don't have special interests will soon be the much smaller group.
The city should consider sustainability, and the changing environment.
Push back against the corrupt and incompetent UCP government
Please cut down on the amount of engagement. While it's good to have input and hear what people have to say, at some point we need to get on with it and build or implement. We should have experts at the city who can make decisions based on their professional expertise along with the input they receive in a more timely manner. Also, more accountability of staff on outcomes.
Which are the pain points for those who have to work multiple jobs to survive, for seniors who had to continue working after their retirement age because they couldn't save enough. The reason why the City should pay attention to these struggling groups is that broadening the disparity between the referred group and those who earn fortunes may trigger a humanitarian crisis
Low cost housing but screen people every year to be sure the income of those is true. Have toll roads into Calgary. Many people come from other cities (Okatokes, High River, Airdrie, Crossfield etc) and do not pay taxes but use our roads, facilities (some are city subsidized) etc .
Dealing with infrastructure upgrades so we don't end up with another water pipe fiasco and overcapacity roads.
I think maintaining the current level of services while investing in future infrastructure. If this requires addition taxes I'm happy to pay. Maybe the UCP will be voted out of power and the city can keep more of the taxes they collect. ;)
More cost effective development and maintenance is needed.
Stop the sprawl. The city is already spread too far out and the surrounding lands need to be protected.
Climate change and the impact it can have on our city. Where is our garbage going to go if we don't get a handle on how much we send to the landfill? How can the City get citizens to care about their city and appreciate the work done by City Staff?
Put our roads back into a better condition.
Major projects like the LRT expansion serves all Calgarians ; boondoggle projects like the new Saddledome replacement benefits far fewer people. You can make the case that a major

arena attracts business to the city. With the amount they charge for hokey tickets and music concerts and industry conferences, that project should not have been subsidized so heavily by the City, let the billionaires build their own arena! I'm sure I'm not the only one who can't afford to attend those events. So if the beneficiaries of an infrastructure outlay are few in number and already rich, don't give them our tax money -- instead spend it on things like parks and a clean city and schools and libraries the everyone can access!
A clean and safe city should be at the forefront of ALL decision making. Lower crime rates.
Again - think about the investments we make now as investments for life in Calgary in 2035. Make decisions based on the best outcomes for that future.
How to make things easier for low income families, and in turn make things better for all of us. One example. Those looking to get subsidized transit passes can only come in person 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday Not on weekends and holidays. The people needing these passes are students or workers, who are busy during those times, and it is difficult for many trying to travel to the centres selling those passes within those limited hours. It seems the city could find ways to make things more accessible than they do.
Libraries
There are better ways to find money to continue funding the services that the city needs to maintain.
Sprawl will bring catastrophic strains on our resources. It has already pushed our water system to a level we cannot afford. Sprawl costs the city in every way and reduces the number of citizens served by all services. We must allow small, gentle increases in density everywhere.
Please focus on climate action and mitigation. This can be accomplished through supporting environmental initiatives and planting more trees. Please fund the planting and maintainence of trees and our green spaces. Of course, housing, transit, and recreation are important too. Housing and transit can be eco-friendly and affordable. These are essential needs for our great city.
Can the City provide the same services for less money? Can the City lower taxes? Are decisions made with full public transparency?
Get the developers out of City Hall. They are in it for the money and don't care about people. They ruin neighbourhoods with their 8 plexes. None of them live in these neighbourhoods. They won't touch their own areas.
Don't lose focus on equity and access just because difficult decisions need to be made. Always ask - "affordable for who?"
Urban sprawl detracts from the quality of life in Calgary. Low density suburban development puts a large ongoing financial strain on city services and infrastructure, such as the water utility, transit and roads.
I don’t even know anymore. Being in this province makes it difficult to even know where to start because it seems every area that needs more funding is pushed aside for suburban developments while there are barely any affordable housing options. Most are inable to buy a large single family detached home on the outskirts of the city with no infrastructure. We all pay taxes and I’m happy to so that all residents of the city are cared for and provided with a high quality of living. But that isn’t happening. We vote for officials we think will do the work and then are disappointed when they misuse funds for things that don’t benefit the majority.
Curbing excessive spending on police and redirecting as much as possible to other service streams to help all citizens. This includes services that strive to de escalate situations without violence. Our police force should. It be equipped as a militia.

Focus on equitable spending for all and helping our most vulnerable citizens will make things better for everyone. Increased taxes on the wealthiest would be helpful to offset necessary spending to support us all.
Future generations - investing in infrastructure, trees, parks, green spaces and water saving or capture measures all year - not just when the feeder main breaks.
Please God, public transit and densification. Look to truly world-class cities like Amsterdam. These are projects that have the potential to address multiple different problems facing the city (rising infrastructure costs, car crashes/street safety, housing crisis, unaffordability, climate and sustainability, etc). I'm 21 years old, I have no hope of being able to afford my own housing (even just a rental) in the near future, my job options are limited to the few rapid transit lines we have in the city (i.e. BRT, C-train), even my ability to have fun, explore the city, and enjoy my youth is limited by lifeless suburban sprawl. I really don't care about NIMBYs who complain about increased density in their decades-old neighbourhoods. As city councillors, you have an obligation to plan for the future and prosperity of the city -- something that cannot happen if the outdated, misinformed priorities of retirees/NIMBYs are placed above the needs of future generations of Calgarians.
The City is involved in FAR too many things. Taxpayer money should not be used for grants and special interest things.
Raise taxes please! Stop catering to the privileged. Plan for a much hotter world.
Effectively using the money. No pet projects, no wastes of time.
Forget all about spending on the climate crisis and environmental issues. How about finding ways to trim the fat and reduce inefficiencies rather than just raiseing taxes
Support community services that everyone can use, not just the ones that only the wealthy can participate in. I can't afford to go see hockey games or concerts so it's very frustrating that so much money has been given to the new arena. AND I need to feel safe with ready available and reliable police, fire and EMS, along with having safe drinking water.
That sometimes getting a second, third, or fourth feasibility study wastes time and money that could have been used to fund the project in question.
The city should prioritize sustainable urban planning, which includes efficient public transportation, renewable energy sources, and the preservation of green spaces. Additionally, a focus on social equity ensures that all residents have access to essential resources and services, contributing to a healthier and more inclusive community.
Making downtown a positive place for people to visit, increasing cycling infrastructure to help meet rising traffic demand, mental health resources for struggling Calgary residents
Keeping costs low as possible with focus on basic services. We need to really look at traffic and pedestrian safety and reinstate spped cameras and radars traps. The City needs thec revenue from this and I have little sympathy for speeding, our roads are becoming more and more dangerous and the resulting increase in insurance premiums is troubling
Anything that allows the city to operate in an efficient, effective way.
Please expand transit access. the more people who can take transit, the safer and more reliable it will be. Please ensure traffic calming measures to keep pedestrians especially children safe.
Services need to affect most or all Calgarians, and not be tied to ridiculous large cost business projects like the area rebuild where tax money is effectively subsidizing millionaire businesses.

City services should be on keeping the city running, not on large flashy projects where return on value is questionable at best.
Looking ahead for future generations - minimizing urban sprawl, seeking to accommodate a growing population in a fair and sustainable way.
Another source of money for operating city services needs to be found instead of continually raising taxes.
Stop approving sprawl. Densify the existing city.
The [redacted] can be fired that would be cool. She's a corrupt lunatic that lied to get her job if someone doesn't investigate her it's yet another failure. Fix the [redacted] water system Calgary is a world wide laughing stock. I was recently in Sydney where my taxi driver laughed that we can't fix pipes Create a complaint line for firefighters- I observed firefighters laughing at a house fire where a man lost his house. He was devastated and the entire crew were laughing at his 'piece of [redacted] tinder box' - deplorable But mainly take a deep dive into senior management in the Calgary police they are corrupt Oh and fix the water
Our ever-increasing population means that priority must be placed on housing, education and utility provision. However, this must be balanced against the need to provide a good quality of life for all Calgarians. We need to be ever mindful of preserving and enhancing the features that have drawn people to Calgary.
Accessibility, diversity of the city, needs of marginalized populations!
Focus on smart densification - build up, not out. Concentrating services and infrastructure will allow for more effective spending and also foster community. University District is a good example of the type of planning our city should be implementing.
Consider limiting urban sprawl, so we don't end up bankrupt. implement a strategy to replace the rezoning. The number of pedestrian deaths is appalling, vision zero strategies need to be considered. Continue to maintain and build cycling infrastructure to allow people alternate methods to get around. Transit needs to be better and is so far behind what is acceptable for a city this size
The greatest good for the greatest number is a reasonable principle. Equity and environmental considerations are also important.
Public safety, affordable housing, growth, maintenance of all city facilities and infrastructure, transit, roads and pathways, all services which contribute to a liveable, functioning city.
Just because there are groups whose voices are not heard do not assume they don't care. There are a lot of greasy wheels in this town and don't start the whole Olympics business again. No more handouts to billionaires like the Flames owners.
I'm really happy about the new sidewalks in Inglewood. I appreciate how many events throughout the year are subsidised. It's the everyday living stuff that is still incredibly hard as a disabled person with a chronic illness. Those handibusses run like poorly maintained campers from the seventies so chronic pain and nerve damage is triggered by riding in them. We'll be getting the rainbow crosswalks soon: I love them they should be outlined with that reflective paint like any other intersection for safety. Your website has a side panel questionnaire (Did you find what you were looking for?) that is nice but it has a programming error so once you close it, the screen can't scroll.
Start charging back to previous council members for their gross negligence. Millions should be fined out and tight timeline to pay back.

Don’t waste tax dollars. I still see city buses driving around empty.
There are many models of service delivery systems in which each department should explore. For example, fire could explore reducing the number of employees and reduce the impact on the water system by moving toward residential Fire Sprinklers in new construction. Service reviews should be completed without the involvement of the current leadership. Too much meddling in the outcomes by current management to provide an accurate picture of the current situation.
Please don't forget about the environmental impacts of the budget. It's very important that in maintaining our beautiful city we remember to maintain our beautiful planet. We must remember to consider our children and what the city (and world) will look like in 30 years time. We must not push off problems for the future leaders to worry about, not if there is something that we can do about it now.
Environmental impact and wildlife in our parks system.
Stop building sprawl thats unsustainable. We dont have money to maintain the city as it is. We need to focus on building dense areas that can be serviced by transit and improving transit, so it is competitive with driving from all neighborhoods to all neighborhoods. Also, build out the protected bike lane network. Parking on side streets is never above 40% full, one in 5 or 10 streets could spare one side of parking for protected bike lanes.
I believe we really need to do more for people suffering from drug addictions. We need to change our approaches. I'd love to see some real effort go into this.
Calgary is a wealthy city - rate structures and infrastructure funding should be developed in a way that leverages that to make the whole city better for everyone. (I.e., higher rates for higher water consumption or more waste pickups, with extra funds going back to support larger or low income households).
Less focus on lowering taxes!!! More focus on providing better services.
Increased traffic calming in communities and crosswalk infrastructure
The top and bottom of the city’s age spectrum. The services provided to our seniors and young Calgarians need to be factors in all of our planning. Yesterday, today and tomorrow!
Climate resiliency and adaptation - supporting tree canopy, retrofitting municipal assets, promoting healthy and active lifestyles to boost physical and mental health of Calgarians
Ensuring future Calgarians will have a healthy and functional city, to enforce polices in terms of development that balance private vs public benefits, diversify economy and finally no more support for professional sports
Please consider that property taxes appear to go up every year and it is a heavy load to bear for many families.
Complete our 5 A network of on-road bike routes and off-road pathways. Expand the reach of this network to adjacent municipalities - Aidrie, Cochrane and SW towards Bragg Creek. For the latter - a timely crossing of the Elbow River at Hwy 8 is required before current Hwy bridge construction is completed. Bridge is on Rocky View County but City and RV County lobbying is required immediately to AB Transp. & Economic corridors.
Quality of life is important. Good parks, green spaces, tree cover, etc
The stats for traffic accidents, injuries and pedestrian fatalities are not very good. Drivers are in too much of a hurry, going thru yellow and red lights. They need to be slowed down in some way. Decrease speed limits, place more traffic calming structures in residential areas, etc. Pedestrian crossings need to be more safe.

Safer streets now. Too many people are dying. Enough with prioritizing cars.
encouraging workers to use public transit more to reduce road congestion. Making transit safe, having more police presence at transit stations.
Save green space and enforce planting native plants and stop it with the conatantly mowing grass. Replace grass with native plants. Only a fool will think climate change is false. Also all the turf is so ugly and depressing. Makes the city ugly. Think about peoples' internal happiness, not just money. I wont stop mentioning plants because people seriously need to take it more seriously.
I'm concerned about the high rate of growth and how it might impact services I currently receive. I want to see well thoughtful, meaningful and measurable outcomes using best practices.
Forget the fluff & special interest groups and focus on core city services so we're not faced with another emergency crisis like the Bearspaw water main disaster.
Consider foundational investments before frills and extras.
Keep pushing the provincial government to meet their obligations
Stop being afraid of taxes. The compulsion to lower taxes as an over-arching goal ends up impoverishing all of us. Taxes provide public goods. They provide the necessary support to make the city better. Transit makes the city better. Don't treat it as just a cost centre. Improve transit. Money spent on transit is far better than money spent on roads. It helps more people, in a more equitable way. Make more areas of the city walkable. Excessive sprawl is bad, so devote city resources to building closer in.
Programs that function to address the needs of the majority of Calgarians, not those designed to help the wealthy.
Please no more sprawl. The city needs to focus on improving current neighborhoods. We don't want to sit in our cars for 2 hours a day. Also less focus on single family homes. This is not the future.
Since blanket rezoning has been flushed down the toilet, can we at least replace it with something that ensures there will be some decent, affordable housing so people don't have to sleep in the street.
Quickly come up with a replacement to the blanket uozonnibg that was recently recinded. Missing middle is key to lowering the cost of housing. How can we still stay in compliance with the federal housing accelerator funding agreement and not loose those millions of dollars
Defund the police - they actively endanger Calgarians and operate without effective oversight. Their budget could be better used for programs and services that improve quality of life for Calgarians.
Use tax payers dollars for the benefit of all the citizens of the city.
sustainability, livability, and environmental impacts. the sprawl in calgary is out of control and our infrastructure and services are a mess. there is enormous room for improvement in almost all areas that matter. city council needs to start saying 'no' to businesses and developers, and start making decisions that are sustainable for the long term improvement of this city.
Maintaining current levels of service without raising property taxes.

Investment in climate-focused technology is extremely important. AI is a harmful waste of money and should be avoided at all costs.
It's deeply important to look out for our communities and fund infrastructure which supports people rather than criminalizing them. We can't continue with a "not in my backyard" approach when it comes to people who need help, particularly unhoused individuals or those managing addictions. Rather than be reactive, we must be proactive, particularly if our provincial government is not supporting our city enough.
Libraries !
While blanket rezoning was just repealed, it is still important to densify existing neighbourhoods, especially around transit.
Lower property taxes! They are out of control.
Roads need a lot of maintenance and we need more sidewalks in the city.
Higher up incomes of city employees should not be on a constant uprise either, just like regular citizens are not guaranteed pay hikes if there isn't more money to go around. Communities can be encouraged to support one another while the city's job is to maintain roads, fire, police, and water. Cut spending on irrational items that are out of your lane. Ex. Climate change initiatives that are ruining society, financially and mentally.
Spend on what we need and not in the nice to haves, we don't need chinook blast or art installations, we do need functional water systems and decent roads
Focus in the hard scape if the city. Roads,trash,lighting, police presence over public relations and branding. The city needs to do the day to day hard work before paying and presuming idealistic visions. Time to get our foundation secure and build up from there.
tighten up residential building restrictions and development. Realize that the older parts of the city infrastructure (water and sewer) WILL not handle crushing multi dwellings. IF you continue to enforce res building codes, then take into account weather patterns in the various quadrants of the city. NO VINYL OR CHEAP SIDING in the north east that is susceptible to hail damage nearly every year, with financial consequences to those outside these locals. Quality materials must be legally required and enforced. Forget any incentives from the federal government for ANY housing.
Deregulate blanket rezoning, and let us move forward.
The interest of the citizens should be put first before budget demands. The city should not hesitate to sacrifice other services for what matters more.
Maybe councilors don't take a pay increase every year
City Council should begin considering future generations. They're leaving us with massive infrastructure deficits we won't be able to pay off.
The city has an expense problem not a revenue problem. Find efficiency. Cut back renumeration. Focus on municipal responsibilities. Not the Olympics, not a high speed train.
Calgary constituents are getting poor value for ever increasing city taxes, including weed choked parks, pothole ridden roads and water restrictions. The city's decision to spend ridiculous amounts of money on art projects and environmental issues at the expense of the issues they should be dealing with has lead to mistrust and resentment on the part of Calgary citizens.
Quit trying to change downtown when most citizens don't spend time down there . The costs are enormous and most people prefer not to be down there on weekends and evenings when it isn't safe. Many buildings being turned into apartments but a lot of people would not live down there with the homeless situation

Start following proper accounting rules when documenting budgets, get rid of the marketing clowns you presently employ to compose the previous ones and start showing some financial responsibility.
Overpasses are desperately needed on 16 Avenue NE at 68 Street and intersections east from there.
Please consider making public transit free. Other cities have tried it and since most of the fares go to enforcing fare payments there was a huge benefit and little additional cost
Focus on core services. Cut all the fat
We are over taxed compared to most cities in the United States
Please see previous answers. Many thanks for seeking public input.
Less crappy expensive art projects. More water services getting fixed, roads that are maintained and not full of craters ruining our cars
Stick to the mandatory responsiblities of a Municipal Government. Stop pooking into activities the City is not responsible for and extending. Stop building BLUE RINGS and silly art work. STICK TO YOUR KNITTING>
There needs to be way less bureaucracy when it comes to allocating, deciding, implementing any services amongst the city. It needs to be streamlined and the city of Calgary workers, especially at the top need to bring it in as they are far overpaid for what they are qualified for and are providing!!!
Getting back to the basics. Politics should be boring! Finding efficiencies and avoiding any pet projects.
I think we need a forward looking and inclusive budget. One that does not pit departments against each other in some bizarre hunger games.
First we need to have proper basic services as I mentioned above and after we can move forward to have proper business plans.
Stop funding non-essential services!
Be very transparent about the provincial share of our property tax. We understand its going up by some $200 Million, so what exactly is it paying for? Are the benefits from the $200 Million spread across the province, or are they spent on building and staffing schools on the edges of our rapidly growing city?
Salaries of top officials! Why are we still paying their pension funds for them. It should be a matching contribution. Some even get 2 pensions. Disgraceful. The way everyone is finger pointing at everyone but them over the Bearspaw water main break is disgraceful! There should be more accountability to those responsible instead of it being glossed over. It's time to roll back all top earner's salaries so that we can avoid excessive increases on us the taxpayer. You value our properties as much higher in value, but in reality it no longer matches market value.
The City should concentrate on basic services and core infrastructure. Cancel the climate emergency policy and also any DEI initiatives and programs. The Community outdoor art spending should be cancelled. It is ridiculous to spend scarce resources on things like the big blue ring.
Why do bike paths have to be on both sides of a street?
Our children need to get involved in community. Community sports is what keeps them happy, engaged, and off the streets. Most parents can't put their children in sports because its gotten out of hand of how much it costs to register them. I played a lot of community sports growing up so I know the value. Lets take care of what we have and quit building this city bigger.

The City should factor in the societal cost of all the traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities when weighing the cost of inaction on improving road safety for all users.
Get back to basics!
Reduce the tax load. Stop complaining about the province's increase and reduce your portion of the tax burden. Stop funding frivolous projects and social engineering initiatives.
Until our infrastructure is sound, don't focus on the "nice to have" pretty decorations.
Stop wasting funds on art projects that benefit no one.
Get back to the basics. Stop with the art. Stop with the housing. Look after roads, water/waste infrastructure, garbage collection. That's your JOB! Reduce the city hall waste. I am so tired of my money being wasted on things that have little to no benefit to any area of my life. And seeing money thrown at projects that benefit so few.
Not declare climate emergencies. Stay in their lane. Let the province handle their responsibilities and have the city be worried about the infrastructure. Water/wastewater, roads, waste management, public transit, fire protection, and land-use planning, with a focus on safety and sustainable development.
How about you focus on priorities. Infrastructure, safety. Start cutting costs for a change. Do your job. And cut Climate change and Environment departments. Reduce HR staff. If you were a private company, you would be out of business. We demand transparency. And get rid of blanket rezoning. Who's in the developers' pockets...pretty easy to tell.
Taking away street parking for residents and putting meters in to park. I just think we are nickle and dimed to death in this area
Spend our money wisely to maintain infrastructure for everyone. Stop spending it on cultural, anrts and other non essentials until the city is running properly again. Restore the roads downtown so they are driveable. Lanes are gone or closed. Remove the bike lanes from downtown, which very few people use, because we don't have the climate of the Netherlands.
Keeping spending reasonable and eliminating waste, keeping property taxes as low as possible
Ensure you finally start viable short and long term plans to maintain core infrastructure and services, and stay in your wheel house (don't try and duplicate things that province or federal governments are accountable for). And no more paying $4.5 million for the brand "blue sky city". That was an insulting boondoggle. Should have gone to city schools and run a contest for brand
More costs should be tied to local user fees, and those fees should be tied to the actual costs of delivering services. Density shouldn't subsidize sprawl. Property taxes should be replaced by a Land Value Tax that delivers significant tax savings to people living in dense multi-family homes while dramatically increasing the property taxes on land speculators holding onto vacant inner city lots. Low density suburbs that don't generate enough tax revenue to cover their costs should see a reduction in city services, not a subsidy paid for by other taxpayers.
Keeping existing utilities in optimal working condition.
Respect tax payers. Our money isn't your money. Taxation is STEALING. REDUCE REDUCE AND REDUCE SOME MORE.
We live in a condo building and pay condo fees. Since we both are over seventy and have paid property taxes for over fifty years we should be allowed to have our property taxes covered by the City
Stop wasting money on climate initiatives (these are federal and provincial concerns). Less money and time on DEI initiatives. We're already overloaded with exposure.
Reducing city employees by at least 10% over the next 2years by attrition and lay offs ,c- mon farkas do your job,you have got to know most city employees are paid too much and their

pensions are too big ,take your job seriously and get the city back on track instead of acting like nenshi
Roads are a mess
Please focus on essentials that are the responsibility of the City of Calgary and stop wasting our money on ideological projects like Climate Change, Settler Colonialism, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Please stay in your lane and stop enacting bylaws to enforce things that are provincial or federal responsibilities. Find ways to internally reduce costs in the delivery of services, identify and eliminate duplication, out source to more efficient and cost effect 3rd party private contractors like you did with garbage pickup.
You can't keep taxing us. Between all levels of gvt it is ridiculous. Look deeper inside. As a business owner, I can;t just raise prices. Do better. Too much costly processes
Safety is the most important
Give business incentive to invest in Calgary for the benefit of all Calgarians.
There are many "priorities" to be sure, but I think it important to first ensure the basic essentials are covered appropriately before going to "wishes" list. One thing I would like to mention is the deplorable state of our downtown area. I have heard from a few visitors that they were shocked at the filth and general not feeling safe on the streets in the evening hours. Very sad. Calgary used to be a proud city, welcoming tourists from all over, no matter the time of day or season.
City taxes and health
Building density that works for the area and is respectful of the citizens that already reside there. With the economic world struggling we did not need the downtown art centre or all of the green line. It was not needed right now. If you can’t afford food and taxes how do you afford the arts. Priorities.
Financial prudence as everyone else is finding it necessary to cut back!
See comments about provincial government taxing property in Calgary. Obtain value for monies spent.
Spend less.
We appear to be addressing the immediate water crisis, but we need to have expert advice on future potential critical issues not just from parties with invested interests.)
Focus must be on administration and reducing the head count for non essential services like departments relating to DEI and ESG and anyone related to the falsely declared climate emergency. Also do not buy the electric buses.
The city should aim to reduce expenditures and cut programs each year to bring the tax burden down.
Save money by finding ways other than taxes. Private companies do it all the time. Lower the bureaucracy as most of them have zero clue what they are doing. Hire the most qualified. Focus on the safety, livability, roads and infrastructure.
Stick to the basics. Fix potholes instead of planting a million trees. Increase public safety instead of funding new artwork.
Taxpayers have been stretched over the past decade. The City needs to consider two things of greatest importance: Is this expenditure a must have or a nice to have? Is the budgeted amount appropriate in the eyes of the citizens paying the bills.
Consistent reporting and ability to track progress/compliance.

I believe in the Arts but I feel that we as tax-payers should not have to pay the bill for idiotic, over-priced pieces of “so-called art”, nor should there be a % allocated for art in every area of city departments. Learn from school competitions, Stampede exhibits for young Artists, and local artisan markets. That should be the heart of our expression and community spirit not art grants to one person flying off to Europe to make some insane performative art piece!
We pay too much tax because governments waste too much money. The biggest expense for the average Canadian family isn’t their home, food or the clothes they buy. It’s the taxes they pay to all levels of government. We must end non-essential projects and misplaced priorities that don’t directly benefit the majority of residents. Our resources should be allocated where they are needed most, ensuring every dollar spent makes a real difference in our community. Residents deserve to know their taxes are being used effectively and responsibly, with a clear focus on only the necessities.
What type of city do we want to be? asking Council to evaluate not the short term needs but what will the city look like and need in 5 years, 10 years, 15, 20, 25 years out and plan for that now = today. Short term thinking is what politicians do best but it is detriment of both the present and future.
get rid of all climate change departments/programs/staff decrease the pay of the CAO
Finding ways to reduce wasteful spending across the board while focusing on efficiency and priority spending.
Streamline the process for projects that will save money. It appears different departments work in silos and slow down the process. The person who approves a project should follow the process through completion to ensure it is on time and on budget.
I would say that the most important issue facing City Council is how to keep from raising property taxes while getting our core services back in order!!!
Make Calgary Great Again! Make more housing, make more jobs. Make it the best tech sector in canada!
Don’t need bicycle lanes! Waste of space & time on snow removal. Who would ride their bikes in the winter!
Recreation we need another leisure center atleast in the NW OR SE
Common sense not politically correct reactions
Any projects undertaken are well-planned and implemented within budget. Services offered, at all levels, are provided by competent and properly-trained staff and salaries are kept within reason. Wasteful spending is identified and eliminated.
Re-working the Naato'siyinnipi (Aurora) Area Structure Plan to include more green space and less single family houses. The only other nice large green space in walking distance is for a school, no dogs allowed. And any single family housing that's put directly under an airport runway is going to turn into rental slums.
Please serve the needs of people most in need. The rest of us, especially the most wealthy stand back and see everyone is served.
I expect things like fire and police to be there when needed and city utilities plus transit as there are lots of people depend on it daily.
It is important to maintain & increase the availability to recreational opportunities. The recreational opportunities should be accessible & affordable. There are many things to consider in tge 2027-2030 budget but I believe that recreational opportunities are of utmost importance for a healthy & happy society.

Stop trying to be all things to all people. Government is supposed to govern and provide law and order. Not be a Social service agency
Do not cheap out on things that will only add up to cost us more later. The water mainline issue is a great example. Focus on maintenance and builds needed now as costs will only increase in the future.
Drop the nice to have requests from special interest groups ,always asking for money. ie olympic bids, hockey rinks for professionial teams, art and culture events that can't pay their own way in a hundred years.
I have little knowledge of business plans but I would consider plans that attract small business rather than big business. Big business tends to influence government more than voters which is poor democratic process. Budgets kept purposefully tight help innovation and efficiencies but are not sufficient. Efficiency champions and culture will better address budget challenges
Focus on essential services and lowering taxes.
The city seems to have lost focus as to the important issues. I hope that the new council will remedy this matter and govern the city employees, rather than be governed by them.
No tax increases; find efficiencies
We do not need anymore vanity projects lets fix our infrastructure first. No Olympics either.
Streamline efficiencies . improve productivity at all levels. More accountable Don't raise taxes look for ways to cut costs and not just look for cost cutting that effects the general public the most. Go deep and look at your staff, systems and bureaucracy.
Do taxpayer funded employees really need to receive triple time overtime as compensation for their employment?
Give bike and pedestrian-specific infrastructure more priority in road budgets.
Cut City staffing - particularly the massive waste in frivolous snow handling.
RFPs and RFQs should be unavailable to friends and family of any city worker who has a say. Especially administration. Some of the quotes that get approved - you have to know because it is a city job you are paying 10 x what you could get it for. Reach out to the smaller companies. Reach out to independent contract companies. Support family owned businesses and stop benefiting the ones taking advantage of you. Look closely at management. Dickworth should have been gone years ago. This city didn't get where it is without his knowledge. Any other employee who let their project get to this state would be long gone. Or should be.
Keeping freedom of speech and freedom to choose religion are important. Because it's a basic human light.
Take a very seriously long look at tax assessments within communities as some homes have been assessed much higher than what homes are selling in the community and unfortunately the assessment department at city hall does not listen but insists their model is correct . . . . instead of truly assessing on a community basis. The worst part is once they have increased your assessment there is no turning back -- very disappointed when you have tested proof that real estate in your community is much lower than tax assessments. Lets be realistic!!!!!
Act responsibly with tax dollars by looking after the budget of the city as if it were your own finances. Perhaps that's where you might start. How many of the people managing the city's finances manage their own finances responsibly? Keep a discerning eye on city contracts. Good luck, Calgary! I think you are doing a great job! Thanks for giving your services to our community.

Focus on what happens when Alberta separates from Canada. I don't want to hear a single consideration about socialism, immigrants or the rest of communist Canada. We have priorities to focus on. The city also needs to focus on cooperation with the new Alberta federal government.
Limit virtue signalling and focus on outcomes. Measure outcomes. Get efficient.
Stick to fundamental municipal roles - infrastructure, roads, utilities
Long term fiscal management. Don't spend money we don't have.
People need to feel safe on transit. The police need their 25 Million back from Province due to no more photo radar, just give them the 25 Million somehow. Plan for growth, we are getting quite popular. Probably could filter down some stuff to community associations, those that would be willing. Take care of seniors....we need to stay in our homes...many of us do not want assisted living. Thanks.
Stop addressing woke ideology that nobody cares about, and stop trying to constantly scare people with B.S. "climate emergency " crap.
Council has an obligation to show leadership by looking at the long term impacts of these budgetary decisions. Long term gain for short term pain is preferable to the alternative. It is not an easy narrative to sell, but citizens will have to deal with the repercussions of delayed decisions well beyond this Council's term, and rarely does anything get cheaper. Don't just think about the needs of the people you know, or the ones that have the time to call your office. You serve all of us.
The city must balance the budget, eliminate the deficit within three years and eliminate the debt within five years. Do not contribute any taxes to provincial nor federal housing at all. Fund only core services which are 100% municipal responsibility. Moratorium on non-essential civic legacy capital projects, fund only capital projects required to maintain only essential infrastructure such as roads, water, sewage and waste removal. Do not even think about a municipal role in hosting Olympic Games or similar costly event, we cannot afford such things!
I said, "Not sure" because I question how my tax dollars are spent on potentially frivolous projects and policies that I'm not supportive of; eg. climate emergency projects
Lower property tax's now!
Stop the uncontrolled arrival of foreign migrant workers ffs.
Please continue the investments in the 5A network, so many people showed up at council to ask for this at the last budget cycle and it feels like we have to fight for it every time to continue investments in street safety and transportation options.
I feel that our water situation needs to be dealt with and repaired. With all the AI centre's being built within Alberta we must protect our water for the citizens of Alberta/ Calgary before signing away our water rights to these conglomerates that don't care what so ever about the citizens.
I would like to see cuts to budgets for a change. It's not enough to have a 0% tax increase. A true 0% not an "oh we increased it 0% from the planned 4% increase" the city seems to be fond of (it's still a 4% increase in my example). Once our roads are smooth, we have no leaks in our pipes and crime is under control, then we can start looking at the nice to haves.
I don't have any business experience but I know that in my own home we have a budget and we stick to it while trying to leverage the most value for our money. I would hope that the city does the same.
Keep to the basics right now. Fix what needs to be fixed and do it right. No more pet projects, no more crazy priced art things, no more unnecessary spending on things that matter only to a few people.

Once our infrastructure, roads and emergency services are all secure and working well, whatever is left could be spent on other stuff. Example... when you do household budget, bills first then groceries. Bread, milk, produce, meat before cookies, chips, snacks. Least important at the end. If there is no money for that, you dont get it. I can just imaging me telling enmax, oops...can't pay you this month...I needed to get munchies... yah, not gonna go over well...
Quit wasting my [redacted] money. Woke is dead. Fire all your DEI and HR staff.
safety, maneuverability around the city,
N/a
No comment.
The greatest costs are salary and benefits. So focus on determining the appropriate level of staffing. How can we be more productive? Overtime pay. vacation pay and sick pay costs should be analyzed. Why do these costs increase year over year… an opportunity to improve, perhaps.
Finding efficiencies reducing permitting costs and time, reduce labour costs. The city should not be taking on provincial and federal responsibilities. No free fare transit. Green line should be above ground. Consider road tolls.
it important for the City to stay within their lane and push the Province to do the same
Get the basics right, clean water, driveable and walkable and well-lit streets, safety through supported policing including transit, managed and appropriate growth - not urban sprawl. Managing the city starts by doing what a good manager does in their home - live within your means and know the difference between musts and wants.
GArbage pick up needs to be rethought. We are spending a lot of money to pick up minimal garbage. For my case, once a month for recyclables adn compostables and once every two to three months is enough fro garbage. If some need it more often, like those living in suites, let them pay accordingly. This one size fits all is very expensive.
Please no new mega projects that we cant afford.
see above
Keeping costs and taxes down. We can’t really afford frivolity these days. Families are strapped.
The city managers would be best advised to focus on the core items delivered to the residents and less so on the niche items such as bike lanes, fluoride in water. Just look after the main items well and all will be happier - many rules in the city are not enforced - I do not go downtown as most areas have too much dog excrement littering the sidewalks which makes the city look very poorly to visitors as well as the residents.
Stop wasting money on useless programs and start paying attention to those that pay your taxes.
Stop wasting tax dollars on unnecessary and frivolous items. Stop promoting divisive events. Start holding administration accountable for their actions. Get rid of any employees who feel their pronouns are more important than their work performance. Stop over valuing property to extract more tax dollars from citizens.
Taxes are making home ownership a bit of a dream.
Take the budget from “Climate Change and Environment” and transfer these tax dollars to repairing the leaky water pipes/infrastructure and the pot holes and sink holes on Calgary roads. After The City has repaired the core water/pipes/road infrastructure and is able to maintain this infrastructure, then look at other nice to have options to enhance communities.
Treat it like a business look for inefficiencies and correct.

City planning is a joke. Just a place to hide tax dollars for the special projects of the senior administration and politicians. Remember it is city administration that comes up with all these nice to have but not necessary expenditures
Get back to basics Also there should be greater emphasis on cost benefit review to reduce and/or eliminate services
More ice as our facilities are very old and unreliable, i.e. Optimist and George Blundon
1. The faceless city bureaucrats had better start aligning themselves with taxpayers expectations & stop shoving their expensive ideologies & sub-standard job performance upon taxpayers. 2. Council had better start walking the walk on core priorities & fiscal discipline spending.
Lower cost fees for housing, reduce bureaucracy, close climate change dept, no electric bus.
Drug addicts negative impacts on communities and small businesses (harassment, crime and vandalism)
Back to basics, NOT climate change!!
- Housing: give people choices: affordable and accessible choices are currently lacking and we desperately need diversity in our housing choices Transportation: Same thing as with housing. Give people choice. We currently use the excuse that most people drive and Calgary is a driving (aka sprawling city). Be more creative. Give people more frequent (more trustworthy) transit option. Make it a viable and attractive choice. Make bike and pedestrian infrastructure safer. Make it easy to chose something else. Connect pathways, improve wayfinding, maintain it in the winter. Not everyone drives and trapping people in their homes for weeks because you don't want to prioritize plowing their routes is unacceptable.
Reduce taxes, cut waste, enhance efficiency.
Listen to the people, ignore the irritating "Karen's" and other people you know are being paid to disrupt and cause confusion. Keep people safe, Spend alot to get basic infrastructure back up to at least a even balanced position that is maintainable. Plan all you want but most of you will not be around in 4 years so don't mess it up for the rest of us.
Focus on what the private sector cannot provide. Think about where the city can offload onto the citizens and/or private sector because the city workers seem to be out of touch and inefficient. Make use of private sector expertise (e.g. water mains etc. you have a city full of pipeline engineers/experts!) Reduce property taxes they're too high! Stop doing things without serious thought, like making city wide zoning so that developers are in competition with regular people for houses! (making housing more expensive). Stop doing things like bike lanes (for the 2% of people that use them?) and adding to traffic congestion to force an agenda that is not suitable for our climate and geographically spread out city - be real!
- I don't think we need more large projects such as the new Event Centre or new theatres and concert halls. - we need to consider issues like public safety on the C-Train, helping drug users find rehab and housing services, keeping infrastructure in reasonable (but not pristine) condition, and having a fair housing policy rather than blanket rezoning. These are challenging issues, but must be dealt with fairly and democratically. I think that City Council and our mayor are up to the task! Best of luck...
You can't expect to continually increase taxes on people and businesses and there not to be consequences ... people move, businesses fail under the burden, etc... At some point, you need to look internally to identify opportunities to do things more efficiently. I don't ever hear of the city finding cost savings - I only ever hear of budgets (and taxes) going up year over year for the same (or less) services.

I do realize that the province is asking for more, and also sticking their noses into the water situation. But it is part of your job to work effectively with the provincial government and if you could show that you aren't completely negligent (i.e. water) there wouldn't be a need for the province to get involved....
work with the province re: rehabilitation of drug users, providing free drugs is NOT human rights, rehab and personal (work) re-training should be priority
Get rid of using market value to determine property assessments and property taxes.
Honestly please consider how to lower taxes if at all possible. I know the larger portion is to the province for education, but as a taxpayer to 3 levels of government I just can't afford any more.
Because of the aging infastructure of Calgary more focus needs to brought to this and maybe the budget will help
We need to make smart investments that we can maintain over the long term. For too long we have expanded the city outward without thinking about aging infrastructure or a quality transportation system beyond private cars. Build the city of the future.
Cut spending, find savings, reduce waste, reduce raises, run city hall like a business
Stay in they own lane. Keep out of areas that are provincial or federal. Tired of money given to the indigenous people who are already receiving billions for their reserves (for example, any public housing should be available for tax paying citizens).
The city is not responsible to provide housing, I do not one penny of my taxes going to develop housing for anyone, likewise the ill thought out bike lanes are a joke when you consider who, what, and how many they service. Put that money into water management and roads instead
The property assessment is really a joke. When no one ever checks on what is done or not done on a property and just assumes a price, that is just wrong.
The city would do well by implementing an initial zero-base budget, and require all services to demonstrate the value of the service to-date using standardized metrics, and then the value of the service with a minimum, intermediate and maximum budget requests for the years of the business plan. This will provide transparency to the public, and provide a sound basis upon which council can make budget decisions.
It is important to stay away from "the latest thing" in politics or social movements. Distractions like US politics, the latest social justice movement, or pressure from lobby groups, must be set aside. Ideology has no room in City Management. Core services must be prioritized, those that provide safety, security, good order, a city that is clean and healthy. (Police, Fire, Waste management, Water, Power) Secondary services like planning and bylaw are important, but could use less bureaucracy. Tertiary services like Parks & Rec, forestry etc can be trimmed in times of budgetary restraint. Keep the lights on, but cut back on big projects or expenditures. The city must be run on a balanced budget, as a business. If the core business fails, everything fails.
Again, stick to your role. Stop involving the city in areas outside of your jurisdiction both locally and with respect to other levels of out government. No more overpriced, underutilized bike lanes.
keeping wages similar or less than the equivalent in the private sector including pensions.
Infrastructure and policing are my major concerns
Making it easier for approvals for business housing etc
We are still a car driven society and future plans must still include accommodations for vehicles (ie roads and parking).
More money and land for affordable housing providers

Safe to live
Stay in your lane. Remove funding for unnecessary climate change initiatives. Find efficiencies within existing services and budgets before asking for more money.
Forget about pet projedts. Stick to basics which contribute to an efficient functioning city. We can't be all things to all people at taxpayer expense.
the new mayor elected is on track with calgary public.
The city is becoming a high tax location and many people I know are moving away from Calgary.
Vacant land where a community of affordable TINY HOMES can be built !!!!
But please, no more climate crises budget, no more plastic bans, people can make their own choices about these secondary issues. No tax breaks or special allowances for abortion clinics. Focus on giving Calgarians the services that we need to make our lives run smoothly now and the years to come. Don't try to interfere with other counties and towns, focus on Calgary.
Do not think that the taxpayer's ability to pay for taxes increases is endless!! Review last year expenses and trim budget. It seem that the city services scope is just increasing without consideration for the end user - the taxpayer.
Learning how to do more with less! Take lessons from private industry. The City should NEVER assume that a property tax increase is necessary to maintain the same level of services. The job of Council and Administrators is, at the very least, figuring out how to provide the same or better level of service with the same or even fewer resources.
We have to be focused. We can't save the world. Make things better for the majority of Calgarians. Cut the waste and bureaucracy and keep the taxes down.
Efficient delivery of basic city services. Constant review of possible corruption and operation within budge and time frames.
Whatever the City thought was a priority over thpast 12 years, it was not. The racist policies of DEI have died everywhere but Canada,and hopefully Canada is next. Merit should be the guiding principle. Bike lanes are nice, but not at the expense of transportation. City property owners should not foot the bill. Reduce tax, improve core and support the economy by streamlining regulations and approvals or more businesses will leave Calgary. If the choice is strong local businesses or paying for roof replacements due to hail or ESG policies,the choice is obvious.
City should focus on basic essential services. City should not budget a single dollar for green initiatives or so called climate emergency programs. City should cancel the electric busses and take the loss.
Put a hold on boutique projects such as bike lanes while benefit a very small minority while not adding to (or even disadvantaging) the majority.
Focus on the basics. Investing and maintaining infrastructure (roads, sewer, water), public safety (police, fire), and maintaining regulatory framework that promotes livability and growth (planning dept). Manage the basics and leave much of the social program focus in recent years to the province. Less focus on impractical mobility solutions at the expense of current infrastructure and roads that result in increased congestion and less safe roads. Emphasize and promote urban design features that promote livability and walkability when considering rezoning applications for increased densification (including wider sidewalks, boulevards with street trees, increased building setbacks, bus pullouts). These features will help ensure densification can also bring increased vitality and livability to established neighbourhoods.
Avoid band-aid solutions

Keep roads in good shape so people can get around on their daily commutes. Ensure water works well. A necessity. Keep parks in good shape. People in apartments need a place to enjoy. Important for children to have a place to run around and have fun. Good for their mental health.
Water is going to be an issue if the city continues to grow. Water conservation will need to be addressed for future generations. Without water the city will be a ghost town.
We could save a lot of money by eliminating water fluoridation. The FSA the city uses is a noxious substance, and it is forcing treatment on those who do not want it. Emerging research is showing its deleterious effect. The motion to ban water fluoridation passed at the UCP AGM, and I hope the Premier enacts legislation if the city does not cease the practice. We could also save money by taking a serious look at the wages, benefits, vacations, and pensions of city workers. They now far outpace those of private sector workers. Given that public sector employees are five times less likely to lose their jobs, they have won the lottery by securing a public sector job. And taxpayers pay for it. Further, when there is a fiasco like the water main break, there must be accountability, and those ultimately responsible should be fired. A report deeming it 'systemic, collective inaction' is unacceptable.
Alberta is a growth engine and we should plan for it.
The taxes seem to be increasing without limit. This is not good. My salary does not grow at the same rate, why should city funding be growing faster?
Look at what Calgarians use daily or weekly. We need our roads fixed, we need all services to be reliable
Focus on the basics.
I said the city provides poor value in the previous question. Some of that is because the previous council really messed things up with their virtual signalling projects that no one asked for or wanted. Like the Climate Emergency, like the new motto and logo, like "art" that looks like construction debris on the side of the road, like the new arena deal, like changing a department name from Roads, which everyone understood, to Mobility, which everyone I have spoken to thinks refers to handicapped access. My taxes increased by double digit percentages the past few years, from 10% in '23 to '24 to last year it went up by 14.75%, after the city said it would be 3.6%, then 5.6%, then 7%. This is an abomination. You can't blame all of that on the province when they are not the ones spending money like it grows on trees as in the examples provided above. I am a senior on a fixed income and am having to do more with less all the time and part of the reason is due to high property taxes.
Focus on key services!
The city must do a better job of looking for efficiencies and better ways to carry out their essential services rather than forever seeking to solve fiscal problems with escalating tax hikes
The City needs to redefine their actual responsibilities. I believe previous administrations have gotten lost in their own self importance and obligated City resources in areas that the City has no business being involved in. These obligations require funding and when added together place an unreasonable burden on the citizens who are the true generators of prosperity for the city. Stay focused on your defined responsibilities and do not deviate from them. Refine those processes. Become experts in those responsibilities and then, then, you are truly serving your community of citizens.
I will repeat, stop allowing for uncontrolled expansion of the city. It is proven time and time again that subsidizing suburban communities on the city outskirts results in deficits in the long term as the cost to maintain those communities and their infrastructure over time is a net

negative for the city - the tax base is and will never be there in those low-density fringe communities to justify building out.
There is only one taxpayer. Be mindful that you can not tax your way to a better city!
No new initiatives and expenditures for illegal aliens injected into our society. In fact, consideration must be given to remove the illegal aliens that contribute nothing and collect the majority of our tax dollars.
Need more housing. Less red tape. Less anti housing nonsense. Time to build.
How are high taxes affecting businesses and citizens. Lowering taxes and regulatory burden helps the community pursue and even achieve its objectives and dreams.
Review & control past frivolous spending.
taxes
Fill the potholes.
We need to find efficiencies in every department! Stop the woke/dei policies and hiring regime. I had people planting trees from the city and few of the workers could even speak English and couldn't even answer my questions. Realize that we don't have to destroy our city just to make it possible for every immigrant to be packed into our communities, as they commit more crime, steal and abuse our food banks and welfare systems. It's really depressing....this used to be such a great country and city!
Not spending money on items that are another government's responsibility.
Between 2015 and 2026, the total residential property tax bill for a median Calgary home increased by approximately 48%, from roughly $3,168 to $4,695 (16 percentage points over rate of general inflation) 1. Enforce jurisdictional boundaries between Federal/Provincial/Municipal 2. Apply a zero-based review to discretionary programs. Rather than incrementally adjusting last year's budget, justify every program from a zero base in 2027. The question should not be "how much did we spend last year?" but "what would we choose to fund if we were starting fresh today?" Programs like the Industrial Incentive Program ($5M), the Downtown Office Conversion grants ($42.5M one-time), arts and culture civic partner grants (~$17M), and the Climate & Environment department's broader policy work ($29M net operating) are areas where the City is performing roles better suited to other levels of government or the private sector.
Cut spending, period.
They could start by implementing Zero Based Budgeting and eliminating a number of areas that are not part of their core responsibilities.
Business taxes in Calgary are obscene. They are prohibitive and I know a lot of business owners who have relocated outside of city limits as a result. Revisit this math. Shuttered businesses are not good for the local economy.
/stop spending money on things which is not the City's responsibility.
Stop spending on bike lanes, art projects and the like. Stick to the necessities only.
Stick to the basics, get the fiscal house in order but continue to dream big.
more for purpose renting housing
Focus on basics because they’ve been severely neglected over the last 15 years and a huge catch up is now required. Water and roads must be the priority, while maintaining emergency services.

In business there is strict oversight and accountability when living within ones budget and internal cost cutting is the first thing to be dealt with. In " The City's" case raising taxes to account for overages or shortfalls is the solution. Administration has too much control and not enough accountability. City needs to take a hard look at what is funded, why and how can we eliminate the fat.
City council always looks to increase property taxes first then maybe looks to find inefficiencies if there is a large outcry from the taxpayers. This should be reversed. Only raise property tax as a last resort. Taxpayers are not ATMs.
You are elected to to provide basic services and a safe place to live without infringing on basic civil rights-plane and simple. Questions 14 and 16 below indicate to me the kinds of things that the City has no business asking or focusing on-this is the wokeness that is a distraction form what really matters. Fix the potholes!
Get back to basics!
Infrastructure and long term investments
Stop all the focus on affordable housing, surely we have built or are currently building thousands of small rental condos to the detriment of affordable larger family homes throughout the city. Let's see how well all the rentals sell before throwing up more and more urban high rise towers which do not create long term neighbour communities.
Focus on core services only
There is a need for greater accountability and oversight within City Hall. Specifically, I believe there is a significant need to review staffing and project management across all departments. It has been observed in many instances, particularly in road construction, where there appears to be an excess of personnel for a single job and a lack of effective planning. It is essential that city departments consult with local neighborhoods before proceeding with large projects that directly impact those communities (such as rezoning). Improved oversight and better community engagement are necessary to ensure our city resources are managed effectively.
I think it was stated in previous items.
More budget going into the transit system would greatly benefit people, making the buses more accessible both in terms of the cost but also the system it runs on Putting a cap onto affordable housing would also contribute to the well being of people with in the city and give them the opportunity to put more money back into the community, especially with rent being on the very high side and effecting people on a personal level
The overall business environment and planning for growth in population - not more regulation and nice to have services.
STOP RAISING MY PROPERTY TAXES
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We must budget for upgrades and repair to infrastructure ie: water system, as well as increasing Fire and Police services to match population growth. Public monies should not be spent on cultural or art projects in hard economic times.
Affordability for citizens (housing, public transit, access to community spaces that do not cost an entrance fee). There is global instability, which is negatively affecting our economy and mental health. Community is the answer, but you can't get people invested in the community when they're barely surviving. Housing secures peace of mind; transit enables access to jobs. But that by itself is not enough- we need community initiatives to bring us together. Connection gives us

the energy to be more than the sum of our parts. Carl Rogers pointed out the human tendency to grow, so long as basic conditions were met. Alfred Adler told us that community-feeling is an essential part of health and wellness - for the individual and the society. As the stewards of this city, you are empowered to cultivate the conditions in which we all enjoy the fruits of this growth together.
Growth vs sustainability We can't constantly be supporting people who don't support themselves - let's find ways to have people thrive on their own.
If we're going to be living in one of the most expensive cities in Canada, it should at least be enjoyable and convenient to live in like Vancouver or Toronto. Right now it feels like people are paying more without seeing any improvements in how the city actually functions day to day. There also needs to be more accountability for how money is being spent. If costs are going up, there should be clear, noticeable improvements. The priority should be making the city more functional, reliable, and actually enjoyable not just bigger and more crowded. If the goal is to bring in large volumes of visitors for events like Stampede, the city should be able to maintain that volume without everything feeling overwhelmed and inefficient.
Work to remove the siloing of depts and thinking. View the budget and The City's operations holistically. Depts should not be tackling challenges independently. For example, Transportation is a wicked problem encompassing: population/growth, climate/environmental, physical space/geometry, land-use/housing/tax productivity, equity/affordability. We can't afford to have just Transportation engineers working on it. Building transportation systems that require households to own more than one personal vehicle is an affordability failure. Having most people driving individually to their destinations is a geometric failure. That many vehicles take up too much space. A more compact built form is more tax productive, space efficient, and more conducive to multi-modal transportation. Less vehicle miles traveled, more efficient use of infrastructure, decreased maintenance costs. Focus on initiatives that tick the boxes of multiple departments. And plain language documents/communications please.
Housing development is not core to the city mandate. It is a provincial responsibility. The city must advocate for better schools and better programs for children. The Province takes a large share of municipal taxes. They are wasting funds that come from Calgarians.
Current city land must be made to be far more tax productive than currently. Row houses and townhouses are four times more tax productive than the single family homes they replace in redeveloping communities. Gentle densification helps contribute to making Calgary more financially resilient. Likewise, we cannot afford not to be far more deliberate to execute on Transit-Oriented Development by pre-zoning for high, mid and low-rise mix use within proximity of all red, blue and green line stations as well as MAX bus lines. Make the trade-offs clear for Calgarians. As an example, either double property taxes or enable gentle densification and serious re-development for higher density TOD. All development planning decisions need to ask: is this land use tax-productive enough? Consider gamifying the city budget process to help residents better understand the trade-offs. Provide plain-language summaries for budgets and financial statements.
Quit taxing people and business out of the city. You want to make money. Let's kill two birds with one stone. DOUBLE (or triple) taxes on ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES. Rent would be more, ownership would be more practical
What is important is to stop focusing on things that are not municipal responsibilities like climate change and start making cuts to the bureaucracy…BIG CUTS.

Infrastructure the city is growing fast there has been in the plans for years and nothing done Widing of Micknight Blvd from fourth nw to 12 st ne
remove fluoride, its not good for your health.
Stop virtue signalling and trying to be what the minority want oir need. Focus on the basics and start to cut out all waste.
Please get our infrastructure in shape and maintain it; as we've learned the hard way this past year; it's brutally expensive and unpleasant for all of us when you don't. Despite the fact that I didn't list our urban forest, or parks as a high priority; I do think that a green city is a healthy one. We live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, our rivers, reservoirs and green spaces are wonderful and merit being maintained because they are loved and used by many Calgarians.
Making sure each department finds efficiencies! And all staff and councillors act prudently in their use of taxpayers money - not have flippant entitlement attitude re expenses.
Focus on City services and don't cater to every "new" idea that comes up. Treat the budget like a household budget, only fund the necessaries.
Stop encouraging people to move here. We do not need more people to remain a vibrant city. When house prices start to drop over the next two years you need to balance the budget by spending LESS, not by raising taxes. If you won't make these difficult decisions then step aside so we can elect councilors that will reduce the budgets.
Keep it simple is always the best approach. Always make sure you have the basic necessities covered before you consider other plans, then move on to safety (fire, police, roadways).
Not only look at where and what you can spend but also look for what you can cut, streamline or make more efficient. And should be beneficial to the mainstream population, not a singular group (eg, bike lanes)
Offer incentives to the bureaucrats to find ways to cutting costs while maintaining services or face alternatives.
No more propaganda about [redacted], thats a thing of the past. I know Canada is a follower of other countries not a leader. Many other first world countries are going away from it. They realized how bad it is for family values and the kids. It destroyed lives. Their transition medicine create suicidal thoughts! [redacted]. IT'S TIME TO GET AWAY FROM THIS PROPAGANDA IS KILLING OUR KIDS.
the city needs to improve efficiencies across all departments instead of ever increasing taxes.
See my previous comments. Focus on municipal responsibilities (e.g. safety, local infrastructure, recreation, parks), not provincial or federal issues (e.g. climate change). Do not focus on inclusion and DEI. Focus on the efficiency and effectiveness of providing municipal services.
Please get back to the basics and fix our roads and infrastructure. It is really hard driving places and dealing with congestion and traffic because the city hasn't done a good job planning out our roads.
My experience with Government is that departments are penalized if they do not spend all of their budgets every year whereas in private business, managers are generally rewarded for managing their resources better & more efficiently. Governments need to find ways to minimize unnecessary expenditures and recognize cost-savings & reward employees who bring good ideas forward to management. My tax bill this year is expected to increase by about $500 or $41.66 per month. That's an increase of 27%! And it's not all thanks to the provincial Gov't. That's an outrageous increase for one year. I've never complained about my property taxes in 31 years, but this year is indefensible by any stretch of the imagination.
People who are not EXCELLING at their job should be fired. Period.

The City aspires to be all things to all people, rather prioritize efforts on services rather than projects that feel good to a limited # of citizens. I.e concentrate on service quality to those who pay the property taxes and then all other services to be identified as subservient to those needs. KISS... if you perform excellence on the area of those who pay, they will cut you more slack for the other stuff. Screw up as it seems, and everyone is dissatisfied.
What is good value for the Taxpayers. Don't get caught up in the rush to try to save the world as our former Mayor did. We are still waiting to see what impact we as a City had with declaring a "Climate Emergency" and hiring 18 fulltime people to mitigate the problem. When deciding to change road patterns and parking work with the businesses most concerned and complete the projects in a timely manner. Don't try to change reality by calling the Flames arena an entertainment center and demolishing a perfectly good Saddledome. Spend taxpayers money wisely and budget accordingly.
One of the most critical priorities for the City in the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets must be hiring and retaining highly qualified, competent professionals—especially in Planning and Building Permit departments. Current inconsistencies, delays, and lack of practical understanding are creating unnecessary friction for businesses, consultants, and investors. Inexperienced or underqualified staff lead to misinterpretation of codes, extended approval timelines, and costly back-and-forth. This directly impacts economic activity. Inefficiencies in permitting discourage investment, delay construction, and reduce confidence in the system. The City must treat this as a priority investment. Strong hiring, proper training, and accountability will lead to faster approvals, better decisions, and a more predictable process.
Reduce superfluous projects and focus on the basics. Your taxpayers are hurting at all levels.
Quit spending money on communities & culture & beautifying the city, there r more important issues to be dealt with.
Infrastructure!!!
Planning is important. It seems apparent however, that some of those working with Administration in that area are more than somewhat out of touch with the aspirations of many Calgarians. Calgary's urban form evolved over the course of the past 140 years. Available transportation options over than period which have defined that evolution are considerably different that those of much older urban centres which evolved through very different transportation options. Accept it. Police, Fire and infrastructure asset maintenance are imperatives. New developments should pay the costs of building out those fundamental urban necessities. This will raise the cost of new developments and new housing, perhaps resulting in ameliorating unbridled growth. Affordable housing is a growing problem throughout the world as migrant populations continue to grow. While The City already supports "affordable housing", its responsibility/liability in this regard should be limited.
I think the City needs to seriously cut back on non-essential spending and focus on the basics.
We must think of the safety and value of all services that provide future generations with the ultimate values of our City - safety, happiness, freedom from fear, and a strong City and Council to make that happen with integrity.
Drive for efficiency, best use of each dollar. Focus on core services and not the frills or extras. Don't do things that should not be the focus of the city. I was really upset when the City

declared a climate emergency several years ago, I don't think that is something the city should focus on or spend a ton of money on. I want basic core services and low taxes
Strict adherence to the Budget. Forget the “nice to haves”, FOCUS on Critical Infrastructure, look for cost savings, your Human Capital is Bloated, Abandon Climate Emergency Department Immediately, we are not suffering from a Climate Emergency, there are TOO MANY GM’s with Bloated Salaries, Expense Accounts are bloated, must be limits to expenditures, provide in house training, spending too much money on outsourced education, water services & waste water management could be consolidated, pathways should be part of recreation, too many departments - consolidate.
stop wasting our money on virtue signalling pet projects. Invest in valuable assets, like water mains and indoor ice.
Water. The person who was in charge of the water should have been fired for delaying the maintenance of the water facility.
Focus on getting more value for money spent.
Costs, no increase in the city counsels income. The costs of living are going up for everyone and we do not get raises. Try to find out how to lower the costs of living and groceries for families and singles that are struggling on minimum wage.
Finding ways to plan budgets and services without always raising taxes. People on fixed budgets find it hard to manage when their taxes continue to rise year after year. Looking first at City Hall and acknowledging departments that do not deliver value for money.
Ridiculously high taxes spent on poor choices
Try to save money by streamlining services that are not essential to our safety—ie. global warming line items. Those moneys that give no tangible benefits.
consider items that provide a function. We don't need any more Blue Rings and w don't need to change the City's motto every few years.
Focus on delivering the essential services first. Water infrastructure is an extremely basic service, that all Calgarians need. Balance the budget, get rid of government bloat, and stop increasing taxes. Calgarians cannot be expected to continue to tighten their belts when governments fail to do the same. Remove all Climate Change initiatives, 10 minute cities, and other globalist polices. These projects do not fall under municipal jurisdiction. Additionally, these initiatives are controversial and are not helping people here and now.
Let’s look for efficiencies right there in the Calgary office. How many jobs have more than required people doing them. Industry looks every year for ways to cut costs including limiting expenses, freezes on salaries, etc.
Safe transit, unimpeded by everlasting construction road arteries, more availability of parking, especially free of charge.
Master the basics first
Infrastructure maintenance is most important and the focus for the next four years should be on ensuring our infrastructure is there for years to come.
The budget is just that. A budget, a guideline. A city budget should operate the same as a household budget. When you have the money to spend on selected services ,then spend it, BUT, when you do not have the money, then take away the superfluous and concentrate on the essentials. A perfect example of that, is the Bearspaw water line extensive problems. There is absolutely NO EXCUSE for what happened in that situation. Incompetence was manifested in aces. Do no let that happen again! And, when the Mayor and city council tout themselves as public servants, may they remember what a servant is,selfless and not in their position for financial gain.

Please have other opinions involved in the creation of these surveys. Immediately suspend and stop future funding and spending on anything that isn't critical. Drastic times call for drastic measures! To know that we are going to be paying substantially higher taxes-again and frivolous special interest funding continues is a massive slap in the face!
Emphasis should be placed on reducing waste, bureaucracy and taxes. Do more with less. City compensation and benefits are disproportionate.
Sustainability and resilience in all areas of municipal responsibility. Calgary is a great place to live. Municipal infrastructure and policies need to continue to support and improve what this city has to offer. Look at longer term environmental and social issues such as extreme weather and plan for it now so that the impact on residents is minimized.
Stick to essential services, eliminate things that are mot city's concerns such as climate confrol
Need to work with the province on better turn around times on land-title changes etc. taking 6 months to process and that can't be efficient for city tax department. Also, better process for ending TIPPS program. People are getting tax payments removed due to timing issues and then no reimbursement is facilitated. That is absolutely inexcusable!.
Many in the city are confronted annually with doing more with less, both personally and professionally. Lack of trust and value perceived exists when that ubiquitous culture is shunned by the City. Increasing budgets annually because of inflation alone is foreign to many. Btw, having the province increase their take is required to build the ATA required 2000 new employees and schools. They are not running huge deficits to buy votes.
The city shouldn't be spending taxpayers money on artwork and hockey stadiums that wealthy individuals will step up and initiate. We don't need, or even like the big round "O" off the QE 2 north highway. Private investors had offered to build the new hockey arena, why didn't we let them?
Downtown west river walk, will it ever get done With multi unit buildings on existing SF home sites, how do we provide water and waste services, and how do we provide sufficient parking
Touches have increased far too much in the last 10 years and we need to spend time cutting things that are not necessary to reduce the tax burden on residents
Get away from 15 min cities and the unnecessary monitoring of the public. Promote small businesses and get away from large franchises.
I would like it if I were confident that the city is using best practice based upon comparisons with similar western Canada cities.
Stop wasting money in the budget. Trim the fat and get back to basics please!
How about using zero based budgeting and have every department requirement start with where can we cut waste.
Urban gardens, victory gardens in the past to be allowed. Stop the over crowding of tall buildings in urban areas. Stop city wide zoning.
Major water infrastructure cannot be kicked down the road any more. Fighting provincial overreach. Keeping taxes reasonable.
Balance the budget. Stop wasteful spending. Get city departments in line with greater accountability.
Finding efficiencies.

The days of "pet projects" by city council and/or mayors must end in Calgary. There are too many important things that must be addressed, to be re-allocating funds to special projects that have no significance in making Calgary a better city. Deal with the water mains, the roads, policing, fire, snow clearing, and things that citizens are dependent upon on a day-to-day basis. When that gets properly addressed, then bring up new projects that would be considered "nice-to-have" items.
Cut taxes in half. No half measures. Cut staff in order to make this possible. Cut 50 to 90% of them. Look at the water system. Thats what they are worth. 10% of our tax money.
No row housing
In order to ensure efficient spending & lower taxes!!
Reduce taxes. Cut spending.
Core services have to be prioritized and there are far too many pet projects that drained funds from more important areas
Focus on the basics.
Focus spending on programs that affect the majority of Calgarians not smaller groups. Safety should be the number one priority. The councilors should also take a pay cut as they are overpaid for what they do.
Remove redundancies, cuts should be made internally first before services, planned raises should be paused - if the people are suffering, you shouldn't be getting raises, clean up the bureaucracy first. The unelected should not be making the elected's decisions.
Again - back to basics - fix what needs fixing, mainjtain what needs maintaining, leave ideology OUT of policy.
Stop all climate related spending…..waste of money. Restrict budget only to inflationary increase from 2027-2030. Reduce staffing levels by 5% from 2027-2030. Freeze salaries and hiring from 2027-2030. City Hall needs to be downsized….gotten to large with too many wasted taxpayer dollars.
Reducing city taxation and debt.
Stop the tax and spend cycles, taxes are killing us at every level
Reduce spending and reduce taxes.
Stay with the basics. No frivolous spending.

In this budget, why don't we talk about cutting expenses. For example 'Climate Change and Environment' is a provincial issue, not any town or city council. Spending funds on sign and advertisement on name change of .... while erasing history that offends the select few.
Keeping taxes FROZEN as they are already increasing far past what was promised in the last election…more broken promises. Transparency. Report to us exactly where dollars are going and by how much and for what purposes. Infrastructure needs. Calgary has been crumbling for decades. Thanks to the Nenshi years very little was ever done and now our roads are a disaster and we have failing water mains.
SECRECY and behind closed doors decision making is an extremely negative approach. Open the doors. Let Calgarians know what is being decided.
Always, always, ALWAYS.... put the needs of the people & the city OVER & ABOVE the wants & agendas for any of you. Reduce & eliminate powers, regulations & controls in many areas to save money & because those areas are ones the city should never been involved

with. Stick only to what is absolutely necessary. Having the least amount of government & governance is best. Canada was built on private industry & money AND THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE CONTINUED. Also, since you & other governments do such a poor job, YOU MUST TAKE PAY CUTS, INCLUDING FOR PENSIONS & EXPENSES. STOP WASTING THE PEOPLES' TAX DOLLARS. NO PERSONAL AGENDAS ALLOWED. NO PERSONAL / SELF-INTERESTS ALLOWED. YOUR JOB IS ONLY FOR CALGARIANS & CALGARY. BEYOND THAT, NO OTHER FOCUS SHOULD EVER EXIST.
An example of a way to cut spending and improve services is to take a look around at other cities to see if there are any options available that have not been looked at in Calgary. A company in Saskatchewan has been selling a machine that one man operates to repair pot holes. It has been available since 2012 and is in use in multiple location in north American including Winnipeg and Ottawa. Here is a link to their website; https://www.superiorroads.com/
Stay out of areas that are under provincial or federal jurisdiction such as global climate initiatives.
I think the new council is on the right track trying be be more fiscally responsible and listening to the voters.
Do you want to live in Communism or Free with Morals and Transparency?
Focus on balanced budget, focused spending on key areas that are "must haves", "nice to haves" (like c-trains that have no destination) need to be put on the back burner, woke "equitable" policies need to be removed from all planning (they are costly & provide little to no value).
Cut the budget by ten percent, starting with the capital budget. Get rid of the environmental, recycling of initiatives, waste of money.
Em the tax and spend mentality. You have a moral and ethical obligation to be responsible when spending taxpayer dollars, and part of that obligation is living witholin your huge means. There is not one reason taxes can't be lowered. Cut all ideological departments and programs, end virtue signalling and get back to basics. Get our roads in order, restore public safety, make infrastructure reliable again, defund all NGO's and charities, it's not your place to fund them. Get out of housing, it's not your place. Fire the clearly incompetent CoC Admin and replace with competent, merit hires. Do the hard things, restore trust to City Hall.
Glad to see blanket rezoning scrapped, build outwards and ensure developers pay for infrastructure required. Council needs to understand that cars are necessary in this city. A full review of snow removal required, when (and if) they finally get around to plowing my cul de sac, they do one lane, and it's usually not needed by then. I love the green spaces, it makes Calgary special and enriches lives. Treat our police with more respect. I don't want them to feel afraid to do their jobs for fear of insulting someone!
Lower taxes, I'm retired and not getting raises like you provide to staff
May the old Farkas please come back.
Protect Police Fire and Paramedic Services
FIX OUR INFRASTRUCTURE! We are losing water to leaks, fix it!

Many, if not most, Calgarians are struggling to balance their personal budgets, eliminating many of the frills in their lives in order to preserve the basics. The city needs to closely examine the budgets at a more detailed level to identify "frills" that could be eliminated, in favour of either a reduced increase and / or improved basic services. For example, spending money adding bike lanes over fixing roads does not reflect good decision making.
The operating structure of the city: is it efficient, is there identifiable accountability, is the level of bureaucracy appropriate, is zero based budgeting used. Prioritization - must haves, should have, could have or needs, wants, desires. Identify those things the city does currently that could be done better, more quickly and at a lower cost by the private sector.
Do not waste tax payer money on art instalments at this time as it flies in the face of people struggling to put food on the table. Main infrastructure needs attention. Roads, water system repair, school building repairs.
Now that the rezoning plan has been thrown out (thankfully) it is important to quickly develop a new and better proposal to address the housing needs.
Costs of utilities the bills are out of control
How about decreasing pay of city workers so taxpayers can finally get a break and first time homeowners can actually, possibly, maybe afford to buy a place instead of increasing property taxes???
Important that city Council continues to be fiscally responsible and not keep giving themselves raises every year. They're already one of the highest paid in the country and no need for pay raises. They need to cut back on expense accounts. They have plenty they can cut back in with in city Council and the running of administration.
I believe the ones already on the list are essential & important enough & the city should focus on them first as oppose to entertaining other ideas that can pull away critical resources for less important stuff.
Ask yourself, if this were my money, how would I spend it to benefit calgary???
maintaining little to no tax hikes
-enhanced opportunities for small businesses(lower taxes) -water, electric and other infrastructure other than roads, improved or at least monitored better - no rexoning in older areas- the infrastructure cannot handle it
Please look closely at cutting areas of the municipal government that are redundant and ineffective. Bloated bureaucracy is a huge waste of our money. We don't need offices full of people with make work projects that do nothing to enhance our productivity and prosperity. We should not be funding special interest groups. I hear housing is a problem but it seems the problem is actually people being unable to afford housing. We need to prioritize improving the economy of our city so people can thrive. Develop a budget that funds the basic needs of Calgarians and supports economic growth for our city. We don't need more sculptures, foreign flags, redundant signs, special lobby group funding and research groups for unnecessary projects. We also need to ensure the people we hire for key positions in the operation our city's services are being monitored and held to a high standard for doing their job! Make sure adminstrators are actually doing what they were hired to do!
Consider AI to help you make decisions on future growth. Still use common sense to make decisions
Property taxes need to be scaled back dramatically to pre-Nenshi days when Calgary had a 0.25% vacancy rate for office space. This created 10s of thousands of jobs that will bring in FAR more revenue that simply charging a high property tax rate. Same for us renters of apartments, I want my rent to return to $900 a month instead of $1500 a month like it is now.

If we can support the list of services outlined here without raising taxes that would be excellent. As Calgarians, wages are not increasing and all levels of government want more. We pay very high taxes as Canadians. So where is it all going?
Council needs to better anticipate what the province is going to do with property taxes. These tax increases are unsustainable, and Council will be forced to make some very difficult decisions in the future. And don't allow City Administration to lead Council by the nose in budget planning. Administration is there to execute the will of the people, not the other way around.
Lower costs. Let people keep more of their money to make their own decisions with. Focus on providing core services such as police/fire/roads/transit etc. If people want more cultural initiatives or programs, let them develop them by themselves. A mandatory artwork budget component on large public projects is a waste of money.
Efficiency should be at the top of the list
Less road salt
Quit spending money on public art. Do your job and maintain infrastructure
The mainstay of business for the city, in my opinion, is to look after infrastructure, maintain water services, provide excellent and safe transit (especially evenings), fire services and policing. When it comes to culture, recreation and other things, these need to be a secondary category.
reduce spending. Increases should only be for inflation. Reduce management, slow growth.
Making sure that the utilities and services can match the population growth of the city.
No more increases of our property taxes!!!
The city's economy depends on power and transportation to run efficiently and effectively. Without proper infrastructure nothing runs efficiently.
Taxes are too high across the board. Work with the province and work together on projects and services that support calgarians. Don't fight each other. Don't waste my money
There needs to be an effort to deal with, assault, property crime, and theft. The number drug addicts in the city is increasing and they are committing numerous of the above mentioned crimes as well as interfering with the operation of many many small businesses. Nothing is really being done about this. Wellness checks are not an answer and neither is facilitating drug use. I have been to many countries where this type of behaviour is simply not tolerated--there is no excuse for doing so. Getting people off the street and into rehabilitation is the only solution. The city and this country need to do better.
Quit concentrating on feel good projects and start finding efficiencies within the current budget so we can put a hold on property taxes. Start running the city and the budget like companies do in the private sector, find efficiencies within your current budget instead of always relying on tax increases.
One thing you could do is have employees work shifts instead of paying overtime. You could stop the rule that departments have to use all their budget each year and instead save what is left to go towards the next year. You could stop plowing residential roads unless there is real emergency. We have seen snowplows drive down our street with there blades down and dropping sand when our street is almost bare. You could lower wages. There are probably lots of places you could find ways to lower costs. These are just some idea's I have thought of.
The city must focus on the basic infrastructure and policing needs - ie the core priorities of any municipality
A long term, realistic & transparent business plan is important for all, absent ideologies that are not embraced by the overall public. Some initiatives, or woke ideologies, are 'nice to

have', but not affordable. Perhaps those minorities that want them should pay a user charge for them.
Get away from the nice to have and focus n providing basic needs for our citizens
Stay in your lane, focus on your responsibilities not someone else's.
The city needs to remember that they work for the taxpayer. That means thinking first of how all decisions impact each citizen. We need excellent infrastructure which is well planned for the future. We need good facilites for our citizens to play and enjoy culture ie swimming pools, playing fields of all sorts, arenas and soccer centres, properly cared for parks, world class venues for professional sports for us to enjoy etc
Keeping tax increases to zero, managing debt and only focusing on basic services. Focusing on implementing department efficiencies is a key activity. Even some basic services could be cut back (like local snow clearing and gravelling)
Safety and cleanliness
Execution and flow up Merit over ideology
Do not increase taxes. No matter what you Do Not Increase Taxes. It is killing people.
The Canadians are told that our inflation is 2%. This is by how much my pension has been increased. Please keep your budget increase at the same level, as any Calgarian, and manage the taxpayer money as we manage our own household.
I've mentioned a lot. -Underground sewage and water supply should be #1 -less spending on bike lanes, low priority, maybe park pathways could be looked at -we're losing a lot of the urban canopy because of the housing development
Fix the water issues once and for all. Do NOT create a private Water Utility. It will increase costs same as Enmax has. This is the Cities responsibility. Mayor and Alderman do the job you were trusted to do and get your house in order.
Stop focusing on climate agenda and items not of jurisdictional importance to-the city! This is still a winter city and development must include parking..sufficient parking. We often work in areas far from our homes. Buses sometimes are not an option when bus commutes are 60-75 minutes. Keep the roads maintained properly not just for cars but for bicycles and pedestrians. Look at the number of pedestrians that have been injured and killed. Do something about that!!!!!
Don’t go crazy on climate and DEI initiatives. I think there is already too much of these directives in place. In fact, scale them back and establish priority on essential services.
People are talking about an affordability crisis, yet governments at all levels continue to demand more money from their citizens. I believe that bureaucracies have to become more efficient. I see unions more focused on increasing their numbers than providing cost effective services.
I think we should not be taking on a whole lot of capital building projects untill we have completed those in construction now and they are functioning. I do agree that any money spent for housing should be applied to clearly affordable and non-market accommodations, and not just for developers' benefit to put up high density high priced homes. Transit has to be a priority but addressed with a sustainable lens.
Encouraging economic growth
Construction/building of real estate portfolio. Rebuilding the roads, the express-ways; more "mojo" in the cleaning the streets during and after a heavy winter.

Correct evaluation of the taxes in this city. A fat hedge fund idoneous for emergency situations in Calgary. And, as always, a better and judicious administration of the health care that cannot be improved pumping more and more money in the system, but diversifying it - as all over the world has done it - with a parallel private system.
Do away with frills…back to the basics. Kiddie parks in neighbourhoods where kids actually play outdoors. Skate and bike parks for older kids to keep them entertained and out of trouble. Family activity areas like Bowness Park..not fancy just space for free fun and fellowship. Use spaces we have like Nose Hill to add activity ideas…orienteering, bird watching, all age activities. Activate your minds to come up with inexpensive ways to keep people active and busy and out of trouble. Bored and depressed people turn to mischief and worse. Perhaps young people in trouble with rules should be put to work shovelling seniors sidewalks, mowing parks, odd jobs to show them the value of volunteering! We need creative minds at work with positive ideas instead of boring civic leaders protecting their own little empires! Radical…quit spending money on drug "sites". Put your money into people who are NOT breaking the law instead of making it easier for them to break the law,
Make Calgary a safer, more affordable city for future generations by providing safe, affordable, navigable services and well- maintained transport corridors for people and commodities and services.
The City should look very seriously at actually reducing spending and not focus on ways to increase the budget. I believe that the focus for way too long has been to look for ways to spend money on pet projects and other non-essential services. The City should step up and cut spending on non-essential services during the 2027-2030 budget period.
Do not waste money on bidding on the olympics
Costs (taxes) are destroying the middle class in this country. All levels of government need to do some serious belt tightening in the hope of slowing the deterioration in our standard of living and quality of life.
Property taxes are too high and something must be done about the spending of tax dollars. Tax dollars need more transparency and accountability to ensure that tax dollars are being spent on services the city NEEDS. Property taxes become unaffordable for people on fixed income when they continue to rise.
we need to focus on the "bones", not the fancy clothing !!
Do not increase taxes, budget spending based on existing income.
Your main job is safety/police, roads and utilities.
Get back to basics in running a city - bare necessities and it's not glamorous - city employees should not be making more money, enjoying working from home and all the entitlements & perks that the majority of people they serve(with similar skills education experience)are not receiving
Look for efficiencies internally. Use zero based budgeting to justify every dollar in the business plans and budget Focus on core responsibilities only, anything that is truly not critical should be cut or eliminated outright. Ensure critical infrastructure and public safety are adequately funded first and foremost
See above.
Affordable, SAFE, and TIMELY Transit. It should not take an hour & a half to travel for the NW to the NE [bus> C train> switch to another C train > bus] because at times it takes well over 2 hours because the various bus and C trains do not sync.

Affordability': folks cannot afford everything. You must go through each line item and take out the waste.
More focus on the essentials and less on the ideology based funding.
Take the burden of K-12 Bus passes off the parents the kids assigned school is too far. Almost 2000 dollars all while you know most people are running a 200 dollar shortage/month as is WITHOUT having to try to pay for added bus passes for school thats mandatory.
The City should stick to the things needed to effectively and efficiently RUN the city ie "stick to your knitting" with Council accountability for oversight and Administration held to delivery of practical and efficient services…some of the budgets and ridiculous bureaucracy of city programs needs to be assessed and streamlined
Stop with forcing ideology down our throats. City is for services not feelings and pitting different cultures/beliefs against each other which is what is happening with DEI, etc. Hiring should be based on merit.
Core services must be the priority. The City must also focus on areas within its mandate, not provincial of federal areas such as climate and housing. There are efficiencies to be found in support services such as HR, IT, Finance and Supply Chain. These are four over staffed areas based on ratios found in the private sector. Comparisons to other inefficient organizations (i.e other cities) are not relevant. Hire an outside consultant to show you where staff cuts can be made and systems that can create efficiencies.
Fix the mess previous administrations have made by wasting money on wants while neglecting basic infrastructure
Don't give the developers a discounted ride. Let's make this a city where everyone can feel safe; find a way to crack down on poor and aggressive drivers despite Dreeshen's nonsense.
Weed out the useless bureaucrats and you will save millions in wages. Do your job and listen to your constituents instead of the woke retards that run city hall. Fire David Duckworth - that would be a good start.
start working harder on findings ways to find spending EFFICIENCIES at the City.
These are very tough economic times for Calgarians; we are all having to do with less. The city also has to do with less. We are tapped out.
Keeping it affordable to live
Get rid off some BIKE LINES.
There should be a limit as to how many secondary suite houses can be approved on every street. There is one family group that has bought up at least 10 house in my neighbourhood and turned them all into secondary suite rentals, leading to overcrowding of vehicles since none of us have driveways.
Safety if it's citizens is an overarching objective.
Council can't make everyone happy. Generally the city needs to trim its employee numbers (typically 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people in every organization) and reorganize to incent the productive people. We could outsource certain service offerings as well - there are lots of areas that could be fixed in terms of delivery of services.
Do not build new projects such as running tracks that take forever to complete with cost overruns due to various mistakes when the city already has a perfectly fine running track a block away. Do not adopt pet projects that aren't necessary and eat away at budgets. Find EFFICIENCIES and LOWER taxes. Provide the basic services well (waste, water, roads).

Calgary needs a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
Unsustainable growth in administration and overreach should be addressed
Stability of property values
We need to budget 3 years out at minimum for more schools and recreational facilities that are aging and for new communities that are being proposed.
Prioritize efficiency and reward innovation instead of going down the same path you have for the last quarter century. Taxpayers cannot afford the utopia that city hall forces on us. If you put more money back in our pockets I think you will find satisfaction improves very quickly.
The City should take serious consideration for long term water supply, given the ongoing drought conditions and the ability to supply water, at reasonable costs to a population of 2 million and over. The current understanding is highly uncertain to meet such an objective.
Climate issues are not municipal responsibilities. Arts & Culture must find their support elsewhere. Funding office to apartment conversions belongs in the private sector. Roads, police, fire, parks are City problems to fix.
Minimize bureaucracy . Simply processes and limit the many levels of highly paid management.
Cut expenses! Cut employees at City Hall particularly the top administration positions. Hire more competent people.
Look at the whole picture
Reduce staff and cut waste. Less administration and more people actually doing work. Road maintenance and park maintenance needs to improve. All alleys in Calgary should be paved. Enmax should be working on putting all electrical devices underground.
Inefficiencies need to be addressed to reduce taxes. Focus on only core responsibilities.
Cut excess bureaucracy: how much are we spending in areas that are not in core services such as police, fire and utilities.
People that don’t pay taxes to support city services should not have a say as to how much taxpayer obligations increase.
Balance the budget without increasing taxes. Do the work of finding places to save money. That is responsible governance and part of city officials’ roles. Private companies do this all the time. Whatever happened to not spending more than you have? And this does not open the door to increasing taxes every time the city can’t make cost/program cuts. Most people need to make choices as there is no money tree in the backyard. The city needs to be responsible with tax payer $ and manage ESSENTIAL services. Unfortunately some ‘nice to haves’ have to fall by the wayside.
Lower property taxes which have gone up too much over the last 29 years
Develop decent priorities based on what should truly be under your control. Stay in your lane. Fix roads. Decrease the cost and effirt involved in city red tape. Get out of the way of business and stop spending money and effort on environmental and otger ideological matters.
fiscal resposibility cut the fat   cut the stuff we do not really need

Consider that taxes are far too high, and people are struggling to pay for the items they need to live a good life.
A balanced budget and a focus on 'need to have' items rather than 'nice/want to have'.
In my view the city needs to focus on core responsibilities and leave vanity, nice to have, projects in the dust bin until city finances are under control.
Cut out any Diversity and inclusivity budgets and "Climate Emergency" budgets, these do not add value and are a waste of tax payers money.
The last two administrations have prioritized grandstanding, passion projects, and tried inititatives that either didn't move the needle at all, or simply just inconvenienced Calgarians without any meaningful benefit. Its time to take a conservative, albeit much less exciting approach, to the budget this year. Focus on the un-sexy problems our city has. Take a look at the initiatives that may not be something this administration my be "remembered for" but are things that are going to pay dividends into the future. What we can't control is that we will eventually have another round of administrators who have won the popularity contest and it'll be back to buying blue rings and paper bag elimination challenges. But what we can control is what we invest in today so that those people can go on their adventures later and have a city that doesn't get shaken by problems that have been swept under the rug.
No debt! Essential services first. Hold the green line and upgrade water and road services.
Core services
Reduce admin costs and use savings in areas of need so taxes don’t have to increase so much and so fast.
If Calgarians want a better life they can provide it for themselves or go somewhere else and find it. If Calgarians want something private enterprise is more than capable of stepping in and providing to those who want it at a cost. This allows those who don’t want to pay not be forced to through taxes. Less union and more private contracts and RFPs!
Climate change is not a civic responsibility and should be eliminated as a concern in city planning. Property taxes should be more fair, in line with most other Alberta jurisdictions at 2.75% higher mill rates than residential for business property, rather than approaching the maximum allowed in Alberta of 5%. Cut back on city staff and wages.
People cannot afford groceries. The city needs to look at the absolute necessary services and cut back on their wish list. This is not the time to be frivolous and unnecessary projects. Run the city like you would your household.
Cut unnecessary programs - focus on the basics - Police, Safety, community recreation, clean streets, repair potholes, eliminate excess bike lanes, maintain infrastructure for delivers of water
Support business, be financially responsible, reduce tax. This is an expensive city and taxes almost doubled in the last decade. Not sustainable for the community.
The city infrastructure is falling apart, roads mainly due to the freeze thaw creating unsafe roads. People swerving to miss pothole, motorcyclists getting tossed around with the bumps/cracks. Poor initial paving doesn’t help. Everyone relies on the roadways because the transit system sucks, can this not be higher quality, the roads in Iceland were remarkably better than the roads in Calgary. Maybe we could import some volcanic material?
It is obvious in so many ways that there is a lot of fat to be trimmed at City Hall throughout the city. Identify those things and eliminate them. Review why the top dog looking after city decisions is being paid excessively or not, and adjust salaries accordingly. Efficiency is the key word across the entire city.

Focus on essential services and improving public safety and security. Stop spending on vanity and optics projects. For example, art installations and Bike lanes are not essential services.
Consider making the city more cost efficient. Find ways to cut operating cost. Every department that can cut the most should be incentivized the following year. The city can also cut costs in terms of special events like the pride parade and cultural festivals since they only recognize a subset of residents.
First develop the infrastructure then open the development, not the other way around. Take a lesson from major U.S. cities.
DROP THE CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES! NOT A CITY RESPONSIBILITY!
You can leave the climate change in Eco friendly projects to the province and take that out of our budget. You can also reduce the amount budget for art as I live near the blue circle, the most expensive light standard in the world, as I'm not sure the money is being well spent anyway.
Stay away from political and social statements and activities. Focus on core services our tax dollars are meant to support.
Cut staff & benefits, city is bloated. I've personally had this happen while not nice is necessary. Stick to what city service roles are, stay in your lane, live within financial means. Get rid of useless departments, no more DC pensions only DB, allow for workers choice to not have to join a union. Be fiscally responsible. What happened to 'zero based budgeting'? Stop the DEi equity? Everyone is a resident of the city
Be very, very careful when allocating big dollars to community art. The Blue circle and a number of other disasters are examples.
Providing basic municipal services without creating an unaffordable burden for citizens. Not only do taxes, directly impact businesses, end property owners, those cost get indirectly placed upon customers and renters.
The areas most important to me are the ones that keep this great city safe and sound. I am referring to the police, fire and medical responders. There should never be an issue with funding these departments as long as there is accountability to the city.
I think the roads are important and needs to addressed. In this city, there never should be a bad road or pot holes. People shouldn't have to get there car fixed because the city isn't taking care of the roads. That is not taking care of the city or its people who drive the roads.
The city should focus on having an water system with minimum leakage, good policing so safe streets & timely street maintenance especially in the winter.
Drop the extras, focus on proper core planning. Maintenance is not glamorous but essential. Too much money has been spent on pet projects. Money is tight, essentials must be addressed first. People don't care about artwork and bike lanes when they have no water
Focus on the key areas of what the city is meant to fund through taxes and leave the rest.
Stay in their own lane. Do not try to duplicate services and functions that are the purview of other levels of government. Work with other levels of government in order to achieve the best results for the community Eliminate waste Be more approachable
Any need that Calgary residents need but can't afford is a itemize Provincial responsibility in Section 92 of the Constitution as I recall - it's called welfare, social assistance or income support
infrastructure and affordability over everything else, cutting subsidies, I don't want to pay for someone to be lazy or help them make a buck, for example, subsidies on adding a suit to your home.. you want it then you pay for it and jump thru the hoops to get there. there are 19

houses in my small cul de sac and 6 suites 1 is legal. helping small interest groups get recognized they can fund raise, I will help who I want don't force me… spending millions on fluoride water sorry didn't want not entirely healthy now my choice is spend more for bottles/filtered because some kids never learned proper hygiene (parents problems not mine). subsidizing daycare/day camps etc nope put a cap on it, . cut staff, cut salaries, freeze salary raises for council they make too much as it is and definitely cut private security it isn't needed if policing is being funded properly. lastly we need what the States did Doge to fund wasteful spending but this is needed on all levels of govt
Please, when planning budgets, carefully examine all City departments spending "needs". It appears that all departments want to have continually expanding budgets. They make sure they spend all available funds on an annual basis to prove they will need more next year just to stay ahead of "inflation". This is just runaway expenditure.
The essentials have been negrlected and now need attention. Other things may need to be sacrificed or DEFERRED - massive tax increase is NOT an option
Figure out a way to cut your budget, lay people off or reduce salariesand reduce our tax burden.
Recent property tax increases are unsustainable, but too much has gone to the province. The cities should collectively lobby the province to ease the levy burden.
Good planning for today with vision planning for the future.
Focus on the essential services and provide and elevated experience for Calgarians.
Safety first. Fire and police. Infrastructure- roads (lights, signals, all that comes with that) Stop spending on bike lanes - there are too many that are not used - just put a pin in it for the next budget cycle Define the green line construction. Get it done in this budget cycle. It's cost too much and not serviced 1 person
focus much more on reducing internal waste of funds, streamlining programs, no pet projects that people have not asked for, better cost benefit analysis and accountability when mistakes are made
Focus on a X minus 1 approach - take the department budgets and enforce a mindset of how to do things more efficiently. Change Manager salaries/bonuses in part to how much savings are accomplished. Focus on what the City is supposed to do. Climate is a Provincial responsibility.
The City can no longer keep raising taxes. It MUST learn to operate within the current tax rate. Taxpayers CANNOT afford frivolous spending on unnecessary projects ie. public art. The taxpayer is NOT an open limitless checkbook for you to squander at will.
so when money is allotted for programs, eg snow removal, what happens to the left over money. its been long known that they just spend it willy nilly because they don't want to be undercut for the next season. put it in a pot where they can dip into it for the next year if they need it . this is what families do. everybody knows the city waste a lot of money on unnecessary expenditure because its someone elses money. most of all: FIRE HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION. WE NEED A SMALLER CITY HALL!! they make us think this way all the time. city hall is bloated.
Small business expenses need to be managed better and an example would be the number of businesses affected by the road closures in Marda Loop and how new construction projects impact local area businesses…closing sidewalks and roads

Austerity in these trying times but critical infrastructure issues like water security is key.
We have core needs; these need to be up to par (near best in class). Safe water, decent streets, fire, and police. All the rest need to be managed on a secondary priority basis. We have too much fat chasing too many low-priority choices. Much of this city is struggling to buy groceries and basic transportation to work. Concentrate on making their life better. An example is the waste that is the Olympic Plaza rebuild. Total waste of taxpayer money!!!
Make it harder for developers to add in new neighbourhoods at huge profits while the city bears the burdens of most of the infrastructure costs.
Putting a wage freeze on everyone that works at city hall. We, as howeowners have to learn to tighten our purse strings and sometimes juggle to see things through. It should be no different for city hall, council and the mayor. THEY NEED TO GROW A PAIR AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE, or get out of the way and let someone lead who knows how to grow responsibly, without endless abuse of taxpayers dollars.
Emergency services, utilities and infrastructure is very important.
Cost of living is out of control for most citizens - please be as frugal with taxpayer's dollars as possible. We don't need any frills or fluff from the City at this time.
Consider things related to infrastructure and safety - roads, water supply, fire and police protection. etc.
Please focus on essentials. Forget the arts, cultural, recreation etc. We need policing , fire, water, sewer, roads etc.
The city needs to fund core municipal responsibilities everything else is a nice to have and for the everything else eliminate that department that will reduce the internal demand to spend and then if you have money left over treat that as a project or better a genuine tax cut
Look to reduce all departments budgets
Streamlining all services. Repair work and replacement when needed not just when something is aged. Do we really need all the repair done. Why do 7 employees go out to do a job. Could employees be incentivized to work faster with bonuses? Probably not. Unions don't like that.
tighten the budget and encourage citizens to get involved and volunteer in their communities if they want anything more than the basics. Let it be known that this city focuses on the basics and nothing more.
Saving money by spending less on pet projects and expense accounts. Money should be spent where it does the most good for the most people. Wealthy benefactors can contribute to pet projects instead of less wealthy people paying the price through reduced services or increase in costs to them.
Where we can find efficiencies to save money
The city's infrastructure has been ignored and unfortunately the responsibility has all fallen on to this administration. It is what it is. And the incompetence of previous administrations now has to be faced and dealt with.
Increases should be balanced with cuts / efficiencies, the goal should be to provide the best services for the same amount as previous year, not continual increases as that is not sustainable.
Transit Transit is very important. The city should focus on more train routes and increase in speed, efficiency, frequency and better fare structure. Transit connectivity to neighboring towns like Cochrane, Airdrie etc. The city should also focus on local businesses and Employment.
Provide English classes for immigrants and require them to take them.

It is important to focus on increasing the amount of GDP developed from all industries and to fast-track growth. We need to place importance on thriving. For far too long the Canadian Government has placed thriving as the least important feeling for its citizens to feel. We the citizens need to feel like we are thriving and be able to have an optimism for the future. Consider an economic plan that produces high paying jobs and attracts highly skilled workers that will contribute to Calgary's economy.
Wasteful spending on aldermen agenda , CORE values always first
Taxes - start with zero based budgeting Labour costs - cut the fat at City Hall Processes - use Lean Sigma approach to improve overall efficiency.
Focus on providing basic services- police, fire, utilities, roads and keeping balanced budgets as a main goal.
a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
Fix the water issue and do not defund police and fir
Implement savings in areas like climate and culture. Again, concentrate on the necessities, like keeping taxes low enough to attract self-supporting growth and reliable services. In time and with careful management Calgary will be able to provide for the 'fun' things.
GET BACK TO BASICS stop dictating what is not your mandate. Be honest. Small example. Plastic shopping bags. Is the bylaw there to save the world from plastics or stop the flow into our landfills????
Most services should be scaled back in tough economic situations. We taxpayers are struggling to provide the basics and therefore, the city should be scaling back as well.
A focus on economic growth, and opportunity for careers for both young and old should be of utter importance. With more and more head offices leaving Calgary for Houston, we need to prove why they should stay here - the current state of downtown does not support strong head office growth. We need to be mindful of increases to commercial taxes so as not to drive away outside investment in our city.
Affordability first off. Then prioritizing based off budgetary limitations as opposed to increasing it continually in the form of taxes.
Get back to basics. Drop the vanity projects. Start being more mindful of where you're actually spending money. Ask yourself, "Is this really necessary right now?" Stop thinking that you have an unlimited supply of tax money and that you can keep raising it every year. Why don't you focus on not raising taxes? Try living within your means. Every day Calgarians are being forced to decide between buying food and paying an electricity bill. They cannot afford even higher taxes. Start thinking of taxes as something you need to reduce, not increase every single year.
treat the city as a for profit business....where to cut inefficiencies???? we don't need to spend money on 'climate change' net zero stuff. Carbon dioxide comprises less than 1% of the atmosphere. Stop gas lighting people and get in your lane to keep the city running efficiently and effectively.
City should look for efficiencies to reduce our taxes. Households and the private sector are able to find efficiencies why can’t the city. I was disappointed last fall when the city pulled funds from reserve rather than cut expenses. It was not good enough!

FIND WAYS TO BE MORE EFFICIENT. THE CONCEPT OF EFFICIENCY DOES NOT EXIST IN THE CITY VOCABULARY- IT OUGHT TO BECOME A CORE VALUE. ALSO DROP CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS - THEY ARE NOT WITHIN MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION.
I'm not involved with this so I don't have an opinion. But business is good to have and keep going. We should not discourage small businesses for failure.
Cut the spending and salaries of the government workers, especially the counselors MLA etc.
Let's take a pause on additional funding for Climate Change right now. It is not an emergency as previous council has declared.
Maintain good relations with province and federal govt. Previous administrations were clearly adversarial and that did not benefit Calgarians.
Roads,taxes, infrastructure.
The City should to be run like a business, continually looking to inovate, be very cost effective and budget sensitive and try to deliver the best serviice for the lease cost. In past years this has not taken place and the city has expanded into areas that are anything but needed or even outside of its mandate. Getback to the basics of providing the basic servies and allow the provate sector to ad its creativity and skills in providing services such as for example culture and waste management, perhaps even transit. There are efficiences to be gained and the city could actually reduce its budget significanly by dialing it back. And please do not provide "nice to have" services in these times where we are all striving to keep our costs in check!
- policing - vagrancy and crime - helping homeless people find a home in PRIVATE enterprise housing, not public housing - potholes and road repairs - stop removing parking and replacing it with bike lanes. 2nd Ave NW - you just spent $3.5 million to remove 87 parking spots in order to put in bike lanes. This has nothing to do with bike lanes - it is the city left wing fighting a war on cars. Stop it!
Cut spending on frivolous endeavors, reduce the amount of city staff, have a better plan for longterm infrastructure to keep up with growth. Stop the woke aganda and climate fraud, it's embarrassing on the world stage.
Bravo for repealing the blanket rezoning policy it was clearly unpopular to begin with and consequently doing so has cost we tax payers a lot more than it should have. Shame on the past Counsel/Mayor!! Now is the time to get another viable policy in place so as not to jeopardize the Federal Funding we have access to. There should be a happy medium for development in the older communities without ruining property values. Sticking to developing higher density near LRT lines seems the most logical plan.
Forget about the possibility of bidding for any Olympics.
In past years, council has been focusing too much on "nice to haves" instead of "must haves". This is why we are wasting millions on climate change initiatives, DEI and other fluff while our water system and roads are falling apart.
REDUCE taxes. FIND efficiencies. MAINTAIN services. FIX the water problem. CANCEL all climate change policies, projects and initiatives. FIRE expensive and useless bureaucrats with a proven history of poor performance and failure. REDUCE union wages and overtime. EMPOWER the police to maintain more order on our streets for ordinary, taxpaying citizens who are just trying to get to work (to pay their taxes) or school and don't need to be exposed to, or have to deal with [redacted] and panhandlers in OUR public spaces, on our roads and transit vehicles and platforms, begging for money, shooting up, yelling profanities, sleeping in

our alleyways and parks and burglarizing our homes and garages. Get a grip on the livability of this city which has severely declined. Stop making "trade-off" excuses. Learn the lessons of the last, vision obsessed council. WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR VISIONS OF UTIOPIA. Run the city better. Cut taxes. Get back to basics.
The focus of spending at this time should be on basic core services, the services that are essential, not the nice to haves, but the need to haves.
What is essential for a city to function? Those are the areas our tax dollars should be used. I am against more “art” when our water utilities are in shambles. We also don’t need more housing right now. I live in the SE and there is an ABUNDANCE of apartments for rent.
No deficits, basic services first.
Calgary needs a back-to-basics budget - one that focuses on core services, respects taxpayers, and avoids unnecessary spending.
1) zero-based budgeting, 2) focusing on providing fiscally-prudent basic services, 3) spending within revenues, not just increasing revenues (taxes) to cover expenditures (many of which are less necessary)
It's very simple, think and use common sense.
back to basics cut all the fluff and pet projects
Stop raising property taxes. Stop wasting tax dollars. The previous administrations did nothing but raise taxes and rates and lower services. Where did the tax dollars go?
Let's get back to handling the business of the city. We have water issues, traffic issues, road issues, safety issues and on and on. Stop building and trying to attract more people until we can look after what we have.
Maintenance of what you have
So that the items are in place early, and can be discussed while current work that pertains to them is done - so that they can be augmented on a real-time basis, keeping the budget process accurate and not a once a year 'problem'.
Quit wasting our time and money. Lower taxes. Especially property taxes. Find a way just like a business has to, to be more efficient and stop with the pet projects. EG: I don't need to have our mayor having a shower with another man, to encourage people to turn off their water. A mayor is supposed to have a bit more class than that. The City repeatedly claims that to maintain services at their current level, taxes would need to increase by x%. The City also often argues that services would have to be reduced significantly in order to deliver even moderately lower property taxes. But this assumes that there is no possible way to find efficiencies at the City. In the private sector, businesses find efficiencies all the time. Business owners and employees are constantly looking for ways to deliver more with the same amount of resources (or even less). Not to mention, as taxes have increased, families have had to learn to do more with less as well.
Costs!! We are "all" currently under strain for money and yet we keep getting punished with higher taxes. For what? Never see any true restraint or common sense with anything the city is involved with
Find the money somewhere else other than the people. The taxes have gone up every year that I’ve been in Calgary and I really can’t afford for them to go up again. Most of my

neighbours are in the same boat. Good managers can always maximize the budget without laying it back on the people.
City tries to provide too much. Lower taxes would be a nice thing to provide. Provide lower taxes and don't waste my tax money on things like bike trails and helping drug addicts all the time. Think about the majority of the people. Not just a few
Pet projects and special interests are off the table. We need to get back to basics. Save the ideology for those using their own money.
Focus on essential services. Stay away from ideological pursuits.
Again, Stay away from vanity projects, put monies back into our infrasturcture which is what the city should be focusing on. Also more crack down on drug use and other crimes that seem to be getting now traction, Make the city safe again and stop letting career criminals out and locking up tax paying citizens. Fund our first responders so they can do their jobs successfully.
Infrastructure
Less red tape for business, less spending on feel good programs, more focus on core needs.
It is time to be bare bones and reduce spending money on ideology etc
City needs to look at business efficiency.
Stop funding virtue signaling projects. Actually assess what is being funded and how. Do not cut funding to fire, police and ambulance services. Look at increasing efficiencies in City Hall.
Cut cost
Take into account that property taxes do not just make life more unaffordable for property owners, but for renters as well. Landowners have to make sure they can make ends meet, and higher property taxes either lead to higher rents to pay those taxes, or if rents cannot be increased, independent landlords frequently have to sell to corporations outside of the community who can absorb that cost. This can destroy close knit communities, or result in more predatory renting or buying conditions, since these corporations have legal resources that can crush tenants even if they have valid complaints. Additionally, higher property taxes makes it more expensive for businesses to operate, since it is basically their “rent” to open a shop. This would also be reflected in prices, or in the disappearance of small shops in favour of only mega corporations, with similar problems as those mentioned above for corporate landlords.
Making cuts wherever you can. Pretend that it’s YOUR money!
responsible usage of funds, no mismanagement and ignoring essential. ie 20% water wastage for years ignored by city councils in the past.
City budgets should never have to grow more than the rate of inflation. Normal companies focus on innovation and continuous improvement to improve efficiency and delivery of services to keep cost increases under control. If the city administration can't mimic these behaviors, the leadership should be replaced, or the service should be privatized.
The city needs to stop justifying tax hikes. We all have to live within our means, so you should too.
Keep or increase current funding for essential services and reduce or cut the budget for the rest
Need to look at city staffing levels and other costs. Need to reduce non core spending.
Maintain the current tax rate or reduce it. Look at the city's business processes and stream line them, in the process reducing the city's workforce by at minimum 10%. Focus on the priorities not the nice to have.

Fixing issues with Calgary water. Population emergency preparation.
Long term planning to support large public events like NHL hockey/ concerts and investigating the 50th anniversary event of the Winter Olympics in 2038.
Transparency and accountability
I think I have covered everything in my comments above. I am true believer in setting goals, developing achievable action plans and developing a method of evaluation to ensure goals are met. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.
Cut services and money that don't benefit the majority of the population. We are taxed too much. Increase independent businesses for the city work and get rid of unionized and pensioned workers. Should only be in two languages and maybe just one English. Stop wasting peoples money
Clean up the city!
Tighten your waist and give more freedom back to the people. Make this a place people want to live and are proud of. Consider tackling the big problems and not just fixing small ones that are easy. Drugs, crime, overall cleanliness, poor construction, rising living costs need to be addressed
Eliminate all bike paths, we have up to 7 months of winter weather in Calgary Bike paths compare to cancellation of plastic straws as an absurd issue that Calgary Councillors find so important.
Safety of its citizens.
Think about what benefits the average citizen…I'm not interested in my tax dollars supporting small initiatives for select groups. Let's do things that benefit everyone.
Cut all the fluff especially in the fire department
Stop spending on pet projects and get back to the basics.
Long term planning. People will complain about their taxes no matter what the rate. Ignore the naysayers and do what's right for the city.
Balance your budget. Minimize tax hikes, cut unnecessary spending, & dump ineffective management.
Already noted. However I would say FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY is key. The public are not an ATM, we cannot expect to see taxes increase and the public to keep paying. There are limits to affordability. CIty Hall must review accountability to tax payers, act like citizens must act and look at what must be supported and what is just nice to have, cut what we cannot afford. It's time for a harsh review of our reality.
Maximum 2 term limit for all elected positions.
Making effective use of every tax dollar.
Look at reducing/eliminating areas that are nice to haves and focus on your assets and maintaining them. A budget that is $4.6 BILLION has some potential for efficiencies. Don't encourage your departments to spend their budgets at year end just because they have it.
find efficiencies and lower taxes
Concentrate on core municipal services. Anything that is the responsibility of another order of government should never be duplicated at the local level. There is only one taxpayer & we can't afford duplicate government services. Anything done by the City, as a collective, needs majority support. Actions desired by small groups should be completely funded by those groups without direct government funding. Governments should never support charities with tax dollars. People who are forced to pay taxes may not agree with certain social endeavors...everyone is free to donate their own money to groups & movements they support within the law.

Consider reducing the number of city employees. Look for areas that can run just as efficiently with less people. Work with the different unions to reduce the redundant positions.
A good business leader lays finds less expensive ways to do things and build things. So much money is wasted because it's an open piggy bank with no accountability.
Efficiency
Do not bid on the Olympics or even create a bid planning group. It's a corrupt organization, the "spinoff" benefits are minimal and short-lived, the debt will be foisted on taxpayers for years to come. Calgary 1988 had an army of volunteers to help make it a success. The culture and demographic of Calgary was very different then. People have written about this when Nenshi was planning his bid (it wasn't the City's bid, obviously). We don't have the same volunteer culture anymore. On top of that, we don't have reliable winter weather.
Cut the trivial expenses like communications and policy development. We may also not be able to afford to be as generous as we would like for low cost housing and ridiculous initiatives for vocal minorities like Pride activities.
Cut spending by 30%, and reduce taxes accordingly.
Just stick to the basics. Keep infrastructure at the top. Look at City Hall reductions. Treat your position like you would in a private practice. You need to keep costs low, bring great service, make a profit (give Calgarians more for less), or you may get fired.
Please plan for the future, looking ahead to what our growing city needs to not be on the cusp of needing emergency remedies all the time. If everything is well taken care of, then by all means look at the arts and cultural side of funding, but take care of the barebones basic needs of the city first.
Focus on priorities that are undeniably municipal responsibilities and avoid straying - Stay in our lane!!
I think the most important things here are to keep the roads in good shape, a lot of damage gets done to cars. Also to keep our city safe. There are too many people speeding through playground zones, running red lights,etc. I am a born and raised Calgarian and I don't feel comfortable or safe going downtown in my own city. Too many drugs, homeless, and I would never take the LRT in this city.
Keep taxes as low as possible, let people breathe a little bit. Implement systems that will ensure high safety for the city residents. We want our kids safely go to school, safely use public transportation and we want to safely sleep in our homes. Limit imitation from countries where most of criminals come from
Focus on core services such as maintaining roads, water, recreational facilities, transit. Get rid of unused bike lanes
Get rid of all DEI initiatives and hire and promote on merit
The city doesn't need more bike lanes, public art or climate activism. Stick to the core responsibilities of municipal government and services.
Reduce spending and staff count. Way over staffed. Could start with the staff that drive around taking pictures of license plates and refocus on parking infractions that impede parking.
No more vanity projects. Just stick to the basics.
Keeping budgets at or under the cost of living and making sure all city employees are accountable and doing a good job
Drop Climate change programs and initiatives. Work to make City staff more effective.
The debt and deficit. When the money runs out; Stop Spending. Prioritize everything and if it is not a basic essential service, then do not support it
Common sense and less spent on special interests - treat everyone fairly!

Affordability and recognizing that the tax base does not have unlimited resources. Live within your means, and continuously look for efficiencies, ways to reduce duplication of effort and improve communication between departments.
Be SMART about spending and forget about attempting to appease the few but what works best for the MAJORITY!
Setting our city up to attract business and be the most profitable city in Canada.
Police, fire and emergency services should be the top priority.
Stay on budget, infrastructure is important
what is cities core priority evaluate and publish? Concentrate on basic services water, power etc. Taxes are onerous and always increasing with no additional benefit, useless monuments and expenses must haves versus wants ... eliminate unnecessary and special interest fees completely
Stop raising home taxes. Cut all unnecessary positions of staffing at city hall. No raises.
Manage what comes under the municipal mandate. Climate change is not in that mandate. Do a very deep dive into how efficiencies can be found. Households and businesses do this all the time but municipal governments do not focus of the change in priorities as the economics of the citizens change. We can't have everything and not everyone should be paying for everyone's dream of a perfect city.
Quality of governance; governance training of those involved in making these decisions
Reduce management and costs
Cut the hiring of city employees. No new new hires, and cut salaries and pension benefits by 10-15%.
Reduce the bloated and lazy union bureaucracy.
Zero based budgeting. Just because we have funded something in the past does not mean we should continue to fund it or fund it at the same level
Cost of living!!!
We need to quit supporting businesses that cannot support themselves, there are too many alcohol dispensing services (bars and breweries).
Remove expenditures for the climate action report that Gondek brought in. It is a complete waste of money and will have very little positive impact for the tax payer.
Emphasis on basic municipal services. Please cut the areas that are provincial or federal jurisdiction.
Properly maintain water utility !!!
Budget control, plus catch up on old infrastructure
Fix decaying water and sewer system…forget beautifying art wishes for at least 5 years
Our infrastructure, specifically our water mains need to be updated and repaired, which is happening. However, we must ensure that they are never neglected again, as in the past.
Managing the budget and maintaining or lowering taxes. Reducing the size of the public sector in order to do so is paramount, in line with what the private sector has been doing for decades, and more recently over the past few years
We are seniors on a fixed income. We need government at every level to focus on the basic needs and, wherever possible, to cut costs
Don't go after the Olympics. Last time they held a vote it was rejected.
Concentrate on basic infrastructure and safety if there is any money left, then that can be portioned out to the fluffy stuff
Attack only core issues and keep taxes low for sustainability for the population without any wasted money on non-core items

Stop listening to lobbying groups. Climate change, bike paths etc are a waste. Need to focus on necessities.
Livability isn't about how much public art there is or how green your down town is. Livability is about people feeling safe and being able to afford to live. You can rejuvenate some part of the city and call it an increase in livability but most of us will never use that because we can't afford to!
No more "Art" until we have budgetary surplus.
The failure of our water system is disgraceful.
WHEN FIXING ROADS FOCUS ON PAVEMENT AND STOP REPAIRING MINOR CONCRETE CURB CRACKS, THE CONDITION OF THE CURB DOES NOT IMPACT DRIVING.
Focus on core services: fire, police, water, sewer, garbage, roads, snow plowing, parks, libraries, recreation. Stop the climate initiatives, the meaningless communication that seems to take place instead of action, the policy people who constantly make policy that make it hard to run a business in the city
Decreasing funding on arts and cultural programs that doesn't benefit everyone.
Start finding efficiencies
We need to lower taxes and cut all diversity and welfare programs. They encourage a lazy socialist society that is also too expensive.
Should more consumption taxes be considered?
Small business pays for services it does not use yet gets no vote. Either give businesses a vote as they are already "legal persons" or equalize the mill rate so an assessed dollar of property tax is treated equally among classes.
Remove climate change initiatives that cost more money. Focus on real issues like open drug use on the streets
Not enough info.
Focus on Calgary's reputation of a great place to live and work.
Stop constantly increasing property taxes, focus on core services.
Making sure the fallout from repealing rezoning doesn't disproportionately affect the most marginalized. Not compromising the safety of some people for the comfort of others. Bridging gaps in programs and services. More effort in engaging with the people most affected but least represented. Proper engagement with and application of evidence-based best practices in areas affecting health, social services, housing and environmental sustainability.
Listen to the concerns at the community association, they hear what the public wants and the struggles they are faced with. Help make those changes. Help fund those that want to make a big difference, that is where your biggest impact and change will happen.
They need to continue and even increase support for alpha houses outreach services. Safe injection sites saves lives!!
The biggest parts that the city needs to invest in is to fix the city water so that we can stop the water restrictions. And as I said before and I'll say it again we need better policing more policing and we need to stop the crime that is happening in this city. Our city is growing and the problems are growing even bigger this is not a safe city anymore.
In view of the escalating property values a lot of properties are being bought for investment purposes with the goal to make profits in the short to medium term. These properties are usually rented out but in a lot of cases are sitting empty. To help control this negative affect on housing affordability would suggest a tax on properties that are vacant more than 6 months a year. Another strategy to ease the burden on city services would be to restrict the amount of land

available for development so that the city grows at a slower pace. In this way the cost of increased services like policing, fire department and transit can be gradually expanded.
eliminate waste. open competitive bids for all things to the private sector.
The City should focus on safety, transit, roads, housing, and clean public spaces. It should also spend money wisely and keep costs affordable for Alberta residents.
When creating plans, think of the vulnerable people in the City in making the plans. People with time, money and privilege are the loudest and their perspectives always get incorporated into plans. I work in the field of public engagement and see time and again City plans are not the best in reflecting the needs from a broad range of Calgarians.
I want to emphasize again that you cannot ignore the traffic safety crisis. Safety improvements are imperative, not optional.
Build public transit and biking and walking infrastructure to deliver real benefits and actually tackle congestion and car dependency
How changes in weather patterns affect the city especially with hotter summers with risks of wildfires and unpredictable winters with issues such as clearing roads safely and allowing the city to run even when the weather is chaotic.
I don’t know
Investing into the medical system! Is the city able to fund or subsidize care such as providing a dental plan or getting more doctors to the city?
Reduce taxes. Relieve the taxpayer for once in your miserable lives. Focus on the critical basics for a few terms. Start outsourcing more things to the private sector.
Focus on what we have now - we want more density vs. sprawl so use some of the space sitting empty (good example is the ex-Ernest Manning high school area next to the Westbrook LRT) rather than try to put 4-plexes in existing neighbourhoods. Incent developers to develop those spaces. Fix potholes and pathways, keep offering trees to communities, and plant more in public spaces. Plant indigenous grasses/wildflowers instead of letting weeds/dandelions take over. Use experienced management consultants to deal with the lack of decision-making, governance and process in the bureaucracy.
No money for millionaire and billionaire vanity projects. (Eg Sports arenas) We should be focusing on city building projects that aren't roads. Transit (priority trains) park maintained. Bing back blanket rezoning, Zoning should be just to keep dangerous heavy industry away from residential, and to protect parklands, not protect nimbys. Though we should focus on incremental growth, allow duplexes were single residential was, and fourplexes where duplexes were, etc while still allowing land use change petitions to occur when they want to put something much bigger in. I'm all for bike paths everywhere. Actual separated bike paths, but maybe so people don't react badly to change. Make it incremental too. paint->temporary-> better barriers-> road restructuring Allow the return of corner stores and small business to neighborhoods
Long term planning - ie. water main 'health'; transit options - downtown; easy connections to the airport; making sure we plan for green spaces. Having a THOUGHTFUL plan/design as to how to increase housing density & affordable housing, while still maintaining the overall 'feel' of communities.
Please stop building new communities. We need density in our existing neighbourhoods. We do not have the money or the resources to keep building out. It's bad for public services, for my property taxes, and for the residents of the city. Our lowest-income people move the furthest out but then have limited access to transit when they're the ones who need it the most. It's a difficult cycle for everyone.

I don't know if the city does this but, went traveling around Canada is Calgary advertised as a city to visit?
Transit and mobility options - we need more options to commute safely! Invest in better transit, in a safe and maintained bike/wheeling network (make sure they're connected and don't just end randomly in the middle of nowhere). Housing - stop sprawl. Sprawl is not the solution to the housing crisis, SPRAWL CREATED THE HOUSING CRISIS. Have a listen: https://archive.strongtowns.org/journal/2025/5/19/stpod-why-sprawl-is-the-housing-crisis Green spaces and parks - Calgarians want to be active. Invest in parks, green spaces and safe bike/wheeling pathways.
Forget about property tax increases in this city as you get ample tax money, parking money (cash cow), and utilities. The city owns Enmax and makes multiple millions and can be used for city operations and maintenance.
Affordable housing and cost effective transit that reaches more places in the city should be a priority to increase are ability to build community and a thriving city
Think of the experience outside of the vehicle!
water and housing
keep pipes running good
I think the city should be taking cues from denser, more walkable cities when considering development.
Not sure
Maintain our focus on diversity and multiculturalism
As the population of Calgary increases more housing is required and more residential parking is needed. Calgary needs to make changes to residential parking bylaws and allow residents to apply for permits to develop front yard parking areas with car shelters to protect vehicles from snow and hail. Excessive amounts of cars parked on residential streets makes it very difficult for emergency services like Fire, Police and AHS to access residential areas to provide services in emergency situations. Calgary needs to develop a plan how to expand areas on properties that residents can park and limit the number of cars each household can park on the street by requiring permits for street parking in all residential areas with time limits that vehicles that do not have a permit can park on the street.
Calgarians have screamed high and loud that they do not wish our city to be poisoning us with fluoride as we have never given informed consent for this product to be injected into our water and subsequently our bodies. We want our schools to cease the [redacted]. School is reading, writing and arithmetic. Genderal neutral bathrooms, change rooms, drag queen storytime, etc. should be removed immediately as well as having [redacted] within schools. Teaching children about the [redacted] does not belong in schools.
Learn how to spend much more efficiently or divest service provision to those who are more efficient.
Snow removal, fixing potholes, clean up throughout the year
Quicker response time for first responders, without safety in you're HOME you have nothing!!!
Don't stand in the way of development.

No more bike lanes as they cause more problems than they solve. Manage overspending especially on large projects, ie transit. Reduce climate budget or eliminate it.
Stop letting the builders run this city. Make them build the proper roadways for the end amount of people a community will have (ie. mahogany) make the builders have to build firehalls etc on their dimes to build further out and maintain the roads for god sake. I moved here from Toronto 12 years ago and they have every road and sidewalk plowed and fast. Calgary forgot it snowed a couple hours into it snowing.
Although fiscal sustainability, reliable services, and community growth are essential objectives for the City, infrastructure investments to accommodate population growth must be balanced with the affordability of each service level.
Those who are most in need of seeing the impact of city services (the Calgarians most in need), often don't have the time or ability to advocate for themselves. Please continue to consider the diversity that exists in our City and maintaining that Calgarians from all walks of life are considered in budget decisions.
We need more free parking . Its a safety concern in my neighbourhood . We need parking fules changed to angle oarking to allow more parking. We comolain but you guys never listen .EVER
The longevity and sustainability of any services that become introduced in the future. For example if a service is introduce and is wildly successful, but cannot be sustained for long-term implementation, I think that reflects poor budgeting and commitment to Calgary's community.
Please use budget that ensures that we are taking proactive measures in our essential services and not reactive strategies. Especially in the case of infrastructure
Every major city on the planet has a train from the airport to down town and we don’t. We should have built it back in the 80’s.
What larger projects should we be planning for? The water main issue has brought this to the forefront and I would like to see a better maintenace/replacement plan going forward with all city departments.
Recreation facilities for Soccer and Hockey, along with parks for kids to play are very important to keep our communities and children active and healthy. As a parent who has kids in both sports, soccer has suffered majorly. My kids are not getting the time they need to develop their skills because there isn't funding and places for them to be able to practice. This needs to be a priority for the city.
More privatization! Less government, less middle management, stop wasting money on flags, parties, and hand holding [redacted] when poeple can't even afford to live. Make it cheaper to live here by giving us a tax break
You can’t even figure out water issues so stop spending money on useless programs and get back to basics
Better maintenance on roads More money for EMS/ police / fire More community pools to be opened
Calgary needs to invest in ways to make our city livable in the future given increasing extreme weather, financial uncertainty, and social unrest.
Developers need to be paying more for the city services in new neighborhoods.
let's benchmark against other cities in our class and try to be up there in that class!
How the budget now impacts our city in the future. We need sustainable grow (less sprawl & single family homes) to be able to afford our infrastructure, l and create safe and enjoyable communities. Council needs to listen to the experts I their Fields and not only the few that have the ability to attend a public hearing.

Roads and recreation
public safety is #1. Nothing should come before safety, especially not art. Art is a nice to have. Safety and security of the citizens is paramount. The city could do a lot better at trimming the fat in its purchases and when awarding contracts for work and purchases of equipment
Better road system appropriate for the continuous population demand. More vehicles on the roads implies expanding current roads and creating new ones to eliminate bottlenecks.
Find a way to connect and get actual feedback from the poor and working class voices of the city. I don't love the idea of taking away jobs from city workers, but some volunteer opportunities to do pathway work, etc. as part of a community event may help do more than one thing. (community, pathway upkeep) Thank you for the opportunity get imput!
Turnstile access points at public transit stations, where you have to pay to be admitted. Additional flood mitigation along the river, expanding the free fare zone to victoria park station.
Stop wasting money on other jurisdictions such as provincial and federal issues. Concentrate solely on the citizens of Calgary and needs not wants. Best bang for your buck.
Focusing bake on what is "essential" for a city of this size to run and stay safe. Once that is taken care of and established, then we can look at the wants. The systems that are currenlty in place for purchasing and having work done also needs to be streamlined. There has been an increase of bueracratic systems put in place over the years that is very costly and does not provide value to the citizens.
The condition of the roads is a major issue. There’s potholes in every quadrant of the city which causes damage to vehicles. Also, when planning new communities, plan for high traffic when you’re developing multi-housing neighborhoods. The roads need to be much wider, a minimum 3 lanes. The city is continuing to grow in population, proving that our roads & infrastructure need to keep up with the demand.
We need to improve our population density and move away from the expensive city sprawl mindset we continue to operate under.
Please fund Gameplan. We are way too far behind on indoor play space, especially for sports like soccer & swimming. Citizens highly value rec and it’s not free. We will still pay user fees so please get those capital dollars spent on the infrastructure & citizens will show up.
How to ensure that we have enough community supports as our population continues growing. Healthcare is not a civic responsibility but as an example - it hasn’t kept up with our growing population. We need to ensure that our infrastructure (roads, water, fire, waste management, power) and arts and culture institutions can keep up with our population growth!
Transit. Public services. Housing.
Utilities , transportation (roads etc), and not so crowded development.
Community centres and where it’s located. With NW the arrangement seems low as I live in the area and know a lot of us that also express the same. We chose the area and not older area due to school but we have to pay our own tuition because no school options are even available in the NW area. Closest 16 mins away.
Housing for all - and reducing the ever expanding sprawl. We need more housing in the city proper, instead of continuing to build further and further away. Finish the green line. Reopen safe use sites. Stop wasting money on police crackdowns trying to fight an issue that won’t go away until people’s basic needs are met.
Long term planning. PLEASE make sure you consider future generations, not just relieving the current tax burden for people who complain a lot. Short term savings will just cost more in

the long run, as we've seen with the water main. We cannot continue to kick the can down the road on infrastructure.
Please consider increasing transit availability and affordability. I drive to work, but I know many folks (including myself) who would take transit if it was more accessible to their work. This would decrease rush hour traffic and help low income Calgarians get where they need to go. Most importantly, I am hoping to see more affordable housing measures and work towards increased density to compensate for blanket rezoning being recently overturned, and hopefully prevent even more sprawl.
Putting people first, that includes everyone not just those in higher tax brackets who have more time on their hands. Consulting communities most impacted by budgets and policies is important, not just putting out an online survey with no notice but giving communities an actual chance to understand and respond to changes is not only democratic but crucial to the development of our city by including marginalized perspectives
Back to basics budgeting and focus. This concept of spending money to support the minority few is t working. We need to focus on community health and kids growing up strong and independent with confidence while allowing parents and adults to be responsible and resilient
As our city continues to grow at a rapid pace, I believe our investment in sports and recreation infrastructure is not keeping up. This gap is likely to widen if not addressed proactively. Ensuring we have adequate facilities to support the increasing number of youth participants is essential, both for community well-being and long-term development.
This survey repeatedly stressed very limited funds and having to make "trade offs" on what I view to be a rather bare minimum list of critical infrastructure and city operations. I don't think I can add anything else if we only have enough funds to keep water being distributed and a few other bare minimum operational items.
With the repeal of the blanket rezoning, the city needs a REAL strategy for housing that includes a plan to help renters (who are always left out of the conversation). Transit needs to be the best option available to people (safe, reliable, efficient) if council wants it to be the first choice for transportation. We shouldn't be catering to cars in a sea of parking lots; the land could be put to such better use. All new major business developments should include mandatory conditions that either provide more housing (build up) or community amenities (accessible green spaces) or both. STOP THE URBAN SPRAWL!!
The city should consider addressing infrastructure maintenance and upgrade costs immediately rather than kicking the issue down the road for future budget and city councils and snowballing the costs as was the case with the Bearspaw water main.
Citizens should decide how to live, grow and contribute. City Admin, planners and council are not the experts.
Replacing infrastructure that is past its lifespan regardless if it still works
It's important for The City to be inclusive and consider everyone. Calgary has a wide range of people with different experiences and come from different walks of life who may be impacted.
Keep in mind rising food costs with global fertilizer instability. As well the knock on effects of increased cost of living strangling the average Canadians budget.
Keep up good communication letting us know where our money is spent. If I know, and therefore I can see the improvements, I'm more inclined to support the City on it's decisions. Keep us in the dark and we'll more likely to fight you.
Something needs to be done urgently about downtown homelessness.
how can private industries help provide and contribute to the city of calgary and its growth.
The city needs to consider what demographics are likely to provide feedback on the budget the most, and which demographics are less represented in the feedback. The city should then do whatever they can to get input from underrepresented communities on what they want to see. Too often, city decisions are driven by feedback from those in positions of privilege.

Especially wealthy, white suburban homeowners and business owners who siphon away tax dollars from the urban core to maintain their sprawled infrastructure. Council should consider everyone in the city, not just the loudest voices. The city should better communicate the current inequities in how tax dollars are collected and spent, especially re: urban and suburban communities. This will help greatly to combat misinformation commonly spread among suburbanites about denser housing, transit spending, and utility demands.
Focus on keeping existing infrastructure viable. This includes most importantly roads, pipes and other critical infrastructure. Ensuring that we are maintaining these in a responsible manner is important, not just pushing them forward to future budgets where they will cost even more.
Invest smart money. Putting off expenditures often create longer term more expensive problems - a great example is our water utilities. So ensure the City is looking at the City's overall requirements in the short and long term and where investments must be made to ensure we don't spend more later.
Preparing for the future population expansion and all the needs that this population increase will require in city services. For too many years we put off needed spending rather than increase taxes. Now some of that lack of planning for the future has had major consequences as the city literally falls apart. New big city problems are also here now and will only get worse. Areas such as major crime and the homeless/ opioid crisis are stretching our first responders capabilities to their capacity. Burnout and mental health problems in our first responders are far to high and the increased call volume is a major contributor to these problems.
Value compared to other cities with similar population numbers. With an increasing population, we can afford to pay more in taxes to support the people.
Overall summary: Calgary is very much a city of boroughs. While we have an external identity , it is our communities within who define the whole. Allow them to recover (from the blanket rezoning) , create more recreation activities internally , to redevelop into what use to be a well integrated model all the while reminding each and every council person where their power lies … in their shared community , on each and every vote of their constituents not just those advancing their personal career aspirations. In far too many ways, council has lost its way and needs to get back to basics, servicing Calgarians with limited resources but making pragmatic decisions. Our identity is diminishing , time to shore up!
Keeping property taxes low. Eliminating school taxes on senior's houses.
Na
Housing affordability for future generations. Limited urban sprawl. Reduce taxes - the amount we pay is becoming utterly ridiculous.
The safety of community ,visible police presence is one key we can avoid crimes and increase engagement with the public. Police patrolling in street will help the confidence of the general public safety.
Again, needs before wants. Water, roads, pathways, safety, cleanliness, police, fire, EMT, garbage/recycling. The bones of a strong and safe city. Keep debt down. Keep the feds out - we don't need their strings-attached bribes! Engage with the community - and I think the mayor and councillors are doing a much better job than Calgarians have seen for a decade.
Do not add more outlying housing districts. Build up, build more concentrated housing within the the city where their are transit routes.
Not sure
Indoor soccer facilities
Managing the money the city has better. Stop increasing property tax when city counsel is miss managing projects.

A focus on the basics and the need to get away from spending on special interest minority groups. With out a good foundation the wrest doesn't matter. For example how did we end up spending on changing speed zones, and getting a new slogan.bike lanes when our water system is failing.
Increasing fire department pay
We need to help our youth, love Calgary. This the future tax base. Also new Canadians will be attracked to Calgary because of the affordability to live in Calgary.
People keep moving here but the fire department budget hasn't kept up with population growth. As you can see we also need to put money into infrastructure aka feeder main. It's not glamorous but next thing the bridges will be falling down. We don't need more public art at the expense of infrastructure or bike lanes when traffic is already terrible
We are going to need far better emergency services in both police and fire to manage what's coming in Calgary with this rapid population growth.
Considering living cost, we looking for affordable home price, job opportunities and education program to develop skills.
The primary focus should be on expanding affordable housing and improving access to recreational programs. By ensuring families have stable homes and children have modern facilities to stay active, we are building a stronger, more resilient foundation for our entire city.
It is important to keep the budget even so in my opinion Recreation will need still a support so that all the activities such as(soccer, basketball, swimming) etc can continue helping our youth to keep them busy and learn and improve their skill and life. Thanks
Investment in sports facilities and recreation, especially for youth, I think has wide long term impacts including better health, lower crime, and wanting to stay and invest in Calgary.
grow more trees
Don't allow vocal minorities to overpower the interests of the majority.
The catch-all is to eliminate bloat within city departments which will free up dollars to either reduce taxes or redirect those dollars to better use. I love that you're exploring zero based budgeting. It's a step in the right direction!
Stop wasting money on woke initiatives
Compensation for the Calgary fire department and aging water lines. Calgary is the largest city in Alberta therefore it should have the highest paid fire department in Alberta. Water lines should have been repaired or replaced a decade ago.
Salaries. City of Calgary employees have one of the most lucrative total compensation packages in the province. Productivity is not that great. Maybe council should listen to what the citizens are observing around the city. Infrastructure. This should be the first and foremost consideration when development of any kind is being considered. Sewer and water infrastructure in older neighborhoods is aging and is and will continue to fail as time goes on. Adding more stress to these systems will only cause failures to occur sooner. Residences and businesses should be compensated as they are still paying their bills even though not receiving a service.
Safety and reliability should be the foundation
Stop the excessive spending cut the fat and lower the costs
Many people today want instant results and short term gratification. While it's important to meet current needs, it's also critical to consider how our decisions today will impact future generations. I hope The City considers how investments today will be the foundation for services in the future.

Ask the city for input on how much they value our infrastructure. Ask how they value maintenance and snow clearing. My suspicion is that a large portion would be willing to pay for services to be enhanced in this category.
The City has experienced massive growth and needs to be planned for before being built up and out where fixing poor planning would be a major cost. The City also needs to stick with its core mandate of providing excellent core municipal services and stay out of political, divisive grandstanding when those issues have zero correlations to city services.
Soccer is such a great sport for EVERYONE because of its low barriers to entry. You don't need specialized skills or equipment, it can be played at anytime, by anyone! It's amazing for fitness, team work and all the other great qualities we want our young people to grow up with.
Council pet projects such as climate change initiatives waste resources
Less on social services (not zero) and more on helping the average tax payer, the little guy. I'm tired of seeing crackheads on our streets everywhere with nothing being done about it other than blind empathy or catch and release. Safe injection is ridiculous and should remain closed. They're breaking the law, do something about it. We all follow the law and have to pay consequences if broken, why not them.
Lately government did invest a lot into fighting mental health. In the same time I was not able to find a place for my kid to play volleyball without paying premium money. I don't get this, why can't we have affordable places for people to spend time in the winter.
Stopping the sprawl and allowing the true mixed use zoning which is not duplexes or fourplexes on a lot but actual local business in a community will bring ravenue. Exclusive residential communities do not bring ravenue to the city. What we have here in Clagary and North America is financially unsustainable.
Na
Pay our essential services better and fix our roads and cut the grass around the city. This place is looking third world.
The $276M Surplus Problem The City of Calgary posted a $258.7 million operating variance in 2024. A variance of this magnitude (6.3% of operating budget) in a year when Calgarians faced a 3.6% property tax increase raises fundamental questions about budget accuracy and fiscal management. Either the city systematically over-budgets and under-spends (inflating the tax ask), or significant unplanned efficiencies were found that should be made permanent. Where to Redirect: Addiction Treatment & Mental Health ($50M) Affordable Housing Investment ($75M) Transit Service Improvement ($40M) Waste Diversion Infrastructure ($25M) Property Tax Reduction ($100M) — Direct return to Calgarians of administrative efficiency gains Total identified reallocation opportunity: ~$259M annually from administrative efficiencies ($157M), corporate services efficiencies ($45M), policing freeze ($32M), and waste optimization ($25M net positive).
Calgary should fight to liberate itself from the UCP government, which has done nothing but interfere (killing the real Green Line; reducing photo radar; causing more bureaucracy for "accountability," etc.) while giving us nothing in return. Why does the UCP hate cities? (Also, try to get more from Ottawa!)
Investment in the arts, and culture. Investment in social services and increasing their availability and ease of access.
End car-centric urban development, invest in nonmarket housing, and abolish the police

Your screwed on the property values for the Downtown Beltline Area (hint: Special Assessments and market huge correction coming). Come clean and tell the truth now, rather than later. Too many units for sale vice market absorption. Too much development. More 6/9 plex units required to densify neighborhoods. Too much money wasted on downtown revitalization. Endless money pit, poor returns. Your tax base for majority of property tax doesn't live downtown and never will.
I believe it's important to consider ethics and human rights. Things that take from the future of our environment and economic growth happen because greedy people are head of top priority business's. That likely won't change. Maybe less money will help other services improve instead of builders and developers running the show. Local business don't thrive because big chains thrive in a rotten economy. We've done really well with our central services being priority. Would it hurt to put community, environment and accessibility first for a short time. Could it benefit everyone to see less construction and less struggle and more projects that are for every day health and wellbeing. I'm not a politician just an everyday person. I hope ultimately we can bring more charm back to the lives of everyday people. No matter the income bracket.
Long term strategic planning to increase large business into the city and to find ways to attract large business investment into the city with rented office spaces and jobs for citizens. More money in more available down the road
The city is nearing two million people. Our resources need to support this growth. From first responders to infrastructure to affordable housing.
Homeless people and their impacts on how people view their safety while living here and visiting our city. Our public transit will not be utilized to its full potential until people feel safe to use it. Require developers to invest in communities and put in hockey rinks, curling rinks, and any other facility that will benefit an active lifestyle. More swimming pools would also be a good investment.
Remove anything related to virtual signaling and DEI and just do the right thing for all
Make sure our tax dollars are actually going towards something beneficial for calgarians. Most importantly that our money is not wasted on slow moving road projects. These contractors should be held to tighter competition dates
Make sure developers are building homes people want to live in. Attempt to make homes affordable. Attract new business in novel ways... but remember that a highly accessible/livable/maneuverable city will entice new business to set up shop here.
Create more local jobs. Don’t give tax brakes to AI data centres. Data centres must produce their on electricity. No tax brakes to Amazon. Tax the billionaire not the people who actually work.
Consider the budget the same way as one would consider their own personal budget. What items should be protected, what can be deferred, what can be stopped and what can be reimagined to be done more efficiently and effectively.
Fire, Police and Water Transit keeping bus routes in communities that go to C-Train Stations in the community.
Please increase public safety
With all the focus on water repairs, don’t overspend. Keep rates reasonable.
cing budgets. The City should prioritize equity, so services reach those who need them most, especially families, low-income residents, and newcomers. Reliability matters too. People need to count on transit, libraries, childcare supports, and recreation programs being available and consistent. Preventative investment is key. Funding things like children’s programming, housing supports, and community spaces reduces higher costs later in health, policing, and social services. The City should also consider workforce stability. Good jobs and

fair wages for public workers lead to better, more consistent service delivery. Climate resilience needs to be built into planning, ensuring infrastructure and services can withstand extreme weather. Finally, meaningful community engagement matters. Decisions should reflect real lived experiences, not just top-down assumptions, so services actually meet people where they are.
I believe there was a large-scale water pipeline project last month, and I also remember that a pipe broke about two years ago. Water is one of the most basic and essential necessities for people to live, so if the recent repairs have completely fixed the problem, that would be great. However, if a stable water supply cannot be maintained, then I think it should be properly addressed—even if that means raising taxes. If the current level of maintenance has not been sufficient with the taxes we have been paying, then it may be necessary to increase taxes in order to ensure proper infrastructure. That said, if there were any mistakes in the previous or current construction work, then the city should make sure to hire qualified and reliable contractors who can do the job properly, so that the water supply is not disrupted again. This applies to other areas as well. The same can be said for roads and other essential services—basic infrastructure should be properly funded.
Adaptating the education facilities with the incoming flow of population for our city. We are so behind
Don’t waste money on consultants when the project or program isn’t going to work in the first place.
How Calgary can be a global leader for the future
navigable roads are important. the number of pot holes in this city is outrageous. bike lanes are a luxury and not needed when money is tight.
Recreational facilities - it is imperative that the city starts looking at keeping children & adults healthy if not we’re heading for an unfit epidemic with injuries due to lack of basic fitness. With the cost of living moving above minimum wage rate, parents have less time to focus on sports for their children. This is a pending disaster. Having Corporate/Private companies lead recreational facilities together with the city of Calgary will help alleviate this problem. It’s upto the city to incentivize this program through land allotment and/or tax rebates or deferred taxes. This allows companies to retain profits while providing facilities for the people maintained by the city. A win for everyone.
Provide more funds / incentives /programs to stimulate Affordable Housing for the future citizens of Calgary.
Less corporate and overhead management positions in city departments
Fire hall renovations.
Consider working parents. Consider roads to get to work. Consider more schools for the high demand in student count.
Let's try to focus on improving emergency services quality and improving infrastructure that has been ignored and stop bending over backwards for house developers in new communities, they aren't looking out for Calgarians.
We have dangerous drug addicted homeless people pooping all over our streets and lighting fires all night. We need them out of the bus stops train stations. They should only be allowed places they belong. Shelter/jail or out of the way of people making a positive impact. Send them to rehab or jail

Well I think they are already dealing with water. Fixing the 20% leakage is high priority. I like living in Calgary so I guess city hall must be doing it right.
I support the property tax increase to fund city services. I also support outlying communities and their developers putting up more money to initiate and maintain their services (sewage, water, snow clearing etc) as they're more expensive to maintain than inner city communities.
Prioritize investments that benefit people across the city but also the ones who need it the most. So, fairness but also the investments that recognizes social disparities.
More budget spent on educational services. Police and fire are shored up on the frontline, we need more resources on the back end. We also need to ensure we keep our parks and green spaces maintained as this city grows substantially.
Open new fire stations in perimeter communities. Construction of several stations seem to have been significantly delayed (ie. Inglewood Fire Station).
If there are things that are only accessible to a relative few and eat up lots of resources- eg. municipal golf courses
Stop sprawling outward with new communities and absolutely do not repeal the blanket rezoning. Repeated research has demonstrated that sprawling car-dependent suburbs do not pull their own weight when considering those residents' tax contributions with the additional cost for the City to service a wider geographic area.
The city of Calgary needs to stand up to the provincial government and do what's best for it's citizens. Calgary is a multicultural city and our values should reflect that. Everyone deserves equal and fair access to services
Prioritize core services. Be mindful of the budget and taxpayer dollars when considering services that fall outside of those that are necessary
Make sure the city is ready for growth so we aren’t trying to catch up.
When the city builds roads or schools, police or fire departments, they need to consider for future growth and not what we are in need of now. Our city is rapidly growing and is on pace to keep growing.
Having attractive business practices and less regulatory burdens help provide us with more opportunities for work.
When developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, the City should prioritize a risk-based approach that aligns funding with services where failure has the highest consequence, particularly life safety and critical infrastructure. It is also important to consider population growth and demand trends. Calgary continues to grow, and service levels must keep pace to avoid erosion in response times, accessibility, and overall quality. Financial sustainability is key. The City should balance current service levels with long-term affordability, avoiding structural deficits and ensuring reserves and debt are managed prudently. The City should also focus on operational efficiency and innovation, including the use of technology and process improvements to deliver services more effectively. Finally, transparency and clear performance metrics are essential so residents understand how funds are used and what outcomes are being achieved.
Thinking about some of these areas as investments and understanding how different services fit into the larger system of the city. While things like police are important, if there is an increasing need for police due to things like crime, what is the cause of crime and are there other investments that serve to prevent crime? People who are able to meet their basic

needs, feel a sense of community and belonging, and have opportunities for meaningful employment are less likely to commit crimes or be burden to social service systems. Investment in recreation and parks supports people's wellbeing, meaning collectively we are healthier people, who can live better lives and give back.
We should not be decreasing spending, rather reallocating to the essentials for everyday life. In a growing major city, we need access to emergency services in a timely fashion. 10mins in remote areas of the city are not acceptable
Let's grow the city for the people. Not the builders so they can blanket rezone by making high end infills no one can afford. Find ways to charge people who have tons of people in 1 home. Clogging our streets and using the infrastructure and only playing 1 property tax.
Capital costs associated with providing services as the city grows and new communities develop. As well with the recent heightened inflation from world events, ensuring the city allocates appropriate resources to pay competitive wages to attract and retain the best talent.
2 million people will be here. Plan for 2 million people not getting re-elected. Dismiss high level managers for gross mismanagement of their departments. Be accountable to Calgarians.
Plan for a larger city. It's growing and rapidly approaching 2 million. We need the services and infrastructure to support a city of 3 million so we are not being reactionary. Let's be proactive for once and set a good example of what a non corrupt council can accomplish.
Put the money into things that matter. Quit just handing money to a failing police service that is unable to properly police our city. Stop paying for large organizations to convert offices to homes. Stop bankrolling CSEC.
Growth of fire stations to new communities. The fire dept should not be delaying a build of a fire station while waiting for another city entity to find funding to pair with the fire dept.
The City should consider long-term financial sustainability and avoid short-term decisions that create higher costs in the future. Population growth and infrastructure demand are also important, ensuring services keep up with a growing city. Efficiency and accountability should be a priority, with clear tracking of how tax dollars are spent. The City should also focus on maintaining existing infrastructure before expanding new projects. Affordability for residents is critical, especially during economic uncertainty. Finally, planning should include flexibility to respond to emergencies or changing conditions, ensuring the city remains resilient and well-prepared.
They need to look forward and be more realistic when determining what is important taking into account the speed and size our city is growing at.
We have all heard it before, the city doesn't have a revenue problem, they have a spending problem. GET IT UNDER CONTROL
You can't please everyone. Provide the basic city services efficiently. Also, some of the city PR could be cut back.
More policing and transit policing More enforcement of bylaws
City assets, like aging community centres, need to be maintained and repaired through increased CCG funding.
That we now have this huge problem with our water system due to prior mayors & council focusing on things like art & climate change, instead of doing their job to maintain city services, such as water, roads ect.
Creating a safe community, free from social disorder, should be highest on the list. To make a safe community, work with the province to tighten rules, open more prison space, and forced drug or addiction treatment. Giving people drugs is not the solution it is the problem. Coddling

them is also not the problem. They need to be treated very assertively. Get the addicted off the streets by institutionalizing them, then once recovered, then place them in homes/apartments, not shelters, and give them meaningful work or volunteer opportunities. Social and community services can be increased to help in these goals, but not from a woke-poor-you mindset; rather a help up to be self-sustainable is needed for these people.
As the quote goes, "If you built it, [they] will come." I readily admit that the pathways are nowhere near as used as roadways, and yet, it's so beneficial all around when people use the paths, as every bike is one less car on the road. I don't mean to be a one-trick pony; I'd just like to strongly advocate for this one part of a complicated network of responsibilities, all of which are important as well.
We need to improve the road conditions especially in the winter. We must keep our parks clean and safe. We must provide housing for homeless people and get them the treatment and housing they need to save lives and maintain public safety.
More jobs
Harm reduction approach to downtown disorder and safety. Providing social services to address issues in the long term, not just cracking down on drug users and unhoused folks with no alternatives or anywhere to go. Push back against Danielle Smith's overstepping into local politics and decisions (her insane views on bike lanes, closing the supervised injection site, flip flopping and lack of support for the Green Line)
Recreation facilities. Obesity is a major issue, there should be lots of access to facilities for people to stay active and healthy.
It is for the majority of good for the people and people in real need. Not a select group with high polictal opinions or money that desire fancy art work. Art work etc should be low on list. Yes it can be nice but it is not an essential need. Fixing, repairing and be cost effient is important. Using our resources here instead of always farming it out. Create jobs here for our citizens not those overseas.
When times are tough we need to focus on more basics. Also should be looking towards the future. It is always better to invest in children rather than seniors.
Calgary Minor Soccer Association (in which my kids play) are pushing your survey to advocate for more funding for their sport. For soccer please focus on outdoor fields. It is an outdoor summer sport in Canada. Let’s focus on winter recreation for indoor facilities. This city is drastically short on ice facilities.
Think long term, consider geopolitical implications to our city and make decisions financially that are not pressured by special interest or things that are trendy in the moment (aka Blue Sky City, blanket rezoning). Do jot ignore invisible problems like infrastructure like has been done for ao long with the water main and other failures of infrastructure. Just because citizens cant see the improvement doesn't mean it isn't important. Better communication and transparency on choices will help. It is critical to rebuild trust.
I am more interested in the long term both of the services over minimal tax increases.
Tax rates cannot continue to rise in a city that wants to attract and retain talent and businesses. User fees are another area of costs that increase that impact citizens every paycheck. We must look at lowering service levels and staffing levels and providing affordable, stable cost of living. Affordable housing is an issue for some and raising the basic costs for apartment is the opposite of affordable housing.
To meet current needs and those of our future Calgary we must have more and more affordable housing.
I want the city to consider the latest science when it comes to developing climate resilience. Climate change appears to be accelerating. I want the city to be prepared for what is to come.

Soccer facilities, there is too many clubs trying to do this themselves pushing up cost, there needs to be a co-ordinated response through Calgary minor soccer with city support and help, sports keep kids fit healthy and surrounded by good role modals and peers
Honestly we need to look at who are making the most off the backs of our hardest working citizens and determine if they are paying their fair share back to the community. We also need to combate the separatist stupidity that is plaguing our province by providing education/information that is easy to understand and it's based on hate or fear.
Be proactive not reactive. All these cost cutters are going to eventually come around and become priorities and will cost way more later.
Safety, housing, culture should all be factors when thinking of welcoming new comers. Growing too fast without these and without perimeters to who is moving to the city has implications on community culture, safety, resources and housing.
Inflation and uncertainty is a major factors for individuals, families and businesses alike in Calgary. Making sure that we are 'future-proofing' our plans to be thoughtful, stratetgic and still agile to changing economic and societal factors is extremely important to affording your constituents with piece of mind and stability. All of which contribute to the standards and quality of life in Calgary and this is what the City of Calgary is responsible for maintaining for all who live in this great city.
Build a train service to the airport Clean up downtown core
Resilience and climate adaptation. I know this is not "popular", so likely needs to be renamed or reframed as a way to reduce the costs of things like floods, hail storms, fires, etc. But these costs are only going to increase in Calgary as climate change progresses, and if we aren't prepared it is going to cost much more to deal with in a crises than to plan for now.
The growing number of homeless people and intoxicated people of substance abuse in public places. Canada being a wealthy nation there should be no one homeless and intoxicated on the streets. Instead of lining the pockets of the few only, focus on what truly matters - life.
When funds date very tight, we should not spend large amounts of money on “art” like the rings and the rack of stones.
The main issue appears to be financially unsustainable urban sprawl. It’s critical that Calgary evolve into a denser and more financially sustainable city with more tax revenue per km for utilities and services (roads, pathways, pools, fields, water, sewage, electricity, etc). Thanks to the city for providing services that directly improve quality of life and safety and provide the economic engine for the province, the city should receive far more funding from the province.
How to be more efficient with City spending as affordability for Calgarians is extremely important right now. I would prefer to see rate increases to support conservation (e.g on water:wastewater which people can reduce) instead of increases to rates such as property taxes that people cannot control.
As a parent I feel we need more indoor sport facilities to keep youth engaged at an affordable cost It helps integrate immigrants It helps keep youth engaged all of which help to reduce crime rates
Pull their heads out of their [redacted] and use the 60%(2015-2025) tax increase that's been obtained by moving property values up, even if taxes dont move the income to the city increases. Far outpacing inflation
Please plan to improve public transit, with a growing population the strain will only become higher. Similarly expanding housing infrastructure is great but I see a lot of luxury housing become available, where’s the housing for the lower income?
Transparency is critical to avoid backlash, early and often communication even if ignored is always appreciated. I’d love to see data on spends and resource allocation comparisons to

the upcoming years with the why attached as to changes or directions. Tax payers should be partners and visibility on how our money is being used should be as important as the plans and the budget. I understand the balance for fiscal responsibility and not having enough for all the departments. Prioritize the areas that make the most impact to the daily lives of Calgarians along with preparing for the future in the same way people should save and invest while still spending a little for fun.
City must consider Health care as one of the top priorities & build atleast one more hospital in next 3 years.
Receation should be prioritized especially soccer fields to local leagues or the community
We need recreation facilities and schools to be built. Hospitals too.
Please consider investing in preventative measures that will have a real impact on the future of the city, and not just on what will win the next election or a knee-jerk reaction to large social issues. For example, investing in building up the inner city and providing housing options across the continuum, transit that will actually connect the city and prepare us for major projects like the green line, and supporting social services like day spaces and community centres so people have a place to go and things to do.
Soccer fields should be built because there are hardly any and we need space for practices and games built more turf fields!
We need to invest in better cycling infrastructure. We need to fill the gaps in the paths and bike lanes. We need to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and truly embrace vision zero. Lower speed limits, enforce speed, build infrastructure. The best cities in the world have done this and flourished.
Community safety is critical. Simple service like police, street cleaning after snow storms…etc bring direct value that are lacking currently in Calgary while we spend $ irrelevantly on services bringing little value for the general public.
Not sure.
Focus on safety and transit (we need the green line and the next line after that)!
Working around the province's cuts. It is not your fault but you have to deal with it. Unfortunately.
Keep in mind how much we are paying for necessities like food and gas and try to keep other fees low to help offset some of the burden. Don't invest in anything that isn't of use to everyone. Hold the line, but don't overspend on other things that aren't necessary to live.
More soccer pitches!!
soccer and more soccer! We love soccer and ice skating and hockey and we want fields and resources for these things available for our kids as they learn and grow and find community here in Calgary, and the water infrastructure and planning - big deal.
Intersectional needs and focus on humans rather than businesses.
Pay attention to the tourism business and make the city more attractive to investors. Build Amusement parks and indoor recreational facilities, including stadiums that meet and exceed international standards for events such as the Soccer World Cup, ...
Would be nice to get a soccer stadium like Vancouver and Toronto
Not increasing property taxes lowering fees for housing development Promoting small to medium local businesses Addressing increased crime and homelessness
Stop wasting money and stupid things like awful art that nobody understand and help citizens get to work and school with some proper roads and reliable transit.

Equitable distribution of taxes as well as resources- the property valuation is flawed and leads some to pay an enormous tax amount while having no services.
The City should plan with growth, affordability, and rising costs in mind, since Calgary is changing quickly. Focusing on long-term solutions, not just short-term fixes, will help avoid bigger costs down the road. Its also important to prioritize services that residents rely on daily, use data to track real outcomes, and stay flexible as economic conditions change. This will help ensure tax dollars are used wisely and services keep pace with the city's needs.
Soccer is growing rapidly. We need many more indoor facilities all across the city.
School facility updates!
Roads, children's sports facilities, public safety, communities cleaning (city looks very dirty and messy)
Leave room for emergency event such as the water main break. Keep debt low. Reduce or remove non-utilized services or use by very small amount of people
Calgary has grown in population at a very fast rate since I arrived here in 1980 - it's very hard to keep up with all the services needed when that happens. However, when I see money being spent in communities like Marda Loop for 'beautification' , I question the Council's priorities.
Housing, housing, housing. People are dying, or leading miserable lives, because of a lack of housing.
I believe there has been a substantial deterioration of drivers obeying traffic signs. I don't have the facts of why this is happening but better driver education should be a priority in short term budget planning.
Calgary Housing was supposed to be self sufficient once seed money was given. Why is it still sucking more and more money from property tax payers?
Ensuring communities are properly assessed and resource allocated appropriately.
The city should consider that you are harming your citizens. Addressing the problems that affect homelessness and vunerable communities is uncomfortable and may carry feelings of shame. But if the city wants to do right by the people you represent, we need to see actions prioritizing social services, harm reduction, affordable housing, and reliable/accessible transportation. Your current actions tell calgarians that you'd rather sweep the problem under the rug instead of understanding and finding a solution to the problems calgarians are facing.
Please fine more people for speeding as an incentive to slow down. Speed cameras should be mounted on poles everywhere. It's scary driving on Stoney Trail in good conditions let alone in dangerous ones. Please find a way to create more employment opportunities for young people. Entry level jobs should be occupied by teenagers. Better, cheaper, public transport would help them get to these jobs too. Free, indoor facilities for teenagers to gather in and play/kick a ball in during winter in an unstructured environment would be great too. More indoor play centers for young kids to move their bodies along with coffee shops/cafes for their supervising parents. We need more fun for them in this city during the winter months.
Recognizing that, no matter what the Nimbies say, we live in a society and people are going to keep moving here, so we need to plan for the future. We can't just add more lanes to Deerfoot forever.
Plan for the future of course, but please plan for the here and now. Life is too quickly changing and we have pressing needs now tha need the city's attention. Especially the feeling of safety and security in public.
More soccer fields and recreation. Better transit for all parts of the city.

I would like the council to think about long-term investments and projects that benefit the most people. Transit, bike lane development and maintenance, recreational infrastructure, and increased bylaw enforcement would help to improve the liveability in this city. I'm so pleased that the water main pipeline project has been fast-tracked for replacement, for example. :)
When evaluating value, I look at whether City services proactively keep pace with population growth. With soccer participation projected to reach 45,000 by 2030, good value means ensuring no child is left on a waitlist due to facility shortages. To me, value means making strategic investments to keep the city's most popular sport accessible and affordable for all families.
Focus on the near future. More sport and recreation availability is needed for the younger generation. Healthy bodies equal healthy minds.
Due to the recent Water issues. I feel it would be important to address these before they become to problematic.
Safety
- More certified programs to employ blue-collar workers (carpentry, electricians, plumbers, etc.) - ESL programs for immigrants to integrate quickly and be more productive - Budget housing for the working families under the poverty threshold - More focus on Education and Employment programs for families on welfare programs
Moore, soccer facilities! It is the fastest growing recreational sport in the city and the city has the property and I can't imagine those bubbles cost too much to build. Put more of them up. Perhaps expand the Shane Holmes soccer Dome to have another two bubbles. I don't know, but something needs to be done.
Not sure
Putting Calgary back on the world stage with updated facilities and less corruption in city hall.
Greater focus on building and expanding recreational facilities in the inner city. The inner city is a recreational facility desert, with few outdated, and small facilities. This needs to change now, not twenty years in the future, if the core of the city is to thrive again.
Criminal activities and accidents are increased in the city and it seems in NE area, police and other services should be improved in this area.
Road maintenance. Pot holes are not repair quickly or poorly repair, I will check on the contractors to see if they are complying with the code.
I am requesting that Council allocate funding to conduct an equity review of Calgary's parking-revenue and taxation model as it applies to high-demand inner-city neighbourhoods such as Eau Claire. Eau Claire generates an estimated $4–6 million annually in parking fees and fines, yet residents receive no property-tax offset despite additional financial and administrative burdens, including paid street parking, Residential Parking Permits, and visitor-permit requirements. Suburban communities with free street parking pay the same mill rate while contributing no parking revenue. This review should assess options for resident credits, local reinvestment, or mill-rate adjustments to ensure fair treatment and transparent revenue distribution.
it will be important to prioritize integrated, preventative investments that address housing affordability, climate impacts, and equity together. Community-informed, scalable programs that reduce long-term costs, protect housing assets, and improve service accessibility will be critical to delivering sustainable outcomes for Calgarians in an increasingly constrained fiscal environment.
Build more places for indoor sports, especially soccer.

unions, out of touch with reality and the regular Calgarian
If we're in a budget crunch, no raises for councilors or mayor. Highly encourage grocery stores to stop buying USA products and produce and support more local/canadian suppliers
The city is always being pressured to cut spending on “nonessentials” and save money. This is a terrible idea. When people are facing economic hardship, they need public services more than ever. All our libraries are full and busy all day. Transit is packed. Bike lanes are busy. Free events and public parks are all families can afford to attend. The city needs to invest in the things that make hard times bearable.
Fiscal responsibility of course but that doesn't mean cutting social programs. I think your (city Council members) privilege is clouding your judgement. I want you all to put yourself in the shoes of a low income Calgarian and think about what would best serve that person. What about offering incentives for developing where there is existing infrastructure and a penalty (probably better phrased as a 'premium') for developing new communities that will require all new infrastructure and put additional strain on what currently exists - such as transit. High and low income families should share communities with each other, not be isolated from one another.
Housing. We have an increasing amount of people who are homeless or have insecure housing in Calgary and the city and the province are both really doing nothing about it. Instead, we have a shitty new stadium that's going to waste taxpayer money.
I think a big thing to consider is who does the budget help?
Enough spending money on DEI. Lets focus on thibgs running as cost effective and efficiently as potable. Enough spending money of fluff. Its a waste. That only effects 1% of the community. What effect 100% of the community? Life ans safety.
I’m really disappointed in the backtracking on blanket rezoning. Council is showing its lack of commitment of affordable housing. I’m tired of the sprawl and our services being spread thin all to please developers and residents of wealthy neighborhoods.
You are approving the two luxury towers after a luxury stadium is just built. These buildings bring prestige to a certain class of people but will make costs, parking and accessibility to the neighborhood for the average Calgarian worse. It promotes an unsustainable class of living that only amplifies the housing crisis and insults those who will never be able to afford the commerce it provides.
Drop all the UN safe city [redacted]. Drop the DEI. focus on equal opportunity, not equity. focus on the basics and hire merit based. The city will fail if it keeps pushing DEI. It's already happening. Focus on CALGARY. no more globalist nonsense. Canada is going to be taken over. It's inevitable at this point.
Cut operating expenses. Our federal government planned to cut spending by 15% over four years. I expect our city do better than the Liberal government.
Protection of our rivers and natural areas because with out this we will just be empty city of concrete.
We need to prioritize the gentle densification of the city, and maximizing the use of land resources within the existing city boundary. The city should consider the introduction of a land value tax. The city's water future, including the protection and celebration of the Bow river needs to be considered. We need to wrestle far more control of our finances back from the hostile and adversarial provincial government. Car culture is bankrupting Calgarians. We need to provide options for people to break from it should they wish to. We also need to stop subsidizing car and truck ownership, such that tolls should be considered, along with congestion pricing, and graduated

fines based on incomes to deter the reckless and life threatening behaviour we see on the roads.
"A society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable"
City Hall score card - Transparency: F, Honesty: F, Propaganda A+.
Individual property taxes are becoming prohibitive- and a barrier to owning own home. While attracting businesses to city is important corporations must pay fair taxes. I think the costs of the urban sprawl and expanding new developments should be borne by the developers and new communities not at the expense of maintaining and supporting critical services (water , transit,) and not result in rising taxes in established inner city communities.
Please hire local business to help with anything the city cannot take on. As the economy is in a downturn, it would help to put the money back into the city
Developing more multi-unit residential buildings and condos in districts besides city center - affordable housing. Building big beautiful city parks - recreation and relaxation. Better cultural diversity - more museums, beautiful architecture, monuments and city fountains, temporary exhibitions.
Please spend more on transit
Lower taxes by cutting anything non essential. Climate initiatives equals non essential. Stop the social engineering of the populace. People cannot afford to keep funding city halls vanity projects. For example the platform parking garage was built way above the going market rate for a parking garage because some dummy thought that cars won't exist one day and wanted to future proof a parking garage. What a stupid idea. End dumb ideas like that before us taxpayers have to pay for it.
Affordability for all, safety
1. Safety and security - everyone should feel safe in their own dwellings, transit or walking 2. Old infrastructure upgrades - basic needs to be met: reliable services such as water, electricity, gas, fibre optic internet etc. 3. Emergency services - preparedness for the increase in natural disasters
Supporting alternate modes of transportation to automobiles. Infrastructure for walking, biking, scooters, roller blades, running, etc. and improving transit.
The City needs to implement landlord licensing and massively invest in truly affordable housing. Protect the climate and land and focus on stewarding the land that was taken from indigenous peoples.
The housing crisis needs to be acknowledged, there needs to be a rent cap placed on landlords, there needs to be more housing and programs for our indigenous community. The drug epidemic needs to be addressed and actual supports for the unhoused folks.
The housing crisis is a top priority and the province is defending refusing housing funding federally. The city should stand up when other levels of government fail to do
1. The city is bloated and should look harder at itself for cuts internally. When you hear stories of mechanics that sleep on the job and can’t get fired the union has too much control over the city and sits budget. 2. The SE quadrant stinks real bad, is repugnant a strong enough word as the smell is. The compost piles at the dump are the cause and the wind carries across the entire quadrant, being told by city staff it’s under investigation for the past year shows the city is too bloated and doesn’t prioritize quality of life and property values.
Supporting our most vulnerable can only help us. I know governments prioritize economy over almost everything and I understand why, but it's self defeating to prioritize money over citizen welfare. Sick and disabled Canadians can't work without accessible Healthcare and

support. Unhomed Canadians can't work without access to the necessary support networks. Mentally ill Canadians cannot work efficiently without accessible mental health services. Under-educated Canadians cannot enter the workforce successfully. Marginalized and impoverished Canadians cannot fully contribute to the economy without support. I cannot stress enough that investing in our citizens and our communities, protecting and uplifting our most vulnerable groups, can only help us grow economically longterm. I beg our politicians to recognize the value each and every person in our city brings to the economy, and how for many Canadians that value is being wasted due to stringent circumstances that can be changed.
The budgets should be reasonable and not excessive as they are right now. Budgets should be cut for areas that are unnecessary such as marketing and communications. There is no need to constantly revise and redo the websites. Budget should be cut for public art (and this should be local and via user input and not arbitrary). Way too much upper management with high salaries.
Lobby the provincial government to implement a provincial sales tax to maintain and improve City services.
Safety for citizens - this needs to be prioritized.
Focus on housing and affordability. Create a more livable, diverse, and inclusive city by investing in parks, cultural activitives and services that benefits the mist vulnerable people. Montreal is doing a great job in terms of livability, bike infrastructure, affordable housing, cultural inclusion and activities, with great parks within the city, gardens on every corner and trees everywhere. We should get inspiration from what they are doing over there. If we got rid of all the car-centric and parking infrastructure, Calgary would be a richer, much more livable city.
Long term vision
If you must cut jobs, cut management positions not front line workers. It seems that when these things are being decided it's always the "bottom of the dog pile" so to speak that gets the axe. These are the people doing the actual work and the result is a top heavy organization of managers with no one to manage and nothing to do. Plus, they don't know how to do the jobs of the people they let go. Then when we, the public, call in for help the few who remain who do know what to do are badly overworked and so exhausted they are barely alive. Service deteriorates and the City saves nothing and loses everything.
We need police on the roads! Start ticketing and go to court. Something that’s to be done about the drivers. It Disney matter what you spend to make a walkable area if you have to play frogger when crossing the road
Population growth- should suburbs pay more than inner city? Reinvestment in areas that are seeing densification. Older communities are seeing growth with aging infrastructure.
The more roads that are built the more people will drive. The more pathways that are built the more people will walk or bike.
I just wish there was a way to explain why capital projects cost so much and be clearer about like how and why the costs get so high and it's not mismanagement. Certainly, there are efficiencies but being transparent would be helpful in my opinion.
We need to ensure we are thinking ahead and funding the future, in addition to the needs of today. Many decisions that can be made this year, and require immediate funding, won't necessarily result in visible benefits to Calgarians right away, and that is OK - the longer we delay, the worse the problem gets (and likely more expensive if we try to expedite in an

emergency). In general, I'd like Council to take a critical look at what needs to be done within the city, both near term and long term, and see where that takes us for the tax increase, rather than blindly commit to a tax decrease or very low increase without understanding the risks or long-term impacts. Yes, life is getting expensive, but minimizing tax increases only puts us in a worse spot for the future. Council shouldn't only be focusing on affordability, but on the state of our city and what needs to be accomplished.
Higher property taxes will soon make it impossible for me to stay in my own fully paid for home!
The City is leaving a lot of revenue on the table by not patrolling for parking violations in residential areas, and only ticketing the parking violation called in while passing a dozen other violations to write one ticket.
This is a touchy subject but city staff wages are a massive portion of the operating budget. Maybe negotiations need to start about pulling back in areas like shift differentials, weekend premiums and whether base wages match the real world pay scales
focus on core responsibilities first - water, sewage, power, roads, fire, police. Then parks and rec. don;t even contemplate public art or other pet projects until these are fixed.
It is important to consider the most vulnerable populations within the city. Protecting our environment is vital to our long-term survival. Reducing housing costs should be a priority.
Please think of multi mode transportation, we need better transit in Renfrew and better cycling options
Include more essential services than was provided in this survey. Reduce homelessness by following the Norwegian model (please research it). Do not decrease the city budget unless the city population decreases.
We need to support programs that help everyone succeed. For example, libraries provide essential support to everyone who cannot afford a computer or a smart phone.
Parks and rec. encouraging citizens to get out and be active. Will take less stress off of our medical services and wait times as our citizens will be healthier overall. Especially children (I work with ages 7-11 all over the city)
Consider more user pay opportunities. Wherever practical, seniors discounts should be income tested, not universal based on age. For example, having a senior annual transit pass that is priced way below market value when seniors are one of the wealthiest generations now is mind boggling. Absolutely continue to offer low income options to those who qualify, but it's wild that seniors earning far more than many working class Calgarians can buy a heavily discounted annual transit pass.
Safety and water are the most important in my opinion. Then housing. Keep on pushing back on the provincial government meddling in municipal affairs as well.
Let’s start investing in public transit and walkable communities instead of continuing to fuel the urban sprawl. By designing cities around people—not just cars—we can create safe, welcoming spaces for everyone, including our most vulnerable residents. A truly great city measures its success by how well it cares for those with the least, because our strength is shared. If we commit to building inclusive, accessible, and people focused communities, we can make our city truly world class.
I would really really REALLY like to see more investments in traffic quieting and creating safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians. I think that is a better use of our money than creating victim-blaming advertisements that frame pedestrian fatalities as the fault of pedestrians.

Cut some things out to reduce costs. Property tax increases have been higher than the rate of inflation and are therefore not sustainable. The mayor is absolutely wrong when he remarked that Calgarians are not upset about this qhen they didn't make e ough noise about this when the province I created their share this year.
efficiency, scale and how they'll fund over 5, 10, & 20 year periods
Business wise - make borrowing as part of discussion on starting a business, not just how to get a license. Include the family health. A healthy family will create a healthy community.
A better transit system to connect all areas of the city.
Most of the densification developments are for family and multi-person residences. I am a single man and I see no recognition of us as a group. I like to live along and we are a neglected demographic.
Ensuring basic needs that create a healthy and vibrant community are essential.
pet projects should be avoided until immediate needs of residents are addressed i.e. bike lanes
Look at getting consultations from other cities, i.e. transit service in Japan. What are we doing wrong? province is taking too many taxes and not doing enough with it.
CANCEL THE RE-ZONING BY-LAW
Standing up to the provincial government when they try to over-extend their reach and intervene in municipal affairs.
Water service are extremely important
With energy crunched or when precious mayor declare climate emergencies to scare ppl or gets publicity. Focus on creating bike paths so those that are able can bike to places; hence, reducing road usage, traffic jams. Ensure bike path has continuity. Ie. northmount & 14 street to Northland drive. Share roads are meaningless to drivers. Would you let your 5 years old ride on a share path? Those who plan bike path must ride bikes to understand the differences share road and divided bike path. Traffic calming devices along share bike path are dangerous to cyclists. It force cyclist to merge onto the main road causing road rage. Never like traffic calming devices. Poor usage of roads. Do NOT take out existing bike paths. Ie, 3rd ave bike path. It wasn't temporary. It only shows how bad city plans bike path.
don't forget climate and environment, we're in a crisis
Public safety, infrastructure, and dealing with a growing population.
Take developing housing out of the control of developers. The city should have clear plans for developing more housing density and divide it equally across the city. Any new development should fit in with the existing neighbourhood and should not destroy the property values of the housing around it Partner with all levels of government to develop affordable housing. Appropriate housing is a right for all I believe a lot of the social disorder in Calgary would be diminished with affordable appropriate housing for all. The city also needs to focus on maintaining Calgary as a beautiful city. Public flowers , cut grass, trees, public art, great cultural events, and libraries all contribute to that and will bring visitors and residents here. With all the crisis in the world Canada is considered a great place to visit/live and a lot of Canadians are staying in the country – let's ensure they come to Calgary.

Keep water utilities managed and owned by the City
take out all the bike lane that occupied the road. Utilization is extremely low and create traffic jam for no reason.
If the city builds new things it should also consider the costs to properly operate these new things
Focus less on just building housing and more on how to keep it equitable & accessible for low-income people and families. Increase support services for the unhoused - develop more initiatives to support people trying to get off the street. Our working poor population is steadily increasing. If the province is closing the safe consumption site, in what ways can the city make it safe for people who use drugs to exist? And for those of us who live near the SCS, how is the city going to mitigate the guaranteed return to issues with discarded sharps & paraphernalia that used to be so prevalent before the SCS opened? Increased support & less red tape for small businesses - stop jeopardising small businesses like the ship & anchor with your current ill-thought out housing strategy. Offer incentives for new builds with ground level retail & restaurant space to favour small businesses over chains. Increased focus on road maintenance & more support, development of bike lanes.
Please continue building useable and connected multi-use pathways for biking , walking, etc. this is very important to consider with the growing population and gas prices increasing. Please also be more stringent with car license provision and with police arresting those with violations! There are too many pedestrian accidents and I've had some close calls with drivers who full-out do not respect other road users and me as a pedestrian! Please please please DO NOT issue licence or be stricter with removing licenses for people who cannot follow road rules and drive properly as a car is a weapon if used incorrectly! Please increase transit service to allow people who cannot drive or who chose not to drive to be able to get around our beautiful city!
Look at rezoning changes that were made. There's an overflow of multi-family dwellings. On the positive side, cheaper rent, negative - investors may be left financially unstable.
Development in terms of living conditions.
Your people are suffering. Just take the c train and see how unequitabke this city is. And the train is for the rich.... Growing this city so fast, builders are throwing up unsafe houses, and your emergency services will have to help them more than if you had safe properly built houses. Fast builders =fires, floods, water, emergency and worse services are needed. People are homeless but you allow the prices to be sky high without actually maintaining services seems ridiculous. Would be cool if council didnt get their raises and packages and the people that pay could have security in their home town instead if trying to decide where they have to move to afford to live (that has safety, water, garbage, emergency etc)
We need to strongly fund transit and active transportation infrastructure so we can become more resilient, a healthier population, and less car dependent as we grow into a large city.
Make the City prosper and take the politics out of council. It's a service.
Infrastructure should be a top priority. The recent fiasco with water restrictions has shown that cutting corners in these critical areas will cost more money in the long run. I think that pedestrian safety and bicycle accessibility need to be improved.

The City must consider the growth of the population. Evidently we keep making the "top 10 cities to live in" list, so we can expect greater strain on all of our infrastructure and services. There is really no room to leave things off the table as it puts building and repairing in jeopardy. If it costs a lot now - it'll cost more in the future. The costs don't decline - ever. The problems that exist now, deteriorate with time so small problems become big ones, in a heartbeat.
The historical development pattern across Calgary is financially unsustainable. Low density housing results in a population too small to afford the infrastructure required, as the costs to service these areas are far greater than available tax revenue. It is impossible to support single family zoning and claim to be fiscally responsible.
You always need to look into the future and plan with that in mind. Bring reactive now is a bandaid solution a d we need long term solutions.
Citizens rightfully do not trust or respect this government. City Council's top priority should be transforming Administration into a competent organization that can once again be trusted. Not an easy task, but critical to the future of the City.
Please ensure all voices are heard, not just the loudest (police, developers). Folks dealing with complex needs may not come to engage sessions due to multiple barriers. Please consider how we can make Calgary welcoming to newcomers in order to have a thriving economy. Please consider where the province is leaving people behind and consider how these gaps will affect folks at a municipal level. Please speak to non profit organizations.
AI efficiency and cutting burucracy to transition (even if slightly) to capitalism 2.0. AI doing jobs in city services can reduce cost in long term, whereas human doing most jobs cost more taxes/money and has more burucracy. AI can also help us stay ahead in science and tech. Also David Shapiro's post labour economic framework (his book Labor Zero is coming out July 31 2026). The ahift from labor based income to capital based income (dividends sovereign wealth funds etc). Dalibor Petrovic (Alberta tech leader from TechTonic Convsersations) and UBI Works are aware of David Shapiro and follow him closely.
Under-served communities, water and housing should be prioritized. While we are here, mayne we should consider withholding some provincial tax until they return the pay to the disabled people they stole from. Where is all the money going that they aren't paying and now the tax dollars they raised?
TAXING THE WEALTHY
Benefits to those who cannot vote (kids) and realistic, more long term approaches which the city needs. Ex) Removing the free fare zone seems like a good idea to save money BUT addicts are now angry at the public and government they have nowhere to go and loiter in new spaces. Plans which consider consequences are best. Thank you for the services provided :) I do enjoy Calgary and the opportunity to provide input.
I believe our property taxes should be higher for people renting out their properties. Give us a chance to purchase our own first homes before they buy a twelfth, yknow?
I think it is important to consider how budgeting affects our most vulnerable communities and the ways in which our plans should include and incorporate their perspectives. Budgets should address the rising cost of living and the difficulty of youth and young adults to afford housing, groceries, and other essential goods while maintaining a healthy social life. This includes not needing multiple jobs or streams of income. I also feel that transit should be invested in heavily and made free as well.
We cannot endlessly subsidize the sprawl. Getting city services to new communities on the outskirts of town is extremely expensive and takes away from properly maintaining existing neighborhoods. We must increase density in existing communities and better equip them to deal with our growing population.

The city should be run the same way they expect us to run our homes. Evaluate where money is being spent, what can be done with better value added or cheaper? Pay the necessities first. Pay down debt, pay for maintenance and up keep, then pay for nice to haves
The city should focus on enhancing civic engagement to ensure that all residents' voices are heard and valued. This effort should aim to create a more inclusive decision-making process that is not dominated by a select few who have the resources to sway outcomes. By pursuing a collaborative approach that reflects the diverse perspectives of the entire community, the city can ultimately achieve more equitable and representative decisions.
Planning for an environmentally sustainable City that can provide a healthy and balanced lifestyle for future generations
Long term replacement of aging infrastructure- I feel this is sometimes overlooked because it isn't flashy and exciting to announce, but has a huge impact on quality of life.
Curbing sprawl is the most essential aa it will decide all things. We don't have money to maintain infrastructure or improve public transit if we subsidize developers to destroy the environment and build unsustainable communities.
The climate crisis. It is here. It is real. We need to prepare our city and our citizens for that reality, for floods, for droughts, including scarce drinking water, for damage to homes and buildings, for interruptions to services. City councillors seem so intent on not being seen as woke that they are actively working against science, reality, and what our city and citizens need. Being asleep in 2026 is foolish and dangerous. Wake up and do what is right. Pay attention to science, not social media. Pay attention to experts. Focus on human rights, think about the future--think about young Calgarians. Why would they want to live here when they have the lowest minimum wage in the country, they can't afford a house or a car, transit sucks, there are no bike lanes, and too many jobs are in the killing industry of oil and gas. That's why young people are leaving. You can do things differently and move this city from 1990s thinking to 21st century thinking.
Shelter, food and housing for people priced out
Please reduce the bureaucracy and make the city more efficient.
I don’t think that keeping taxes low in comparison to other Canadian cities should be a priority. Yes inflation is terrible, and there is chronic uncertainty in the economy and markets, but we are far behind and need to catch up and ensure our infrastructure is safe and reliable for future generations. I also want us to centre climate solutions which will also benefit our children and theirs.
Expanding city boundaries should very seriously looked at,we can’t afford anymore sprawl
Taking the longest possible view - what is good for the city and it's people 10, 20, 50 years from now? What investments can we make now that we may not see the direct benefits of until well into the future - but are still the right move? These are the important considerations.
Happy with what I have already pointed out.
If I can choose a 6th it would be recreation in the local community because there isn't very much. I think the city a dead zone. It focuses too much on consumer buying and not on creating people centric places, on people needing social services, and places to interact organically.
Let's allow people to be responsible for their own recreation,etc. We have taken away personal initiative with constant programs.
Stop trying to make public transit profitable. Transit Peace Officers are out of control and dangerous. Public transit should be free.

I would like to see more transparency on rezoning policies. I'm talking advertisement explaining what it is, and inviting people to vote on it.
Forward planning. Don't just think about the needs now, think about the needs in 5, 10, 20 years. Build the new roads with 3 lanes instead of 2, even if only 2 are needed right now. Infrastructure - fixing what prior councils neglected, proper planning, and cutting back on unneccesary projects (ie the park near where I work that took 2.5 years to "upgrade" and ended up being worse off in the end, then got fixed, again. Efficiency - City projects take way too long to complete, seem uncoordinated, and inefficient. I see projects that would take a private firm 2-3 months to do take the city 1-2 years, or more, to do. Hold people accountable. Plan properly and allocate resources better. There is so much inefficiency you can see every day and that really needs to be dealt with as it's a huge waste of tax dollars. I don't mind paying my fair share of taxes, but I get very upset when they aren't used how they should be, and when they are blatantly wasted.
NO MORE URBAN SPRAWL. Allowing further expansion causes the city to need to spend more to build and maintain infrastructure while having diffuse revenue for supporting the required infrastructure. See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjyLiEICDSs for a concise explanation of why. Put all priority onto essential services and stop allowing further sprawl of the city.
Consider how reducing services in certain areas impacts the most vulnerable members of society first. A stronger, more resilient Calgary cannot be built when we leave those that need support behind.
Increasing our tax base by not repealing blanket rezoning so my taxes don't keep going up because the cost of living is squeezing me dry. If there are more creative ways to encourage a more equitable tax burden among Calgarians, I think that is also pertinent to look at. Calgary has a disproportionate amount of ultra wealthy people and if we really need to claw some more from our populace, it seems most fair to take from the people benefitting the most.
I believe my previous statements have iterated my priorities sufficiently
As the city grows, why are we not able to afford the things required for daily life. There has to be clarity on necessities before nice to have’s.
This city needs to decide if supports fostering and growing its tax base with young people or not. By attempting to repeal the zoning policy of the previous administration the city is suggesting that it doesn't care if young people leave and take their tax revenue and economic contributions elsewhere. The city is suggesting that it supports the needs of the older generations over the youth.
K.I.S.S. Principle must be applied for everything. Stop messing up roads with dedicated bicycle lanes. This is Calgary, not some small European city.
Cost of Living - gas, groceries, minimum wage, what can be done?! Can immigrants receiving unparalleled tax breaks, incentives, and jobs be addressed on a municipal level? I am stressed past my max from living expenses being past my means. Please help.
All of us feel like that we are equal in the eyes of our representatives. I feel that certain decisions are sometimes influenced by vote bank politics that has created a great deal of mistrust and anxiety among Calgarians. It has pitted Calgarians against each other.
keep within budget, don't raise property tax, STOP moving money from essential services to "pet projects" (e.g. bike lanes, ugly art).

It is important to realize that the Mayor and Council work for the people and the money they are spending is not theirs to spend however they wish. Please just fix the potholes, pick up the garbage, make sure the snow is cleared as fast as possible and maintain infrastructure!
Focus on the residents as a whole. Not just some
Fiscal responsibility. Needs, not wants.
Funding the Calgary Public Library sufficiently to maintain or, ideally, expand its collection, services, locations, and hours.
Infrastrure of roads
Possible notable decreases in city population and property values that would result in a reduced tax base. Increases or decreases in the demand for services based on impacts of artificial intelligence on unemployment levels.
Please make sure you are investing in the services that most benefit the most vulnerable in calgary. I know we already spent money on the events centre, but that will not help the thousands of low income calgarians struggling to pay for food and Medication and housing.
Comprehensive network of services equitably distributed across the city.
Services that exclude people should not be invested in. Services that make the city better for everyone should be prioritized. Stop mowing boulevards stop plowing roads. Transit and pathways are a top priority.
Zero based budgeting. Relook at processes, work flow and documentation for efficiencies and elimination. Give more critical thinking to what services are provided and why. Look at work performance and pay and benefits as a meritocracy. Stop comparing staffing and costs to other cities, it makes administration complacent. Look inward.
You're at a critical junction, where your council can decide if this city will become a tumour, sprawling forever outwards and consuming ever more resources while the nucleus shrivels and necrotizes into a heap of rubbish.
We need to consider where the UCP might try to screw Albertans, and specifically Calgarians over. Where to do we need to put band aids to cover the holes they create. I wish that wasn't the case, but it is.
If the debt is paid down, it'll be easier to have more money in the future to do things, rather than paying interest on the money you've borrowed (which is pure waste). If the city were run like a household budget, it would be easier to manage. You don't go on frivolous trips, if you don't have the money..same premise. Past councils spent money like drunken sailors on shore leave, with no consideration of the future! Let's go on this trip and take a huge entourage, because we can..not maybe we shouldn't go on this trip because we can't afford it, or if it's really important, then only take a small contingent rather than a full blown party!
How we can persuade or put pressure on the provincial government to better financially support the cities needs.
Taking care of people should be a top priority. I see foreigners flooding in and getting more money, support and programs than people who have lived and worked here for most or majority of their life. Take care of your people and that is how a community thrives. People carry the highest value in society, not buildings.
The City should refrain from imposing facilities on communities without their involvement. Specifically in 2025 the installation of lights at Confederation Golf course driving rage for night

skiing, and trying to put a paved pathway adjacent to an existing pathway across a field and eliminating 50 year old established trees in the process, part of the City of Calgary's 5A pathway network. Residents and the community was not notified or consulted about either.
Taxes need to be removed completely or at the very least lowered. Stop taxing us to death. It is enough. Stop urban sprawl and putting too many people in communities without the proper amenities. Do not give tax breaks, credits, or incentives to High Rise building owners - they need to pay the full amount owed.
Keeping our streets safe and having reliable emergency services.
Social services: obtain more provincial funding for mental health programs.
Tree coverage, densification
Ensuring that the future is being set up for success such as stricter fines for illegal dumping and more bylaw out to inform and give tickets. Having a stricter recycling program to accept many things and if it's not being followed using bylaw to fine those individuals so that Calgary remains a healthy city in the future like Vancouver.
Get Council member properly educated on the history & reasoning for policies & plans. It has been obvious at the latest budget discussions that as a whole they do not grasp the depth and expertise that went into policies & plans, nor the intent of each. Instead, they were obviously looking at what would play well for the developers & their current constituencies. Stop ignoring your own plans & policies!
Consider the impacts this budget cycle and its investments will have on our city in 10 years, 50 years, 100 years - the long term vision should not be forgotten for the sake of saving a few bucks today
Homeless downtown makes me feel unsafe and ur is a eyesore as well as a distraction.
Allow blanket rezoning so donut communities can maintain a population density to sustain shops, transit and schools that don't require a car.
Reduce immigration where possible and taxes
Stop the build anything anywhere. Be thoughtful and plan developments that enhance our city not just anything to fill the void. Make sure construction is solid. The quality of construction is horrible and there seems to be zero oversight. Go back to the basics; mow and beautify our communities don't let them get run down so property values deplete and safety becomes a concern. Once these problems are fixed then build forward. You need a good base.
Housing costs are high, road conditions, public transportation costs are high. The city has grown immensely in a short period of time and those who have been in Calgary are suffering from those coming from other parts of Canada with larger pockets. Locals are out priced from housing.
Moving the city forward to make it world class, which it is not right now. Revitalizing downtown, stopping urban sprawl, continuing bike paths/routes/lanes, restricting car parking downtown, investing more in public transit, encouraging urban density, supporting arts and culture.
Calgary is diverse and large, and that needs to be considered in future budgeting. Many people have different needs and they deserve to be able to access services. Public services should be public, accessable to all who live in our city and available to those who need them.
I really think safety is very important for all citizens because it keeps everyone engaged and a vibrant city.
Low income housing, or subsidized housing for those with medical issues.
We need more long-term commitments to housing (non-market as well as planning for good market outcomes), as well as long-term commitments to increasing transit service reach and frequency.

Do not subsidize the suburbs. Reinvest in developed, established communities. Invest heavily in transit. Invest and build affordable housing. Grow social preventive services
Properly maintaining water supply
Please don't fall into the trap of flashy PR projects! Please focus on ensuring a sustainable water supply, reduce urban sprawl by allowing rezoning in older neighborhoods, and encouraging the building of affordable wheelchair accessible housing and transit .
Ensuring that all white lines on roads are updated. And not just hit or miss. So many roads are in bad condition and need repair. There should be sidewalks on both sides if the road, take Flint Road/Bonaventure Drive for example, its bad!! playground zones around schools should just be school zones, and in the middle of winter adjust the hours, how many children are in a playground at 8:00 at night and -20c weather!!!???
The city needs to stop relying on poor metrics to make decisions. Eg. fare recovery as a measure of transit ridership and need for transit service - first of all, there is poor fare enforcement so numbers appear lower than they are in actuality. Secondly, if a city provides a poor quality service that leads to poor usage, the city should not look a low usage numbers as a reason NOT to provide the service, and needs to ask itself more complex questions (e.g. did we provide a service that makes sense for people), thirdly, the city needs to consider that it takes investments now to see metrics grow in the future, and that forward-thinking should be the norm rather than taking current metrics as face-value justification to disinvest/stop investing in a service
Invest in services that bring the greatest amount of equity across the city. A strong economy is created and bolstered by implementing planning that reduces poverty.
I would stress that more research needs to be done to discover the best solutions around the world, we need to implement what actually works compared to what we "feel" would work which is often based on our political ideology.
Please be wise stewards of the money that you collect from the citizens of Calgary. Please remember that we all work hard for our money and would appreciate wisdom in spending that money.
Thinking of people accessing the National Parks easily from calgary: city should focus on the central station with trains taking people to Banff in less than one hour, with luggage, bikes, skis, etc. Also the station should have a high speed train to Edmonton. The city should work with the province on such plans
Plant more trees; protect the urban forest; do what you can to help with climate change, because it's clearly worsening and we need to do something. PLEASE do not increase property taxes again next year. This year's increase was ridiculous and you need to stop hitting homeowners with high increases. Consider raising taxes on businesses.
How to be able to reach out to the citizens during emergency, making sure citizens can get around the city safely in order to earn a living and support local businesses.
The budget should be focused on people who are the have nots, even though the voices of the 'haves' are very much louder, the have nots have more to gain from at lease somewhat of a budget geared towards them.
Other ways of financing the city and how to insulate against pilfering by the province
Disability community
Please finally build the 210 and 194th overpasses on Macleod Trail South. Please please please

For the last 10+ years, trust in this government has constantly declined. There is too much secrecy, too much propaganda, and too little (if any) accountability. The top priority of City Council should be restoring trust.
Cost of living is out of control, and the city needs to reflect this in a balanced budget and DO NOT keep blaming the provincial government for not helping financially. Please pause taxes for years to come and just do what needs to be done that the city can effort with the current taxes collected.
My grandkids will be teenagers by 2030's I hope that safe streets are possible again. And that they can take transit without people addicted to fentanyl(etc) have safe spaces. What the provincial government with safe consumption spaces is doing is reprehensible and overreaching- they are privatizing the recovery "market". The city used to have very good supports for people who are unhoused. Now warehouses.. a new, shared accountability model with developers responsible and ACCOUNTABLE for SAFE urban design and redesign. They built their streets and buildings and now the receipts are due.
1. Start sinking funds for replacement of essential infrastructure, like water & sewer. 2. Stop ruining neighbourhoods by jamming in multi-unit buildings in single family areas. You do not have the infrastructure to handle the volume. 3. Stop eliminating parking. 4. Do not put big developments right next to our key water sources - Glenmore Reservoir
I think the city needs to do a thorough review of their workforce and management structures. There is a lot of overlap and huge departments delivering less. The city has this bad habit of benchmarking against other men municipalities, but their contexts are so different. For example, if you look at the city of Toronto, there are also a number of suburbs and their city structure does not include transit, but includes some health services. Each city line should be benchmarked against either public or private best in class and then adjusted based on the goals for that service line. A lot of work being done in the budget process is performative. For example, I remember one year Calgary police asked for 25 more staff and when asked where they will use them, it was for human resources function not for actual police officers. City Council did not probe further. Also many of the staffing requests are very vague, but they should be tied to clear performance indicators and regularly evaluated.
Please think about the future and what The City should look like 10-50 years from now based on these decisions. Plant trees now. Build good neighbourhoods, not cheap ones (pathways, mixed housing, connected to transit, limit outward expansion, strengthen building code for hail and climate resilience, if solar panels pay for themselves in 15 years, it should be law to require them, shouldn't it?)
Companies that make cuts to accommodate current demand eventually go out of business. Successful companies invest in improving products and services to maintain and increase demand. Fund transit to improve service and long-term reliability to encourage greater demand. Give it a mandate to service new communities before residents move in. Stick to the commitment of 10 minute frequency on Primary Transit corridors to accommodate Transit-Oriented Development Zoning decisions.
Saving Money!
Prioritize our youth and children. Build more schools and good before and aftercare spaces so parents can work and keep paying your salaries. Thank you!
- More assessments of roads - more police on Stoney! Very dangerous!
Please consider alternative routes for folks that use memorial while the flood wall is being built. Memorial drive is practically unusable during the wall creation process.

Maintaining what we have in a quality living environment, including basic services such as water, utilities, transportation (including transit, walking and biking). Ensuring affordable housing is available. Creating an inviting environment for small business diversification. Sourcing Canadian. Sustainable and responsible fiscal management. Resisting the intrusion of the provincial government into areas of municipal jurisdiction.
Better and safer transit. Better and safer roads.
Healthcare, Housing and Better Roads.
FREEZE THE SALARIES WITH IN THE CITY STAFF , WHO GETS $200,000 AND MORE !! THIS FREEZE SHOULD BE CONTINUED TILL 2030 !!
Please reduce your bloated work force. It is fairly common to see 3-5 trucks show up at a sight and yet it seems a few people are actually doing any work.
Consider the political, economic impact and include the inputs of the blue-collar workers that seem to be better informed and constantly dealing the backlash/and struggles on the outcome of decisions made without been properly informed.
We must make our city business friendly, but we also must not let developers build without considering long term impacts. Ultimately, growth must be sustainable. For example, planter boxes in Currie are currently maintained by Canada Lands, but after the City takes possession those planter boxes will become weed boxes as the city won't be able to keep the same standards sustainably.
Please focus on the actual needs of Calgarians such as improving infrastructure, transit, healthcare, schooling and housing most importantly.
Providing places for the homeless, addicts, and anyone else who live on the streets of downtown or frequent Kensington, various malls, Centre Street, etc. is also essential. They are citizens too. Calgary weather is harsh without anywhere indoors to stay.
It will be nice for the city to also focus in the new areas of northeast communities, it feels like those communities are not looked after when compared to the SW and NW communities.
Make good jobs available to residents and want people to move here.
I understand it is difficult but try to keep taxes low. It’s almost impossible I understand but try
Wasteful spending. Millions on art/scluptures we don’t need. Out contracting services to vendors that don’t provide accountability such as cleaning of bus shelters and snow clearing. Have personally saw vendors spend under 5 minutes cleaning then filling out report and driving off.
Please include public safety, accessibility and safety to all transit stations, improved road and watermain repair and recreation as some main priorities.
I think not spending money frivolously on things that benefit a miority should be important. Help the most amount of people possible with each dollar.
Remove the “Anti-Racism” policies and fire all the people involved. They produce nothing of value for citizens while bloating the government with huge salaries. I’ve read through the definition of terms the City uses for “Non-racialized” and “racialized”, “Equity” and “Equity deserving people”. These policies are ideological, political, and inherently extremely racist. Save tax payers money and remove this ideology from the city.
Focus on essential life saving services first, especially consistent crackdown on crime 24/7, 365. Don’t keep raising taxes. I’d rather see cuts to non essential services like parks and rec. stop building new rec centres! Pause the green line if we don’t have the money.
If budget allows we should consider parks and recreation
Consider that FASD is the leading cause of neurodevelopment disabilities and more money towards FASD grants and supports needs to be had.

Transit , housing and water crisis management
Affordability and jobs
I know people want to see more police force in our city, but it's so counter intuitive to focus on reactive solutions instead of preventative ones. Build all of our people up, equitably, and see how our community will begin to thrive. Please also consider putting protections in for marginalized people; for example, the Alberta government is targetting the trans community, and their lives are at risk. If they are not safe in our city, none of us are.
Civic partner funding, transit, long term stable funding for the low-income transit pass, affordable housing.
Please stop listening to whiney rich people about how they are paying too much tax. Property taxes are among our fairest forms of taxation and Calgary municipal taxes are low in comparison to other municipalities in Canada. Charge more municipal property tax. Keeping that low this year only hurt your ability to expand services where needed and didn't help in the end because the provinces increases erased any feelings of "savings" you were hoping for. Start charging residential property owners more (not non-res, their rates are high compared to surrounding municipalities). If people can afford to own homes here in this city, they can afford to pay property taxes to help fund services to all. Period. Stop listening to the whiney boomers. I am a property owner (Bowness, $1mil property) and I approve this message:) I want my kids to be able to continue living here and if we continue the way we're going, you are going to chase all the young people away.
I think taking a long term approach and overall to projects. Thinking about how projects will fit into the city as a whole not just single small projects at a time. Making a cohesive approach to infrastructure and an over all plan so that there isn't so many things being done and redone. As well as providing longterm funding to things like new active transport pathways so that a more full system can be developed.
Continue to push the UCP government to give us what they owe us and stop taking money from us that has no return. The time is now to focus on aging infrastructure and recreation centres, and stop helping rich sports franchises build without contributing more than they have. Focus this future budget on repairs and replacements and better planning of future City projects based on potential developments. Keep this growing city moving with better roads and pathways/sidewalks and transit. Keep the UCP out as much as possible.
Consider that community and culture are important but not enough to pour our money into when other things could impact and benefit EVERYONE if we prioritize them. Consider our safety and accessibility before wasting time on recreation.
Climate change and climate initiatives and Gen Z being able to buy a house one day.
Control the city growing
sustainability, walkability of urban planning
Continue to invest in community initiatives and future generations.
Planning our city around making sure the most vulnerable in our communities are properly cared for will make a robust and thriving city for everyone who lives here.
No one cares about pink lights on the downtown train station overhead canopy How dose a project like validating the online ticket at train station gets approved what dose it even do Think like a business, if it’s not adding value then why fund it.
The Federal NDP actually suggested a concept of 'non-market residential housing' and I'm thinking with all the fuss and debate of residential Zoning, what if the City could come up with a model for all other Cities to follow as to residential development that INCLUDES affordable housing? I think some cities are going to have HUGE infrastructure problems in the near future. I know this comment somewhat contradicts my choices earlier (re Housing) but if City

Council could devise a Plan that actually might work as to creating revenue, why not pursue it? The first thing that comes to mind is a co-operative development where the CITY owns the land, the residents purchase the home; after all, it is the land that appreciates in value NOT necessarily the building.
The city also needs to consider in the upcoming 2027-2030 budget what they plan to do to help individuals struggling with addictions and homelessness because it's everywhere. When you are waiting for the bus and train or walking downtown, there are so many people that need help and city council is doing nothing about it. Why has the city not reached out to addiction treatment centres and finding out exactly what resources they are lacking in? City council could do a better job and admit that they also need to take responsibility in this area and work with the province towards a solution. I don't want to keep seeing this when I am out and about and I would also encourage council to consider having a public hearing on this very issue. I'm sure they would receive many great ideas on ways we can be helping to turn these individuals lives around and getting them into situations where they are drug free, into a house, and working.
Supporting single parent families and pregnant teens
Stop taking $$ away from savings to allocate to the budget and instead cut back on government waste, axe programs that make no financial sense, stop blaming the province for municipal shortcomings, and stop redirecting $$ from infrastructure to the general fund. Right now, you're playing a shell game that's unsustainable and trying to make rezoning changes that most Calgarians are not in favor of simply to keep the federal funding. Blaming Danielle Smith for bad Council decisions is also an old and tired tactic.
We need to work towards actually supporting people in sustainable ways rather than punishing vulnerable people for being in bad situations
Ensure that The north east area is not an afterthought, and that it is treated the same as the other three quadrants
Transit is so so important and benefits everyone! Not only those who take transit themselves!
It is a terrifying time to be a young person. We can barely afford to service and the entire world is burning down around us. Invest in our futures. Make Calgary an affordable place to live. Create jobs. Help us.
Generating alternate sources of income
Calgary has a rising population of homelessness and drug addiction. While those two group are not always completely overlapping, there is a connection. This city has had a woefully underdeveloped and somewhat ignorant approach to these issue for many years now. Community support is more often than not shown to be the one of biggest impacts on how people break through barriers that are as firmly established as addiction and unhoused living. There are advocates all over this city pleading for funding to help their fellow Calgarians, just listen to them.
the people should decide
Make it easier for business to set up and do business in Calgary. Reduce redundancies, red tape burden and increase administrative efficiencies. Keep fire appropriately staffed and ensure innovation and the community continues to thrive. Calgary has been recognized for having a thriving innovation ecosystem and this has become a strategic advantage.
Developing and pushing for the green line LRT to be reopened, this would vastly impact transit access across the city and help to develop the transit landscape
Community nonprofits that build a just and respectful city.
Low income housing should be affordable for those on a fixed income due to medical reasons ex AISH recipients It’s not from being lazy and not wanting to work to earn a living to support ourself we no

longer can without help I'm only 57 years old and have to figure out a place for shelter, food clothes medical for the remainder of my "life"
The city should concentrate on making Calgary truely afforable. The City should stop trying to be everything to every one and start focusing on safety, roadways, and relaible utilities. It should get rid of all the superfluous projects that end up costing a fortune. Stop using the taxpayer and an ATM to complete project simply to garner votes. Stop saying nonsense like, "It's only going to cost the average taxpayer an extra $11.67 per month to have their garbage picked up this year." when you really mean is, "We're adding another $140.04 to your annual tax bill."
A solid review needs to be made of all departments to automate and stream line departments. Communication to be updated. Good examples of great communication comes from using the carts, and from police messaging of what they see and what the law is, on social media.
More places for stage 4 glaucoma patients.
If the City continues to sprawl outwards, then it needs to consider the costs in perpetuity of servicing those new communities. If there an option to change the basis of property assessment? It is currently based on market value rather than on intrinsic value such as age of building, size of parcel, size of house.
Housing!!! Affordable housing, Safe injection sites, community centres to help combat the homelessness crisis
Focus on the lowest rung of the socio economic ladder first and work your way up. It's not important to ensure that the people at the top of the chain gain marginal benefits when there are people at the bottom who struggle daily with things that most people take for granted
Safety - and Infrastructure. Mayors and council should clean up our processes and what is important - For the next 5 years only Required should see our money - Desired can be put on hold.
i cannot underline transit enough! That would be my personal priority, as well as housing!
1. Be fiscally responsible. Ensure there is a slush fund. 2. Just because I don't use a service on a regular basis that another does, doesn't mean it shouldn't be offered or supported by the city (ie. the arts, sports, transit). But one should not be neglected over the other. 3. Maybe increase user fees for services that tend to run in the red on a regular basis. 4. Don't try to keep up with the Jones' (ie. Vancouver and Toronto) 5. Be transparent and provide detailed explanations for your decisions. No one can fault that. I am sure that setting the budget and prioritizing services is no easy task as every Calgarian will have different priorities and not everyone can be kept happy.
Affordability should be a central consideration in developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, as the rising cost of living continues to affect many Calgarians. The City should consider how taxes, fees, and service costs interact with household incomes—particularly for low- and fixed-income residents—so that essential services remain accessible to everyone. This includes maintaining and expanding supports that reduce financial strain, such as affordable transit options, housing initiatives, and preventative social services (Basic Needs Fund) that help people avoid crisis.
Please invest in essential services.
How the eventual Green Line will cause businesses to shut down against their will and impact communities in multiple nuanced ways
I am proud that Calgary is a diverse city and believe that welcoming people from all backgrounds is critical. However our major problem is that we are a very inequitable city. We

need to ensure that the wealthy contribute more to the City's budget so that services for those who have the least are available and provided at no cost. Greater equity leads to an increase in happiness for all. Please have the courage to address this serious issue.
This isn't just about making headlines. Calgary is a livable city -- great. How do we make Calgary a SUSTAINABLE city? How do we make Calgary a place that people born here want to continue living in? Are we supporting only the folks with the time and money to show up to public hearings, or do we keep in mind the numerous Calgarian's working multiple jobs just to make ends meet?
Soccer facilities, ice rinks, swimming pools, c-train safety, employing people who actually are qualified and wanting to do the jobs (eg transit security) clean up downtown improve the sidewalks - just look at the corner of the Watermark Tower.
A balanced city includes healthy critical infrastructure, opportunities for those who have more to pay more and those who have less to pay less, efforts towards equality, Anti-Racism and Decolonization, the plans to follow are already there please follow them - White Goose Flying Report, TRC, City of Calgary Anti-Racism Strategy informed by a huge public consultation. When urgent things come up handle them and then return to the plan as soon as possible. I am not expecting perfection for my specific needs as a citizen every time but I do want to see our services focused on this being a great place to live for all not just people who "can afford it" and not just the loudest voices.
Budget planning must reflect infrastructure reality, not political cycles. Water and road assets operate on 20-30 year lifecycles. Four-year business plans are inadequate without long-term capital frameworks that fund maintenance before failure occurs. Growth must pay for growth. New development should not be subsidized by existing taxpayers or deferred onto future generations. Development levies must reflect true infrastructure costs. Calgary sends significant property tax revenue to the Province while bearing full responsibility for maintaining a major Canadian city. The City must advocate forcefully for a fairer revenue split. Resist political short-termism. Ribbon-cutting projects are politically rewarding but fiscally irresponsible when core maintenance budgets are underfunded. Unglamorous infrastructure investment always delivers better long-term value. Plan for decades. Spend responsibly. Fight for Calgary's fair share.
Cut all funding towards equity diversity and inclusion. It is not essential.
Pro sports and downtown do not impact enough residents. Do things that impact residents (positively) and improve quality of life please. Also, the foothills fieldhouse project is far too ambitious. Focus on providing a rec facility not facilities that can be rec facilities AND host world class sport. World class sport is expensive and infrequent and while might sell hotel rooms don't do much for citizens (and it's certainly not equitable because people have to pay to attend events). Sport and rec facilities for the community are used every day by citizens.
The city may be getting too big to manage from a central location. I also wonder about a fair distribution of budget resources to all four quadrants. I have lived in the Ne most of my life and feel like we may be 2nd class area
The City destroying those waterfront homes in Eau Claire was really gross. Destroying homes to benefit a developer is a window into the priorities of City leadership - no respect for the law or citizens when there's an opportunity to make a rich developer richer. There should be an investigation into whether City leadership personally profited from that situation because it seems corrupt.
Care about low income families
Please plan for preventative maintenance on essential infrastructure such as water/sewer/roads/etc.

Get rid of the fat at the top, reduce upper management. Invest in frontline staff and services. Make the fundamentals excellent - transit, water, recreation facilities, public safety - the services that have the biggested impact to the largest portion of the population for quality of life.
In order to build a strong community, we need to focus on the things that will help us thrive.
Failure to make investments in recreation facilities will have long-term detrimental consequences for the health of this city.
Infrastructure for kids in sport. QUALITY free public education = smaller class sizes, more teachers, more specialized classroom settings for children with specialized needs, less complex classroom student composition People should be allowed to check off Catholic, Private or Public school for where their taxes should go to. Or better yet, private schools should be treated as a for profit private business and funded with private equity dollars.
I wish for the City to consider the impact of climate change, and reduction of its waste and carbon emissions. More focus on leading initiatives rooted in empirical evidence and science, and would be nice to see continued focus on green space, protection of trees and celebration of our diversity and communities, especially in the inner city. Thank you for all the work you do to make this such a great place to live.
Have you considered a lottery to raise money? Maybe buy a couple of houses and condos then raffle them off. Maybe win having your property tax waived for a year. Everyone would buy tickets. Let's protect the culture of older communities by not ransacking them and cramming, housing development in like sardines. The infrastructure cannot handle it, older generations don't want multi-level houses, and when the developer bulldozes one $700,000 house and puts up two over million dollar duplexes, that is not fixing the housing affordability. The developers are making money hand over fist and not helping anything. And we're losing the feel and history of the older, pretty cool, communities. Have you thought about hiring summer students too pick up garbage throughout the summer? Our green spaces along roads and our parks could use it. Pay them 20 bucks an hour to walk around and pick up garbage… That would be a pretty sweet gig.
Safety, accessibility, basic services. Only Calgary can be the greatest city again if calgarians feel safe and sense of belonging
Build more indoor and proper outdoor soccer fields.
Fiscal responsibility
Cut taxes on TRUE local small businesses. Not massive multinational billion dollar companies. Support our local businesses to the fullest. Murray Edward's doesn't need support he's doing just fine.
More soccer fields and arenas
Long-term investments; not just what is going to get council re-elected in a few years.
Regrettably Jeromy Farkas did not support an Olympic bid during his time as my councillor, which would have carried some of the cost of updating/building recreation facilities for my children's generation. I hope as Mayor, he has matured enough to consider children, even though he doesn't appear to have any. I also hope he doesn't buy into Danielle Smith's rhetoric that cities should have more taxes, or that increased taxes are because we asked for the provincial government to fund education properly, though he campaigned as the "Conservative Choice" as councillor so hopefully he can at least keep his personal politics out of city.

Soccer! It's a sport that is cheap to play and appeals to a large audience. Please build more year round facilities
Definitely add more busing routes to new communities to access not only schools, but ease of transport to recreational arenas, like soccer facilities
The health benefits of recreation now in order to prevent health issues and drain on health care later.
One of my biggest concerns with the longer term city budget is community wellbeing. It is a broad concept, but largely breaks down into physical safety, mental health and connection. In discussion with CPS and mental health service providers, I hear about the upswing in youth violent crimes and the 25% of the city dealing with negative mental health experiences. These strike me as symptoms of a broader problem: community wellbeing has been hard to maintain during a population boom, disconnect during COVID, and harder economic times. I believe that one of the most important decisions we can make, as a city, is to invest in community wellbeing. Police where safety is threatened, mental health to alleviate the burden on police from those form of emergencies and increase the general happiness of the population, and connection to ground people in Calgary while helping keep them from the isolation that blooms into physical and mental health concerns.
long term planning, need to spend some funds on Calgary's growth over the next 15-25 years such as transit. failure to invest and build now will affect all future generations.
Intelligent urban planning seems to have been thrown out the window. Neighbourhoods used to be built with careful consideration, community input and thoughtful short and long term planning. The building approvals that have been issued in the last 2 years reflect none of those values. We know many families that have left the city, (and Country), because of the condition of our neighbourhoods, the collapsing economy and the egregious corruption happening at every level of government. If the current trajectory continues, we also plan to leave.
More police, more transit police. Enforce the laws and get the homeless off the streets.
It would be good to try to keep costs low. Focus on things that are needed, not wanted. I know everyone has their own agenda but everything has to be scrutinized so that we can lower the tax rate for everyone. The city taxes that we are paying are very high right now and they just keep getting higher. Transparency is important, I want to see where the taxes are going. Unfortunately cuts need to be made and some people are not going to be happy.
I believe we are at a pivotal moment in municipal governance. For years, the City has operated under a "business as usual" approach—maintaining front-line services while repeatedly asking Administration to do more with less. Successive reorganizations and reviews have yielded only marginal efficiencies, stretching already limited capacity. I urge Council to be bold and look beyond the current term to reconsider what services a municipality should deliver and where Council's time is best focused. Every Council and Committee meeting, and every request of Administration, requires significant staff time and resources—often diverting effort from other priorities. Council's time and decisions carry real costs. It's time for The City to do things differently, and it starts with Council's direction and focus.
Improving police and fire response times by increasing funding. Fix broken water mains that were neglected under Nenshi's reign.
Focus on services that provide the most value to the most people, and deliver them as efficiently as possible with the least overhead.
The City is staffed by a large contingent of professionals; The City owns and operates a large fleet of equipment; The City employs some of the hardest working people to support the services the City provides.

Why I say this is because I see a lot of reliance on suppliers, third party, volunteers etc to help the city build and operate assets. I would like to see the city build parks, indoor and outdoor amenities, fund and staff their operations, continue to invest in a workforce that are committed to seeing their city prosper. As a lifelong community volunteer, I can tell you that Associations and Societies are failing at organizing, building, and managing great things. This is due to lack of time and sustainable resources (funding). The city has the people, processes, and equipment to build great things; don't wait for associations to build it as some great example of "Grassroots Success"; everyone who needs these amenities will be waiting a long time, where the city can move.
If the wealthiest person at the dinner table always picks up 90% of the bill but those that contribute the least are the first to be served and prioritized, eventually the wealthy stop picking up the tab. They move their businesses, they sell their properties, and they stop contributing to the local economy. The city has not supported small business owners or high income households since 2010. Remembering how the budget gets funded would be a Critical step for the City to consider and turn the city back into an Entrepreneurial hub.
Learn from the past so as not to repeat those things in the future.
Alot of money is assigned to transit and unfortunately I am not well versed in the need or requirements. To me as an individual, I don't use, its not a priority to me.
More bike lanes and pedestrian friendly spaces! Less cars, more biking, walking.
Ensuring this city is at parity with other communities when it comes to what we can offer our children, for example building more soccer facilities to ensure soccer as a sport is attainable for all. Sports and recreation ensure kids have a safe space to flourish and grow, as a community we need to ensure they have access to make this a reality.
Increase support existing partnerships with non-profit or private organizations that meet the City's values and provide exceptional service to the community (for example, the zoo). This will allow for improved financial efficiency for all.
Planning for the future, school, transit, recreation. Don't just repeatedly do studies actually do something.
Rental subsidies
Those who were over seeing the feeder main issue should be let go. There's not excuse for what happened.
Let's plan for more soccer facilities to meet the demand of increasing soccer participation across the city. The transit system in Calgary is sorely lacking, especially in comparison to other major cities across Canada. Bus and c-train access is slow and not consistent across the city
Soccer fields
Active communities are healthy communities. We need more support for sport
Growing population and infrastructure to support it, especially in health care and schools.
A new soccer center and recreational facility in West Calgary is needed.
Bringing economic growth while providing access to more recreation services and basic living services like water and waste management to those who live here.
Our city would do well to remember that being purely reactionary is a mistake, especially in response to loud "public sentiment". The public tends to be woefully uneducated on the issues, even those that directly impact them. The City needs to do a better job communicating about these issues to the public. They need to contend with the absolute flood of disinformation that most of us are being bombarded with. Unfortunately, a non-insignificant part of the budget needs to be spent on messaging instead of developing the message.

Sustainability is important. Sprawl is only going to get more expensive.
Do taxes support (income) the money paid for city employees. Is the ratio acceptable?
Take account of the economic circumstances of your citizens. We are taxed by all levels of government, and in any number of creative ways (for example, extra fees on utility bills). We are taxed an overall rate (based on property values, which itself is an antiquated and unfair system) but then we pay extra for every service we actually use (water, sewage, transit, recreation, garbage etc.). One wonders where the property taxes go if every service we receive comes with an additional price tag - often not even optional or scalable. Those extra fees also distort the amount of actual tax increases we are shouldering. It isn't 1.6%. Add the extra fees to that. It doesn't matter to me which government spends my money (let alone paying the cost of governments arguing with one another over who gets to collect/spend). Governments need to have our backs at a time of high costs and economic fragility. Do what I have already done: take a sharp knife to expenses.
I would like to see more Seniors' programs at recreation facilities and in the community. It's almost impossible to get into a program without paying high fees. Let's not forget about seniors who have paid taxes for many, many years. Stop changing out sidewalks, etc. if it's not necessary. Cut the grass in parks and communities!
I'm lucky that I live in an established neighborhood with lots of trees but the Northeast is virtually bare. Planting trees there will help with clean air, reduced hail storm risk and increased overall well-being.
Please consider that investments in pedestrian, transit and cycling infrastructure is orders of magnitude cheaper than infrastructure for cars. It boosts communities economic output and makes the whole city more livable.
City budget is huge with multiple competing areas. I guess I would like to see fiscal responsibility with a focus not only the immediate needs but the future as well....perfect example is the recent water pipeline issues....was anyone really looking at areas like this on a regular basis....sometimes feels like with all the layers of management this should have been addressed years earlier.
Cost! Stop raising our taxes but have no way for the citizens to make more money. Wages are not going up but the cost of EVERYTHING is. Make wise decisions and make cuts elsewhere but STOP nickel and diming the CITIZENS.
Try to keep costs down. And be transparent about issues-people want to know. No communication is bad communication.
Good governance involves transparency, honesty and meaningful engagement. The current leadership team at the City, starting with Duckworth, loath all of these aspects of governance.
The City should prioritize transparency, accountability, and disciplined spending. A public digital system should clearly show how tax dollars are allocated and spent, including outcomes of major projects. Core services such as safety, housing, transportation, and infrastructure must come first, with measurable performance standards. Greater focus is needed on affordability, including targeted support for low-income households and seniors. The City should also improve efficiency through technology and streamlined processes, especially in administrative, safety and security service delivery. Finally, a secure and accessible platform for citizens to report concerns, including misuse of funds or service gaps, should be implemented to strengthen trust and governance.
Stay in your lane and focus on core municipal services and building community. Global issues are not the CIties to solve

Make revenue streams more granular; off-site levy rates should vary more depending on the costs of servicing different areas, as opposed to being the same citywide. Same for utility and mobility rates - these should vary depending on use and on cost of service delivery to different areas.
GAMEPLAN - rinks for figure skaters. There is a serious lacking of rinks in the city - and all preferential treatment goes towards hockey ice times.
Get realistic, infrastructure needs to be addressed and nothing has gone up just 2 or 3%. It is what it is and council needs to focus and insure citizens get the bast bang for their bucks.
Homelessness. It affecting everything.
Listen to the majority and stop manipulating data to present to Council. Administration is bloated and needs to right size.
trim the budget of "Nice " items and concentrate on necessary items.
Climate is not listed in City services. This is also essential, particularly due to climate impacts we are seeing in Calgary - river and overland flooding, drought, wildfire smoke, rising energy costs, food security. Council has discussed cutting this budget but it needs to remain funding. Addressing the infrastructure maintenance gap is also a high priority.
Prioritizing people, culture, and community needs to be first and foremost in my opinion. This includes environmental considerations as that has a huge impact on people, as well as long-term planning. The fiasco of the water main situation is clear evidence of how short-sighted decisions negatively impact the future growth and thriving of the city.
Support local, build local, support our people and we will thrive.
Take care of basic necessary services first.
Fund police so they can protect the city, fix roads/infrastructure, ensure traffic patterns at intersections keep traffic flowing adequately. Promote the oil/gas sector and defund any/all woke programs/ideologies.
I want to make sure the City is not unduly influenced by provincial political rhetoric and priorities that have not been validated at the city level within the business plan and budgeting process. We need to have the confidence and stability to continue to prioritize what makes sense for our city, even if it is not something that the provincial government might like or endorse. (Eg. making our streets safer for people to walk without getting injured in crashes with vehicles). Remaining grounded and focused on our municipal priorities will be crucial.
Cut waste and inefficiency. Add it all up and you wouldn't need tax increases
The City should remove all "sustainability" goals. This includes getting rid of all "green agenda" items, which always cost more to deliver the same service. (For example, battery-powered buses are more expensive than their traditional counterparts. The battery component of the buses lasts an average of 7 years, and then the batteries must be replaced. Battery-powered vehicles do not work reliably in cold weather and they are also prone to fires. They are much heavier, which means that they create more "wear and tear" on the roads, which much be repaired sooner at a greater cost. The City should remove all references to "fairness," "inclusion," "diversity" and "equity." Despite how appealing they may sound, they create cost at every level and do not benefit Calgarians.
We cannot sustain spending patterns and huge bureaucracy. Infrastructure needs are mounting. Cut all city departments that are not serving core municipal services immediately.
Get rid of the rezoning. Reevaluate the wages of senior officials within the city who are not elected to do anything. Fix the water. Stop trying to make us into a socialist city.
The city should focus on meaningful cuts to the budget. Budgets inflated with COVID and as a baseline, we should get back to 2019 levels of funding. We should not have a climate department. I think most calgarians feel they could easily cut budget and are incredibly

frustrated with a council who refuses to spend within our means. Every Calgarians has had to look at their own spending. Why can't administration?
I think a clean city is important too. We have so many areas that look like a dump quite honestly. It doesn't have to be fancy and expensive, just well maintained.
Completion of Green line and extending C-Train line to airport
Exponential growth is not sustainable in the long term, as it requires exponential amounts of resources. The City must plan for a future that does not focus on exponential growth. Instead, it should focus on efficiencies, densification, community, and sustainable operations. The current trajectory is for Calgary to be a within a semi-arrid desert, with low water resources, poor air quality due to increasing occurences of severe regional forest fires, and extreme heat and weather patterns. No level of service matters if the locale becomes unihabitable.
I live a privileged life and thus my concerns do not reflect the majority's. I think it is essential to ask those who are the least privileged and the least able to fill out this survey what their needs are to build out a budget that serves those who need support the most.
Reduce property taxes to homes and businesses to incentivise employers to stay here or move here.
The City has to recognize these are unique times. Citizens have to forego some pretty stuff to get the necessary done. The redecoration can wait a year or two.
go back to the basics of city management and cut the fluff and waste from the budget. Become more efficient.
Transit. Do quick wins like a short extension in the red line to Belmont and legacy that will be easier than completing a green line. Do the airport extension. I cannot believe that you have to take a bus to get to the airport or pay over $70-$100 on Uber.
Focus on the long term goals for a growing city. Build the transit and road infrastructure for long term projects, don't wait until the current infrastructure collapses and we have to rebuild from scratch. Focus on better moving people, less cars less population. Take notes on cities like Medellin in Colombia and Tokyo in Japan, those cities take pride in the transit.
Do a few things well rather than many things poorly.
A majority that has proven they can't even manage long term one of the most critical infrastructure requirements of water for the safety of the population and has not held anyone accountable in administration shows that taxpayers are not getting value for tax dollars. Rezoning is a developers concept and not supported by the majority but still pushed through by developer influence. What other infrastructure is ready to fall apart administration also doesn't want known until it ends up like the water systems?
Eliminate departments such as the chief housing office, climate and environment. Cut 70% of human resources and communications.
Differed maintenance on critical infrastructure is a terrible trap to fall into. We have to investment money into the very things that make service provision possible in the first place. If you don't have clean water/wastewater, you don't have ice for skating rinks or pools for swimming lessons.
Workforce development is the greatest barrier to building in Calgary. Today, one in five job vacancies is in construction or construction management and trades. As the City's largest purchaser of construction services, Calgary has a unique ability and responsibility to shape the workforce that builds our city. We cannot deliver more housing, faster redevelopment, or maintain infrastructure without people doing the work on site. Continued investment in Calgary Economic Development is essential. CED plays a critical role in attracting and retaining talent, Council must ensure it

has the resources to add trades workers to the mandate. We also urge continued support for programs like Tailgate Toolkit. Launched with City support, this first-of-its-kind initiative addresses the construction industry's mental-health crisis. In a sector where men are five times more likely to die by suicide, Tailgate saves lives and strengthens the foundation of Calgary's construction economy.
While housing matters don't affect me, I know this is an issue for many particularly low income. Without adequate housing people struggle to move forward.
The need to be proactive in those focus areas that is needed to build to support population growth
A long-term outlook is required, and this means investing in required infrastructure and increasing taxes if that's what's required to do so (for example, our water system!). We can't cut corners now for the sake of quick wins or low taxes, when Calgarians will suffer as a result in the future.
There is a perception out there that Administration makes all the decisions, while City Council, whom we elect and put faith in, have little influence. I don't know if this is true or not, but having Mayor Farkas try to communicate and engage is helping to dispel that impression; however, that doesn't mean it isn't true.
There needs to be some balance and understanding of the value of the service. Yes, safety and risk and important measuring points but the quality of life, how I am part of my community is the greatest value. I am the most safe if I never leave my home but I will not live a good life. My mental health will not be good. Please use my taxes to support a healthy lifestyle. Be strong with the devlopers who are in it for profit. Keep my sense of community, transit and walkable communities, places to gather.
Get the City and its Administration under control. Stop spending on vanity projects, and have departments show proof of value. Follow through on promises given during the campaigning in the last election, instead of trying to figure out a way to get out of it.
Managing the number of people being accepted into Calgary / Alberta / Canada. How can infrastructure, building, water, housing etc. keep up to the rapid growing and unregulated population of potentially non- property tax paying new citizens to support the cities demands.
Think of those who have the least when making decisions. Not just those who speak the loudest, or those who have the funds to influence groups and political entities.
It's important to keep investing in City services for the future. At our rate of growth, it is not reasonable to expect zero percent tax increases for citizens or businesses. For The City to invest, citizens have to invest. That's difficult to balance knowing how some Calgarians are struggling, and I wish I knew the answer to that. I wish that The City could have different rates of property taxes in a similar manner that there are different rates of income tax, so that those who can afford it can carry more of the burden.
If City Council does not prioritize a change in the leadership team in Administration, we should expect incompetent governance to continue. City Hall has been a dysfunctional mess for too long.
Cut taxes and red tape. Let the private markets work
Laneway access off Elbow Dr. to the library on Southland Dr. needs repairing annually. Replace it instead of having to repair it year after year. I know it's only an alley, but it is a heavily used access route to the library. Do it once properly.
Focus on infrastructure, cut the bloat from your city salaries and budgets. Focus on potholes, snow, water, police, fire. Your salaries for city staff are not in line with the private sector.
Please don't sacrifice the future for now. Don't run deficits, it'll never end.
Population growth and the need for free or low cost recreation spaces

We need to prioritize actually getting things done and have time and money spent on unnecessary consultations and wasting time trying to figure out the “perfect solution”. Often times the perfect solution doesn’t exist and we just need to figure out the most efficient way to spend money:get things done and work around that
Future planning in terms of sustainability, safety of the environment, safety of the citizens, strong urban planning, roads maintenance and affordable safe public transportation, culture and community, inclusivity and equitability.
City Council needs to acknowledge what a disgusting mess this Administration is and make changes at the top. Stop spending money on propaganda pretending this government is functioning at a competent level and instead focus on change.
Ensure fair access to services. Ensuring that before approving a developer to build a community that there would be a transportation system in 1-2 years after initial build out to cater to people. They should incorporate those features and that it should be included on what residents pay for when they build or buy a house. Infrastructures should be built mostly by developers to ensure that people in the community are served by the developers who they bought the land and house. They should actually consider putting those charges to people who wants to build that community because infrastructure is one of the pillars of good city planning.
I think citizens really do want to see both medium and long term value, and see the investing in the key things that matter. The water main break highlighted how investment fell behind in a key service area, and the need to focus on the basics (not get caught up in buzzwords like “climate emergency”). City Administration should have top down direction on working together more coherently, not just a bunch of individual kingdoms who have different mandates. Often delivering infrastructure and services can feel like a uphill battle against every business unit with their own agenda, which results in significant more time and money to achieve goals
Snow blowing and open roads- we are a winter city. Stop acting like we are in Europe
The City's reputation with a significant portion of the public has been severely damaged by its poor service delivery performance in 2024 and 2025. The headlines examples of that are the two spectacular failures of the BPSFM, however, those appear to be just symptoms of a bigger problem. The BPSFM Independent Panel Report revealed that budgets on water utilities have been underspent by $3.6 billion from 2003 to 2024. At its January 8, 2026, media conference, GM Michael Thompson revealed the underspending was a city-wide matter. How much have Calgarians paid in property taxes and utility rates for infrastructure not delivered? Recently, Admin proposed a $50 billion capital spending plan. Until Admin demonstrates they have the skill sets, capacity and expertise to deliver defined outcomes from such exorbitant spending, Council should not approve any increases. Council should also demand specific, measureable outcomes--like a water loss rate equal to Edmonton's!
You cannot defer risk any longer, as was shown with the water main break. Backbone infrastructure is essential and we need to stop sprawling.
Listen to what is important to us and not what is on your own agenda (our past councillor)
That we invest now for the future before things cost too much in the future. Recreation, Arts and Culture, library and the things we need to maintain the city
Functionable opperation of utilities, cut costs like floride in water, useless parks that no one uses, but maintain what we have , safety from growing homeless and vandalism and theft
Infrastructure updates with the most modern proven materials
Identify who is responsible if it works or not.
Completing the Green Line in Calgary is absolutely essential for the rapidly growing population in the southeast, especially with significant immigration and the increasing density in communities like Seton. Public transit must be expanded quickly and efficiently to reduce congestion, shorten commute times, and lower pollution levels. At the same time, it is

important to ensure that the higher taxes residents contribute are clearly reflected in the quality of infrastructure and services they receive. High taxation should translate into high standards—reliable and accessible transit, well-maintained roads, schools, healthcare access, and community amenities. Residents in new and developing areas of SE Calgary deserve not only growth, but thoughtful investment that supports a high quality of life and meets the demands of a growing population.
Why on earth is David Duckworth still in his position after failure after failure? We need leadership that: wants to serve citizens; is honest; and, is financially responsible.
1. Strong safety and security by locking-up criminals; 2. Effective medical services; 3. Reducing speeding drivers on the many Trails in Calgary; 4. Lower taxes by reducing un-needed excessive administrative staffing in City Hall; 5. Lower Provincial tax burden on Calgarians.
Focus on basic needs not wants and reduce property taxes. Needs are police, fire, water and roads and garbage. Reduce the city staff through use of technology and combining jobs Stop spending on ever increasing transit, sports venues, cultural handouts and community things that matter little to most people. Only the rich will go to the new expensive sorts center downtown. We don't need any more transit, roads or housing because our healthcare system and schools can't accommodate the population we have already. Also, no new money for schools when the existing ones can be expanded, new floors added or modular school rooms can be placed on the same land.
Prioritize maintaining what we have over building new, if need to make tradeoffs
Everything is interconnected. Yes, each business unit needs its own directives, but how can there be more collaboration, communication and sharing of resources? Where can business units find more opportunities to converge their efforts and reduce waste? How can funding be allocated toward community and the local economy? How can more resilience be nurtured and created? Where are the gaps and how can we address those gaps with intentionality and cooperation? Who are the changemakers within the City who can lead these shifts in approach? How can social innovation support these improvements? How can City Council representatives role model collaboration and trust building through creation of economic strategic plans? How will you decolonize the ways in which you construct budgets, policies and plans that impact future generations? How will this new budget reflect the values of the diverse communities you serve, while addressing the complexity of social systems?
I never see the snow-ploys out at 5am in the morning and next day driving around on melted roads doing nothing. Carmacks a contractor is our in middle of night on deerfoot and main highway very early and non stop, Not our city employees rather get paid to drive around and do nothing-this is sad and have seen many years!
The fact the City used taxpayer money for KPMG to conduct a survey on transparency and engagement, which closed last September, and City leadership has yet to disclose or discuss the results of such survey tells you all you need to know about the current leadership: untrustworthy, secretive and unwilling to be held accountable. City Council's number one priority should be replacing Duckworth with someone with far more integrity to reset the culture from the top.
With cost of living getting increasingly more difficult, we need to look after those that are close to the poverty line and making sure they have food and shelter.
Low income/ poverty line. Access to services is important regardless of income.

Public Safety and Social Well-Being Intergovernmental Coordination Public Engagement and Trust
Please consider making things more accessible. We should have public washrooms at C Train stations. Most places do - for comparison look at the LRT system in Edmonton.
Inglewood community should be considered for a new update - lighting, increased trees, road/pedestrian sidewalk upgrade, improved decor during holidays, etc. Being central, we should maintain and upgrade the community to attract visitors to experience Calgary history, local business, and many events the community offers.
Stay within the mandates of what the City is responsible for. Social issues focus over the last decade has directly impacted Calgary residents' quality of life and wellbeing.
Responsible budgeting and stewardship result in quality infrastructure investments that meet citizens' needs.
- Rail or street car infrastructure is must for a city like Calgary to cater expanding city limits in all 4 quadrants. - City should allow commercial developers to build units which are ground + 1 or 2 floors on the top for small office businesses to flourish.I would say not all businesses need walk in traffic and there are very few commercial buildings in the city which offer ground + 1/2 construction so many businesses are discouraged because they are afraid to start new things because lease cost is super high on ground floor lease units. - Along with economical transit pass system for low income families,city should start giving passes for economical groceries and at least free transportation to Calgary airport , downtown by any more of transport - buses , rail, street cars or city free taxis from designated areas which will boost people's confidence and at least that will help people off set rising air fares,luggage cost and upgrade cost etc.
As someone who works for a non profit mental health organization, I was disappointed to receive this note: There is no indication that there will be funding available through Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Strategy in 2027.This means that any contracts through Connect the Dots and/or Change Can't Wait will come to a close at the funding agreement date in 2026 and your organization will need to plan accordingly. This is really upsetting because this funding represents more than just dollars. It supports real people, real programs, and real access to care in a system that is already stretched. It allows orgs to provide timely, specialized support without waitlists - often filling critical gaps left after hospital care ends. Without sustained, long-term investment, we risk losing momentum, disrupting trusted services, and ultimately leaving individuals and families with fewer places to turn.
Communication is important - I feel like the website could be better. I tried to get a permit, or at least understand if I need a permit for my deck, and I couldn't figure it out. I don't care about printed material. I think it would be best if you put more money into making your website useful. 311 was helpful, but not necessary if your website worked better.
Focus on building for the future.
Anticipating and, in necessary, countering non-beneficial provincial budgeting decisions to continue to meet Calgarians needs to the highest possible standard.
Build more fire halls and hire more firefighters! As is, our city is underserved and at risk.
STOP ALL PAYMENTS TO PLATFORM CALGARY. This is a toxic leaching organization. It does not support all Calgary. They are selfish and member focused. How are you continuing to give them money?
Lower property taxes
Prioritize the redline extension

Maintaining commute times to inner city and avoid becoming a city like Toronto where working class needs to spend an hour or more to commute to inner city employers
Community programs and events
Cut the fat. Audit all spending. The use it or lose it creates inflated budget spending by city departments Do not consider raising taxes to meet the budget. Make cuts. The market value plus % increase is a double dip by the city. Multi family is unfairly taxed high and is part of the affordability problem. Considering the city does not provide waste management or road or landscape services to multi family the recent taxation gauging against this housing type is nothing short of appearing criminal.
job fairs for people over 25 Helping jobs over 50 Increase the wages Safety in train stations
Addressing social disorder Enhancing policing and by law presence in problem areas Ensuring fire and ambulance response targets are being met
There are many of use that are beginning to make very important life decision and the world is getting more and more complicated, confused, and chaotic. We need those in government to remember us and not forget those of us who just want to find a peaceful, fulfilling, and secure life. This can and must be done on all levels of government.
Fix the infrastructure...it's not sexy but needed . Roads , pipes , bridges and also start actually plowing roads .
I need good information - you should spend more on your website
It is important for the City to forecast the needs and maintenance required for the infrastructure. Let’s forget about what people want and make sure the needs are covered first! The reason for this makes sense for any business plan, you should cover all required needs before you fulfill any wants.
Businesses and practises we need services places to lower the cost because I feel that everything needs to be much more regulated at this current time
Reducing wasteful spending
Stopping uncontrolled urban sprawl when we need to improve and strengthen existing infrastructure.
Focus on basic services, and on efficient road ways. We are not investing in a road network that will support a denser city of 2m people
Build a tax base that will be sustainable in the long term. It is well documented that the property tax rates in low density suburbs are not sufficient to fund the infrastructure maintenance in those suburbs, which means that low density neighbourhoods are subsidized by higher density neighbourhoods. Big box stores and large surface parking lots should also be discouraged for the same reason. Consider implementing a Land Value tax as a tool to encourage the most efficient land uses.
Spending constraint and getting back to basics like infrastructure and safety!
Think about us people who are poor and maybe try to make things less expensive for people like us. then we could y'know... afford other things which in turn would help the economy. but often that's not the case. everyone on the board try taking transit only for a year to get around and see how much it can really suck.
The City needs to seriously consider pushing ahead on projects that might be unpopular, slightly or broadly, but which are necessary for the health of the city as a whole. Increasing urban density through rezoning, and pushing ahead on major transit infrastructure projects,

are absolutely VITAL for the long-term health of this city. A geographically spread tax base is forced to provide bare, minimal services across a very wide area, and that's where constant new single-family home developments on the outskirts of the city will put us. When people live closer to each other the comparative cost of service per individual goes down, and the quality goes up, because investment in those services is spent less on actually getting to people, and more on helping them. A dense city is a happy city. Suburban sprawl is suffocating.
Please do not cut the budget for Fair entry, for transit riders, for all those services that help people in low income situations. This is the time to help them get a little support to make it easier for them to reach their goals. Things are tough out there and we need to support our community rather than nickel and diming people on small budget line items. Thanks!
Creating a resilient city -- a city that can survive and thrive through emergencies, economic changes, and political changes.
City allows too many junk businesses. All these treasure hunt stores, and big lot stores, liquidation places... that really aren't... usually all garbage... seems like they must be a front for something since there is no way they are making money from actually selling stuff. Or giving grants to someone to open a business based on their ethnicity... unless it is a business the community needs and wants, they usually go out of business in under a yr and the grant money is gone.
Uncertainty of provincial government decisions, especially around AISH/ADAP, funding housing programs, the compassionate care act, increased calls for policing, etc. There's a good chance there's about to be a whole lot more people in trouble and those people need help, not police swooping through encampments and telling them to go to community court - they don't understand what that is and scaring them isn't helping them trust services. Being proactive about climate change. Offload some responsibilities onto community associations, especially around community. You have NPCs at their meetings, they can do the talking. Stop the sprawl. Its a huge part of the strain on the budget. Make the youth fair actually useful.
Please build overpasses finally at 194th/Macleod and 210th/Macleod. Please please please please.
To stop building congested areas wihtout parking. THe housing is not affordable, there is nowhere to park, and the infrastructure cannot handle it.If you're buildig "affordable" housing, have it actually be that. Stop the rezoning and densification, but don't have resources for expansion service-wise. This sounds contradictory but constantly building out doesnt help the city. If I have to drive an hour to get to one end from another, I may as well be in Canmore. Please focus on the getting the city to run efficienctly, maybe do something about the homeless and stopping drugs on the street - downtown is not what it used to be, and it's sketchy and dangerous. I have fend-bends yelling at me for walking to work, minding my own business. We need to fix the city at it's core so we can have a level of satisfaction of living here. We want to love this city again.
Take care of Canadians first. I hate to sound discriminatory, but we paid taxes for decades and now have to be left in hospital waiting rooms, on the floor, in pain, for 11 hours to get help?

Focusing efforts to construct the Green Line for the C-Train will help connect communities with better transit options and access to different parts of the city. Considering a C-Train line that connects the airport to downtown or another major transit hub would also improve accessibility for tourists and residents alike.
I am very concerned that the Province is downloading a lot of responsibilities and expenses on the City and that there is a constant need to find places to cut. Please don't cut the supports you have for those less fortunate, whether they be those with disabilities, newcomers, low income earners, those who need access to housing, food banks, shelters, etc. I would happily pay more property taxes and usage fees to help support those who need more assistance. On the flip side, I appreciate the support to make the City more welcoming, and I won't argue about the spending to date, but for the time being it would nice to have a moratorium on putting money into the new "Event Centre", Stampede's constant additions, or adding yet more money to the builds of the Werklund Centre or Glenbow. We have given them more than enough support.
It is important for the City to manage the budgets properly, because people are not happy whit the increased taxes.
Calgary’s road system is more suited to a city of 300,000 rather than a growing metropolises of over 1,000,000! New work is poorly designed, ie: Stoney ring road, with repeated locations where 4 lanes of traffic suddenly drop to 2 lanes causing repeated bottlenecks slowing the flow of traffic and increasing the risk of accidents. Either spend the money on a well designed solution that will meet current and future requirements, or fire the planning department and get people in that can do the job!
Access to information is very important. Website should be strong and robust - it is typically the first thing I go to for information It should be easy to access the info I need. We need a real housing solution Quality of life should be important - money for basic services like water, and money for roads, money for parks and rec
Make life better for citizens, resist the urge towards austerity.
Get rid of the drug problem.
In a city this large and spread out, we must create room for nuance and hold space for many things to be true at once. While this council has been tasked with managing significant infrastructure deficits and critical to address challenges such as the water main, their priorities appear to be setting us on a path of "robbing Peter to pay Paul". What is being positioned as a compromise to ensure strong infrastructure puts strong, healthy communities at risk, language around balanced growth and safe city feel like dog whistles that will put equity-deserving communities further at risk, and council's focus only on lowering the tax rate has absolved them of any responsibility towards future generations. We must invest in our city beyond just maintenance. We must invest in services that increase quality of life through community building, not just keeping the lights on. We must force citizens to think beyond their own 4 walls and take responsibility for their neighbours.
Please spend time researching the value that high density has on the quality of living for all citizens. Higher density living creates more cultural intersections for community building and city pride.

Zero lot review, zoning
Making cost of living more compatible with average basic wages . City should stop there own employees with high wages and instead help people with hourly wages
There needs to be more thought given to strategic planning and therefore strategic investment. Right now the City is basing decisions while relying on an outdated Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan (from 2009 with minor updates in 2020). It's time to focus on finalizing the Calgary Plan (and the City Building Program) so that we can have a good north start for planning decisions that are impacting us now and that will serve as our legacy for the future. Calgary's planning framework needs to be realigned. The City Building Program aims to do that. The Calgary Plan in specific needs to be heard and discussed more by this Council and by Senior Administration as it offers so many solutions that meet Calgarians' needs and that align with Councillor platforms and the new Council 6 Priorities.
Balance time and investment in new and existing infrastructure.
Maintaining water systems, having a balanced budget, investing MUCH less in public art.
I believe it's important that the city informs the public of major monetary decisions and the reason for making them.
reduction in crime, improved safety, meeting service standards
Slow the sprawl and start increasing density wherever it's possible. No more NIMBY-ism. This is ridiculous. If folks don't want the density in their neighbourhood to increase when there is opportunity to do so, their property taxes should reflect that choice. Community density should be a factor in determining property tax assessments.
Start a landlord licensing program to protect renters. Landlords are running a business and they should be fined or barred from running a business if they are not maintaining reasonable standards.
KEEP REZONING IF YOU CARE ABOUT AFFORDABILITY. DON'T BE PUSHOVERS AND ALLOW THE VOCAL HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE THE CITY UNAFFORDABLE FOR ALL
Technology incorporation and budget cuts to departments that are leeching budgets, every large corporation has those positions. Revamp and cut positions where not needed
How to ensure/ include those who do not support or pay taxes due to being a new Calgarian, or generating non- taxable income, or are not homeowners.
City development and planning. Way to increase the services and utilities without increasing the taxes. Well if the city has 1000 houses and plans to extend to 1200 houses. Everything necessary for the 200 houses should not be taken from the 1000 existing, should be put on the future income from the 200. Common financial/managerial sense.
Personal transportation is changing very rapidly. For 70 years or so, we've built out this city assuming that the overwhelming majority of residents can and will drive their own cars to get around. We can no longer assume this. The cost of car ownership continues to escalate, making it unaffordable for more and more people. I work at Lord Beaverbrook High School, and have witnessed first hand students' declining interest in cars over the years - fewer and fewer of them are even bothering to get driver's licenses. We need to start acknowledging this now and planning alternatives. All those wide boulevards and huge parking lots we've built are going to be pretty useless if only the wealthy few can afford to drive, or if Robotaxis take over.
Less regulation. It’s a bureaucratic waste. Just fix the basic infrastructure. Do less. Fewer festivals. Less social conditioning. Less unnecessary focus. Keep it to the basics.

City Hall leadership has been an abysmal failure for more than a decade. If leadership stays the same, no improvement should be expected.
Just make sure all decisions are appropriate.
How to protect ourselves from the UCP downloads - strategize for how to really ensure they can't hold or direct our purse strings. Maintaining a decent level of service, ensuring we understand what kind of cuts would impact City services before we make stupid suggestions like 'Lets cut $10,000 of software' - this is clearly a wingnut comment that needs someone to tell them to sit back down and zip it. Well thought out suggestions rather than silly comments about cutting or privatizing. Do not even think about privatizing water, Enmax or any other service, when we lose our capital we lose the ability to set the price and we end up owing more to private companies who need to do their business at cost + 10% (minimum).
Be more fiscally responsible and transparent. Stop pushing decisions wpthrough without deeper investigation into the potential impacts. Current zoning process has not produced affordable housing, rather created parking, noise etc. Complaints for communities. Safe injection sites and future mandatory rehabilitation for MH/Addictions citizens (prov&city) - research does not support the actions. Residents should not pay to park in front of own homes, increasing residential taxes for established areas, vs new areas (require all new infrastructure) - new areas should be paying their own establishment of infrastructure and older neighbourhoods paying for maintenance of their infrastructure. Targeting more provincial / federal funds to build infrastructure for all of the population growth inter-prov, new immigrants - (Language barriers, cultural challenges, no employment options… should not be left for the municipality to deal with).
Make the business units manage money better. I have watched how money is spent first hand, I have not seen many business units manage money "like it was their own".
Cars have always been the city's top focus and this needs to stop. Not only does building and maintaining roads represent the biggest budget item, people are spending significant sums to buy, insure, and fuel them. And then, whenever someone wants to build density in the inner city, the top argument against is "but what about parking?" So it contributes to the housing crisis, so we have to build further out which puts more strain on the roads and water budgets. It's a vicious cycle that we need to stop spinning in.
Are Departments working together or duplicating each other? Are they stepping over each other if so, remove the duplication.
It is important for the City to continue funding civic partner organizations to ensure that key city assets are properly maintained and revitalized. Places like Heritage Park and other cultural and community organizations provide essential services, educational opportunities, and accessible experiences for all Calgarians. These partners help preserve local history and identity while also contributing to tourism, economic activity, and community wellbeing. Sustained investment ensures these assets remain high-quality, inclusive, and available for future generations, while also reducing long-term costs associated with deferred maintenance or loss of cultural infrastructure.
Need to understand the underlying costs of the municipal government - e.g. the cost of bureaucracy. It's not transparent enough.
Look for the benefit of the entire City not just the rich.
In the 1980s, the city of Calgary extended Deerfoot Trail south from 17th Ave., Southeast all the way to 22X in less time and for less money than one bridge over the bow River costs now. Calgary hosted the most successful, profitable, and well run winter Olympics in history. As an aside, the city of Calgary seems determined to erase that accomplishment from history. The original C- train line from Anderson Station to downtowncost less than $150 million and

was built in three years. Latest estimates for the green line peg the cost at $20 billion. Inflation and material cost increases cannot account solely for the differences in what the city of Calgary can accomplish with our tax money compared to what it could in the past. There are systemic flaws and inefficiencies in how the city of Calgary delivers services.
The city needs to focus on outcomes, not plans. Set clear targets for core services like road conditions, transit reliability, response times, backlogs and report them publicly. If targets are missed, there should be accountability. Reduce administrative overhead, stop creating new management positions and make-work projects. Prioritize maintenance of current infrastructure before expanding new projects. There is too much time and money being spent on studies, consultations, meetings and layers of management that don't even communicate with each other. Failed feeder main raises a serious concern about how effectively taxpayer money is being managed.
The city should focus on it's core competency of delivering basic infrastructure and recreation/pathways/parks. I do not want to see any focus on climate change, anti-racism, LGBTQ+ and other social issues. That is not a role of the city. We can fund spaces and infrastructure for those groups, just like any other group in the city, but they city does not need to invest in climate change and social policies that are the role of federal and provincial governments.
You cannot on the one hand claim that affordability is a concern while constantly raising taxes and fees. Pick a lane. How can tax increases be even considered when the city admits to sitting on a $4.8B reserve (past over-taxation) pile of cash?
Coordination and communication between departments needs to be worked on. Also transit seems increasingly less reliable with times for bus and LRT. More dirtier and unsafe cause of drug users.
It’s important for The City to consider long-term sustainability alongside today’s needs — not just financially, but socially, environmentally, and operationally. Planning for growth, climate impacts, and infrastructure renewal now can help avoid higher costs and service disruptions in the future. I also think transparency matters: being clear about trade-offs, constraints, and what success looks like helps build trust and understanding. Meaningful engagement with communities — especially those most affected by decisions — should continue throughout the four-year cycle, not just at budget time. Finally, flexibility is important. The City should be able to adapt plans as conditions change while staying focused on outcomes that improve quality of life, equity, and resilience across Calgary
I would like city not to go into too much debt while managing the budget and services
The cost of maintenance of all new infrastructure including developer-built should be incorporated into operating budgets.
reduce taxes. People can't afford to live in their houses anymore
I think the areas with the most dense populations need to be seeing new services and supports faster than some of the older areas with lower populations.
Please make the people at the bottom of your hierarchy the priority. Those with excess wealth do not need to be catered to even more like spoiled children. Until we have the needs of the most vulnerable taken care of the rest is just excess for those in power to enjoy more luxury
We need to get back to basics, ensure our city is safe, fix our cities critical infrastructure, water, roads, sidewalks and ensure parks and green spaces are cared for so families have an inexpensive well maintained area to explore and escape as other “extras” may need to be sacrificed for a while.

Cleaning of the city roads and parks Transit (Especially bus facilities towards the newly built areas)
Reduce red tape in business licensing and building use permits- this will reduce the burden on small businesses and help grow our economy. In each department, a task force or a committee should be established to carry out process optimization to eliminate redundant steps/processes,policies etc
The development of the city needs to stop being so aggressive and sprawling, meaning that there is little regard for how space is used and how infrastructure will service new communities, which results in a large, rather empty feeling urban sprawl with few actual green spaces, and a lot of wasted land. Outer communities do not have good access to transit and it is very hard to travel between outer communities because the transit is very urban centric. (It takes me approximately an hour to travel somewhere by transit which would take 15 mins by car, which would be considered unacceptable in places like Europe where space and transit are more valued) I would appreciate more green spaces and walkability between communities, because it is hard to walk in my neighbourhood without feeling nervous about being potentially run over.
Say no to the blanket rezoning it’s all a money grab.
Financial and environmental sustainability need to go hand in hand. You cannot have one without the other. Funding for longer term infrastructure such as EV charging stations and an improved electric grid to handle them need to be considered.
Cutting property taxes must be a high priority at all times.
Manchester industrial area to be moved to south foothills and have some residential/commercial buildings plus parking spots to rent during stampede season
Calgary Public Library needs to be prioritized as it serves all Calgarians. The city is growing and one of the first places newcomers visit is the library to obtain library membership. The library allows access to many resources and materials that otherwise would not be financially available to many Calgarians.
More rail, I'm a bit supporter of the Green Line and would like to see the train network well-maintained and expanded upon.
Safety of Calgarians, especially in view of mental health and addictions issues being rampant and increasing daily.
We need to be incorporating planning of communities with better developer requirements. Yeah, they live here too. How about making sure we just stop asking for the bare minimum. Improvements toward green initiatives aren’t hard. The implementation of a hardier ground cover on blvds, better disease resistant trees (how about fruit bearing), localized greenhouse production, balcony solar, corporations required to install solar on massive high rises downtown to contribute to grid, new hi line with solar and ev already installed…these should be a standard now, enough with the constant debates about it.
Lowering service fees on utilities. Increasing road repairs. Keeping community connection alive.
When developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, it is important for The City to consider long-term sustainability and affordability for residents. This includes balancing service levels with the rising cost of living and ensuring that tax increases are predictable and clearly linked to outcomes residents can see and understand. The City should also focus on maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure before expanding services, as preventative investment can reduce higher costs in the future. Equity and inclusion are important considerations, ensuring services support vulnerable populations and growing communities across the city.

Finally, transparency and clear communication about trade-offs, priorities, and results will help build public trust and confidence that tax dollars are being managed responsibly.
Roads. I can't say it enough. Some roads are repaired but so poorly that 3 months later it us a small sink hole. Bonaventure Dr is terrible, but many are.
Need appropriate infrastucture to support 2M people - not just police, fire, water... but a city that people love living in = recreation opportunities, and cheap as possible.
Climate change mitigation, prevention, and preparedness are top of mind for me. As well as maintaining commitment to EDIB despite push back and political tides
Present the clear picture, be transparent.
Population growth, long-term investments, expecting the provincial government to continue to screw us over, utilizing in-house expertise
long term urban planning. the city is wasting $$ and space at so many level it is not funny. what is going on with the old grey hound station? this would be a fantastic "Sport and Rec" site. instead, it is rotting away, as usual
Life is too expensive and all levels of government need to cut expenses
Balance is the main thing I would like to see.
Fix the broken infrastructure, fix the crime, fix the wastefulness. Residents NEED reliable resources that are important for life and safety.
As noted previously, **how are the voices of all citizens and perspectives** included? The working poor who have no time or resources to participate in political processes? Those with mental or physical health issues? Seniors, children, others with limited voice? Do we just listen to those with time and money and education and vested interests and the ear of those on council or administration?
Really consider the growth that is happening in The City and the need to get things ready for more population
Invest for the long term, be bold
Stop with increasing fees on services like Transit and stop with the budget cuts
The City has an ethical imperative to focus on the pressure points in our system outside of the priorities of our physical systems. Emergency departments, community organizations/non-profits, and families are stretched to capacity trying to support Calgarians/themselves dealing with complex mental health, safety issues, and overall wellbeing. Investment in prevention and early intervention will pay off for generations to come, ensuring that Calgarians are supported within the context of our beautiful city. Can we amplify wellbeing to being viewed as critical infrastructure? What does that really mean? The ecology of our city is not just the physical systems and infrastructure and the experience of being well comes from living in a community that values a holistic approach to supporting its residents. Calgary has everything it needs to do this- but it must be a value brought to life by the City.
Housing and building regulations
Plan for the future and keep up with the growth of this city. Schools, Medical and Policing are suffering and need the biggest over haul. We need to quit building and catch up with services.
Don't forget about the social infrastructure. The prevention programs in place are essential to helping Calgary be a great place to live.
REDUCE OUR PROPERTY TAXES! Defund the Climate dept, green line & all DEI spending!
People need safe access to clean nature within the city because it helps de-stress during these times. They need reliable, steady safe transportation services around the city both daytime and when it's dark outside. They need safe streets to walk home on. The drug usage

within the city can lead to bad decisions made by people lost on drugs. It would help them to heal from addiction and the messes that go with addictions.
I know there are difficult decisions ahead when it comes to hard budget decisions. Typically, when this happens the community programs benefiting the most vulnerable are cut or disinvested in first. I heard a quote that says " a society is measured on how they treat their weakest members"-Nelson Mandela. I hope that council keeps this in mind when created the next four year budget and what implications that has for Calgarians.
I would like to see taxes raised to accommodate better infrastructure and delivery of services. If Calgary is truly a world class city then it needs to step up its game - significantly. If folks stop flocking to Calgary because of the raise in taxes then so be it. Don't significantly raise the business taxes as we do want more business investment. And, yes, with more business comes more workers, but those are corporate workers who can afford higher taxes.
Consider future operations under a variety of circumstances and leaders.
Think of long-term solutions that lead to the resolution of issues - not simply visibility or reactive measures - bold leadership will be required and stop funding programs that are not producing outcomes.
We heard from the water feeder main independent review that "The City was growing at a remarkable pace, and quite often growth investments overtook some of the resilience and redundancy investments that should have been undertaken at the time" (Sigfried Kefer, lead of investigative report). We need to ensure that we are taking this insight into account now work outside of water infrastructure too - roadways, transit, city buildings, parks etc. Are they ready to handle hail, extreme heat, wildfire smoke, more freeze/thaw cycles?
Accountability audits transparency. Council gets an automatic raise every new year. Who votes for this? Catastrophic water infrastructure failure and non one is fired? And they get a raise in salary and benefits. Scandalously outrageous!
The city is growing yes, but you are not ensuring equitable access to facilities. Some facilities seem to be better managed than others.
Invest in employees to deliver quality service. Change organizational culture so employees feel safer and more supported to reach a standard of excellence. Reconsider organizational layers that sometimes prevent expert voices from being heard
While working for the city directly and witnessing how some decisions are made, it is apparent that there is lack of cohesion and unified cooperation when it comes decision making. This lack of consideration causes acute decisions to be made that can be wholly misdirected and enormously expensive financially, efficiency and reputationally. The city can do better. We have expertise, we have experience, we can do better with tighter direction, clear objectives, multi department cooperation and alignment. we are not paddling in the same direction for the most part.
Think longer term, not just the timespan of the current mayorship. Ultimately, what benefits us and our future generations to come in the longer term.
We have to plan for the future which includes supporting more infill developments over projects which further expand the city boundaries. Building new infrastructure for farflung places takes focus off of existing infrastructure in the city we already have.
Like most citizens, I expect this exercise is entirely a waste of time because City leadership will do what it wants to do regardless of what citizens think, will spend taxpayer money on propaganda to pretend they are doing a competent job, will cherry pick facts to give to City Council so they vote in the way Administration wants.
Identify core services and focus on how best to efficiently deliver those services. Cut city staff bloat.
Taxes are too high

Calgary has great potencial and has become a fantastic home for people of all backgrounds but not not meeting excellence in many ways. Greater need to focus on transit and walkability in the city as Calgary has very poor design, is a very divided city, is not accessible and has extremely poor mobility. As a city we must slow down the unsustainable suburban sprawl and create more opportunities for Calgary and to live inner city. It is not realistic that the only affordable homes are in the outskirts of the city where you can only get around by car and are far from any service in the city. The city should prioritize culture and community in the city to highlight the diversity that makes Calgary so great. Invest in revitalizing the city, creating a lively and social city.
Mixed-use development that replaces isolated big-box stores with vibrant, accessible "Third Places." We need public spaces that feel 'human' with trees, textured architecture, and active storefronts as opposed to ugly buildings surrounded by concrete. Investing in walkability will do this, it isn't just a transit goal; it is a mental health and community-building necessity that will define Calgary's success for future generations.
Identify buildings that are owned by the city and redevelop them to offer the investment for the communities they’re in. If the city can’t afford them sell them
Disparity in access between high income and low income neighborhoods.
0% tax increase period.
It’s important to me that the basic services are provided first with fluff and nice to haves such as art be limited to a reasonable amount not a % of total project. I’d like to see my tax $ used wisely with as little waste as possible. Having worked in the private sector I know when companies have limited resources they cut back, even to the point where office supplies are restricted. Maybe city staff need to become more frugal.
Get rid of all climate change initiatives. Electric buses did not work for Edmonton so why are we pursuing them? If people want solar panels, that’s a personal choice. I should not have to pay for that or other items like subsidizing EV charging in public buildings.
Less task forces. You were elected to be a voice. Make the decisions. Just be transparent. Keep being strong and standing up to our provincial government.
With a sound strategic plan and sincere communication, to gain the understanding and support from the provincial and federal governments.
Well I’m not sure if this is in the budget but just, letting people build, rent is probably the biggest drain on finances, and most people cant get a home, so I say deregulate housing, provide more funds, just let them build
Since our city is so spread out and transit is logistically very challenging here, prioritizing road development and maintenance is critical as a vast majority of Calgarians rely on driving for commuting and that's very unlikely to change no matter how much is invested into public transit. Example: Peigan trail to Stoney only being one lane still is crazy in my opinion. It adds several minutes to a commute through there at peak hours.
Stop [redacted] incentives you [redacted]
The arts are important, but when people are really struggling, dies tga gravy train committee really need so much??? Guaranteed %age was fine before, but inappropriate with today’s challenges.
I think it is critical to be mindful of how much City taxes have been increasing the past several years. I would like to see continued smart budgeting such as addressing critical infrastructure and essential projects like expanded Transit routes as people need these to get around the City especially with how expensive it is. The low income pass is very important to assist

families that need it most. Please no multi-million dollar artwork like the Blue Ring or more bike lanes! :)
Not wasting tax dollars on frivolous projects, art installations, fake NGOs providing "information" and any number of initiatives that people can pay for if they wish to have them.
As the city council you have to have a long term view for the city, looking 5 -10 years into the future and not just responding to new issues. The housing issue should never have happened, we knew the city was growing and inviting more immigrants to move here. In a large city we will have always homeless people and drug addiction issues have a plan! We need to present ourselves as a cosmopolitan city to others as a place to invest in, develop new industry and visit. Stop the focus on taking streets that are used by cars and changing them to bike lanes. We are a winter city we use our cars. There is a very small percentage of people who ride bikes year round. Yet we are creating more traffic problem and parking issues by taking away car lanes. There are lots of bike paths in the city for people to ride bikes for recreation and moving around the city. Environmentally we do need to encourage people to use public transit but it has to be safe and convenient.
More transit oriented development
Investment in community services, support for those experiencing vulnerable circumstances and updates to critical infrastructure.
Having qualitative and quantitative results for the amount of money spent. I am in favour of a system where if you are making markable improvements to your department get bonuses, otherwise low basic salaries. Since so much of the money is based on tax payers, the right incentives and motivation need to be in place.
Recreation definitely needs to be a big priority for the city. McMahon Stadium really needs a refresh and the city needs to continue to maintain recreation facilities properly as well as build new ones (at a reasonable cost) to keep up with our population growth. In addition, I really would like to see the heart of downtown (7 Ave along the C-Train route) maintained better. That stretch from around The Core to City Hall really is in rough shape and is embarrassing at this point in my opinion. I'd like to see a bit of a facelift along that stretch to the sidewalks and facades.
Cost reductions to Roads, police, and fire can provide dramatic savings.
Protect local businesses above housing developers. Take into consideration the current situation with the Ship & Anchor. They are afraid that apartments built above the pub will result in noise complaints, eventually causing them to close or relocate. Anybody moving in above the Ship should have no entitlement to complain about it. Protect establishments from going under by the hands of ignorant and greedy developers.
Assessing and begin plans to address failing infrastructure or infrastructure that is nearing the end of its life cycle
Policing. Creation of ICE
What efficiencies can be found across all departments and business units? How much duplication of resources is there? Can the same services be provided with fewer resources, both human and financial? Are all services aligned with the city core businesses. What would the result be if there was a total of 1% reduction in services, 5% reduction, 10% reduction? How could this be done with minimal impact to service levels? For several years the budget process has been about "how do I get more for my business unit", rather than examining where a need for service exists that aligns with council priorities.
Looking at the actual impact it has on service. Cutting budget for the sake of it without considering the impact needs to be better looked at. When budget is approved, considering the impact as well, how many people are actually impacted, etc.

We need to wean ourselves off of the fossil fuel rollercoaster. If Calgary can get to 10% of total energy consumption via solar and maybe geothermal that would help improve Calgary immensely. Besides why are we using our supply of gas when we could sell it. Also we are such a sunny city, why not gather electrons for free?
Keep a long-term perspective in all choices. Defund unnecessary services and make folks pay out of pocket for those. Don't focus on special needs or minorities but rather focus on what benefits everyone.
Because money is tight we can not afford to look towards the future too much but rather clean house right now (and that included redundancy and inefficient / ineffectiveness of city hall union and CAO et al). Examine what each person is doing and is it needed such as people wandering Inglewood parks - they have a volunteer core. I have noticed 3rd party contractors seem to be faster than city employees Read the Calgary Herald paper (hey - support real journalism vs spending IT money on this survey) there have been great feedback especially columnist that align with what the city is feeling Stop open houses as my experience is that city hall already had made their mind up and now we are paying staff to be there. Make these surveys shorter and stop with gather data - you have city census
Calgary needs real help to get drug users off the streets and into mandatory treatment centres, or go to jail if they're not willing. Immigrants that break our laws should be sent home immediately without fail. Housing for them in canvas tents way outside city limits should be set up. Parking in Calgary is also limited and very expensive. A train line to our airport should have been built years ago. Our new rink should have been done years ago if it weren't for the no action socialists at city hall. Another huge mistake was not having the Olympics here when we could have received billions in aid to set up various new facilities around Calgary and improve infrastructure.
NA
This city is in trouble... get back to basics. Help established Calgarians who are on the brink of losing the good life they built here. It is not my fault that so many here are homeless and struggling with addictions... but I am tired of seeing people out of their minds and dealing ALL OVER the city. I don't feel safe here anymore. I want my tax dollars to look after infrastructure... not helping strangers deal with their own life choices and being at risk of harm in and around my home. This may sound cold, but it is how I feel. I am middle class, and the housing market has put me at risk financially... ensuring I will never get ahead. There is rarely help for this growing group of people.
Keep good water services, implement plans to manage climate change factors, maintain policies that include ethnic diversity.
I think it is important for the city to make thoughtful choices about large investments, after being as transparent as possible and getting feedback from Calgarians. I also feel the need to bring up the housing crisis for people currently living on the streets, as there are a limited number of organizations and facilities to help them get back on their feet, and even provide them shelter and a warm meal. Calgary should put a larger focus on homeless shelters, with specialized facilities for women and children, as well as rehabilitation centres/resources that make a lasting and effective impact.
City Council should focus on: (i) having a leadership team at City Hall that can be trusted (which is not the case currently); (ii) financial transparency (which is certainly not the case currently); and (iii) meaningful engagement with citizens (City leadership favours dictating to citizens over engaging with citizens). A handful of average citizens would do a far better job of running this municipal government for the basic reason that the average citizen would take

the job seriously and do what's best for the City. City leadership lost its way under Nenshi and change is needed.
asset maintenance, responsive service - publish the "future lists" and ranking criteria, compliance to policies budget to fix installations that did not perform as promised eg -100% deep subsidy social housing campus projects (no integration, eviction at rent ceiling models) -painted line bike lanes that removed curb parking resulting in perceived wider roads and faster vehicle travel behaviour.
On the previous question, City services CAN provide good value... I'm in favour of planning for the future and density; I just think we need to focus on the less sensational, more foundational services and position Calgary for growth, and by growth, I mean growth respectfully and tastefully within each community. The three 20-storey towers that were approved in Inglewood in 2021, adjacent to two-storey dwellings and flanked by 10 square miles of industrial area on the other side is an example of a disrespectful and distasteful action by council, and there are many more examples in Calgary. Let's not do that anymore.
The 2027-30 budget must pivot YYC into a hardened, self-sustaining techno-industrial hub. The City must prioritize capital investment into power generation, grid transmission, and infrastructure to attract AI Hyperscale Data Centers, securing our localized economic dominance while fixing the negligence of our water mains. Stop subsidizing mass immigration; it's collapsing our housing market and draining our social services, which must be ruthlessly audited, restricted and reserved exclusively for native-born Albertans and Canadian citizens—like myself on disability—who actually paid into the system. Codify that zero municipal tax dollars will be allocated to 2LGBTQS+ agendas, progressive arts, or climate change abstractions. Reallocate those funds to a hardened Police mandate to crush the imported organized crime, extortion rings, and trafficking networks exploiting our city. Secure the physical grid, monopolize high-tech compute, and starve the progressive bureaucratic engine to zero.
Weigh the risks or benefits associated with volatile oil pricing and their effects on any proceeds the city may receive. Keep in mind that this city has grown a lot in the past 5 years. I believe the growth rate will slow down but the city has a lot of catching up to do in terms of managing this larger and more populous. Keep pushing on transit. It will have such a huge impact on how efficiently this city grows and develops. We can be truly world class in 15 years if we keep developing and improving the transit system.
Attracting big companies in Calgary to increase Job Opportunities
We need to make Paskapoo Slopes a proper city park. Ten years is too long to wait. The hikers are destroying the land.
What can we afford? Taxes are too high already - so focus on priorities only; police, parks, and fire services.
Stick to the core responsibilities of local government. Roads, water, sewage, garbage collection, etc.
Post labour economics and AI replacing human labour, as we ought be ready for the transition to a new type of society. Asia is already ahead on the AI front. Why should we be slowed down by neoliberal buraucracy? Incorporate AI into making services more efficient, while being fiscally conservative. Be the administration that is ambitious for the future, as opposed to the one that keeps us back in the 2000s.
N/A

- provide services to already existing calfarians No more developing please of new communities
Sustainable, equitable, and resilient budgeting to support all Calgarians. Transit, housing, and infrastructure are critical investments to prioritize as the region grows to 2 million residents. Thanks for all your hard work!!
This is not time for austerity. I swear every single year some council will get up there and pontificate about how Calgarians are stretched more than ever. But they say this every year.
They need to consider what responsibilities lie within municipal purview, they shouldn't be straying from those. They should recognize that selling off city owned land for peanuts is only benefiting developers and nobody else. If they insist on doing this, enforcement on title for cost control should be required. Stop office to residential conversions, create redundancy within the water pipeline system, consider whether some departments within the city are actually adding value or adding unnecessary and non critical projects. Consider that most people in Calgary are looking for strong leadership and core services and that we shouldn't have any perception of personal opinions of those on council. It's not what they were elected to do. Administration has not proven to be trustworthy to advance reliable data points or priorities.
I'm not sure that it belongs here, but the City's spending of budget on snow plowing is just plain silly. I'm 100% on board with the current plowing of main roads, but the "clearing" of side roads is laughable. The plow comes 5 days after the snowfall when the snow is already nicely packed and the road is travelable, creates a mountain of snow which makes the roads less safe to use and harder to park, or comes when it's going to be +10 for the next 4 days and all of the snow will melt anyway.
Reduction of sprawl, reinvestment in existing communities and infrastructure. Keep from spreading services and infrastructure too thin amount too few taxpayers. Stabilize property tax increases. Modify not repeal blanket rezoning, a few vocal neighbourhoods should not dictate long term growth and development needs of the city. TOD development and smart densifying of neighborhoods that promote missing middle housing. Combat having neighborhood's of just large single family and studio apartment condos like Vancouver or Toronto. Focus capital projects on community building amenities like recreation and arts and culture. Mainstreet walkable designed community and higher density. Cannot continue designing around small city vision when we are becoming large
We need to focus on our needs, not our wants. Transit is a need. Art is not. Housing is a need. An overpaid mayor is not.
City council MUST get back to only funding CORE SERVICES until these services are at an acceptable level. Reduce office City employees for all but CORE SERVICES.
Road infrastructure. As I said in another answer, the very best value for the City dollar is to spend on maintaining their roads network. The value far outweighs the maintenance costs
Drug addiction and homelessness are complex problems that need a multi-disciplinary approach. I appreciate the foot patrols on Stephen Avenue and the excellent work that is being done. On another note, time to dump woke politics and DEI hiring practices. Get the transvestites away from children at our public libraries.
The cost of the project
Support for youth, and the elderly. Better access to medical care, and systems to help disabled people. I know people who have gone years without adequate medical help, who have been sent on waitlists without seeing the specialists they need.
Housing and utilizing the federal grant money is very important. Whichever endeavours that are supported by Fed and/or Prov grants should be a priority. Many areas of Calgary are 'new developments' and we should wait before we open new lands for development..... there

are existing locations in the older areas of town that should be redeveloped before we expand. Fiscal responsibility should not be a blanket we operate under to denounce our social responsibilities.
Please stop funding postmodern art and progressive political causes, especially those that involve defaming Canadians and their history.
Invest in the future, not just the present. Maintenance deferral will just cause more costs in the future. Id rather pay 1 dollar now than 3 dollars later. Use the tax dollars efficiently, certain services provide more return that others, such as transit will generate more income than investing in police.
Every two years I participate in budget hearings and each time I hear the Fire Department ask for more money to cover an ever-expanding city footprint. There are very real costs to constant growth. Neglected infrastructure in established areas is one of them. Semi-related: I have very real concerns about how the UCP changed the land ownership rules for school and park space and what this will mean for established neighbourhoods' green space.
Definitely need to reverse the blanket rezoning and look at parking in residential areas realistically. Ot is ludicrous that these rezoned builds require ½ parking spaces. There are no ½ vehicles.
We need to find ways to make this city less dependent on single-commuter vehicles. We should be actively encouraging and building alternatives such as public transit, self-driving taxi services, and HOV lanes. Densification will also help with this.
A good network for bikelanes. I can't take my bike everywhere and not feel in danger. Many roads are dangerous. Separate bikelanes protect people, are great for the environment and great for a healthy living. Please prioritize the development of these. There is no way I can go to work on my bike from SW to SE without feeling in danger.
Improvements to roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Hopefully the Provincial and Federal Governments will help to finance these important projects.
Being fiscally responsible is also important to good management of resources.
Build the plan and share it extensively. Get some people outside the employees and elected officials to look at the plan in depth. We have literally 1000’s of highly competent business people, executives and practical thinkers that would be willing to help. Get 100(?) of them to work in teams to critique and offer alternative suggestions. Stop the view that council and city management have all the answers. A community leans on those that can help so please do so.
Investment in existing infrastructure. Let's fix what is broken. Consider higher development charges for new communities being built to help with the maintenance of the new infrastructure.
The City should consider investment that yield to local technology sector growth and use core technologies developed locally instead those depending on foreign country owned core technologies in AI, in city's office, in educations, in the workforce, on the streets, and in neighborhoods. Did City know that there are cutting edge technology companies in the city in various areas but all the jobs posted from the city are only for Microsoft related which implies city internal technology investment is biased towards foreign companies, and likely worsted that it could biased toward a single foreign company?
Whether it's the crumbling water infrastructure, Green Line secrecy on cost overruns for years, or the constant increase in city taxes - leadership of Administration has completely failed citizens for many years. [Redacted] should be replaced with someone who truly wants to serve citizens and actually values transparency and engagement.
Residential parking control and enforcement, high property tax for religious organizations, infrastructure upkeep, transit zone fares and no free fare zone

People can't afford tax increases, especially seniors on fixed incomes! Do not allow pay raises for mayor and council members and bureaucrats. Tax payers should not have to pay for new arena, it should be paid for by the Flames owners. Most Calgarians will never use it as it will be too costly to go. Also, the Flames have been doing poorly for quite a few years, so why should taxpayers support them? Trim down number of bureaucrats, which will reduce salaries and lower taxes!
Property taxes must be curtailed of people will determine that Calgary is unaffordable. Budgeting must be done withe the aspect of running a personal household. I think borrowing by way of issuing Community Bonds to city residents at rates comparable to bank rates would get locals engaged.
Finding a way to eliminate waste and cut taxes
Consider older communities developement - no rezoning for more housings is not always a solution. We defininitely need more infra structure in the older communities.
Fund new downtown mixed use boutique community developments
Cost that passed on to future cost to mainten. Build a building and don't budget for future costs
Factoring in previously deferred critical infrastructure projects that have been ignored. Efficient use of the dollars. Sticking to basic services
Please stop wasting my tax dollars on frivolous virtue signaling when there are water pipes that need fixing.
Stop pandering to special interests! Do the job you're paid and elected for.
Calgary is growing and evolving, so planning must account for increased demand on housing, transit, and public safety to avoid service gaps.
One thing that stood out to me when the Water Utility independent review was presented to Council was the need to de-couple our decision-making process from 4-year Council cycles. Too many of our services are constrained by this 4-year cycle, forcing the City to make decisions that look good in the short-term but have detrimental long-term impacts. Even the Bearspaw Feedermain work falls victim to this. We focus on repairing/replacing a piece of infrastructure that will fail again, but fail to consider the state of the water that goes into that pipe. Every day The City makes decisions that compromise our environment because we won't see those impacts over the next 4 years. We'll see them in future generations when we no longer have clean water to drink or clean air to breathe. We'll see them when Calgary is inundated by flood waters, suffering from extended droughts, and smothered by wildfire smoke. Future Calgarians will look back and ask - what were you thinking?
Too much focus is spent on making things easier for corporations and businesses. I get it, there are far fewer businesses to keep happy than people. Pick the biggest targets, right? But the city needs to exist to serve and represent the citizens - the voters. For example, many years and many dollars of investment have gone into making the paperwork for building a new home easier and faster, but only for large home builders. Individuals and small mom-and-pop operations are seeing the opposite - it's much more difficult dealing with permits and planning today than it was even 10 years ago. Many such examples are easy to find.
Housing, Safety, Transit
Invest now, in areas that matter most, to benefit Calgarians now and into the future.
Efficient use of existing infrastructure! Finding ways to leverage existing investment (i.e. inner city redevelopment) and increase municipal tax base without additional infrastructure servicing costs. The downtown area especially would feel safer if there were more people in the area after office hours instead of people migrating back out to the suburbs. It is also easier to host cultural events with a higher density of people living in an area so that there

can be multiple competing events on a given weekend rather than mass crowding at the few well advertised events (I.e. the streets being packed for lilac festival).
Please don't forget that making sure our city is safe INCLUDES making sure we are prepared for climate hazards that are getting worse, in particular heat, smoke and drought. These things keep me up at night. We should not lose sight of that in the Council priorities.
Review positions in the city. The city generates surpluses in salaries every year. why is that?
Maintaining existing infrastructure, thoughtful growth and development and reducing new flashy projects for high visibility
I think it is important to consider environmental and climate impacts that we are going to see in the future. We need to make investments now that will impact us positively 30 or 50 years down the road.
We are in a housing crisis, climate emergency, and we are far too car reliant. Consider what makes a city livable. Reliable, robust transit systems, safe and comprehensive bike lanes, dignified and affordable housing for all.
Continued relationships with the Indigenous community and increasing ways of including the community in making decisions. Continued attention on the development of the city access to services.
Social welfare for those living on the margins. Pushing back against provincial government on tax collection and immoral legislation I.e. not withstanding clause use.
Y'all don't really care what I have to say or suggest, make it rain with those dollar bills.
I know people get grumpy about tax increases - but I truly believe the City has a deep responsibility to make good decisions on investments grounded not just in the "here and now" but for the future. They also have a deep responsibility to manage public tax and rate dollars well. I think for 2027-2030, the City needs to double down on ensuring informed, wise budgetary decisions while also not being afraid to make the investments necessary to continue to run this City well both now and into the future. I have heard our City structure is lean compared to other major municipalities. We should have the right amount of people for the job - and we should invest in excellent leadership. Employees who do not consistently demonstrate the right skillsets, judgement or values should be let go. The City should increase its accountability mechanisms for leadership and should invest in proper management systems.
Please give the police more money and direction for traffic enforcement and bring back red light cameras.
The lack of accountability and unclear decision making authority spread throughout internal, administrative committees at the City is inefficient and wasteful. More can be done with less or the same resources if City leadership stopped being so risk averse about internal decision making.
Keep in mind the real cost of wanting Calgary to be a sprawl and car-oriented city. Ban dangerous right to turn on red and turn left when pedestrians are crossing. Invest in public transit and make it cheaper. Make driving as expensive as it actually is so people use transit more. Keep investing in bike lanes and on streets being inclusive for people of diverse needs. Invest in affordable housing strategies and in urban density, and quality of life such as access to every day services near urban centers
Future Calgarians and their needs
Calgary has so much untapped potential in the spaces we already have. With smarter, temporary uses, we could create vibrant community areas without major new construction. Vacant lots could become seasonal gardens, pollinator habitats, or small gathering spaces. Existing parks could host pop-up play zones, outdoor gyms, and community fitness programs that draw people in to get active and appreciate the outdoors! Major sites like the Westbrook transit hub are seriously underutilized; it could become a thriving housing-transit district with

green space and local businesses, affordability, and density all packaged in one seriously nice hub. By activating the land and infrastructure we already have, Calgary can quickly improve livability, support recreation, and show residents that their city is evolving in meaningful ways with existing spaces at a low dollar.
Please think of creating lon term programming for Calgarians in crisis
Climate change was not mentioned and I don't think you can plan for anything in the future without including the anticipated impacts of climate change. We already experience extreme heat, heat waves, wildfire smoke, hail, extreme rainfall and flooding and these will continue so if we want to be able to deliver reliable services to the public this absolutely is core to that service delivery.
The focus needs to be on building for the future. Education for future generations. Transit that makes the city accessible to all. Public spaces for people to gather at low to no cost. Affordable housing. Urban planning that prioritizes walkability. Services that solve social problems instead of criminalizing them. There is too much focus on what will look good now. That kind of thinking caused the City to put off repairs to the water system that could have prevented the catastrophic failure we now have to deal with. Leaders were scared to be the one to spend. The focus shouldn't be on numbers and looking frugal.
Council needs to think of all Calgarians, not just the voices who have the time, educated and access to their ears. Also, Councillors need to be more respectful to staff and those Calgarians who they don’t think are important - drop the rudeness, biases, and blantent assumptions. Councillors are not listening to all of their constituent’s voices.
I believe we should focus on making transit more accessible as well as trying to encourage more dense, less expensive housing. I am quite upset with calgarians having to front the costs for a new sports arena as well as the provincial government meddling in municipal politics. I would support steps this government takes to protect our local politics from outside influence and pressure, not sure how but I think it should be a discussion.
Will this decisions negatively impact those most vulnerable to stress and adversity, because if the answer is yes, then that is bad for everyone-it uses more tax payer dollars to respond in a reactive state (housing crisis, mental health crisis etc), it means we are needing to reallocate funds to temporary solutions and folks aren't improving their quality of life.
Of course we need to pay attention to making sure our water supply is solid and our urban sprawl is less.
The City must prioritize long-term community wellbeing over short-term cost savings. Mental health and social supports should be core budget items, not afterthoughts, as early investment prevents far costlier interventions later through emergency services, policing, and healthcare. Funding should flow to non-profits and community organizations that consistently deliver outcomes, with less overhead and deeper community trust. The budget should also reflect equity, ensuring all neighborhoods, particularly lower-income and marginalized communities, receive fair access to services. Transparency and accountability matter too. Residents need clear reporting on how funds are spent and what outcomes are achieved. Finally, the City should engage communities most affected by budget decisions early and meaningfully, not just through surveys, but through genuine co-design of priorities. Those closest to the problems often hold the best solutions.
Stop your crap internal initiatives and practices. The public is aware of stuff like DEI hiring, anti-racism, etc. Nobody asked for that. Get rid of that and stop using my tax dollars for this garbage. Leave the woke [redacted] behind and focus on actually delivering service to

Calgarians. Also [redacted]. All of this is divisive and shows me that The City of Calgary is an enemy of the people. Wake up and fix things for real.
Transit that goes underground and reaches more places. More bike pathways. More teeth in fighting the provincial government.
Firepit bans, within city limits. It's unhealthy. The city has gotten too big for this. It's a no brainer at this point. f there is a reduction to waste removal or a disruption in city services they should be reimbursing residents for that. Community should offer more activities targeted towards adults and not just children. Better advertising to ensure maximum reach. And the activities offered to adults are not just eating and drinking.
no more pot holes #potholefree2030
Live within means. Please dont invest in virtue signaling projects. Please stop ruining perfectly lovely places (like olympic plaza) to chase some design fad. Please invest in necessary things to benefit lots of calgarians
I exclusively care about the Red Line extension to Silverado.
I hope we can keep expanding and maintaining our cycling infrastructure. The number of people on bikes has exploded in the past few years (I can see it on the paths), and if we keep expanding, Calgary could really be an amazing cycling destination. We could even promote it as a form of tourism if we do it well enough. Finishing the north section of the Rotary Mattamy Greenway (about 2km of it under Stoney Trail is just a rough gravel road), and expanding it to Glenbow Ranch and Cochrane would be the first thing to do.
Please have a reserve of city taxpayers dollars. Instead of finding ways to tax us more. It is not the citizens fault that the city's lack of care in the infrastructure has led to a possible chance of higher water bills to overcome the bearspaw feeders main repairs. Do we not pay taxes in gasoline for road repairs? Roads are getting worse. Taxes keep going up but the city integrity is diminishing.
Increase densification, establish more urban parks and greenery. Invest in culture and beautification across the city, and walkable/bikeable streets. Prioritize developing unique neighbourhoods.
Funding Social Work education and housing programs.
Seems obvious, but anyway we're dollars can be multiplied or partnerships can be built is key in tight budget times.
People are always going complain about taxes going up. That's inevitable. Take my tax money and make the city sustainable, reliable, and a beautiful place to live.
Fiscally responsible with meaningful investment in police, fire so all our mothers and daughters can walk the streets safely and sleep at night in a peaceful house.
Its important to have stricter bylaws to control crime.
sustainability, long term plans and impacts, supporting infrastructure
Keep investing in housing, keep the blanket, rezoning by law that allows to build more missing middle housing
I am disgusted by the massive building frenzy in Calgarys inner city. The density has certainly been increased, as have the property prices. So what was the point? The quality of life, the beauty and peacefulness, the diversity and choices of accommodation are gone. "Destroying Calgary one neighborhood at a time"

Planning is key to have a sustainable future, not planning will be a chaos and spend budget not wisely
Try thinking about other areas in the city not just downtown. If you want people to take public transit, it has to affordable. Take care of our people first. Stop funding uncontrolled immigration with taxpayer funds. Stop using schools as daycares. Special need children need to be placed into separate classes or a separate schools.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Keep up the good work.
The care and attention to people in our city matters, addressing complex systemic challenges like poverty matters, our city will be the first to deal with the impacts of not addressing these things in every we can. Please don't lose sight of this as you balance the many needs of our city.
Please consider equity in your decisions, as all Calgarians need access to reliable services. Please also consider long-term impacts of the business plans and budget decisions. Recognizing that this is just for the next four years, these investments and decisions will have long-term impacts on the City, and should be viewed with that lens. The City should also not stop some of the work underway that needs to continue to see results - such as implementing the climate strategy, the environment strategy, RouteAhead, the MDP etc. Also, I would encourage the city to focus on investments made for existing communities and neighborhoods, to improve existing infrastructure, as opposed to just investing in new.
Focus on core city services that will have secondary and tertiary effects in other areas like culture and community. Fire, police, core infrastructure--roads, water etc. These elements will promote organizations to fill gaps that are really out of scope for municipal investment.
No
An emphasis to the public that these budgets are still largely underfunded; that the perogative to save a few tax dollars TODAY will cost the FUTURE Calgarians infrastructure, facilities, prgrams that you will want to use when u are retired. If the province doesn't care about increasing taxes and still get votes, why are city politicians so stingy? it'll be another 3 years before votes count, so please spend early now, and save later if to earn votes but also to have results to boast about later.
The City should consider impacts to all communities as well as forecasting and planning for future necessary improvement/capital projects of our aging infrastructure ex) water services investment will be required, but what other failures are predicted and how can we mitigate these risks. City should also consider what is important to maintain as our city grows and future forecasting for our growing City. We will not be able to please everyone, but justification as to why $ is allocated to which areas is important to be communicated in a way that all Calgarians can understand!
n/a
Have a vision and execute it. Don't flipflop back and forth? Don't give in to vocal minorities if a large majority benefits. And don't wait another 30 years to build the Greenline to the north. And don't fund more local professional sports teams with a free arena. I'd rather see an investment in WinSports or similar.
Start designing new communities so they’re truly walkable. Not dedicated to the car. Downtown needs services so the people living in the office conversion spaces can easily buy groceries and things that support day to day life. And, make the greenspaces in downtown enjoyable for those people. Not just grass and picnic tables like on 6 St & 7 Ave. Focus on quality of life and small businesses. Not just how to entertain people. Protect the urban forest and greenspaces from development. Especially in the established area. The more you ask people to live in high rises, the more green spaces and nature matter. Start thinking about groundwater replenishment. It seems to be absent from planning right

now. How can we increase permeability? How do we support biodiversity Lastly, how can we rethink land dedicated to underused surface parking lots? Why not convert some of this to housing
Rome wasn't built in a day. Don't focus on the short term and how you can secure the next election by scoring a few extra points. If you are serious about making long-term change and truly helping Calgarians, plan eight steps ahead, then double check your math and try again. False promises to earn votes only reinforces the little trust citizens have for the people who represent them.
Climate and Environment work needs to be treated as a foundational municipal investment because it directly supports risk management, asset protection, and long-term service reliability. Strategic investment in climate adaptation, emissions reduction, and environmental management reduces exposure to climate-related risks such as extreme weather, water scarcity, infrastructure failure, and public health impacts, all of which carry significant future cost implications. These programs directly extend the service life of existing assets, inform capital planning, and reduce demand on emergency response and recovery budgets. Integrating climate and environmental considerations into core planning and operations improves decision-making, supports regulatory compliance, and lowers long-term financial liabilities, making this work a cost-avoidance and resilience-building investment rather than an optional expenditure.
It is important to provide valued city services at a reasonable cost. It is also important that The City stay in its lane and not provide services that are not in its jurisdiction. A prime example is the Sheldon Chumir drug site that is outside municipal jurisdiction and should not be paid for by property owners/property tax.
Helping those that are less fortunate. Keeping transit and downtown safe. Climate and the environment, and supporting citizens choosing 'green' options.
I would sure like to see more public washrooms at C-Train stations. Also along the major pathways in the city. And I would like to see them open year round.
Removing DEI type programs, hiring based on meritocracy, reducing the size of HR and Communications. A lot of money is spent on things that Calgarians are not asking for.
Stop spending money on bike lanes!!! We don’t need to spend 7.5 million on the garbage in front of city hall - this can now be taken to the dump.
The City should prioritize the climate-resiliency of critical utilities, specifically water and power infrastructure. The City should focus on excellence in 'core' municipal services: snow removal, road maintenance, and public safety.
We do need to spend money to fix all the infrastructure that has been neglected for decades. We all want to pay less in taxes but not when it just means deferred maintenance that costs more in the long run. And we need to tax businesses more. Residents can't pay for everything.
Housing! COuntering the province's deferral of the tax base. Housing.
How can the City access other funding streams or generate additional supplementary income to supplement taxes. Is there an opportunity to explore changes to the MGA to allow this? this could allow for alternate funding to displace the need for tax increases.
The City needs to reduce its total spending. Do this by cutting programs/reducing service standards and focusing on core services: roads, garbage, utilities. Housing can be effectively built by the private sector, or through public-private partnerships, they City needs only a minimal role. Stop spending millions on public housing. Planning, Building & development expenditures should be reduced by simplifying the approvals process, and making the zoning bylaw less complex and easier to comply with.

Ensuring that even if harsh sacrifices are required, long-term investments are kept (e.g. in expanding transit and water infrastructure). If it will pay for itself in the long term, directly or in secondhand benefits, it is worth pursuing even if it hurts short-term
The greenline must be built to the furthest extent from north to south
We have spent lots of time building over the last several years. That helped create a vibrant, attractive city. Having growth self-fund its own infrastructure (developers) and moving to more of a sustainment approach to reduce tax increases would be beneficial for the next decade.
I disagree with providing funding to developers for hi-rise conversions using tax dollars, as they and/or the building managers/landlords will generate income from these new rental properties. If tax dollars are used as an incentive the City should be paid a royalty until the tax dollars invested are recouped. The City should continue with repealing the blanket re-zoning.
Focus on core services, and delivering them well before tackling anything new. It's noble that Administration wants to tackle other issues (e.g., anti-racism, EDIB, film and economy) however it should not be at the cost of core services.
Housing for the homeless is important especially in the downtown area which reflects badly on the city.
Consider the effects on future costs, such as maintenance, for budgetary items dealing with service and infrastructure extension and expansion, especially when it comes to new communities built on the edge of the city. As our City continues to grow, the budget needs to account for the need to avoid insolvency for the City, and the best way to solve that is to guide investment into areas that can help support the budget with increased property taxes rather than new or sprawling communities that act as a drain on the budget with greater expenses than revenue.
I have no problem paying taxes. I want to see the highest and best use of those funds. There has to be an established metric for all city departments to demonstrate that. Accountability has vanished from the city. Start treating running it like a business. If you can't defend the spend, get rid of it.
City should consider justifying each service within each department, cutting the unnecessary services and cutting staffing as necessary.
Defund the police. We spend social services money on arming enforcers, buying fancy vehicles, and promoting shock and awe campaigns downtown while CPS leans on non-profit orgs to provide needed social services for Calgarians. We need to dismantle the CPS budget, re-appropriate it to social work, and trim down the amount of armed employees of the government that bring violence as the solution to social disorder.
Just be fair. Everything decided seems to be for families and children. There are seniors and others who are hurting as well. I and many I know have worked years to help the city grow and what for?
As I have said above municipalities should only be allowed to spend tax payers money on the basics: safely (police/fire), utilities (water/waste), roads /transit. No more nonsense spending
When developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, the City should prioritize long-term thinking, integration, and accountability. Stronger IT integration across departments is essential to reduce duplication, improve efficiency, and enable better data-driven decisions. The City should also actively reward innovation and ideas for change, creating incentives for staff and leaders to challenge the status quo and collaborate across silos. Long-term planning must be emphasized over short-term wins, particularly for infrastructure maintenance, where underinvestment leads to higher future costs and service disruptions.

Proactive maintenance delivers better value than reactive repairs. Finally, the City should align budgets with clear outcomes, transparent performance measures, and system-wide coordination. Planning the city as an integrated whole—rather than a collection of isolated services—will improve resilience, efficiency, and long-term value for Calgarians.
Safety
Consider citizens and what they are requesting. Whats feeding the community.
Parks are important to be out in the nature, but often they are overcrowded or taken over by one or two ethnic groups making them unwelcoming to the rest of the people living in the community..
Address the planning debacle of Gondek on zoning. Allowing 18 townhouses on a lot that was a single house is ridiculous. Older communities have aging water lines and tapped out electric. Street parking is at a premium already inner city so above does not help. And more bike lanes is not the answer. That item is poorly executed already. Lot of expense for limited use in winter.....
Making it easier for SMALL- MEDIUM LOCAL BUSINESS to compete. We are overly big corporate influenced and this degrades social fabric and turns everyone into 'just an employee'. Programs for small biz to be able to thrive and compete. Also 7th avenue along the ctrain station is abysmal. An area that should be a hub of activity is the home of social disorder and looks like a ghost town. We've allowed big developers to buy up beautiful old buildings and let them sit there and rot. Shameful. We should not allow that to happen ever. There are 3 beautiful buildings that were officially boarded up in 2025 so the area looks derelict. The city should be embarrassed. They should be re-opened and used for cultural and recreational activities. Stop making density = super tall bldgs in the inner city and sprawl single dwellings. This isn't good for anyone. 500 sq ft apts downtown does not bring families into downtown. It serves only to make developers $. It doesn't solve housing.
The City needs to consider the Human Resources needed to accomplish the ambitious goals it has. It’s one thing to approve budget for something but if that doesn’t contemplate all the hours of work that real people need to put in to accomplish the work, then you end up with burnout, high turnover, stress leaves, etc. and everything becomes more expensive and less efficient.
Calgarians need to see visible improvements in times of uncertainty. Especially when we live in a time of fear-mongering. Visible improvements can't be argued with.
Focus on City services that benefit the greatest number of people. Getting back to the basics, dropping all the non needed training and programs for DEI, etc.
1. Significantly improve financial transparency. 2. Fire whoever the key person(s) was behind moving ahead with the Green Line in 2020 without knowing the cost, and then hiding the cost overruns until 2024 - as long as the same person(s) are making important decisions, more financially reckless decisions should be expected. 3. The current municipal government is bloated and dysfunctional. Focus on changing the leadership team who have failed citizens for at least the last decade - we need people in charge who actually want to focus on serving citizens.
We need to continue to focus on and implement climate adaptations and mitigations so we can be prepared for the effects of climate change including extreme weather events.
Really look into the detail line by line
Balanced budget. Stop increasing fees/taxes. Perfect example= highest cost of electricity in Canada. Notwithstanding the fact that the majority of the "bill" is fees.

Also the fact that the city has been more focused on urban sprawl than maintaining/planning the infrastructure to support it
Stay focused on the basics. Stop spending on needless things.
Transport
Infrastructure. Slow down on building more and servicing less.
More advocacy with the province so the spend the correct amounts on healthcare and education.
Be like every other company trying to survive in this economy. Find places to cut numbers - staffing would be one good start.
The city needs to do a much better job of evaluating revenue streams that exist, or could easily exist. Especially before increasing taxes.
Aiming to improve performance, quality, and efficiency by eliminating waste and streamlining processes. Far too many anecdotal stories of just the opposite happening at Calgary city hall. Please, please use be a good steward of our tax dollars.
Traffic is a mess. We need better roads and wider lanes. city is growing faster than ever. Rental properties or affordable house prices are a major concern.
Whether it's the mismanaged water infrastructure, the poorly managed Green Line, stealing those downtown waterfront homes to benefit a developer, or the constant and annoying unnecessary City ads - it's clear senior leadership at the City needs to change. Senior leadership has embraced secrecy, reckless spending and propaganda for too many years and they've caused enormous harm to the City. Talking about minor items while the same leadership team is in place is like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Get a leadership team in place that cares about transparency, fiscal responsibility and actually serving citizens.
Especially because we need more housing, we need to somehow reawaken 'community' with each other. I'm not talking about just a specific 'area' but more of the need for everyone to recognize we need each other. Today's desire for privacy leads to social isolation which leads to loneliness, depression, and earlier death. Somehow we need to build connection, particularly between divergent opinions. I recently read an excerpt from a book titled: No Place Like Home: The Missing Key to our Housing Crisis by Jessica Barrett. Concluding she says 'Building social considerations to the bottom of the list ... is a wasted chance to meaningfully address some of the biggest social and public health issues of our time.'
Scrap trying to grow a city that is broken. Fix the infrastucture (water sewer roads bridges). Stop fanatsizing about things like another olympic games (Farkas)
Important to focus on current needs but also be mindful of growing sustainably so that our future needs can be met too. If something is going to be cheaper to build now than in 10-20 years, build it now and do it right the first time.
'Defunding' or limiting police and fire inititiaves and response decrease safety. Increasing and maintaining public transit reduces traffic congestion, increases community interaction and doesn't penalize low income. Not approving new outlying community developments reduces many costs and creates a more livable, substainable city now and in the future.
More is not the answer. Living within our (the city) means is a necessity. People do not have more money to keep giving, giving, giving. It would be most helpful if council said (acted as if) there is no more money and were forced to think creatively to find solutions that did not require additional expenditure.
Accountability !!! stop wasting my tax money on the incompetent slackers, stop buddies system in hiring, start firing those who only play politics to stay on the paycheque Get your act together on closely monitor the city admin and make it accountable to taxpayers, not just let them butter the big [redacted] only. Make it easier to fire people there, including the big [redacted], and make them justify every

request and hiring and set up a system to closely monitor every single department work big or small, use AI to track the [redacted] out of them so that they know they can't freely scam taxpayers money without any accountability, thw whole city admin is out of control for so many years!!!
Plan for youth unemployment. Get the youth involved in volunteering and jobs. Calgary stampede? Make teams and allow them to put something on their resume. They need real skills and real jobs or the future will be grim.
The city should not be looking to bring back photo radar, as it was clearly a cash cow that the city and police are now missing because of the drop in revenue. The city should not be building or funding the construction of any infrastructure for private businesses like the awful deal for a new arena. The city has cost it's residents hundreds of millions of dollars in commitments with little to no projected ROI. There should be absolutely no spending for another football stadium, or other sports infrastructure which clearly isn't needed as there isn't sufficient demand from the private sector to build and run it. Should the city decide that it still wants to waste it's money (which is really taxpayer money), I would be happy to accept the city spending millions of dollars to build a movie theater, bowling alley, and video arcade that I can run and end up paying almost nothing for. I promise to hire a few locals and pretend this will somehow be a net benefit to taxpayers.
Ability to afford them. Period.
Focus on the future. Focus on getting more people to move here. Focus on building a strategic committee to fight back against separatist agendas and the provincial government which seems hell bent on destroying large urban centres. Focus on people. All people. Not the elite and rich. I will never be able to afford a ticket to see the flames in the new Scotia Centre. Why?!
Balance your budget, just like citizens do. Minimal tax increases. Focus on essentials. Providing funding to Quebec to [redacted] and spending $5 mm on "Blue sky City" is a waste of my tax dollars. Fire Duckworth and his direct reports, and move out the left leaning administration.
Please place the lions share of budgets towards needs versus wants ex: reliable water vrs new years celebration activies
Transit safety is a big one. I think Calgary Transit would see much more use if people felt safe. Currently perception is that Transit isn't safe. Non-car mobility improvements. Improved sidewalks or convert existing sidewalks on certain key roads to shared pathways so cyclist can use them too. For example the whole length of Elbow Drive. Lots of older communities have terrible narrow sidewalks that inexplicably end for no reason forcing pedestrians to cross the street to continue or walk on grass. Small things like this but are common around the city add up. So fixing those will make choosing not to drive much easier.
Nothing… fix the infrastructure that Nenshi and Gondek destroyed
I understand that the City needs to make some tough choices, but please don't make them at the expense of a livable city. We need the new feeder main, but we also need garbage pick up, fire and bylaw. We need better transit. Recreational programs. We need parks and greening - especially on the East side of the city. Please don't save money today and make this city a worse place to raise a family tomorrow.

The importance on climate and environmental action - if this is not properly managed and invested it, it represents a huge risk to the city. Infrastructure damage, service disruption, etc.
Focus on what is core. Separate operational and capital budgets according to core and non-core service delivery - so they can be prioritized accordingly.
Consider increasing taxes to better fund the underfunded.
Is the City spending money which meets base service requirements and are they making logical decisions on when to spend and when to stop spending. Example, during the expenditures required for water, there is reporting about spending $7.5M to move the residential school memorial. It is illogical to spending so much money to move the items. There is no logic being applied for the amount and less expensive alternatives should be explored. The City doesn't appear to make spending decisions the same way as citizens do. As an example, based on current inflation, I have decreased my spending on food - less expensive cuts of meat, less restaurants.
Automation of processes and use of AI technology to reduce duplications of services from different areas of the organization. HR Support Service Centre could be an automated chatbot. Greater collaboration across departments to advance the organization from 'Good to Great.' Councillors should be focused on systems thinking, sustainable growth and understanding that a stronger city elevates every ward. Calgary Council and Administration working together to solve the sticky problems and challenges in the organization with authentic leadership. Finger pointing and blaming will not support becoming a great organization. Establishing psychological safety in the organization for leaders and employees to have open conversations and bring their best to create the best organization for Calgarians. Demonstrate collaborative governance by prioritizing integrated growth over isolated interests. We are all part of the ecosystem - shared services to front line. Work together for success!
MAKE SURE NO BUSINESS THAT PROMOTES, ENCOURAGES OR FACILITATES ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE 3 DOORS FROM A DAYCARE AND A BLOCK FROM A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND!!!
Please prioritize housing for the unhoused and those with low incomes. Without a stable home, people cannot work or stay healthy.
The city must provide increased funding for snow removal.
Planning for a less car dependent city. More walkable, bikeable, 15 minute city. Sprawl is expensive and unsustainable.
I want to see reports of how are money is spend . I want to see reports (down to the Penney) on which departments spent what . I want to also see the past decisions that were made , by whom and for his much .
You need real people on council, not only people who are wealthy & have never had to live paycheck to pay check or can't afford to retire just to survive, you need more community involvement in decisions, not a farcical town hall, where yiu don't actually listen to people it's just a photo op for you to lull people into thinking you care, for example former mayor Gondek, when she rode the train.. of course she wss safe, she had staff & camera crews, you need to actually live the life take yhe train or bus evert day without all that, like a real working person. Several years ago we had a huge snow fall I watched the city & news do a photo op across the street from my home, and when the camera crews and important people were gone the snow crews went also & never did clear the snow, as usual waited for a warmer day for it to melt.. usually the grade the street when you can actually see cement anyway, waste of money, you need to better manage all of that
Pls be realistic in future planning and spending

Don’t do the pendulum swing to cut everything thinking you are doing a service to citizens, you are not
I strongly feel the Ctrain must reach the far north of Calgary. I still can't believe we aren't taking it out to the north city limits. Also running a leg to the airport is a must. Build more parks as well.
Let's get the basics right and find a balance between caring for existing taxpayers, while accommodating new ones. And balancing looking after the required services, while thinking about extras that can improve quality of life longer term.
It’s important that the city also take serious is crime I know the federal government isn’t making it easy with catch and release but I was at Albert park raddison in the summer in there hall when someone was shooting there were a lot of kids in the park and people in the hall they caught the shooter and was release that to me is insane this has to stop
Stop the sprawl. Protect the infrastructure and the “unsexy” things the city needs to become a city of 2M Diversify the economy Protect the bike lanes and environment
Fundametally reconsider KPI's used to measure success. Base them on outcomes (potholes per km of road?), crime per 1000 population? Go back to basics when defining what success looks like. Get the jobs done.
Please no more tax increases. Please no more special interest group funding. Please direct transportation to make public transit co venient, safe and reliable. Please preserve parks and trees. Please provide incentives to maintain established housing. Please no more 'economic partnerships' like the flames arena, arts commons/ olympic plaza renovations etc. Please continue to support established rec facilities like inglewood pool. Please stop focusing 'all roads lead downtown' transit. Get transit to airport, hospitals, uofc, mru and other high employment centres. Not under the river, not up centre street. And please invest in traffic calming measures.
Keep investing in the things that will help Calgary grow. We know we're soon to be a city of 2 million people - we need the jobs and economic resilience to support this growth.
The budget should address what we need not what we want. For those like me on fixed income, it has becoming more and more difficult to balance our budget. The City does not have the right to continuously increase property taxes and fees for no justification.
1. Halt continuous expansion / creation of more communities. We already are too spread out, cannot provide necessary and timely services or maintain infrastructures. 2. Seriously adjust the tax burden off of the lower and middle income strata and collect significantly higher taxes from the wealthy who can afford to contribute to this city. As the fastest-growing wealth hub in Canada, Calgary saw a 55 per cent growth in millionaires from 2014 to 2024. At last count Calgary is home to 12,500 millionaires, 26 centi-millionaires, and four billionaires. I cannot afford to keep subsidizing the rich!!
Kindly respect homeowners, who years ago spent a significant amount of money and took on the hardship of paying off their mortgage so they could have a promised expectation of what their neighborhood would be like. Unilaterally throwing that expectation out the windows by changing what their neighborhood could look like, especially against the wishes of the overwhelming majority, is what got the last bunch of councilors and mayor thrown out of office. Don't ruin people's future quality of life just to get a few dollars from another level of government. Stay in your lane and focus solely on what cities are supposed to provide (roads, utilities, a variety of neighborhoods rather than one size fits all).
A lot more Transit police visible along the sea train lines. Don’t make that downtown core free anymore from City Hall to Kerby. Also get rid of the five dollar free fair pay entry and make it the other two categories so lower

price but not five dollars that's too low and a lot of other cities have senior passes under a certain income free like they get a pass free not reduced password 35 $40 but free so get rid of the five dollar one and get a free for seniors of low income
Balancing a budget is not an easy task. Calgary has endured tremendous growth. Not only do we have to work with what we have, we have to fix what we don't have and plan for the expected and unexpected in the future. Safety is most important. Again, that safety relates to police, fire and roadways. Debt reduction or at least no debt growth must be included in all budgets.
Focus on the areas people use every day and depend on.
Fix the pot holes in the roads. They are an embarrassment to the city.
Roads and parking
New developments, including those in inner city, should pay all costs related to infrastructure. Including externalities.
Stick to city services, not social or climate issues
choice below
Infrastructure
Ditch wokeness and D.I.E. initiatives.
Stop destroying older communities by rezoning and building multiple buildings on one lot. Not fair to citizens who bought into a community in order to own a larger lot. Infrastructure is key as population increases. Quit spending on the homeless and drug addicts, they made their choice. Roads need to be repaired. Quit spending money on ugly art.
Consider what the majority of citizens want and need, not just small special interest groups who may be louder, but don't represent the majority.
Zero-based budgeting should be conducted... It's more important to have a clean and safe city than to have some of the ancillary programs that the city runs internally and externally.
Basic accountability, I see many city signs being left or forgotten on roadsides; that costs money. There should be a basic garbage can at every bus stop! Every where I look I see garbage, some cities actually give out garbage bags and gloves to the homeless and pays them per bag for simply picking up garbage! This would also keep it out of water sources and green spaces. I would also like to see Bylaw programs in all elementary schools teaching basic safe practices when encountering dogs & coyotes. Many newcomers would benefit from this and hopefully prevent children from bites & harm. Art projects such as the blue ring seem incredibly tone deaf in a city with so many other pressing needs. Better signage, upkeep of painting roads & cross walks along with police enforcement are desperately needed. Let's get back to basics; we're cow town and proud of it! We need a big change to focus on getting back to how things used to be, before moving forward with anything else.
Im not sure of the current system, but new community developments increasing sprawl should pay a larger share for city infrastructure and services having to extend farther.
Please focus on providing programs, services, and infrastructure that promote a safe, welcoming, affordable city that is easy to get around for people of all ages, abilities, and economic realities.
Consider replacing the Calgary Police Service with a group of professionals who: - are more in touch with what matters to Calgarians; - can make better policing choices; - change what's broken in the current system; - do a better job of selecting the right people to train as constables; and - resist serving and protecting themselves instead of the citizens who pay their salaries.

Don't cut for the sake of "taxes", it needs to be thoughtful to all Calgarians and visitors.
As a resident of Calgary over the last 20 years, I've seen the city growing in faster pace in terms of population, economy and tourism. To reduce crime, make transit more accessible in the NW, maintain critical infrastrure such as road, water, recycling are few of many important services that the mayor and city consults
Police and by-law officers are not efficient and budget spent on those could be utilized more efficiently so some of the budget could be diverted to City development.
There need to be redundancies in place so this level of civic infrastructure decay will not happen again.
Deal with the bare minimums and stop wasting $ on your mandatory DEI training!
In my opinion, the city is way too sprawled out! It can take over an hour for me to visit friends who live on the other half of the city, which sucks. I'd love to see the city develop upward instead of outward, regardless of what the vocal minorities say.
I feel that I've said my peace.
Basics need to be addressed first.
Just include money for recreation we need more. Recreation in the north east is particularly bad
To focus on tangible benefits and projects and stop re-branding and other amorphous virtue signalling policies and programs that offer nothing to citizens.
need to focus on basic dependable and reliable services. Also long-term sustainability and thinking about the future is important. esp infrastructure and city assets. We keep adding more strategies and goals but never stop doing them or even consider if they're still relevant or valuable. We just keep adding more but don't review what's really needed and valued. This is a mind-shift we need to do as opposed to a specific priority.
Start maintaining what we have to a higher standard instead of spreading everything out so thinly. Make developers and the residents who move to the newer areas pay more for the development and infrastructure of those areas. Also get off the gravy train of charging tax's based on property value and start charging by what communities are actually costing the city. Older neighbour hoods have long paid for their area but are paying higher tax's because of where they are located and not what they are actually costing to maintain.
Please, please, please, let's take a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness and drug use. This behaviour should not be normalized, especially in public spaces where there's children. Provide appropriate housing for these individuals (not concentrated solely in the downtown core), provide necessary supports, and more importantly a pathway towards a better (sober) life.
Please please please put more funding into recreation. Especially in the North east please fast track projects like the skyview rec centre. Genesis centre is way beyond packed we need better services
I won't be happy if all the focus is spent on lowering taxes. If taxes start to get vilified then that just hurts everyone. Focus on providing excellent services for Calgarians and then do the work over the next four years to get a better deal for Calgary from the provincial government.
move to zero based budgeting rather than giving city depts and why are 20% of the police off on stress leave this isnt baltimore or detroit. its calgary. why can the prov build things fast and it takes the city forever to do a 50 ft bridge along blackfoot took 6 months. move civic pensions to defined contribution to defined benefit. why was a city worker who lost his license still allowed to drive city vehicles.

Please consider that while it sucks to run deficits, we can't just stop developing and putting services to action just to make the numbers look good. We have lots of things to repair, but we also can't stop developing for the future.
We need to consider the long term public good of our investments. For example, it is likely that blanket zoning will be repealed. There are long-term implications to such a decision. Our current Council seems swayed by populism as opposed to taking a pragmatic approach to what supports the overall 'public good'. Let's not get too focused on tax increases. I know this is challenging, but modest increases, equal to the rate of inflation, are realistic.
Investment in infrastructure is required. Underinvestment cannot continue.
We need to manage heat and wildfire smoke. We have a drought resilience plan, we have a flood resilience plan. Why don't we have a heat and smoke resilience plan, given the rise and heat waves and smoky summers?
NO MORE ZERO LOT LINES. NO MORE BLANKET REZONING
Water utilities, roads, transit would all benefit from increasing density and reducing urban spread.
n/a
Keeps costs low I believe the green line is not needed through downtown but existing lines could be extended I believe the green line as is is a huge massive mistake thats not worth the money expended A WHITE ELEPHANT A EGO AND MONEY MAKER FOR THE CEO DUCKSWORTH AND GONDEK
Don't get caught in department silo thinking; consider how innovative departments are in providing services mandated to them and reward innovation; i wonder if it's possible to provide a budget by community?
city provides great value of services, but mostly to new comers
Listen to concerns. Calls to 311 or suggestions in communities are never handled or taken under consideration. Basic things such as traffic safety and weather mitigation. It is very frustruating.
I think we have to look at how we can get the province to listen to the needs of our city and get the proper levels of funding. I think it is important to look at how can we get as much support for our city as we can.
Get back to the basics. Small government Fire, Police, Roads, Water, Green space, Transit, core foundations. Drop all the other [redacted] that puts wrenches in the wheels. Clean house in admin. Way to many jobs created riding on the back of the actual workers.
thoughtfulness about long term viability of the city and how we are helping business owners create jobs and prosperity
We need to address the infrastructure maintenance deficit
I think it’s important to consider developing services and ways that allow the city to stay in their lane, with consideration for the fact that the Alberta government is attempting to remove access and equity all over the place. If there was a way for the city to bolster availability and access that would be a huge benefit.
Long term planning, to avoid short term issues.
infrastructure that supports the majority of Calgarians - roads that are properly designed and maintained. we do not need to fund someone's back yard suite or upgrade to their basement or better windows, etc., that only helps a select few and wastes the money that we all pay.

Ensuring that the city invests in long term infrastructure and focuses on core service delivery like transit, roads, parks, fire, police. Less emphasis on subsidizing housing or things that are more provincial or federal responsibility.
Once again - focus on what we have, and the people who already call Calgary home, and making their experiences better over more and more growth - particularly on the outskirts of the city. Limit sprawl and greenfield development to areas where it makes sense (i.e. filling in gaps like the Aurora industrial to residential transition rather than approving new communities on the edge of the City). People will keep coming no matter what. Let's make the city they end up in a desirable place to stay.
Support infrastructure, safety/security and business development.
Transparency around the budget and costs
focusing on what the people need immediately and matter on their daily life.
Transparency, and streamlining. We need to always be aware of the costs. The current political environment ensures that people are not being held to what is best for the city long term... just during their term. (in all political appointments. BUT critical areas, need city managers, and partners that are paid and HELD accountable - outside of the political appointments.
Do not use support artwork. That should be funded by private.
New communities need to be planned with density right from the start. Developers build what people are buying. I am beginning to suspect that despite all the screaming from city admin the people that want higher density are in no position to purchase and probably never will be. I do wish that transit worked a bit better. I have no idea how that looks but people need it and it's not something people can count on. Also not sure how to sell it but everyone is tired of always being asked to pay more but if we want water and bridges to not fall down is there anyway around paying a bit more?
Increased capital and maintenance/operational spending is going to be required. Taxes and the cities financial debt targets will have to increase substantially to take on the coming legacy repairs and imminent upgrades.
Do not cut transit, housing, or pathways.
Calgary needs a consistent and stable source of funding for asset management.
Not only helping the present situation but something that will benefit future Calgarians. We can't keep saying we will do it later, we got to act now
Close the infrastructure gap. Stop promising the moon the constituents if you're not willing to accept a tax increase - be realistic.
Don't throw $500 million away to create another outskirts community that no one asked for (ie. Providence), focus on our existing city footprint and invest that money in housing, transit, and fixing our aging infrastructure so that we can create more housing density and revitalize our communities and local businesses!
Make sure the decision are making life in the city better for the majority of citizens. Not like the bylaw that allows recreational vehicles to be parked on front drives for almost half the year when the majority of citizens don't own them and the make visibility more difficult when backing onto streets for drivers and pedestrians
Improve transit and transit safety
I think repealing the rezoning bylaw is going to cost the city a lot of money, and it will destroy a good chance of affordable housing.
Planning for the future. Tourism can help sustain us. Use outsider $ to find Calgarians

The City should prioritize long-term, preventative investment, especially in sport, recreation, and community infrastructure. Growing demand and aging facilities mean that without sustained investment, access declines, costs rise, and pressure on health and social systems increases. Efficiency and effectiveness must also guide decisions. Aligning planning across recreation, parks, and other departments can reduce duplication, improve service delivery, and ensure resources are used where they have the greatest impact. Partnerships with community groups, schools, and the private sector can expand capacity and reach. Finally, decisions should focus on measurable outcomes. Investments that support health, participation, and community connection deliver lasting value for Calgary residents.
Balanced growth! MDP has suggested percentage for how much should be invested in greenfield communities vs. established areas. Start tracking that and follow your own strategic plans. Walk the talk.
Focus on key quality-of-life items! Emergency services, reliable utilities and transportation, clean safe streets. Maybe we need to trim administration and limit official travel a little more, maybe users of rec facilities need to pay a little more. Living in the best city in the world isn't free, it costs real money to keep up with the Calgary we love and we need to recognize that.
Keeping costs down and using reserve funds appropriately for special projects like the feeder main. Where did water services budget money go when it was underspent for years? Ratepayers should not be further punished by increased fees when budget money was reallocated and when in fact there was a tax surplus. City took in parking authority surplus and Enmax surplus during these years and now we have to also pay more? Also need to up the fight with Province using City to collect unpredictable school taxes.
Debt levels is very important, it is not fair to spend now and put that future burden on others. Also stop taking roadways away from cars and adding bike lanes, this is unfair to cars and makes our roads more dangerous for people on bikes and especially people walking.
-Listening more to the broad public input vs the Fiasco around the neglect of the public input on topics like residential rezoning that happened then changing it a year late to avoid the hap-hazard fiascos some communities have on their hands. -A better more strict balanced plan of what we need now and planning for the future to try and avoid infastructure fiascos like we have been facing. Difficult I know when the politics of it is driven by a current group eager to do well and considering their re-election possabilities, combined with a sprawling area of growth.
Not sure as the question is too broad. I think road service staff standing around for at least 5 hours as no pavement was ordered should be dealt with with a dismissal or reprimand. If Calgary had gotten the Winter Olympics it would have ruined the City and hurt our province financially. The current Mayor and Council are dealing with issues unlike our past Mayor and Council.
Although I support environment, anti-racism, innovation, etc. their budgets are too high and could be reduced. In the future if the economy is booming those groups could be bolstered again but infrastructure is important.
There are major current issues that need to be addressed but please don't make the same mistakes and think about the future. We can focus all out energy on fixing things now but not planning in the long-term. So if we approve new major capital projects, we need to plan to operate and maintain them for decades. Consider that in the decision making process. Also,

please focus on the goals of young Calgarians, who may not have as much of a voice or power. Don't only listen to older Calgarians because the impacts of your decisions won't affect them as far into the long term.
I think the City needs to take a hard look at all the services/partner groups it funds, supports, and maintains and get back to what a City is supposed to be providing and leave the rest to community groups, not-for profit, for profit and provincial/federal to step to the plate to fund, develop, and maintain the non essential services that is costing the City to provide and maintain. Consistent tax increases every year is not sustainable, the City has to learn to say no when prudent and stick to it. Work with other levels of government, community groups, and community members to fund, develop, and support services within that community.
Budget like you do your own family budget planning for future and keep replacing old infrastructure in each part of city every year.
We shouldn't cut social program and transit/utility budget
Less waste money!Don't pave 37st sw and next year broke the asphalt; don't pave Macload tr and next year break asphalt because you need to change a traffic light!
We need to fix our aging infustructure and stop using our tax money for frivolous ideas that only a small few of this 1.5 million people use. We need to focus on the needs of the average Calgarian, roads, schools, hosptials, tansit, water, utilities. When all of these things are working the rest will come.
EDIB, anti-racism, truth and reconciliations work have been greatly supported through the last budget cycle. Now that they have been embedding in many workplaces and community practices, we should now be closing off these initiatives as completed projects rather than continue focusing on these items.
Concentrate on infrastructure as they are important to all residents.
Lack of accountability as proven out with all the reporting etc for what happened with our water main issues and there has been no accountability.
The surge in immigration compared to upgrades in infrastructure. Long term citizens pay the price and receive poorer services because of the surge.
The most important aspects of the budget should be focused on safety at this point in time. People in the city need to feel safe. The big red flags right now are reliable and dependable water systems, and crime and drug issues.
Finding ways to cut down on administrative costs. Finding people with integrity to be in charge of all services. Cutting red tape in getting things done.
Listen to the tax payers, stick to the basics, ensuring that people can go for walk in a park without getting harassed, not get attached on the CTrain, driving on roads that don't have potholes everywhere and having police with appropriate staffing level to response to the cities needs, are the most important.
Zero budget for public art projects.
No more fringe projects such as reconcilation memorials at millions of dollars in costs! No pet projects should even be considered for financial expense until our roads and waterways are fixed properly!
Core services. Can't stress that enough. Tired of watching waste
Cut costs. Prioritize. Reduce city work force. Increase productivity.
Besides improvements to transit, it would be nice for the city to plant and maintain more trees.
Right now, safety, security, and core amenities.
tax payer input
Lower taxes, lower salaries, fewer managers and bureaucrats...more direct services to the public.
"How does this help Calgarians today and in future?"

Maintaining and investing in infrastructure for future generations. As the city population increases, so do our big-city problems. Please treat the Beltline and downtown as residential communities, not just as locations for restaurants, bars, offices, and access to Stampede Park. If people in the residential communities outside the core don't want construction to start early, or for music/entertainment to be loud, or have people driving noisy vehicles at high speeds, or tolerate loud public drunken rowdiness after a hockey game, neither do we who live here. This is our home and we'd like some respect in our neighborhoods. I've always been in favor of densification, but I think we have enough in the Beltline, and now perhaps, too much. Not sure where the rowdy drunks will park or the Ubers do u-turns on narrow roads and driveways.
There is only one taxpayer. Stop asking for more money when you keep incompetent leadership like David and Stuart. They cost us more and more each year to expand their offices when they don't add value.
A great city costs money to operation and grow - not all calgarians want budget cuts or zero increases. I would rather spend money now at a reasonable rate to grow and maintain our city than cut cut cut and loose great advancements.
No property tax increases above the inflation rate No increase to water rates because of a pipe failure. The city has had several years of large surpluses. Where is this money? Use it on the replacement pipe
MThe mental health and well-being of Calgarians is a priority, as is overall city productivity. The City should consider offering additional affordable fees for services such as home inspection, recreation programs, employment placement, and facility rentals, while maintaining private-sector–level responsiveness to service requests. In addition, the City should develop programs that enable the Fire Department to safely use grey water for firefighting purposes.
Cost of living for its residences. What is going to make the biggest impact for the most people.
Keep costs down and let calgarians take up with the slack. I like user pay like sales tax
Don't get distracted by fancy top dressing on things, (flags, crosswalks, causing huge amounts of traffic for permeant bike likes that are hardly used during the winter). Focus on the core responsibilities of infrastructure policing and fire response. While the fancy things look good on political campaigns, these are our tax dollars to spend and as such they should be spent on core services like infrastructure and keeping people safe. When the infrastructure fails, you have failed as a city.
When developing the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets, it’s important for The City to focus on affordability, long-term sustainability, and prioritizing essential services. With rising costs, careful consideration should be given to keeping core services reliable and accessible without placing additional financial strain on residents. It’s also important to plan with a long-term perspective, investing in infrastructure, maintenance, and preventative measures now can help avoid higher costs in the future. Finally, transparency and community input matter, so residents understand how decisions are made and can see how budgets translate into real, positive outcomes in their neighbourhoods.
How to lower costs for citizens. Cost of everything, little or big, just keeps going up. Cut out things that aren’t a necessity or considered life saving.
Please realize people are broke! Time to trim positions, find efficiencies and stop funding for 'nice to haves'.

The City needs to stop urban sprawl and start building up instead of building out, which always stretches the services that are currently in place and creates administrative nightmares and as a result, higher taxes for new services.
Stop all make work projects immediately such as redoing downtown mall, changing roads to single lane, redoing pathways. Reorganize city hall staff to ensure that they have a full accountable job.
The people
Keep in mind tht residents cannot continually pay out money in taxes for developments that do not benefit, maintain and protect our own communities.
Just get the basics right. Fund those and let the nice to have services and programs go fallow for a few years if need be. I resent paying a lot of $ to see it wasted on art and events and propping up business developers when I can't flush my toilet or my park gets maintenance every 8-9 years so it is unpleasant (and unsafe) to walk in or we don't have enough police officers. I want a City that runs well so that we can have nice things down the road.
The City is doing quite well managing Calgary, but capital expenditures have been underspent for years and we need to catch up. I also hope we can allocate some revenue every year to build up a fund so we can move from taxing citizens more to relying investment income from the fund. The fund withdrawal needs to be sustainable and reinvesting in assets. Might be a few difficult year at first but it will pay off big time in the long term.
Think about ALL Calgarians not just the ones that will get you voted
As a resident who follows Council's decisions, I think the 2027–2030 Business Plans and Budgets need to better balance investments in infrastructure with investments in people. Infrastructure is important, but so is community well-being. Many Calgarians are struggling with rising costs, poor mental health, and substance use. When these challenges go unaddressed, they can show up as social disorder. Too often, the response focuses on managing visible impacts through enforcement rather than addressing root causes. While safety matters, lasting improvements come from investing in housing, mental health supports, addiction services, poverty reduction, and income stability. A more balanced, preventative approach would improve quality of life and reduce long-term pressures on city systems.
Consider long-term investments, not just thinking about the short-term. Please invest more on transit, infrastructure, and housing/development.
Money needs to be spent informing Calgarians of the real world impact of their tax dollars. There are so many invisible improvements that we take for granted that are not communicated to us.
Climate and Environment need support for future generations. I disagreed with how the budget got cut with this new Council.
Focus spending and development on the core values and drop the pet projects and spending in special interest areas. Build community. Stop chasing the green ideologies and get back to basics.
More fiscal responsibility for developers should be required when building new communities. The city should not bear the burden of certain costs. I understand this could make the cost of new housing in these communities go up, but maybe that is reasonable. A great example is hail damage in far NE communities. The city should require that developers in these areas have to meet hail resistant building codes. I also believe that those from outlying communities (Airdrie, Chestermere, Okotoks) should have to contribute to city infrastructure if they

commute into the city regularly for work. There should be a toll on people from Airdrie for example coming into the city every day by car.
Keepings some savings for a rainy day fund is critical and should not be exhausted any given year.
The City of Calgary needs to take a long hard look a the administrative bloat and union workers that suck up a lot of our budget every year. Each department must be evaluated and costs reduced. Remember you work for the citizens and should acknowledge that. We are tired of ever increasing costs and not being listened to. On the cities current trajectory of uncontrolled spending on useless pet projects and bloated administration we are not fiscally responsible and taxes can't be increased indefinitely. I for one will choose to leave this city if it continues and I am sure many others will too.
We need to support the homeless, we need to support the ones that have fought for our country and are homeless. We need to figure out a way to support Canadian Citizens BEFORE everyone else. The funding is not enough for the Canadian citizens compared to those incoming.
Do a job that gives the public the value it needs,not have inpediments to have what we need now, under the stress of the inflation, and unknown risk of not being able to do the job we all have a given process. The Feeder Main issue being kick down the line was a great Failure of Adminstration to tell city councillors, aldermans, etc, we need to do this now, not 5-8 years, later as now it is late and we are paying the price of delays. When we had the floods of 2013, and we were told to evacuate, certain parts of the city as we had no protection for taxpayers and their family. We need brisk and heavy engagement to fix our sytem so we do not this issue to scare us as we grew to past 1.6 Million people and we still only have Deerfoot, and Stoney to leave the city , Macleod Trail and Crowchild is not big enough for exact way to get out.
Live within your means and stop hoarding money in various funds. Be transparent, speak plain language with Council and Calgarians, be accountable for what you do, make decisions faster.
Not making decisions that make decisions in the future harder (not pushing problems away or ignoring them and leaving it for future admin and council to handle)
Enable more inner city development/missing middle housing to increase our tax base. We cannot afford to keep sprawling. It is imperative we make efficient use of our current infrastructure rather than continuing to build more (this feels like a Ponzi scheme that has already caught up with us - enter the multi-billion dollar infrastructure deficit). More established area housing is the answer. I don't care if it's unpopular. Having deficits we cannot pay for is also unpopular.
Parks ,roads should be top priority . I use to say transit but now that I am a senior it not safe to use transit .
Better advice to Council. And more courage from Council in making tough decisions. Taxing and spending is the easiest thing to do.
Cuts are not going to give Calgarians confidence in the city or council and that is critical to growth in these challenging times.
Very concisely, I would say if it's not truly essential, it needs to be scrutinized and to listen to recommendations. I know council and administration are both between a rock and a hard place, but what can we absolutely not live without and what's a nice to have?

Live within our means Calgary! Pension payments do not really keep up with the cost of living in Calgary and property assessments currently are very inflated of what a house really sells for. This seems like grabbing money from people by overstating their assets.
making 60 street and attach to westbound stoney trail intersection. make airport trail. most importantly reduce property taxes. review every department with in city of calgary to reduce expense. for eg. a bus driver is making more than 1000 dollars on long weekend by driving empty bus. they sell their assigned shift to someone else at lower price. doing subcontracting of citys work
Service reliability and core infrastructure - Safe drinking water, transportation, emergency services, and waste management are foundational to quality of life and economic stability. Aging infrastructure and climate-related stresses mean investment decisions must focus on reliability, maintenance, and preventative upgrades to avoid higher costs and service disruptions later. Transparency, Trust, and Public Input - Clear communication about trade-offs, constraints, and priorities builds public trust. explaining how input influenced decisions—helps ensure plans are grounded, credible, and publicly supported. Clear and accessible communications - this is critical to public trust and effective service delivery. The city should continue to ensure residents, businesses and employees receive timely, plain-language information—especially during service changes, emergencies and engagement opportunities—so people understand decisions, know what to expect and what's available.
Longevity of services, comparison with high-quality services in other cities.
NA
Equity, climate change action, protecting the environment and building supports for vulnerable populations were not significantly highlighted in this survey and I believe are key pieces in making a great community. Many people, especially those with the privilege of being able to be loud and communicate with Council and The City do not see these as priorities and those whose voices are being drown out by these loud voices are likely the ones to bear the most impact.
I think we need to be careful about allowing the UCP to continue to download the costs of provincial responsibilities to municipalities. In the vein of "See something, Say something", we need to be even more vocal when the UCP oversteps their place, just as they complain when the federal government oversteps their mandate and gets involved in provincial matters. I think the elected representatives need to worry less about getting re-elected, and more about doing the right thing. I think the City needs to pay elected representatives more. I make more than my ward councillor, and you couldn't convince me to take his place for that salary. If we want good people, we need to pay for them.
Keep funding housing project, transit and other projects that support smart growth. Stop funding sprawl and new communities.
Most of the elected official had campaigns that reflected affordability with promises to keep taxes low. However, they were elected prior to the major water main break. As a Calgarian I am prepared to pay taxes to reflect what the city needs to run effectively, even if that means a property tax increase.
Keep it simple. Provide the basics.
Making transit more accesible $4 one way is INSANE for the service we receive. Also focus on housing please

Optional Demographic Responses

Q.16 Please choose the option that best describes your gender identity. [Selection] I prefer to self-describe (please specify):

person who thinks its not your business
stop with this [redacted] there are men and women!!!!
Man. There are only men and women. Stop the woke nonsense.
This is why the City is wasting money. Political correctness. And ideologies. This is what is wrong with the City. Essentially you are asking people about their sexual procivities. How is this importnat in managing a budget? Get back to what you were elected to do.
It shouldn't matter for the city budget
This is a [redacted] question… this is part of our problem.
11111
I don't want to answer
White male
N a
get rid of this [redacted], there are men and women only. The rest is [redacted]
bread.
None of your business and what does it matter???
This question is an example of everything wrong with a city that doesn't know how to focus on core responsibilities
I exist above things and below them I am forever changed
Woman. Only 2 genders. Rest are [redacted]
What does this have to do with anything.
When you go back to just make and female I will answer. There are only two genders
Ditch wokeness means idiocy like this.
[Redacted] and stop asking this
Agender
Not applicable

Q.18 Please select any of the following that apply to you. [Selection] Something not described above (please specify):

I have very diverse DNA donors but first and foremost I am a Human - our DNA is not diversified enough to be slotted into any other category
I identify as a Calgarian. That is the only characterization that should matter here.
Unemployed
White

Anglo born in Alberta
It is none of your business.
Born and raised Calgarian. Caucasian.
We have lived here for 23 years and are now Canadian citizens.
Canadian Citizen
There are only 2 genders and no "gender identities". Why is there no box for the 75%+ of Calgarians who don't fit into one of your 8 categories in item 16?
I live in poverty
I was born in Calgary.
This is the [redacted] that needs to stop
Born Canadian, raised abroad.
I am a Caucasian, Canadian born man
I'm a privileged, semi- retired, European descent male
parent + grandparent to other Calgarians
I was born in Calgary
I am an old white guy and thereby one of the few who does not claim victimhood
plain old human being who is sick and tired of this woke [redacted]. give this type of [redacted] question up once and for all
Chronic illness and chronic pain should be a category, please. That would be me. It informs my answers.
I am human
I was born in this city. Why is that not on the list!
A P.Eng with 40+ years of large project execution on time on budget
Born in Canada I, heterosexual and Caucasian
We have lived here most or all of our lives.
I AM CANADIAN BORN! Way to be inclusive by only listing specialty groups.
Born in Europe, Canadian for over 53 years. I love and appreciate this beautiful country and city.
Canadian
I am Caucasian
Your questions do not seem to apply to all people. We are all equal. Stop dividing us with your questions that separate us as human beings.
Canadian
A member of my household is a visible minority.
Identity politics are divisive. Stop this and DEI.
Born in Canada and always have lived here
I AM NOT A VICTIM.
I am a proud white 70 year old male.
An Albertan human being because that is all that matters.
Third generation Calgarian. I have many family members who live in Calgary.
Why do you ask this question. Is it so you can give extra weight to responses from the 'different' people.
These questions are in themselves part of the problem. There are men or women, and sexual orientation shouldn't matter.

Natural born Albertan
stop focusing on special interest groups. this question should be restated; Are you a City of Calgary taxpayer? Full stop.
We are a one income family supporting four adults due to the fact that our adult children are not able to afford living on their own.
Normal. Why the hell would someone get extra points and attention based on who and how they screw? That's messed up.
Stop using identities as excuses, I was born in Calgary have always loved this city till [redacted] decide to make it a woke [redacted] Place
normal person
A life long Calgarian who has been paying taxes for more than 60 years.
Please do yourself a favour, City, and lose the Critical Race and Critical Gender Theory ideology. The city must take care of all its people, regardless of who they are. These other labels DIVIDE people into speciality groups. NOT REQUIRED for the functioning of a balanced budget,
I was born in Canada. There are children over 18 in my household.
I am a senior who was born and raised in Calgary
Normal Human Being
Non visible minority born In canada
White, English speaking heterosexual male with an above average income.
i'm a canadian
A Canadian born citizen!
I am a white male raised in Calgary
White biological man
This is a perfect example of racism. Disgusting
An old white man, therefore of little consequence to our municiple administration. Why do I identify as such, my youth learning colour blindness only in my old age being desriminated at ever turn as privileged and to be ignored..
As a senior, I can be dismissed or overlooked or a victim of ageism.
Why is the above relevant?
private
This sort of question is exactly what we do not need. Remove the immutable characteristics that you are born with questions. They are not appropriate.
Canadian..calgary
I AM AN ALBERTAN FIRST
Canadian born
I am a white male born in Canada and I matter
Married and born in Calgary
I was born in Canada and am not part of the pandering to special interests groups.
Albertan
I'm a white, middle aged man with a decent income and a modest estate. You've neglected my demographic for years while demanding I pay for all the special interest groups your list above outlines. Unacceptable.
White male born in Calgary

I prefer not to share
Retired over 65
Canadian born citizen
I AM A BORN CANADIAN, [redacted]. WE ALL NEED TO BE TREATED EQUALLY. NO PREFERENCES FOR ANYBODY.
I am a native Calgarian
A normal integer person with family immigrated 36 years ago from Germany
none of your business
I am a naturally born Canadian and have lived & a family in Calgary
2nd generation Calgarian.
Albertan
White, Canadian born
Ration human being who finds Questions 14 and 16 as clear proof the City is spending dollars stupidly.
A long term resident who has paid taxes for 50 years.
I was born & raised in Canada. Spent my entire working career in Calgary paying my fair share of City & Provincial taxes.
There are two genders
White, why is that not a choice????
I was born and raised in Calgary
I am a proud Canadian and an equally proud Calgarian. I have chosen both of those distinctions
I was born in Canada as was my husband and child. My husband and son are Métis, I am Caucasian
5th generation Canadian. Plus our daughter moved back home because of affordable rent prices
Male Caucasian born in Alberta
Been a tax paying citizen in Calgary for 30 yrs. Tired of supporting people who have come here for all the freebies. My adult son can't afford to buy a house and he is gainfully employed and university educated. Shameful.!!
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What difference does any of this make? This is an example of the city's focus not being on the issues that really matter.
I was born in Calgary; does this not matter for this survey??
Canadian
i am born in canada
Canadian born
I live in a building where my mother (close to 95) lives, she is supporting a sister, she moves around to community activities as do I. She uses access, I drive a car, bicycle and motorcycle
Why is thiis question even included!! We're all citizens of this city!
I am a true Canadian born here and an Albertan
single
White Canadian

White retiree
We are long-standing Calgarians/tax-payers - we would appreciate everyone being treated equally rather than singled out by some kind of minority status - the obsession with DEI (as this question reveals) is divisive and harmful
An un-hyphenated Canadian
furry
I'm a ordinary Canadain born white male obviously a clear minority on this list.
Proud Calgarian for over 30 years
I am Canadian born and raised in Canada
we are all equals...equality...not equity
Born and raised calgarian
I'm white/European (now a visible minority)
Prefer not to share
none of your business
We have lived in Calgary our whole life.
Lifelong Calgary resident
Born and raised in Calgary
I am never represented in any of your ideologies. That is being EXCLUSIVE--not INCLUSIVE. Why don't you include a regular person in this list? Again, stop spending time on ideology. We are Canadian. Which means we come from all sorts of places and spaces, and some people were actually born here too. Don't waste my taxes on this.
I'm Canadian
none of these are relevant to this survey
Canadian
None if your business
Born and raised Canadian
Caucasian, Albertan by birth
Why does this matter?
I was born in Canada
eliminate racist policy that divides into groups as described above
Where do I find white Caucasian males on your list. Get away from all, let them be different. But they can pay,
Again, not relevant.
I don't understand why this is a priority?
I'm a citizen and I pay property tax. this list is irrelevant. cut the DEI [redacted]
I am a taxpayer. End this cultural marxist nonsense.
Born Calgarian
no answer
no answer
I am born and raised Canadian.
Straight white man - apparently that’s not on your list
Born and raised Calgarian

I live in a shared house of young working professionals as we can't get approved for mortgages with our income to debt ratios
Caucasian
Children over 18
I am a Canadian living in Alberta
human
None of this is relevant to providing municipal services and should never be even acknowledged let alone a core principle within City politics and policies.
Partial empty nester
White, Canadian Born
Born and raised in in Canada since 1648, french Canadian
Born and raised Calgarian.
White male
Single man
Who cares
These metrics have no impact on the thing you are trying to measure.
Born and raised within the community
I am born and raised Calgarian
Canadian
White
4th generation Calgarian & grown kids 5th generation
My household is multiple persons (3) with visible minorities
I am a Canadian citizen, first and foremost
Born in Canada
None apply
NA
I was raised in Calgary
I prefer not to share
MIXED COUPLE
Single female adult low income
Citizen and taxpayer
both of us are born in canada and 60 years old
Married no children
rooming house
Old White Guy
How about white. Why isn't that an option? Wow.
My 21 year old LGBTQ2S+ child also lives in this house.
I am a long time Calgarian
None of the above matters. Stop profiling people. I am a Calgary resident who pays taxes. Spend less time worrying about special interest groups. It must be exhausting.
I am 61 and have no choice but to live in a group rental.
White Male Canadian Born

Canadian citizen
Members of my household were born outside of Canada. Members of my household identify as a visible minority.
mixed up DNA
i am in airdrie
I am Canadian born and raised
Born in Canada and born outside Canada
I am a Canadian citizen who was born and raised in Calgary - Where is that on your list?
Nobody should be treated any different. No rainbow flags or painted streets, no foreign flags especially [redacted]. No special interest groups, EVERYONE is equal.What does gender or nationality have to do with providing services, sounds like a virtue call to set up special interest groups...the bus/train is the same for EVERYONE exception being for those with a disability.
I am the normal citizen who studied and now earning and paying the tax. I too should be visible here not just minority
White male
White Albertan female
single white male
Born and raised Calgarian.
Biracial neurodivergent first generation Canadian
none of your business
Caucasian
I prefer not to answer and have my response labelled. These questions should be eliminated.
I am a born and raised Calgarian
I have children and I am a different alternating faith
Just a regular working class household that doesn't even make the list
Migrated within Canada in past 5 years
Albertan. Born here. White. Biological female. Heterosexual. For [redacted], my demographics count too.
Civic Minded
Caucasian
I have moved around 8 years ago
I prefer not to share
Low income struggling
na
prefer not to say
Why does this matter?
None apply
I am a mix of non-Canadian indigenous, Asian and some European ancestry. I am first generation Canadian.
Born in Calgary went to school here, worked and here lived here for over 65 years.
Single female 60 yrs retired low income

As a white European I am a visible minority.
I prefer not to share - basically my demographics create inherent bias by the reviewer - albeit I would have liked a question whether I have to pay property taxes !
single female living alone
I am a Proud, Straight-White Male.
Born in Alberta and have been here all my life.
none of the above
White female
Calgarian born and raised, apparently a very negligible selection.
I am a second generation immigrant
I am Canadian
Mixed
Single mother
none of the above
I prefer not to share
I am a Calgarian.
Recently moved to Calgary from a different province
Prefer not to say
Moved to Canada 40 yrs ago + to Calgary 20 yrs ago
born nd raised Calgarian
Why does this matter?
The last number of questions illustrate my frustration with the city. More concerned with identity issues which should be none if your concern. The cities role should be to solely provide services described in the municipal act. Whether I'm male, female, other, visible minority or other should have nothing to do with road maintenance. Again you guys have missed the point onvwhat your role is.e
White …. 60 years old… idiots
Unclear what response is required to this question.
none of the above apply
Canadian
I was born in Canada and proud to live in Calgary.
This question shows why the city finances are such a mess trying to satisfy all these identities. How about a long time normal resident as an option
LGBTQ2S+ [redacted]
senior citizen.
Married family of four, born here.
caucasian
caucasian household
Regular Caucasian male
Not a freak. Why no category for Caucasian?
Lifelong Calgary resident.
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I am a Calgarian/ Canadian for 60 years!

Canadian citizen - which is close to a minority these days
Albertan
White born and raised Albertan/Canadian
Calgarian, Born and raised but based upon the list above. That doesn't matter... that is part of the problem!
none of your business
I fall into more than one of these categories, but the questionnaire allows me to only choose one. I have children under 18 in my home. There is someone in my household that has a disability. I identify (although not publicly) as part of the LGBTQ community.
none