



Parking Choices for Businesses

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard

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Project overview

The City of Calgary (The City) is proposing the removal of minimum parking requirements for non-residential uses from the Land Use Bylaw in order to support the changing needs of society, create stronger alignment between the Bylaw and overarching city-wide policy documents, and to lay the foundation for Calgary's comeback.

Presently, parking minimums in the Bylaw can result in an over supply of parking for different uses in varying locations throughout the city because the parking minimums required exceed the real demand for parking. Eliminating vehicle parking minimums for certain uses citywide will enable those who are most familiar with their own parking needs to determine the amount supplied. Known as "Open Option Parking", this method of deregulating parking minimums for all uses was approved on a citywide basis by The City of Edmonton on June 23, 2020 (Charter Bylaw 19275).

This direction, given by members of Council at the July 15, 2020 Special Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Development, responds to a number of issues with minimum parking requirements:

- Many parking minimums over-estimate the need for parking
- Parking is costly, and that cost is indirectly passed onto consumers, businesses and tenants
- Over-supply of parking can create an urban form that discourages walking, cycling and transit
- Our spaces can end up being designed for vehicles rather than for people
- Encourages driving over more active modes of transportation
- Is not aligned with [Calgary's Climate Resilience Strategy](#)

In light of these issues, The City is proposing to allow businesses and developers to advise how much parking makes sense for their development, rather than relying on parking rates in the Land Use Bylaw. This change is expected to provide relief to businesses, create walkable and attractive communities and support Calgary's climate goals.

Engagement overview / What we asked

An online survey was open for input on The City's Engage Portal from August 4 through 31, 2020.

Questions were multiple choice. The first four questions included an 'Other' option where stakeholders could provide their own response to the question. The questions are listed below.

- When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is working well?
- When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is not working well?
- What do you see as the advantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?



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- What do you see as the disadvantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?
- Do you think that there are enough Barrier Free parking stalls supplied at the destinations that you visit? Barrier free can be defined as: designed for those with physical or other disabilities, also known as accessible or universal.
- Do you think that there are enough bicycle stalls supplied at the destinations that you visit?
- Do you think that The City of Calgary should allow businesses to determine their own parking supply?
- Are you answering this survey as a business owner?

What we heard

Responses to the online survey indicated that access to parking and low-cost parking are important to stakeholders. Stakeholders felt that factors such as Calgary's winter weather, the need to transport large amounts of goods such as groceries, going places with children, reliability issues and additional time required for transit, options for seniors and people with reduced mobility, and Calgary's large geographic area all make owning a vehicle a necessity. In general, stakeholders did not support the proposed changes.

Response rates were higher for questions asking about disadvantages and what is not working well with the current system. In addition, responses to the 'Other' category for all questions almost uniformly discussed issues and challenges with the current system and proposed change, regardless of whether the question was asking for advantages or what was working well.

- For a detailed summary of the input that was provided, please see the [Summary of Input](#) section.
- For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided for the 'Other' categories, please see the [Verbatim Responses – 'Other Categories'](#) section.

Next steps

This What We Heard Report will be presented to Council and included in the final report to Council to inform their decision.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Public Hearing of Council on November 2:

- Public are strongly encouraged to follow Council and Committee meetings using the live stream www.calgary.ca/watchlive
- Public wishing to make a written submission may do so using the public submission form at the following link: [Public Submission Form](#)
- Public wishing to speak are encouraged to participate remotely. Contact the City Clerk's Office by email at publicsubmissions@calgary.ca to register and to receive further information on how to call in.
- Those who wish to appear in person to speak to an agenda item can expect COVID-19 protocols to be in place.



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- Members of Council and Committees may be participating remotely.

Summary of Input

When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is working well?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
I can always find available parking stalls	776
The parking is free	1,281
I have choices in how to get to my destination (walking, biking, transit, car-share, driving)	659
The availability of parking is reducing Calgary's reliance on vehicles	113
The destinations are walkable, creative and well designed	252
Businesses are varied and unique	614
Other	528

'Other' Category – Key themes

Theme	Description
Not enough parking	Stakeholders indicated that there is already a shortage of parking in Calgary for many of the destinations they frequent. This causes issues such as driving around looking for a parking spot, parking in residential areas and added stress.
Parking too expensive	Stakeholders indicated that parking in Calgary is very expensive, with some pointing out that Calgary's parking rates are among the highest in North America.
Nothing is working well	Stakeholders felt that nothing about parking in Calgary is currently working well, and that none of the multiple-choice responses for this question were applicable.
Shop where there is parking	Stakeholders shared that they often make their decision of where to shop based upon where they will be able to park.
Destination and time dependent	Stakeholders indicated that parking is more difficult to find in specific areas of the city and at peak times. Problem areas included Kensington, 17 Avenue S.W., Inglewood and Aspen Landing.
Transit	Stakeholders felt that taking transit was not a viable alternative to driving as it drastically increases travel times, is costly, especially when purchasing tickets for an entire family, and that it is difficult to take large loads of goods such as groceries on transit.
Downtown	Stakeholders felt that parking issues were especially pronounced in the downtown core, and that many have stopped visiting downtown shops and restaurants due to a lack of parking.
Free parking	Stakeholders shared a preference for free parking.



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Theme	Description
Engagement issues	Stakeholders indicated the available multiple-choice responses felt biased as they did not provide an option for discussing issues with parking. Some stakeholders felt the wording of the multiple-choice responses was inconsistent.
Stalls too small	Stakeholders indicated that current stall sizes are too small for larger vehicles, and make it difficult to load goods and children into vehicles.

When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is not working well?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
It is difficult to find available parking	1,639
I have to pay for parking	1,504
There is little choice in how to get to my destination (driving is required)	1,151
The availability of parking is not reducing Calgary's reliance on vehicles	667
The destinations are not walkable	1,178
The destinations are not attractive or inviting	440
There is an abundance of retail chains and very few independent retailers	701
Other	235

'Other' Category – Key themes

Theme	Description
Not enough parking	Stakeholders indicated that there is already a shortage of parking in Calgary for many of the destinations they frequent. Stakeholders felt this issue was especially pronounced in popular destination areas such as Kensington and 17 Avenue S.W., as well as large shopping areas where multiple stores share common parking lots.
Parking too expensive	Stakeholders indicated that parking in Calgary is very expensive, with some pointing out that Calgary's parking rates are among the highest in North America. Some stakeholders expressed frustration with the amount they paid in parking when driving to work.
Transit	Stakeholders felt that taking transit was not a viable alternative to driving as it drastically increases travel times, and that Calgary's transit network is generally poorly designed. Some stakeholders indicated they did not feel safe taking public transit.
Cycling and pedestrian infrastructure	Stakeholders indicated that there are not adequate pathways and other cycling infrastructure in the city, including bike racks. Stakeholders did not feel as though many of their destinations were walkable, with some areas such as big box shopping malls being dangerous due to the lack of pedestrian walkways.
Shop where there is parking	Stakeholders shared that they often make their decision of where to shop based upon where they will be able to park.



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Theme	Description
Reduced mobility	Stakeholders indicated there are currently too few barrier free parking stalls in Calgary. Seniors and stakeholders with reduced mobility indicated that driving is their primary means of transportation, and that reducing the amount of available parking would limit their access to destinations.

What do you see as the advantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Supply and demand of parking will be more closely aligned	798
Could help to conserve space/reduce urban sprawl that leads to higher taxes	643
May encourage a more active lifestyle	516
Discourages people from owning cars, which is better for the environment	307
Coupled with the investment that They City is making into transit, will provide more travel choices	395
Will allow for greater focus on designing places for people rather than for cars	606
Development of more walkable communities	657
Will reduce costs to businesses, making small business more viable	811
Other	714

'Other' Category – Key themes

Theme	Description
No advantages	Stakeholders indicated that they saw no advantage to The City's proposed changes.
Not enough parking	Stakeholders indicated that there is already a shortage of parking in Calgary for many of the destinations they frequent, and that the proposed changes would make this issue worse.
Developer related	Stakeholders felt that developers and businesses would not invest in adequate parking as a means of saving money. Stakeholders indicated that developers would be the only ones to benefit from the proposed change. Stakeholders pointed out that it is often the developer and not the business tenant who decides upon the number of parking stalls for a development.
Shop where there is parking	Stakeholders shared that they shop where there is adequate parking, and that reducing the amount of parking at a location may lead to fewer people accessing that location.
Transit	Stakeholders indicated that taking transit would add significant time to their trips and that there would need to be improvements to Calgary's transit network before it could be a viable alternative to driving.



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Theme	Description
Hard on businesses	Stakeholders felt that a reduction in parking would make it harder for patrons to access businesses, and that they would either go somewhere like a shopping mall where there is more available parking or would shop online. Stakeholders indicated this would primarily impact independent, neighbourhood business.
Parking too expensive	Stakeholders indicated that parking in Calgary is already very expensive and that the proposed change would lead to an increase in parking rates due to a decrease in supply.
Engagement issues	Stakeholders felt that the questions in the online survey were biased toward supporting the proposed change and to force people not to drive.
Better for businesses	Stakeholders indicated that businesses and the market should be able to decide how much parking makes sense and that businesses may seek to provide more parking. Some stakeholders indicated the proposed change would give businesses flexibility to use parking areas for other uses such as patio space.
Winter weather	Stakeholders indicated that the length and harshness of Calgary's winters make it unrealistic to walk or cycle to destinations for large parts of the year, especially for seniors and people with reduced mobility. Stakeholders also felt that transit was not a good option during winter months.
Maintain minimum requirements	Stakeholders felt that minimum parking requirements should be maintained to ensure there is adequate parking available.
Impacts on adjacent businesses and areas	Stakeholders felt that a reduction in parking would result in spillover into adjacent residential areas and parking for businesses with more available stalls. Stakeholders indicated this is already an issue in certain parts of the city.
Driving a necessity	Stakeholders indicated that driving is a necessity for some people such as families with children, seniors and people with reduced mobility. Stakeholders felt that it was unrealistic to use transit, walk or cycle when doing activities such as getting a large amount of groceries. Stakeholders indicated driving is necessary in Calgary due to its size and the design of its infrastructure.

What do you see as the disadvantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Businesses don't necessarily know how much parking they require	1,462
Businesses may choose to supply less parking to reduce their costs	1,867
Could result in not enough parking for customers which could lead to spillover into other areas	2,125
Could result in people preferring to shop online than to look for parking	1,542
May discourage people from owning vehicles	118



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Answer choice	Response count
Calgary doesn't yet have the transit networks to support reduced parking	1,562
We don't know what the future holds and whether transit will be less viable with future pandemics	943
Other	387

'Other' Category – Key themes

Theme	Description
Transit	Stakeholders indicated that Calgary's current transit network does not support reducing the amount of available parking. Stakeholders indicated that taking transit adds significant time to their trips, and that it is dirty and unsafe. Stakeholders felt transit was inconvenient for activities such as getting groceries or transporting larger items.
Not enough parking	Stakeholders felt that there is already a shortage of parking in Calgary and that the proposed changes would only make the situation worse.
Shop where there is parking	Stakeholders shared that they shop where there is adequate parking, and that reducing the amount of parking at a location may lead to fewer people accessing that location.
Developer related	Stakeholders felt that developers and businesses would not invest in adequate parking as a means of saving money. Stakeholders indicated that developers would be the only ones to benefit from the proposed change. Stakeholders pointed out that it is often the developer and not the business tenant who decides upon the number of parking stalls for a development.
Impacts on adjacent businesses and areas	Stakeholders felt that a reduction in parking would result in spillover into adjacent residential areas and parking for businesses with more available stalls. Stakeholders indicated this is already an issue in certain parts of the city.
Parking too expensive	Stakeholders indicated that parking in Calgary is already very expensive and that the proposed change would lead to an increase in parking rates due to a decrease in supply.
Bad for businesses	Stakeholders indicated that reduced parking would make it more difficult to get to businesses, which would lead more consumers to shop online or at locations with more parking, harming local and independent businesses. Stakeholders indicated that reduced parking that might work for one business could limit future businesses due to an undersupply of parking.
Driving a necessity	Stakeholders indicated that driving is a necessity for some people such as families with children, seniors and people with reduced mobility. Stakeholders felt that it was unrealistic to use transit, walk or cycle when doing activities such as getting a large amount of groceries. Stakeholders indicated driving is necessary in Calgary due to its size and the design of its infrastructure.
Good idea	Stakeholders expressed support for the proposed changes, indicating that they allow greater flexibility for businesses and would lead to a less car-centric culture in the city.
Limited mobility	Stakeholders indicated there are currently too few barrier free parking stalls in Calgary. Seniors and stakeholders with reduced mobility indicated that driving is their primary means of transportation, and that reducing the amount of



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	available parking would limit their access to destinations. Stakeholders felt that reducing parking in the city would lead to more people illegally parking in barrier free stalls.
Winter weather	Stakeholders indicated that the length and harshness of Calgary’s winters make it unrealistic to walk or cycle to destinations for large parts of the year, especially for seniors and people with reduced mobility. Stakeholders also felt that transit was not a good option during winter months.

Do you think that there are enough Barrier Free parking stalls supplied at the destinations that you visit?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Yes	1,253
No	657
Unsure / I don't know	736

Do you think that there are enough bicycle stalls supplied at the destinations that you visit?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Yes	978
No	956
Unsure / I don't know	707

Do you think that The City of Calgary should allow businesses to determine their own parking supply?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Yes	711
No	1,532
Unsure / I don't know	403

Are you answering as a business owner?

Multiple choice responses

Answer choice	Response count
Yes	252
No	2,404



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Verbatim Responses – ‘Other’ categories

When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is working well?

walking or biking would be ok but it would take me too long to reach the destination and awkward for bringing home my purchases. Parking availability depends on time of day.
I am grateful I can drive as 1] transit transfers would take 2.5 hours to get to work and same back 2] I have health issues and I don't want Covid risk on transit
Proposal 1) Business provide free parking for errands no longer than one hour. Many people who come to my shop, would enjoy being there for 30 minutes, without having to pay and worry about paying. It's a psychological phenomena, instead of people being just cheap and not wanting to pay. It would bring businesses back to live. Give it a year or half a year try. One hour and a half free daily parking anywhere In the city per day per customer/car.
Nothing consistently good
The city has no business specifying the amount of parking that businesses require. Leave it up to the market to decide.
DO NOT reduce parking. I've never worked anywhere in Calgary where there was enough parking.
Inclusion of parking pushes buildings back from the sidewalk making it difficult and sometimes unappealing to get to a place. The pedestrian infrastructure is, most times, inadequate and difficult to navigate. A lot of pedestrian infrastructure also seems to be woefully inadequate in enabling those with reduced mobility to navigate.
This is a loaded question designed to support a political position.
It depends on where I am going if I find parking. Buying groceries you need a vehicle, going to YMCA I usually do errands after so I need a vehicle. Not all destinations have easily obtained parking
There is too little parking available or it is too expensive.
Parking downtown is very limited.
No parking available.
This is a very biased question. Parking is always an issue in this city.
It's expensive and hard to find parking
I don't know what this confusing language means. Parking sucks in Calgary! Hospitals, expensive. Clinics, BC based companies with contracts and expensive parking costs. I pay 18k a year drug, 12\$ parking for 2-3 hours.
Absolutely nothing.
Usually have to drive around the parking lot a few times to get close enough parking. Usually end up parking farther away.
We have a great system existing.
We have great existing bylaws no need for change.
Calgary parking rocks except downtown more parking please!
Edmonton has bad ideas do not copy them.
Parking situation is great, if Edmonton is doing something inverse it because they have a backwards city.
Why would we copy Edmonton? They are [language removed].
None of the above! We haven't had car share for a year BECAUSE of the lack of parking! Calgary will never be a car free city as long as you keep decimating transit and bending over for developers
I don't have to lug 300 pounds of groceries onto the bus if I don't need to.



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No changes are needed system not broken don't try to change it.
There is never an easy parking spot in neighborhoods and people park on the street. Really dangerous in the winter
Not enough parking
Usually not enough parking available
Parking is critical and there is a serious shortage. Please stop the war on cars.
How far away from my home
there is parking available, which is nice for when I need a vehicle to handles items to be tranported. If there is no parking, or it is non-free, I don't go there.
Parking is often a challenge and I have to drive around the block a number of times before something opens up.
Terrible to find parking that won't break the bank
Literally none of these.
Nothing is working well.
None of those options are widespread. Free parking is rarely abundant. Available parking is rarely free.
Parking is very limited
Very little works well, parking is expensive and already hard to find. This proposal would make it worse. Changing reliance on vehicles should not be a priority.
There is never enough parking anywhere
I struggle to think of one thing that is working well, some areas are better than others and there isn't an answer that works for all.
None of the above
There's hardly parking spot
Sad there are so few cars downtown because of our devastating economy
Often, but never always do I find parking
None of these are working well
Constant lack of available and affordable parking discourages my patronage of businesses.
Its hard to find parking in downtown area
Parking is not adequate in areas I frequent. Allowing developers to decide would only make a bad situation worse.
I cannot find parking stalls and it does not reduce my reliability on cars. Basically the opposite of every check box on this list. I always have to pay for parking especially downtown.
The population of seniors will grow and they will require parking along with disabled. The minimum parking can be reduced to allow for this population. Call it Seniors / Disabled Parking only
The yellow line was put in at great cost and I have spent hours of my own time monitoring the line use since inception / at different times - not being used s
None of the above fully. Some parking is free but time and space limited. Other parking is expensive. during unfavourable weather I don't have to wait outside for a bus that might not even show up.
Having lots of parking available
Parking is restricted and expensive
These answers feel biased. And work/shop are completely different scenarios. Parking is often a challenge. High density areas like downtown have bike/pedestrian options. Vehicle (not transit) is the only viable way to get to those areas and support local shops. lack of parking deters me.
There is not enough parking anywhere in Calgary!
Hard time finding parking



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It may vary around the city. Find a parking spot is difficult around Westwinds DR NE businesses
Very few places I go have an excess of parking. Many places in the core or the belt line are almost impossible to find parking for anything other than a small vehicle
It is difficult to find parking downtown.
There are locations that don't supply enough parking and it over flows into residential areas. If it is a retail location with not enough parking I will refuse to go there at peak times or at all. These types of locations with barely adequate parking are not with walking or transit.
I find often not enough parking, or parking cost too much
There is no parking. This is a huge issue in both places where I live and work. There needs to be more parking. As a small business owner, I am already struggling with the minimum.
parking is always hard to find.
Pretty hard to do a Costco run with my family of 4 on a scooter. If a business does not have parking I will not stop.
Item 4 should be "the lack of...available parking". Lack of stalls in our community has just forced me to go elsewhere or make a second trip
There is not enough parking and it is the most expensive in. North America
outside downtown and outside congested areas is a different situation than downtown and areas like Kensington that are congested. Market Mall has lots of parking.
Current parking barely works. Transit unreliable, too little frequency and stops.
The availability of free, accessible parking often determines which businesses I frequent.
Fee parking unavailable.
Alot of business that I go to don't have enough parking.
There is an abundance of private vehicle storage nearly everywhere in Calgary. This is necessarily working well.
Nothing about parking is working well when I have to go downtown for work.
None of the above
Can never find ample parking.
Slowing down traffic due to all these stupid bike paths
Nothing to do with parking is working.
None of the above
There usually isn't enough parking in most places
Anything south of 24 ave n is a disaster to find a parking a spot. parking is too expensive for a city this size.
Parking is not enough most of the time
Nothing is working well- either parking is expensive or there is lack of availability for street parking
Not enough parking frequently.
not much
Parking in Calgary is the worst in the world and most expensive!!!
There is never enough, or you have to drive around multiple times to find a spot on a busy one way street
Very little is working well we need more parking not less terribly expensive too
With increasing density in the inner core and more home work situations, parking is always at a premium and needs to be designated.
There is never enough minimum parking. Particularly downtown and adjacent communities. Where I live I do not have reasonable walking, transit or biking options. I live in a very dense neighborhood. Steep parking is hard to find. Generous businesses allow us to park on their property over night



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I won't go to businesses where I can't park. I'm unable to ride a bike. Walking is not feasible when shopping for several/bulky items and time is an issue. Disallowing parking seems discriminatory. I will decide for myself how active I wish to be. Convenience is very important to me.
I am disabled and cars are my only way to get downtown. None of these options are good
None of these items are true
As a courier not enough loading zones.
It is difficult to find parking all the time. Reducing parking is a horrid idea
Too much money is spent on empty transit buses and empty bicycle lanes
Parking is expensive and not easy to find
Nothing
Parking is a problem!!!
Not enough parking for restaurants and banks, grocery stores etc.
None of the above. Nothing is working well.
This is a predetermined outcome question, highly biased.
I only do business at places that have free parking.
I live far east and using public transportation is not the best choice as it takes more than 1 hr to get downtown. So for me the affordable parking in downtown is very important. Right now the parking in downtown is very expensive.
Often can't find parking during peak times
I have to build extra time into my travel time to drive around and around looking for parking, and have been late for medical appointments that penalize me by charging me for services they could not perform due to my being late. I would definitely not rely on public transit to get me to appointments on time, especially if a financial penalty were a risk.
Parking is easy, cheap, available and encourages me to drive.
None of the above
On street parking is not sufficient downtown, close to the retail stores.
I can find parking but it is not always easy to find, convenient to my needs, affordable
Parking is often frustrating
I won't go where there is no parking. To transport items home from a store on bicycles can create unsafe conditions. I have witnessed more than once this summer bike rider without helmet, taking on phone, carrying a bag of shopping in other hand. The rider blew through all stop signs & red lights. The city does nothing to control the lawlessness of riders blatantly ignoring Traffic rules or safety. A pair of drunk girls on bikes downtown plowed into the back of my husband's truck. This is safer than parking
This question is terribly biased and the answers all support the same proposed change. I live inner city (not downtown) and there is not enough Parking for the people who live there let alone the patrons of the businesses
nothing.
The price for parking, especially around the downtown core, is so outrageous that I choose to avoid going downtown for all purposes including dining, recreational activities, medical sources, etc. This decision was made a long time ago.
I experience a lot of stress finding parking, especially downtown. Certain areas of the city are not very accessible to those who are not able bodied or experience anxiety navigating public transit or walking long distances. Encouraging public transit and walking/biking is great for the environment and community lifestyle, but it is not an option for everyone. The thought of it becoming even harder to find parking is very stressful. Certain areas of the city are not very accessible to public transportation so people who live in



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those areas drive and expecting these people to pay for public transport and commute 2 hours out of their way to access certain parts of the city is unreasonable.
Problem is Most often an issue as local business employees park in street during business hours leaving no parking available for residential delivery etc.
Please make parking spaces larger to accommodate all the very large vehicles; make them as large as Costco parking spaces and make these mandatory at grocery stores.
Unless public transit is significantly improved. reducing parking stalls will not motivate owners of cars to drive less. As Calgary is such a huge geographical city and majority of the months are cold winter months, this does not provide the best environment to reduce car traffic unless transit is significantly improved.
Parking is limited and expensive
Parking anywhere other than the suburbs is a nightmare and is exactly why I never go anywhere near downtown or the beltline. If I can't easily park, my business goes elsewhere.
I can always find parking and the parking is free (superstore and costco), but I would MUCH rather be able to reach these locations by transit in an appropriate amount of time.
Often they are underground and protect my vehicle
Theres is never enough parking and when there is parking you have to pay an arm and leg to do so.
It isn't, at strip malls & major stand alone stores there are shortages of parking which accommodate larger vehicles. Those of us with larger families, delivery or cube vans, 3/4 or 1 tonne trucks need to shop as well. During the work day, public transport isn't an option for many.
If the parking is not free near a business, I do not shop at that business. Same for restaurants. There should be more free 2 hour parking and less Park Plus/Impark and less Residential Parking restrictions if you want to encourage the economy to survive during the pandemic and blossom post-pandemic. I refuse to shop where I have to pay for parking - not worth it to spend \$5 or more without guarantee that I will actually buy something. Browsing often leads to purchases but if it costs me money to browse, forget it. I would rather go to a mall or big box store then. Or purchase online.
Downtown parking is limiting my business to get the events coverage as I need to pay for the parking. Sometimes it's a big part of my profit.
Current spacing is not enough. Downtown horrible. Big malls not on a sale day. Even cross iron gets packed and that's huge. People parking on medians. Check it out on Boxing Day. A regular day a weekend. [language removed]
Minimums need to be maintained. There are numerous locations now that need more parking.
Never enough parking
Most places do not have enough parking
There is never enough parking in this city just about anywhere.
I ride a bike so any parking for cars is in, my opinion, excessive
I like ParkPlus
Nothing is working well. Parking isn't free where I work and there's not enough spaces even if I were to drive.
I don't think its working well at all- theres zero parking when I try to go anywhere.
There is never enough handicap parking
I don't think the parking situation is working well for most places I go .. not enough stalls
Difficult to find parking. Or there is a fee for parking.
Nothing in this god forsaken place is working well especially the crappy parking downtown
I can SOMETIMES find available parking stalls.
There is generally parking available and it is sometimes free.



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This question provides no viable answer for places where parking is limited. It appears intended to provoke an answer favored by the poll's designer.
PRE COVID DEPENDING ON THE DAY AND WHICH OFFICE I WAS WORKING IN, PARKING COULD BE RIDICULOUS IN PRICE AND OFTEN HARD TO FIND, ESPECIALLY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE OR HIGH DENSITY AREAS.
Nothing it's difficult to find parking and it's really expensive
None of these are true. Very difficult to find parking a vehicle, very difficult to find spots to lock up a bike even.
Minimum requirements impedes economic growth for non-residential zoning.
Not adequate parking
There is generally parking available however at specific places and or specific time can make parking a real challenge.
Parking in downtown is very challenging to find. I don't agree with reducing parking spaces. When possible I will choose free parking. I don't mind paying for parking downtown if I can find it.
Very little. Parking is an issue many places I frequent.
Not enough parking, very expensive
In terms of parking more of it is required with more space so people stop having so many hit and run collisions in parking lots.
I often can't find parking in popular shopping and restaurant streets, i.e. 17th ave. S.W. SunnySide, some places in Bowness and actually quite a few places. In addition the weather in winter is not conducive to walking, or biking.
I disagree and find parking to be a challenge at times. Reducing amount of parking is a terrible idea, Developers just want to profit off city council here.
There's never any parking!
choices to get to my destination is different for all the examples. I need to pay to park at work for example, but can take transit to the gym. Also the first option, I can "always" find parking. That's not true. Often, I can but not always
I do not drive and thus do not use parking. I more often bike.
How about free parking at hospitals???
How about free parking at hospitals???
In very few areas there is available parking. Other areas have no availability leading to propel parking dangerously and illegally so they don't spend all their time circling.
I don't have a car
There is literally never parking in Calgary unless you want to go broke. Not good for the environment when I have to circle the crowfoot LRT lot for up to 1 hr looking for a spot on a school day... I hate Calgary for this very reason because our transit is also SO POOR.
Isn't this a loaded question. Of course a City of Calgary survey slants the available responses to the pre-determined outcome they want to see
only use business with free available parking
Finding affordable parking is difficult
Not always available and you have to drive around to find somewhere to park
I don't visit places where I cannot park. 17 Ave SW is a no go.
It is difficult to find parking and parking is far too expensive.
If a business doesn't have adequate parking, I shop somewhere else.
There is never any parking, and if by chance you find parking it's expensive.
I cannot find parking! I want the autonomous vehicle Ela to be used!



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I avoid going places because parking is poor.
None of these options are "working well" parking is horrible in Calgary
None of the above
There are never enough parking spaces. The city has increased the cost to take alternative transportation
None. Parking in Calgary is awful and we need more of it not less.
I only go where parking is easy and generally free. Rarely visit places with limited parking
Parking is scarce and limits are to low, hairdresser takes 4 hours to do my appointment and most are 2 hour min in area. Also max time encourage people to drink and drive instead of leaving over night.
I can't find a parking spot. Parking costs sky rocket through the roof. We need MORE parking not less. Calgary is too big to not have a car. Stop this obsured motion Now! You are hurting working class Calgarians!!!!!!
Bicycle parking is usually convenient.
If parking is not available or free (waived when using a business) I tend to avoid it unless necessary. I find if i train or bus places it costs me more in the long run and takes more time.
Parking is becoming increasingly difficult in many locations.
There isnt enough parking in many places
Parking is Expensive
I can no longer access businesses and service in the core as there are very few parking spaces available and the cost in lots and even the few street spaces is ridiculous. You have successfully driven small businesses and services from downtown areas.
I travel around the city for work, and I find that there are frequently issues finding parking. Busing, walking or biking are not options, especially to a lot of light industrial or industrial areas. If I did not have designated parking where I work I would find it difficult to find parking. This includes parking on the street.
I don't like how some of these answers are leading, I know how this will result in the city moving ahead with a decision to minimize driving but in a city that is freezing cold for more than half the year and crappy transit driving it the only option. Help the climate by focusing on businesses and industry not normal struggling people who are trying to get from a to b safely and warmly.
I really think the city is blowing it on parking entirely
Other means to reach destinations aren't available. Calgary is way too car centric and needs to develop more frequent bus routes plus bike shares. It is not very walkable as soon as you leave a few neighbourhoods, even inner city ones.
Not enough parking
Not much is working well. Parking is becoming more scarce, time limited and requires payment. Plus, with Drive Thus banned, parking is required even more.
An increasing, but not consistent, availability of convenient and secure bike parking
Parking is often not available as it is being used for residential parking. There should be a minimum off street parking requirement for residential areas.
Nothing is working. Parking is a nightmare most of the time and the questions on this are geared to steer a person into agreement with the plan instead of looking for actual feedback and open dialog.
Parking in the city is awful. There's never a spot and the rates are too high
Can not find parking
Too expensive to park, and hard to find
Convenience
I find Parking in the down town overpriced and not always available. I would like to see more. Who are we kidding. It is the preference of most but is meant for the elite.
Rarely is there ample parking anywhere



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None of the above, I pay for parking at work and usually only find a spot far away. I don't have choices to walk, ride a bike and transit takes HOURS to get only a 20 min drive away!
I pay for parking almost everywhere I have to go, and often can't find parking. Even in my own neighbourhood I can't have visitors because they can't get parking.
I don't like the proposed change - fun how that is not an option on this biased survey
Free parking for residents.
Enough parking on busy days that we don't have to spend time circling the parking area wasting fuel
There is never enough parking!
Theres rarely parking spots. And when there is, their WAY over priced
I can generally find parking and it is not always free. It depends on the destination.
None of the above
Parking in Calgary is TERRIBLE
more park & ride
Hard to find a spot anywhere near the office
There is NEVER enough parking available
proximity to other services is walkable. i have definitely missed the car share program where they get preferred parking locations.
nothing
There is not enough parking generally
Finding Parking is extremely difficult
Parking is ample and accessible. I live far from the core, and if there is not ample, affordable parking, I will not do business there.
Malls & strip malls work as they have parking Downtown is gong show Its the highest price in North America & extremely hard to find Many people aren't able to use transit or ride bikes reducing parking downtown would be devastating the the existing businesses
Parking downtown is limited and expensive
Some areas are easily accessible and some are not. Some areas have ample parking and some have none which I find make the business struggle.
business is relevant to my needs
parking should be illegal at ground level lots. everything should be underground or above ground to reduce wasted land.
There is insufficient parking available
Why pay for parking i pay my [language removed] taxes the city makes too much money than [language removed] it away on useless [language removed] like bike paths, giant blue circles, stupid overpriced bridges that were outsourced why not hire a local company put the money back in the community!
Parking is a problem in this city.It is expensive More parking is needed not less!
No positives
Parking in Calgary is almost always difficult to find a decent spot and usually way over priced.
What the hell kind of question is this? All the options affirm your mistaken belief that parking is working well. It isn't.
Can't find parking. I like the shops and restaurants. The parking and how to get there doesn't influence choice.
Depends on if it's small or a shopping district. It can be a hassle finding parking if it is say, in Kensington, 17th....
Not enough parking.



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Not enough parking
The parking is getting harder to find specially in the new developed areas.
large free parking lots for chains is a part of small business failure. Make more parking free or cheaper to help local businesses thrive.
Only big chains actually have free and available parking. Calgary is, in no way, accommodating the small business owner.
I find parking hard to find in a number of popular areas. Inglewood, mission, kensington business need more. If not people still drive an park where they shouldnt
There is no parking available. There are no benefits in this City in what you are proposing.
I get frustrated when I cannot find parking and will not shop or do business with companies that do not have enough parking for clients/customers
Little available parking and cramped spaces
I will not go to businesses with inadequate parking
None of the above. I almost always have trouble parking ..downtown, hairdresser in strip mall, residential strerts with no parking for non reaidents (Kensington)
Wheelchair accessible
There is not enough parking these choices are biased
None of the above
Not much at all presently
Lots of places in Calgary are accessed by people around the city so aren't walkable for all patrons. It's nice to have parking when we need it.
it is NOT working well, not walkable or transit, not free, not available!
None
There is always enough time available in the evening in the downtown to access parking
None of these options are applicable
NOT ENOUGH PARKING !!!
I don't go placed in Calgary that don't have easy parking.
Because calgary is not a 12month mild weather city, it is not feasible to walk, bike, scooter, run, etc. The minimal stalls are required to conduct business in this city for residents and for visitors. The fact that the city us focusing on this as a current priority disgusts me. The mayor and counselors should be embarrassed with this make work project for wasting taxpayers money.
The poor state of the majority of roads and abundance of potholes are keeping people at home
Most parking lots are jam packed already. Now you want to make them smaller?!? What?!?
Nothing as there is not enough parking in some areas of the city.
The places that I am WILLING to go have available, free parking.
It depends, if the location is downtown then there are options and it is walkable but as soon as I have to leave that area the options to get around are rather terrible, including parking.
Parking is expensive, hard to come by, and frankly difficult to even get my car into any available spot. The only walkable and desireable areas seem to be 17th ave, kensington and inglewood - make more areas like this! No more big box stores!
I generally tend to go to retail, restaurant, entertainment, consumer services, health care and other locations where parking is easier. This means a generous selection of stalls which are at least 8'6 to 9' wide. If you reduce parking requirements for such services, then the supply will be reduced and the cost of parking will be increased where applicable.
I actually avoid picking things up from businesses at peak time (my post office and pharmacy at Marda loop) because I cannot find a space to park



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Parking is not working well in Calgary!
I usually have yo use more gas to find parking
Parking is expensive
I do not find parking is working well at all. Parking spaces are often too few and too narrow.
i live in mission/cliff bungalow and i walk everywhere. i don't own a car. what is working well for me is that i never ever have to think about parking.
Not always enough parking.
Paying for parking easy with CPA App
I think businesses should be able to choose how much parking they need. However there are some areas that could use more parking
overpriced parking lots, and overcrowded street parking
the freedom of time and equality is so important. Call it convenience, but it is much more than that. Not everyone can afford to pay privatized parking fees and not everyone able to mobilize using walking and cycling. What about families and the elderly and the mobility limited. Removing bylaw parking requirements is ridiculous and an underhanded way to push the City's agenda without clearly engaging the public. The questions in this survey are heavily biased and I implore you to take a look at how you have skewed these results - please do not disregard this survey response because it's not the support you're looking for.
Parking is always busy. Not working well.
Businesses that have larger parking stalls are nice
I can never find parking in the area I need.
There is already a shortage of parking spaces at many businesses I frequent. I cannot support this stupid idea of removing minimum parking requirements
Depends on location to location
Most central areas are very often Overcrowded for parking. If this is designed as a method to reduce vehicle use and carbon footprint, I suppose thats logical. However it definitely comes off as a cash grab for the parking providers in the city, and I completely understand why their lots are largely empty with their insanely high rates.
Why no option for there are often no spots and parking not easy to find and transit not always an option. Biased question.
The only places that work well are where there is plenty of free parking. Seniors on a fixed income get get nailed mainly by paid parking at places they have to go to, like medical appointments..
To survey parking needs when offices are empty then make planning decisions based on that is either deliberately corrupt or foolish.
Nothing.
I live in an area where it doesn't make sense to take transit in order to get to my work. I would spend more time out of my day travelling if I had to rely on transit to get to work. The city is so spaced out and transit does not run when I need to leave for work
These answers are all really slanted. Parking is TOO expensive. Calgary is still a car city. How could the availability of parking reduce reliance on vehicles???
Parking is sparse, and bike lanes go unused. Stop wasting my tax dollars on useless social programs. Not safe to use transit during or after covid. Wasted billions on projects most wont ever use again.
None of the above
There's never enough parking
Nothing



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<p>Non of the above is true. I also hate driving, but the way to force ppl to take non car transport isn't to limit parking, it's to make better cycling and walking infrastructure. The city is crap at this right now.</p>
<p>None of the above. There are never enough spaces. I want to use my car, as I have a disability and im not able to use other methods. I just want to be able to park. I like it when the parking is free and readily available</p>
<p>I often find parking limited and determine my shopping preferences based on parking. As I have limited mobility, accessibility is important to me. In the middle of a global pandemic, public transport wouldn't be my choice even IF it were actually accessible and functional in this city. For example, there is minimal parking at the FMC and NO C-train access. Many people who use this facility CAN NOT "bike". Get a grip.</p>
<p>I don't think anything is working all that well. I almost always drive because transit isn't convenient from my home. Bus is my only walkable transit choice, and while multiple buses go by the nearest bus stop, only one actually stops there - the others drive by. I do not find parking to always be convenient, at the locations that I visit. With all the bad weather Clagary gets, walking, biking etc are not feasible options - I've fallen and broken my arm once already in this city because of icy sidewalks and don't intend to do it again. Plus groceries are several km's from my home, so a vehicle is necessary.</p>
<p>Not enough parking.</p>
<p>While I go out of my way to walk as much as possible, and even spent a small fortune to buy a house which is as walkable as possible (twice), many businesses have insufficient parking and it spills over to the residential streets which doesn't make the area more walkable or liveable.</p>
<p>There is rarely enough parking downtown</p>
<p>Honestly, none.</p>
<p>None, really. Parking is a major problem, and has stopped me from visiting 17th Avenue and Marda Loop.</p>
<p>Lack of parking</p>
<p>Parking is considered a taxable benefit. It's a complete scam and should be illegal to charge people to go to work!</p>
<p>It is not working well. Not enough parking and if there is parking it is too expensive.</p>
<p>None of the above</p>
<p>Not sufficient handicap parking.</p>
<p>Almost Always have to circle blocks to find parking or pay exorbitant fees for minimum parking</p>
<p>I don't mind paying a modest fee for parking ie. in Kensington.</p>
<p>I don't feel like there is a positive side in the amount of parking available or the cost of parking in the city.</p>
<p>Aside from places where parking is hard to find (such as some of the new retail complexes - eg. Seton) or places requiring payment</p>
<p>The new systems of charging for parking at many outlying buildings is very inconvenient. Small strip mall should have to provide free parking</p>
<p>Available parking may sometimes be a mix of on-street and lot parking.</p>
<p>Often can find parking (but not always).</p>
<p>is there decent infrastructure to get there by bike and is there parking for my bike</p>
<p>The cities strategies to limit parking DO NOT WORK WELL</p>
<p>There are not enough parking spaces because developments were not forced to put in underground parking which is a huge mistake. Attempting to make a City rely on vehicles less when our climate is cold is a strategy that creates more problems than it resolves. Please have more foresight and be clear that Calgarians need parking spaces in the winter months and will NOT walk to their destination.</p>
<p>Nothing is working well. The choices provided are biased towards transit. Perhaps, Calgary City Council can be leaders and take transit for their work and late night council meetings.</p>



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Bike lanes make general travel in downtown difficult. They should be eliminated.
Aside from free parking at commercial in the suburbs, not much is working well for parking in the city in general.
Nothing, as far as parking goes. It's expensive and hard to find. As a result, my friends from the burbs don't come downtown .
I get annoyed as I cannot find parking within 15 city blocks. Winter sucks, I will not go unless absolutely necessary
I will only frequent destinations where I know I can find parking. There is no suitable transit option from where I live and driving is the only option. I pay to park at my office to guarantee a spot and only shop at places that provide ample parking. If it is too difficult to park there I will go elsewhere, which results in even more driving.
That I can drive there, park easily, and pay a low fee for parking.
There's usually enough disabled parking
Biased questions.
There is not enough parking
Depends on the area, and time of day. In general, popular areas offer limited to lack of parking.
None of these answers apply to me. I appreciate when there is free parking available, as well as public transit options. However, more often I'm finding a lack of parking to be a real problem. Especially the size of parking spots. Narrow spots place an unnecessary burden on parents when need to be able to get car seats and small children out.
None of the above. There is never enough parking. It's rarely if ever free. It costs a small fortune. There are most definitely areas of the city I avoid visiting and patronizing dues to lack of parking availability and ridiculous parking rates. Calgary by its very nature will always be reliant on vehicles, so don't be stupid here....
Very little, parking is frequently hard to find or is costly
This is a misleading question. I enjoy eclectic living and on any given day could check any, all, or none of these boxes. My check marks would tell you nothing.
Several businesses I go to do not have enough parking spaces and I end up having to park blocks away. I can't take transit because it's not reliable from my community.
Parking is not available nor is city transit available in a time efficient manner. Prefer to drive for personal safety rather than transit after dark.
it is hard to find parking so I sometimes don't stop at the store or restaurant and just go someplace else or just got home
None of the above is true.
Non of the above.
I often have to try several places in order to find parking especially when downtown
Any errands I do downtown I avoid at all costs because parking is so hard to find. When I have to work downtown I dread it because of the lack of parking.
FFS, This is rediculous, there is NOT ENOUGH free parking. MORE parking is needed or the rules are fine as they are!
I can no longer visit business in downtown Calgary as parking costs are often way more than the services or products I am trying to access. This is driving us to shop only at malls where there is free parking. And we live close to the core. Calgary has the most expensive and restrictive urban parking in Canada, and this is destroying retail and services like restaurants in the core area.
Not enough parking
I am usually frustrated by the lack of parking



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I have trouble finding parking
Leave the parking alone. We will need it more now since no one will feel safe taking transit due to Covid.
There is NOT enough parking at 90% of the places I work/shop/play, biking is not feasible for most of the year due to weather, and Calgary's transit system is mainly so inconvenient and unreliable that it is unusable.
not enough parking, not enough handicapped access
Nothing
None of this
Parking is one of the biggest stressors for work and now also become a problem everywhere
Parking minimums ensure that businesses are able to serve their customers.
Staying out of the city core is working well. There is lots of free parking in the suburban shopping and working areas.
What idiot wrote this survey. Makes little sense especially the answer options above
already horrible and cost too much, no transit reach
Parking in Calgary SUCKS!! There is never ENOUGH parking and what parking there is expensive, to small, and violations for closeness to intersections never enforced! Calgary has the WORST parking in all of Alberta!!!
None of these. There are so few parking spots and where I live the public transit options do not make sense for where I need to go.
Vehicles are needed 9 months out of the year due to weather and urban sprawl. More parking is needed as the city has yet to reduce parking costs. So this over supply you speak of clearly doesn't exist using economics.
It's not, the parking is always full
Nothing. Calgary parking is horrible, there are too few places everywhere and it's overpriced..
None of the above
This survey is biased in it's questions and has been created to obtain a specific answer the City is looking to get.
Parking downtown is a nightmare, and most places I shop outside of downtown have barely adequate parking.
Having a choice for parking and not being forced into using public transit, especially for seniors and those with limited mobility.
Parking is a [language removed], we need more parking not less!
Overall a lack of parking
Question number one and I already see this is heavily biased. The answer to this question depends on the area. Parking is fairly easy at a mall or a shopping Center, parking is [language removed] near impossible in the belt line or areas like Marda Loop, and more so if you drive a truck.
I'm happy not to go because I most likely won't find parking
Nothing. I always struggle to find parking
It's good it's free some places, but others aren't free and are difficult to find a spot to pay for
Parking in downtown is so expensive and I can never find a spot. The limits on times is also very restrictive. If I drive to work because I have a doctors appt for my child I have to pay at a lot where it's extremely expensive to park! Why DOES Calgary have the most expensive parking in ALL of Canada?
Non of the above
Don't agree with any of the above statements and can't think of anything good
Can't find parking where I need to go.



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Not enough parking or pay to park as there is not enough.
Nothing. Parking is either expensive or the stalls are narrow and parking is hard to find.
There is very little parking in downtown Calgary, condo buildings, and commercial spaces already. Don't make less parking. Plus parking lots are shrinking making it increasingly difficult to drive and park in them.
None of these options are realistic... parking is limited and overpriced. Only covid has opened up parking, the city should not be reducing parking options.
Nothing.
Do I have any actual use for the businesses at the location I am going.
Basically nothing about the parking situation is currently good, and reducing the parking will make it worse
Parking is not available and I find it a hassle to go to these establishments without parking available
nothing. it's usually crowded and difficult to find a spot, or expensive.
Parking is an absolute nightmare in this city!
Not enough affordable parking in the city
I refuse to shop or take my business where it is hard to park, or a long way to park, or too expensive. Parking in this city is getting harder and harder to find.
Parking is available in early morning and night time hours. If you need to go most destinations during peak hours... good luck. The city will need many upgrade to alternative transportation options (such as transit) before any decrease in parking options is feasible.
Parking is still a challenge. There needs to be more.
Often close to the location I need to access
I routinely alter my plans to more parking friendly areas.
Parking can be difficult to find
Never enough parking.
The availability of enough parking is very important during the winter months of the year. Snow clearing usually takes away from the availability of some parking spaces so planning should account for that to ensure that there is more than enough space available.
I can sometimes find parking. Sometimes I can't. I rarely use business parking stalls - I usually park on the street somewhere. Because of how Calgary is designed, using alternate transportation isn't always an option - we do not have enough essential businesses located near where we live and work. I believe this is at least partially a planning issue. We MUST start planning walkable neighbourhoods, that include amenities like grocery shopping that is walkable. We STILL don't do this enough.
Nothing is working well. Parking is hard to come by and the spaces are often too small.
It depends where the business is. Also your dtatements is disregarding situations where you need a car and a parking spot, like having little children.
I think the parking availability is horrific...Calgary parking is a joke
None of these are good for me
So much room for improvement in inner city neighbourhoods for more parking. Calgary with our winter we are very dependent on our cars due to the weather
None of the above. The parking is not working well, there isn't enough and it is overpriced to park there
Parking in Calgary is needed, and there is NOT enough. I won't go to lots of places because there is no parking. Downtown parking is too expensive. Taking transit totally is horrible - I live 15 mintues from downtown by car, and have to sit on a bus for a minimum of 45 minutes (plus time waiting for the bus). Stop trying to get rid of cars. Unless you make transit better and stop getting rid of routes like 107, I will refuse to take transit.



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Where I shop there is parking. Where I would LIKE to shop there is no parking. Parking is difficult where I work (hospital).
parking is always stressful if I drive somewhere
I feel forced to drive because other options aren't available. Transit isn't frequent enough and there are no bike lanes or cycle tracks to my destination.
Sometimes too many empty spaces but in other areas always difficult to find parking. It depends where.
The parking spots should be wider rather than less in numbers
Parking is free in some places I go, but not all
There is never enough parking and this is a terribly written survey
Lots of parking at many box stores, not enough at other stores. Not enough at most professional offices.
None of the above. It's hard to get to places, parking is an issue whether there is no parking available or parking space is too small (I have 3 kids to get in and out of a car). More and more places are charging for parking.
I always have trouble finding parking and the spots are not big enough.
there is not enough parking
There is a shortage of parking spots at most retail locations
Not enough parking
A minimum number of stalls are available, provided I arrive early.
There is no excess parking anywhere I shop. Why is that not an answer option for this question.
There is not enough parking
Parking is often lacking
Some places I can find parking others I cannot. I
I have a hard time finding parking as there is never enough spots and transit would be a waste
there is lack in handicap stalls and policing of in Calgary
I avoid downtown due to often no parking
None of the above. I often find parking is limited or not available. I am not able to use transit options and often fo not ho to a business because of lack of parking.
None of the above.
I have difficulty finding parking. And it is rarely affordable.
Parking is difficult to find and expensive
Difficulty finding parking. Transit not a viable option. Time wasted finding parking
Not enough parking
I don't see any parking solutions that are advantageous
Provide more parking
Most of the time, I can't find parking because it's so crowded. It's very frustrating.
I always think about price of transit and time. If the cost of parking is under 10 dollars then it is competitive with the "7 dollars transit + the longer time spent + the less flexibility". I would also transform 8ave SW and 17 ave SW with no cars (like 16 ave in Denver) , but the opportunity to park in a range of 3-400mt.
I cannot find parking because the City has already granted excessive parking easements to developer in my area. I
There is no parking available
Many of the places I frequent have limited parking and very small stalls. Wider and more stalls are necessary
Make parking spots bigger. Costco size.



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With the exception of malls, there is never enough parking.
My answers would be very different from summer to winter
Parking was expensive and hard to find prior to COVID, and once back to normal likely will be expensive and crowded again.
This is just more liberal mumbo jumbo. I take it that the crafter's of this bill would be perfectly fine with \$20/liter gasoline as well. You may have a point that the demand for parking is less than previously, but that certainly requires a different response than just leaving it up to developers. In general, I'm not against having less government interference (infact much less), but when the lack of interference is just an imposition of more political agenda, I don't see how that is an improvement.
I appreciate being able to park, and walk to multiple destinations in one area of the City.
I require handicap parking for my wife and I
nothing
I have had to make selections of where I work, play, run errands, etc. based on my ability to park. For example some of my favorite stores I do not frequent often because I can't park. I live in an area without adequate transit and must drive.
Easy in warm weather as I can bike, but streets and sidewalks in neighbourhoods are not cleared of snow and ice in cold months, so I cannot safely ride my bike and must drive my car.
It is incredibly disheartening to have to pay to park when visiting many of the places I want to visit. Unfortunately I can't say much is working with the above options given.
Parking doesn't work well. Never spots available especially downtown.
There's not nearly enough parking, parking is some of the most expensive in world - regardless of what the City might be trying to force me to do, I will not stop driving and I will frequent businesses with less parking availability less frequently if at all. As a result, by not providing enough parking you're actually hurting businesses.
We need more parking
I work at a Farmers Market parking is free, but spots are limited. No real bus service from where I am unless I spend a couple hours on bus and that isn't happening with health issues and reduced mobility.
Not enough parking
Staying at home and not going out. Covid has made our streets pleasant to drive on, again, not seen since circa 2000.
I don't think that parking is working. Frequently I am driving around trying to find a legal place to park.
Nothing is working well as there isn't enough parking anywhere in this city.
Biased question and answers. Calgary has one of the highest rates for parking and has very limited spots available to park for free. We need more available inexpensive parking.
Nothing is working well. There's never parking available. Always difficult to access core businesses.
Nothing. Parking is hard to find and/or very expensive. Many businesses don't have any parking available to them. Street parking is the only option. Must park blocks away.
There is not enough parking, I have to circle or idle until someone leaves, and road rage in parking lots creates accidents and disputes.
Nothing is working because parking is already hard to find.
None of the above. These answers are biased to support a whimsical plane rather than being objective.
Parking is often an issue especially in strip malls during busy hours (after 5PM or on miday weekends)
The City needs to ensure that space is mandated
wondering if stalls are large enough for the handicapped and if there is enough of them
Park PLus is an efective tool to pay fo rparking
there are too few parking stalls in most locations already



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Not much. Calgary is borderline lacking parking options.
Available parking for the business; not requiring to park at a distance away.
I avoid going some placed due to lack of parking
No option listed here is consistent.
Parking is a challenge. This is a biased question.
Designated parking
I have not experienced excess parking availability anywhere I go in Calgary
I support businesses with ample parking and avoid those without. Calgary's weather is too extreme to walk or bike in winter
I specifically avoid places due to the LACK of parking available (Aspen Landing).
There aren't enough spaces, or spaces close enough, or spaces big enough. Sometimes having to park on busy streets while having to get a car seat and stroller out of the vehicle
I will not go to any place that does not have good and free parking.
There is a lack of available parking and I need to wait for a spot. This question is biased.
I often chose businesses by the availability of parking
I can never find parking in the belt line or downtown.
I actively avoid places where I know there is little parking or hard to find somewhere to park.
For some places it's free and I can find available stalls, but this is not the case downtown or at work.
None
There is parking shortages at my home, at work and at stores I frequent (groceries, errands). Calgary is a city that needs MORE parking not less
Not enough parking. Parking costs are outrageously high
Seeing as car share isnt available it's redundant...but we should have it.
None of these made up answers apply. There is never enough parking.
Not enough parking in most areas and the stalls are too small. Most parking lots are poorly designed with little thought to getting in and out and also toward pedestrians.
I tend to shop close to home because parking is difficult in many locations.
Not a fan of parking.
Nothing working well. Parking is a nightmare and you have to circle and stalk people going to their vehicle.
Parking is already hard enough to find. This is a horrible idea.
I don't go anywhere parking isn't available because transit is not convenient where I live and I have to drive in order to not have a 2-3 hour commute.
There's usually not enough parking and it's hard to find a spot!
I think we need to make enough parking for business. We have members of our society that will not qualify for a disabled card but walking or navigating winter streets and pathways difficult.
None
Parking where I work is ridiculous. Not enough spots.
Not enough parking.
I don't shop any where that charges me parking.
There is often no option other than driving when running errands or going to work or play and parking is often not available. Free available parking will make me more likely to frequent a place.
Parking is available but expensive considering that is 30-50 empty
I won't go to a destination without adequate parking. I'll go somewhere where parking is easy.
What kind of question is this? There isn't any kind of consistency amongst the answers available.



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None of the above
Nothing is working well, parking is at a premium already this would make it worse.
We avoid pay parking lots whenever possible, esp medical needs. Drive further to get to free parking! I sometimes walk or take the bus, works well when appropriate, but driving is essential in this city.
nothing. Calgary car infrastructure is sub-par
Sometimes very difficult to find parking. At my workplace we have 'run out' of parking and there are up to 5 yr waitlist.
Not enough parking for visitors and poorly designed transit makes travel in Calgary undesirable. It's worth the trip to Airdrie or High River for my needs
Parking at my work is expensive and has limited availability
Parking is minimally adequate- do not reduce requirements
You're already leaving out disabled and seniors who will have to fight over parking.
I don't believe any of the responses you provided are appropriate.
None of the above!
Parking spaces are already very less. This is bad idea.
stalls are too small for pickup trucks
I like how none of the options allow me to state that I often CANNOT find parking, and that I have a disabled child and use an accessible stall. When there is a shortage of parking, it is more likely that others decide to use the disabled spaces "just for a couple of minutes," or "while I run in," or "just to drop off my wife / sister / dog." Consider the unintended consequences of these decisions. I hope you actually use this information to inform your decisions and haven't already decided and are using this as a way to prove you consulted.
There is parking space but it's too expensive. I work downtown and pay \$350 per month. I don't have an option to use transit due to personal reason
Nothing is currently working it's horrible!!!!
Inner city parking is a problem, and parking needs to be purposefully added, not removed.
parking is Usually available in the suburbs
Expensive parking rates
The areas with actual abundant parking work well. There is no reduced reliance on cars in Calgary and abundance of parking should lead to reduced user fees and parking rates.
Above ground parking is an eye sore and should be minimal. Way too much parking in Calgary.
More parking is often needed
It does not work
Even if transit is available it may take me 2 hours to get to my destination.
Nothing is working well as far as parking goes. Most places in this city lack enough parking, and there is too much pay parking. I can't take a bus or train or walk most places I need to go.
not enough parking at most non-mall locations
Parking near restaurants is already difficult to find.
I often can't find parking. When I can find parking, it often places my vehicle at risk of damage. Almost always, I'm charged a ridiculous rate to park, either in a private or public parkade, or on the street. What on earth does "walkability" have to do with parking?
None of the above
There is NEVER enough parking. Perhaps you have a vision that everyone takes transit, but this is not reality. In a city such as ours, we need to drive and be able to park close to work.. so we can also get away on time, pick up kids from school/daycare, take them to their activities etc.



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Not everywhere you go has adequate parking nearby. Often you have to walk long distances. This is fine as long as you're not a senior or anyone with a disability.
I no longer go to some businesses because it's too hard or too expensive to park
Usually INSUFFICIENT parking, spots too small and an assumption public transit is always a viable solution (it's not).

When thinking about parking at the destinations that you frequent (where you work, where you run errands, where you play, etc.), what do you think is not working well?

The city is attempting to take cars away make all of us only walk, use transit or bicycle.
Plenty of parking but not complimentary hours during working hours. Specially in downtown.
The city has far too much red tape when we try to rent our commercial condo in NE Calgary. Getting rid of parking requirements would be an important step, but just a baby step. Much more deregulation of the red tape for IG zoning is critical to the health of the businesses in our building.
I do not see parking as an issue in 90+% of the city and feel as though parking restrictions as simply restricting businesses ability to enter areas of town where there is an abundance of walkable market demand.
There are loud people swearing on most C-Trains, busses, and near the stations. In many years of using public transit I have seen almost no effort taken by prevent or manage this, and as a result I've given up on trying to take public transit.
Downtown too expensive.
Downtown is waaaaay too expensive.
I live downtown, but rarely bother to shop or dine there - if I need to go out, I will drive out to the suburbs where I can park, the majority of the time.
Hard to find parking. New business have lots that are too small, even in suburbs, and parking overflows onto streets. New stalls are too narrow for anything except a compact car. Trucks have to take a space and a half making the problem even worse. There are a lot of trucks and they are not going away.
Available parking is very limited
City is cynically evaluating "excess parking" during an economic downturn and pandemic and making planning decisions on that info.
As a senior and disabled parking is a must for me.
Calgary is 2nd largest city Area wise in the world
The city is sprolled over many square kilometers, with poor street and transit connectivity. There is not way one can reach these destinations without driving, especially during the cold months. How many of City Councilors regularly come to work by bike, for example?
This is anti car and incompatible with Calgarians needs
While the question specified parking the answers are geared towards transportation. As a disabled person, easy access to main entrances can be challenging. More accessibility loading zones please.
I pick destinations based in part on whether or not I can park at them, and hopefully for free. I don't go downtown to shop because I can find the same things at a local mall, and I can park easier and for free.
I live in suburbia and frequently go downtown for work and pleasure. I live in suburbia because I can't afford a place downtown which means walkability is insignificant to me - parking is important. I also have many demands on my time so public transportation is not an option. Additionally, I would wager the large majority using public transport are doing so because they have to economically NOT because they want to. We live in Canada where is extremely cold for 6+ months- no one wants to wait outside in the cold for



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dirty, unsanitary, sometimes unsafe transportation ESPECIALLY during a pandemic You should be taking the majority into consideration with your plans.
This seems like a biased question, with a heavy emphasis on "cars are bad". At least ask neutrally and let people decide how they really feel.
I avoid downtown like a plague. Difficulty finding a stall, hopping from one lot to another.
Driving to work - 15 min, by bus - over an hour. I don't have over 2 hours a day to spend on transportation.
Lack of parking required for new development has squeezed out traditional businesses
Too many 1 way streets downtown, poor transit option (20 min drive versus 1 hr on transit).
I often can't find parking close to businesses I want to go to (Britannia, Kensington, 17th, East village
I can't ever seem to get parking when visiting city parks. Especially Bowness Park. Parking for work downtown is extremely expensive. Transit from my area of the city is overcrowded unhealthy and takes far too long. Now that the bus close to me has been cut it's too far to walk to a stop. So driving is the best option
Parking downtown is too expensive.
Difficult to answer these questions because different areas I go provide different things!
I am a senior and can not carry packages for blocks to use public transit.
We have choices. I only do business at places where parking is free.
I will continue to drive no matter what you restrict. I have mobility issues, and I can't rely on kindness of strangers in transit, because I do not look 'old'.
Lack of infrastructure for alternative modes.
Near where I work there is some resident-only parking that doesn't make a lot of sense. Low density, have their own garages, but the street has been "privatized" forcing visitors to the area (there are some attractors) to cram on to other streets. Still, there is enough parking in the area that it's mostly just an annoyance. No pay parking nearby, just resident only vs. free. 2 hour free zone might have been a better solution than this dichotomy.
I park at night and do not feel comfortable walking or biking instead.
Narrow sidewalks with obstacles (Inglewood for example)
Parking stall size requirements should be increased to a minimum of 9 ft / 2.7 m wide before any parking reductions are permitted.
The parking lots are excessive. Occasionally neighbourhoods are overly restrictive in their parking bans though. The number of wheelchair spots is stupidly high too. People in wheelchairs should have to suffer through hunting for parking spots like everyone else, a disability doesn't mean they deserve more than everyone else.
Businesses that have had to provide parking are charging their customers for it, so they take up the street parking instead. Businesses need to validate parking for their own customers and leave the street parking for others.
Poor parking lot maintenance. Spots are too small for even small to medium sized cars. Have to park too far from my destination, sometimes walking more than 3 blocks. Street parking in the beltline is not sufficient to support visiting businesses or friends for short visits (takes more time to find parking and walk to the store than I'm in the store). At my office there is only half the parking spots that would typically be needed just for the employees and almost none for customers/visitors.
Parking spaces in Calgary are also designed around a mid sized/compact car so the spots are too small for the vehicles that are commonly used.



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Often driving is far more convenient and cheaper. If my family is going downtown, it is faster and cheaper for us to park our car than for all of us to buy transit tickets. As well, transit often takes a much less direct route. Many places I want to go I can drive to in around 15 min but transit takes close to an hour.
I choose to refrain from parking in any public spots due to not only cost but unfair fines. For ex., I was fined for parking in the winter when the lines were covered with snow. I was fined for parking at a spot that had six different signs not realizing it was a bus route (only a tip of the back end went over the zone). Additionally, I was fined when the tail end of my car was in a snow route zone in the middle of summer. Note - I was fined and towed where he spot had six contradicting signs. Not able to attend court due to work.
Just as some areas of the city are hard to access by driving, some are hard to access by transit. Instead of reducing parking availability, the focus should be on increasing the availability and effectively of the transit line to fringe areas of the city. I find it frustrating that some areas of the city require you to drive because of reduced access to public transit while other areas of the city require public transit due to lack of free parking availability.
1. As mentioned above, please make parking spaces larger like those at Costco, especially at grocery stores. 2. Please make more walking/biking paths (ie, from Millrise to Canyon Meadows - a direct route).
I live in the beltline, but don't shop there, as for buying anything that is not easily had-carryable for several blocks is unfeasible - I do most of my shopping by driving away from downtown/beltline areas, into the suburbs, where I can us a vehicle to transport my purchases.
I avoid places that have poor access to parking
many trips involve dentist/doctor visits etc where parking can be a challenge. These types of venues attract a large number of (generally short duration for parking) vehicle trips with insufficient space for stalls and/or curb side space. Parking strategies for these types of venues need to be reviewed and modified for "fit for purpose."
Too much Park Plus/pay parking/Impark not enough free parking. Also, too much residential zoning near hospitals and businesses. Residential zoned parking should run from 6pm-8am; between those hours, it should be free parking. Residential streets are often empty during the day because the residents have gone to work but those of us who work in the vicinity have no where to park. If the resident wants to leave their car on the street all day, that's fine. But it should be free parking from 8am-6pm so that others can park on the otherwise empty street.
Parking fees outrageous honestly. I can park downtown Toronto for a day cheaper than Calgary
Insecure areas to walk or bike
Due to limited parking I find it annoying to go to many businesses
So, if I choose to drive to work, it's \$26 out of my pocket, so I do it very rarely.
There is never enough handicap parking
Most places outside the core require a car to get to, are not as walkable, not as attractive and have fewer independent retailers
Stalls are too small (not wide enough)
Extensive condo building with no parking provision puts greater strain on on street and free parking.
The parking lots do not feel safe.. as a woman I'm scared of getting assaulted. Lack of bike wrack of bicycles if you can ride your bike.
We need more independent retailers and the rules, as they are, impedes a flourishing city.
Insane amouts of condo construction cutting off lanes and adding to traffic
Parking is very expensive downtown, making it a privilege for the wealthy.
Why does the survey ask about an abundance of retail chains, are they bad or illegal?
Too many unused specialty spots. I totally agree with specialty spots but there seems to be an excess.



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<p>It depends on how quickly and the time required. I have walked downtown and to Southland drive from my home. However time dependent, I may also choose to take a bus or drive. Transit is not always convenient as it can take longer to wait for a bus and the route it goes on than it does for me to walk it. Example by the time I take the 69 from my home and do a transfer at MRU, I can walk to Elbow Drive or Chinook centre. Or I drive and find free parking at the destination. ive.</p>
<p>Bike racks are cheaper and take up less space than parking, but seem to be less common.</p>
<p>Limited parking leading to people park illegally making it more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>
<p>need more SECURE bike parking</p>
<p>Not enough C train parking at all so It harms our environment and you can't by anywhere</p>
<p>affordability and availability. Who goes downtown for anything but work?</p>
<p>The problem is people who work at their jobs have long travel distances.</p>
<p>A lack of disabled parking spots</p>
<p>If a business doesn't have adequate parking, I shop somewhere else.</p>
<p>Public transit is difficult to get to and I'm tired of being harrassed on both busses and the c-train. it's not safe and very unsettling.</p>
<p>I avoid businesses who do not have accessible free parking.</p>
<p>The cost of parking in Calgary is one of the highest in Canada. We need MORE parking not less. Come on City Council protect the working class not big business that are only in it for profit!!!</p>
<p>Excessive provision for automobile parking makes for hostile pedestrian environment.</p>
<p>Cost of parking downtown is ridiculously high.</p>
<p>Any means to reduce individualistic ideals of communiting and getting places is an avenue I will encourage. If cities want to be innovative/progressive, they needs to offer better "active" means of transportation FIRST, then the car. Enough with american car centric way of getting places !</p>
<p>I don't like how some of these answers are leading, I know how this will result in the city moving ahead with a decision to minimize driving but in a city that is freezing cold for more than half the year and crappy transit driving it the only option. Help the climate by focusing on businesses and industry not normal struggling people who are trying to get from a to b safely and warmly.</p>
<p>I live in McKenzie lake. I am surrounded by big box stores, downtown is a three day road trip away, and working downtown means I pay \$20 a day to just be able to WORK my minimum wage job. Not enough parking, parking is too expensive, and it isn't working</p>
<p>Bike lanes unnecessarily reduce parking spaces for the entire year while bike lanes are only used 4 months of the year.</p>
<p>area is dangerous to walk</p>
<p>Banning drive thrus requires more parking for people to go inside and order. Additionally, this requires more time and vendors can't process customers fast enough.</p>
<p>not enough accessible spots</p>
<p>Parking is super expensive and almost always impossible to find at most destinations.</p>
<p>No issues</p>
<p>I avoid going down town as much as possible because parking down town is so difficult to find or too expensive. As a result I end up not participating in a lot of events or sorting any of those businesses mostly because of parking. I end up going places where parking is available and easy. Transit is not time efficient enough for me to rely on that method, and to pay for transit on top of my vehicle costs which I need for my livelihood doesn't make financial sense to me.</p>
<p>Cant think of anything not working well.</p>
<p>Not enough parking is available</p>



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Many locations have very limited parking or the spaces are awkward to use. Some standards for space size and room for accessing spaces should be considered.
None
Parking is not allocated appropriately for the use it is for. Parking requirements should be a basic start point on requirements, but every use should be evaluated based on individual needs, the community it serves, and community demographics.
Dangerous area to walk (9 Block)
i really dislike the giant stripmall parking lots. they are unsightly and require so much hardscape, in the winter when vehicular use is higher, it becomes a giant brown snowpile.
Safety is a concern. I live far from the core. If there is not ample, affordable parking, I will not do business there.
I avoid going downtown and to places like 17th Ave SW because it's hard to find a parking space and it's expensive; if I'm shopping, I need a car/parking space
Bike lanes are where good parking use to be oh and causing a backlog of vehicles.
Spots are made smaller when there is insufficient supply
Not enough parking for families, people temporarily, Calgary weather limits safe walking, limited by mobility, Seniors
The addition of bike lanes (temporay program with concrete dividers...sounds temporary) reduced parking by 50% in those areas
I think current parking is working well - paid where necessary and free otherwise.
When I have to start working in the office again, I will have to take a bus and train to get to and from work. You cant socially distance on the train and bussesbate limiting the amount of people on. The commute was alrewsyvan hour each way. Now my commute is going to be a lot longer. I don't know how I'm going to pick up my kids from daycare. Unfortunately, I cant afford to park downtown. My wife also refuses to go downtown because parking makes for an expensive day out. Also, if businesses dont have paeking, she won't go there.
The availability of parking is very discouraging
This question and the one above are not very well designed. At least I got confused. Sorry.
I steadfastly avoid businesses where parking is insufficient. Calgary parking costs are among the highest in North America, and is part of my decision making process when looking for new restaurants etc.
With digital parking permits there is little enforcement now. Hard to determine those who abuse the rules.
Every parking lot and street are jam packed with cars. I cant park ANYWHERE i go.
Some areas lack enough bike parking along 17th avenue
Transit system can have terrible wait times and can be unreliable causing people to drive to their destination instead.
Because calgary is not a 12month mild weather city, it is not feasible to walk, bike, scooter, run, etc. The minimal stalls are required to conduct business in this city for residents and for visitors. The fact that the city us focusing on this as a current priority disgusts me. The mayor and counselors should be embarrassed with this make work project for wasting taxpayers money.
I don't understand what the abundance of retail chains and independent retailers have to do with a survey on parking?
Spots are too small. Frustration with my vehicle doors being hit by other vehicle door due to size of stall.
The places that I infrequently visit are difficult to get to without a car & have poor parking options.
Ugly big box stores have an abundance of parking while local areas (kensington, 17th ave, inglewood) have little parking and almost all of it is pay parking. I HATE strip malls, theyre ugly, exposed and take away from any neighbourhood feel an area ever had. Every new-ish area is unwalkable, and it there is



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anywhere you can walk to the shops are big box stores and definitely not somewhere I would want to patronize.
I usually have multiple destinations and will only go where there is free parking close by
As above, parking spaces are too few and too narrow.
there are too many cars. too many places i go are designed for cars instead of human bodies.
the City clearly isnt serving the public interest
Congestion in tiny parking lots makes it hard to get in and out
Poor design of most new retail stores parking lots - poor access and not enough spaces. I object to the social engineering side of these answers/indicators provided.
If council sides with businesses trying to squeeze out seniors' parking, seniors will vote you out. Not everyone can pay, nor walk/bike.
Businesses are closing and leaving town while City Hall plans for an urban landscape that will keep new business from surviving.
it takes forever to find parking and it costs alot of money.
I don't remember the last time I did not need to pay for parking in the city.
Can't think of anything.
I don't have any issue with the parking at locations that I frequent.
Cycling and walking infrastructure needs to be better. In Marda loop I can't walk to a grocery store with a stroller without having to push it on the road or grass if I meet an oncoming one. Protected cycling lanes don't exist for ppl who would want the option. Make better spaces for walkers and cyclists, not just painting a thing on the road and declaring that they have a space now.
There is also nothing wrong with driving. The C-train is a nightmare, always dirty, and I do not enjoy trips with drunks and disruptive individuals. I feel unsafe on the C-train, and buses are infrequent and take too long.
There should be connecting paths. North to south. East to west. I should be able to get on a scooter and ride from down town to the south Calgary health campus. Fish creek park needs to connect through to Cranston.
Parking availability determines where I go
Not sufficient handicap parking.
Not enough parking. Especially at residential common buildings like condos and apartments.
Parking is often hard to find or not free. Alternative transportation is not always an option.
I like having lots of parking spots to choose from & I don't want to pay for parking
The cost of parking near downtown is very expensive. Ie. near the curling club. I understand this is to discourage all day use for downtown workers but also discourages use of downtown parks such as Prince's Island or the river pathways.
Parking is either non existent or costs to much money, especially downtown!!!!
My primary mode of transport is my bicycle, so I'm always looking for bike parking. There is usually at least one option, but the quality, accessibility, findability, etc. is hit-and-miss.
When a complex doesn't put the customer first by providing ease of access, the consumer will go elsewhere
I am a wheelchair user and accessibility in this city continues to be a joke. This includes parking. Deregulation of parking stalls means it will be even harder for me to be able to find accessible zones and go about my life in a semi-normal fashion. The sidewalks and roads are already so poorly maintained, if i lost access to the few stalls that actually work for me- id be [language removed]
Car-focused design is understood for a parking lot, but most have little or no pedestrian refuge or clear paths built in (FYI, this includes transit park and go locations)



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The way shopping centres are setting up now makes parking very difficult. Multiple strip malls sharing parking are ridiculous. If that kind of shopping centre is the design of the future it would be better served by a single parkade in the middle or something like that.
Too many restaurants in the same development causing a shortage of parking in building's parking lot.
Because of limited availability, parking is expensive.
Too many bike lanes make it difficult to get to parking. With an 8 month winter period, single vehicle transportation should be #1 priority.
I do not go to businesses where there is not free parking.
Too many restaurants and bars not enough shops
i want to drive there, park easily, and pay a low fee for parking.
Biased survey.
Spots are too narrow to open and close car doors. the painted lines are too close together. You can tell this is true in winter when there are no lines and cars are then further apart.
We need more parking, not less. Seriously. Who the [language removed] actually thinks we need less parking?
See my answer to question one.
Calgary has made the core inaccessible to many of us due to lack of reasonably priced parking, and convenient parking. You have effectively destroyed the easy access to retail in the core and priced it out of our ability to access core retail and restaurants.
During covid and I economic downturn there is lots of parking BUT during times with a HEALTHY economy the parking is limited
lack of accessibility
What does "abundance of retail chains" vs independent retailers have to do with this parking issue?? Who wrote these options as a lot of them are ridiculous. I have a M. Eng in Transportation Planning, the type business affects the parking requirements NOT whether they are a chain or independent.
We don't drive except to get groceries and stuff for the home and usually in quantities and make multiple stops in one trip that preclude other methods of travel.
Parking fees are too high.
Spaces are too small
The flaw with this survey is a heavy bias looking for the answers you've already decided you want.
People circling because they can't find parking is dangerous
The city allows huge big box stores and mini-malls to go up but do not evaluate a plan for traffic. Look at Shawnessy and Bridlewood station. The area is a mess because you let the developers "make all the choices". They don't care once it's built - they are long gone and the community deals with it for years.
Expensive parking is keeping people away from downtown. No wonder businesses are leaving the core.
The low availability of spaces just ensure businesses can charge a premium for parking
The city listening to ideological activists that do not represent my wishes as a constituent of the city.
An alarming lack of regulated disabled parking spaces AND safe/easy access from those spaces to location
Expensive parking
Need to drive to be safe from/avoid all the panhandlers and the ones walking like they are high.
I travel throughout all quadrants of the city, and rarely downtown. Transit is not feasible as a 20-30 minute drive equates to 1.5-2 hours on transit, sometimes longer. Parking is already often scarce and should not be decreased.
I have to transit because parking is so expensive downtown. Parking lots at grocery stores are always terribly designed. Transit offers no alternative as it's barely functional or available, and poorly designed.



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<p>Whoever designs transit for Calgary clearly never actually uses it. Transit is inaccessible to handicapped people, shift workers (nothing running when they go to work at 5am) and anyone living/working more than walking distance from the train.</p>
<p>Aggressive people fighting over parking spots. Some cars also park illegally and make it difficult to see pedestrians crossing.</p>
<p>There probably a 25% chance your car will get broke into at any parking lots around the city. My car has been broken into 12 times in 2 years at various parking lots around the city.</p>
<p>The city should encourage multi-level parking where operators are allowed to charge a premium for the covered sections</p>
<p>The sprawl of the city is not conducive to the parking planning</p>
<p>Transit to my work is dismal, overcrowded, slow. Then I have to pay to park and work downtown. It's like I am take a 400 a month pay cut to do my job. I don't go downtown daily for pleasure but to contribute back to society and the economy and I am paying ti do so!?!?</p>
<p>This whole city has too little parking on the whole, commercially and residential</p>
<p>To run errands and rely on foot, bike or transit to support your return with #s of bags is in convenient. You encourage the use of parks and outdoor areas, but don't provide parking, many who want to use those spaces want to bring thing to enjoy the day and can't without a vehicle. Finally, whoever wrote this survey, did so with the intention of receiving the answers they wanted to hear, not how ppl might actually feel. The leading answers all make me feel that the city favors less cars and local business - I applaud you on your ability to be unbiased (that was sarcasm)</p>
<p>Puic transit to/from my home needs to be improved</p>
<p>There is no 'one size fits all' solution to the parking issue. It is specific to the use and location.</p>
<p>Sometimes it is difficult to find parking</p>
<p>The city makes big box store areas and there is never enough parking at the areas around them.</p>
<p>The infrastructure is not well suited to prioritize non single occupancy vehicles.</p>
<p>the parking spaces are too small. there is plenty of space to park a vehicle as long as you don't need to open your door.</p>
<p>there is a lack of handicap parking and accessible places</p>
<p>Big parking lots in front of businesses increases walking distances.</p>
<p>My employer charges me a very large amount of money to park. Reducing availability of spaces will drive prices up. This concerns me as my income hasn't increased in over 5 years.</p>
<p>Parking is very expensive and transit doesn't always work for the time or destination</p>
<p>I've lived in this city for 26 years and the mass transit has been garbage for 26 years. I don't see it changing in the foreseeable future. If you try to make people rely on car less people will just leave the city. Because for what we lack in mass transit, Calgary makes it up by being quite driver friendly. Don't make the city rely on vehicles less by making it a horrible way to travel, but offering people an attractive alternative. Both of these infrastructures are equally important.</p>
<p>Sprawling parking lots. Build vertical lots at major entrances to highly walked areas. Park -> utilize boardwalk for shopping -> return to parking. Will reduce traffic in high pedestrian areas and allow storefronts to utilize sidewalks to expand their business and vibe in summer time. Additionally, distances between LRT and residential or business areas are usually long and filled with sprawling parking lots. Reducing the want to use public transit as most of the time is spent walking across parking lots. Very poor urban design. s usually take</p>
<p>Hospital, Emergency parking is unavoidable and too expensive</p>



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The way streets are designed makes it unsafe and unfriendly to walk or bicycle, transit is often inefficient so as much as I would love to use other options, the only safe convenient way method of travel ends up being the car
I don't drive but if I get a ride we never choose a destination where parking is a hassle or not free.
Parking spots too small
the weather may be such where its too cold to walk, bike, wait for bus or ctrain
Winter or summer??? Walking and biking is different
Handicap parking is sometimes inadequate
There is not enough secure bike parking
poorly planned road networks creating grid lock in and out.
Not enough parking downtown. Developers should have been building full parking lots, not the "half-size" as mandated by the city for many years now.
Easy in warm weather as I can bike, but streets and sidewalks in neighbourhoods are not cleared of snow and ice in cold months, so I cannot safely ride my bike and must drive my car.
I do not mind paying for parking if it is reasonable, but we pay the highest amounts already!
Parking is overpriced and rarely readily available. It is hard to come by. The city lots in the downtown core cost too much money to park, the street parking in the downtown is difficult to find, although during covid it is a little easier to find parking, but the fees are still expensive. As you move out from the downtown fees reduce somewhat, but are still very expensive for people who make less than \$25K a year.
Poor planning by the city, too many little strips of grass in small parking areas, Poor placement of sidewalks and Bus stop.s
Everything, from availability to cost. Need access but none is available.
If I can't park at my desired destination then I don't go, that means I'm not supporting the businesses.
Stalls are not big enough
If not enough parking, I won't frequent area.
The absurdity of bike lanes in a winter climate coupled with thr reduction in traffic lanes has shown council has lost touch with the actual needs of Calgarians.
I never visit downtown or other issues due to lack of parking, I have mobility issues so parking is necessary.
Parking lot takes up space that could be another local business..
When lack of parking, means driving around to find a parking spot at a reasonable distance. If not, probably will not return to that business.
Transit availability is skewed to inner city not the suburbs, and skewed to the north. If you live southeast, you do not have adequate access to regular, reliable or efficient transit.
It's not that there are few independent retails, it's the fact that it's hard to find they are not positioned in a way that is easy to find
The parking lot is small, busy and very difficult to get in and out of safely. Some errands such as picking up a case of wine or parcels from the post office require a vehicle
Public transit is very time consuming, not direct, not easy to take to multiple places for back to back errands or appointments in different locations, not safe in Calgary's extreme weather, not safe during flu season or pandemics, not easy to walk to stops and wait due to health problems. Can't bike due to medical condition
Difficult to park at schools. Costly to park at hospitals, some doctors, labs etc. Very Difficult to park downtown. Limited mobility and unreliable timing makes it hard to take subsidized transportation equipped for older and disabled so need to drive myself.



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I can't afford to drive to work because of the high cost of parking. It means that I have to add an extra 30 minutes to my commute because taking transit is a requirement. The transit lines were also changed in the end of 2019, making my commute even worse.
Have to park on the street especially in the busy plazas, where you only find a spot early mornings.
The parking spaces are to small
This question is biased
Bicycle parking lock-ups are often not well-designed.
my work is NOT friendly to cycling OR walking in Meridian Neighborhood, very dangerous very fast vehicles no sidewalks, no weekend transit.
I do not feel safe on public transit
Need more parking less bike lanes
Not enough bike parking.
I think this question is phased in such a way that it will only speak to healthy individuals who don't have small children to try to navigate to home with a couple of armloads of groceries
Some places don't have adequate parking it's hard to find parking places and it can be difficult to get in and out of your vehicle because the spots are to narrow
Tight parking spots even for small cars. Not enough parking.
I won't go if parking is difficult. Online is usually available.
we try to not pay for parking, even if driving further, and combine our trips with other tasks. What does 'abundance of retail chains' vs. independents have to do with anything but try to twist some political outcome of this?
In the northwest, it feels like the large majority of business are clustered in large complexes rather than peppered throughout communities. That makes sense for Lowe's or Costco but it feels like even the majority of restaurants are also in complexes.
Disabled and seniors have a hard time finding parking. Many unable to use bicycles, walk, public transit or takes way too long for parents to get home to children.
It's preventing maximal use of space.
Calgary is not a city that is easily navigated by public transit or walking. In fact, it's horrific. Without adequate parking I will probably spend more of my money buying stuff on Amazon rather than supporting local businesses.
With children, even if the destination is walkable I can't easily bike or walk on a regular basis. Parking is a must, or I won't shop at a location if it's a pain to find parking.
Parking downtown and inner city can be hard to get
Never in my travels around Calgary have I ever thought, wow, there's way too much parking here. Parking is really hard to come by all over the city and removing minimums is just about the dumbest thing I've ever heard come out of city hall.
Again, what does chain retailers vs. independent retailers have to do with parking?
Since covid 19, parking lots are not even close to full. Restaurants and stores should be encouraged to use part of the parking area.
having ample available, free parking with good access is very important. I do not feel safe using transit system.
Parking is working just fine



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What do you see as the advantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?

Will mean a decrease in parking and stress on street level retail and street level entertainment and make districts struggle
usually business owners are aware of how much parking they need. much parking is necessary.
Will allow the store owners to enjoy their customers. It's better for businesses to have a break from Parking rules, and reduce the parking payments
It will cause problems and hurt businesses. Businesses that do have parking will be misused by those that don't. There is already not enough parking
If there is no parking at a business then I can take my business elsewhere.
contributes to Calgary meeting global reduction in GHG emissions.
Developers will make more money
The present system is Antiquated, reflecting a different economy and a different society.
Businesses need parking and if you let them choose they will not have enough parking ever
This survey is EXTREMELY biased and geared towards forcing participants to choose options for reduced parking. I am strongly AGAINST this and believe that if businesses can choose how much parking to supply then my options for getting around will be severely reduced.
no advantage at all for them. Not having the minimum parking will prevent customers from frequenting the business they operate.
I have a toddler. Transit is not viable for errands
Lack of parking is an issue in this city.
It will allow for each business to input their needs into the aggregate rather than relying on a fixed ratio
I see none, what the hell is going on?
None, businesses with parking space will be used by other businesses who bought the city government to reduce parking space.
None of the above. This caters to developers who want to squeeze in more \$\$\$\$ per square foot making it difficult to actually get to the businesses
A dumb decision because some places do not even have enough parking right now
Potentially increases density thereby making small industry more cost effective
None of these options are advantages.
Not a good idea. Business owners will not put enough parking spots
There are no advantages. It's short sighted. There should be (and presently are) legislated minimum parking requirements.
People's lives are too busy to spend the time walking everywhere - especially families who are running kids around and have limited time to even grab groceries. Also, we are too spread out for this whole plan to make any sense except for in the downtown core
only will work if developers allocate for sufficient parking - which is in many cases, more than minimum, regardless.
This will make NO DIFFERENCE. We live in a city that has winter for many months of the year and for many people transit doesn't and will never be a choice or option because of the type of work they do. We NEED and WANT to have a car and have somewhere to park!.
No advantage for citizens. Only an advantage to owners who want to charge excessively for limited parking.
None of the above. Fools errand.
Parking is a necessity



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Improves convenience and quality of life for citizens
I do not see positives here.
None of the above
IF the City reduces the minimum required it would allow more flexibility for business to choose parking amounts without the risk of eliminating it for shoppers who travel by car
None
Small business increasingly require travel beyond their local area to thrive.
No advantage
Citizens should have the strongest say in how much parking is needed , and people like to take their own car and be able to park! For many many reasons !
Reduction or elimination of minimum parking requirements simply places the burden of necessary parking needs on adjacent property owners to everyone's detriment.
They should not allow to choose, there should be mandatory parking lots
Allow them an opportunity to further degrade and already deplorable situation
Businesses won't be responsibly for providing parking so it gets handed off to tax payers
Will create a huge future problem for business (loss of clients) and people (loss of convenient business and services)
Reducing parking is premature and a bad idea for this city. The infrastructure is not in place for this change and it will negatively effect the residents of this city.
I see no advantages. There should be minimum parking requirements.
None
None
This city is not designed to be able to walk anywhere or take transit easily unless you live nearby. Businesses should have a say in parking requirements.
There are no advantages to removing a minimum number of parking
Dumping access does not support business access
This is just another policy of the anti car city council and administration
Businesses or developers can reduce their costs, but at the expense of nearby residents or other businesses who will have to deal with their spillover parking. If you ASK any developer whether they WANT to pay for their required parking, it is unlikely that they will want to spend the extra money, especially if they can just have their customers park in front of other homes down the street. In downtown or in very dense areas, this might make sense but in many neighbourhoods, it will just lead to conflicts.
Cars are not going away. Gas car could be replaced by electric. Short sighted to not make sure there is parking.
I don't see any advantage
There is no advantage, this is not going to encourage use of public transit, it will reduce the number of free parking spaces, and encourage people to do business at big box retailers where parking is free & available
Again, such bias in this question, looking to validate proof points. . Yet YYCCC approved 14 new communities in 2018. And existing transit is poorly designed. from the developer perspective, increases \$\$ per square foot.
there is not an over abundance of supply. Even during a pandemic its a struggle to find street parking
No advantages.
There are NO advantages to letting to choose how much parking they need!
Will discourage people from shopping in city and go on line



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I selected could conserve space but that's a heavy maybe. This seems like it will get abused and parking will be inadequate in the interest of corporate greed, and also that the city is failing to give citizens an option to drive or walk, and emphasizing and almost forcing walking. I'm disabled enough that I cannot walk everywhere, but not enough so to qualify for a disability parking tag. Please consider that before you force a choice on people
no advantage
I don't see any advantages. Please stop pushing the agenda of reliance on walking/biking/public transportation in Calgary for daily routines such as commuting to work. Calgary has a harsh climate unlike most European or Asian cities which the city likes to use as examples of less reliant on cars places. It's hard to walk or bike substantial distances when it's below zero which is half a year in Calgary
No benefit!
If there is no parking I won't even attempt going there and businesses won't survive. I will drive further where I know I can park without circling forever.
Don't understand. Pls clarify in daily language
Ensure there is enough parking available for everyone.
I dont think its a good idea, the parking costs will go up due to the lack of availability, its already expensive enough
Calgary is huge and we need to drive everywhere.
There is no benefit. Our city is too big. Our transit is horrible. We need more parking not less!
none of the above. in my experience as a 43year calgarian, we need more parking, not less.
Again, if a business does not have parking I do not shop there.
May encourage more cooperation between businesses that have complementary peak hours
There are no advantages, this is not a good idea
none
Non
City transit is NOT providing good alternative for getting around.
There is no advantage. More parking is needed. Not less.
Our weather can be cold and icy for a good part of the year and discourages people from walking to shop and therefore need to drive. Particularly elderly or mobility challenged. And don't get me started on speeding inconsiderate cyclists.
No advantage.
No advantage. Silly to think otherwise. Winter is great to walk or bike everywhere...ha, ha!!
More cars parked in residential areas...creating hazards for people in the neighborhoods
New buildings must provide parking.
City has not shown proof of their investigation. Which cities have implemented this strategy successfully? How long did it take? The city is already large, in which areas will this initiative work?
Bad idea, already hard to find parking
None
Allows more profit for developers
Will push the city agenda of increasing transit usage even though transit service is terrible. They are catering to downtown / inner city dwellers vs. Suburbs and getting to destinations in a reasonable time frame
I see no advantage.
Will create a chronic under supply of parking spots.
None of the above



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Driving is required as you get older it is impossible to stand on transit when you are a senior and in Calgary there is no requirement to let seniors to sit.
It will lower the volume of people visiting these business as they will have to take a longer commute via public transit or walking and will need to do so more frequently as the volume of merchandise you can carry each trip will be lower.
Not enough parking for disabled customers.
None. Developers will just choose NOT to provide parking because it is expensive. This will make it even harder to find parking.
Less choices for the [language removed] at city hall!
Will limit the elderlies choices.
none of the above
What ridiculous choices.
This will backfire.
There should be minimum parking requirement. Most of the small plazas dont have enough parking already
I disagree with the statements and do not think developers should be able to choose.
Business must provide more parking than they currently do, and it must be free.
The companies can decide what they want to do, rather than the city telling companies what to do.
Everyone of these statement is false and/or completely STUPID!
Will make business let attractable to people who live outside of the down town area. If there was easier parking my wife and I would frequent more shops and restaurants. More parking is more buisness
No advantage AT All terrible idea
Businesses seldom have enough parking as it is. Possibly, should Calgary become like London or New York where there are subways and rail as well as bus routes, our city is still all about cars and thus needs parking!
I see no benefit as a resident.
None
I don't think this will help. Newer malls have reduced spaces and it is very annoying to mot be able to,park when you need to go to a store or the dentist, or other service business. This will reduce small business income not help.
None, this UN agenda does not fit in a Canadian city where we have winter 7 months a year and everything is very spread out so it's far away
Don't see any benefits that work for a person in the suburbs to go downtown
These are all ridiculous
No advantages!!!!
Will limit access to businesses
Nothing
Not found of the cities anti driving campaign. For the businesses with no does anybody actually believe this is viable you can only sell so much stuff in the neighborhood. If they don't want us to drive to their business they don't want our business a referendum vote about cars may solve these issues
None of the above
Calgary needs more parking. Transit is poor - only works if you are going downtown.
I see absolutely no positive reason to reduce the number of parking spaces.
There are no advantages.



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<p>Why do you just come out and say the City wants a whole business property to be taxable at a higher rate due to no parking? I will never travel downtown if there is no parking, transit is poor and unsafe. Plus, since the City downloaded business property tax to rural homeowners, I make it a point to never go downtown for anything. Is this the UCP running the City of Calgary?</p>
<p>They have a choice. If they don't provide free parking I won't do business there.</p>
<p>Nothing.</p>
<p>None.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Will ensure people like me leave the city. Thanks for no support whatsoever for my so called golden years, starting with reducing the value of my inner city home by 25% when I needed to sell it, after paying taxes on it at a much higher assessment for years.</p>
<p>No advantage</p>
<p>Better for changes of businesses/uses in existing buildings. Better long term flexibility.</p>
<p>No advantage except perhaps for very small retail stores</p>
<p>Will allow businesses to match parking requirements to actual need.</p>
<p>Nothing. Developers will insist that parking isn't needed (everyone will be walking or taking the bus according to them), so streets will be come even more congested as people search for parking.</p>
<p>It is unrealistic to think that we will get around without cars. We have an extremely poor transit system and it is strange that the city continues to compare itself to places with extensive networks. Further, we have a harsh winter climate and walking, cycling is not always feasible. Finally, these options never take into account all people - only young adults with no children.</p>
<p>Angry neighbourhoods demanding controlled parking due to businesses filling up the streets with vehicles. Calgary is a city approx 40kms from one end to another the city is deluded to think small pocket sub communities will spring to life int the existing city</p>
<p>Allows for businesses to use that space for something relevant to their business, such as a patio, art, bike locks, etc.</p>
<p>will reduce costs to developers</p>
<p>The advantages are clearly for the builders to save money.</p>
<p>As a city, Calgary is sprawled out. Vehicles are needed as transit is highly inconsistent in scheduled stops and unreliable. Sometimes, with buses not showing up. Unfortunately, the lack of convenient transit and rarely available transit outside of rush hour does not encourage use to transit.</p>
<p>Focusing on active lifestyle and walking is great but this creates major accesibility problems. Forcing those with chronic pain or mobility issues into an active lifestyle where they walk long distances is exclusionary verging on discriminatory with the abysmal state of transportation for disabled individuals.</p>
<p>On my residential street, this could add to the already challenging situation!</p>
<p>I'm not sure this is an advantage; I feel businesses, because of the nature of the beast, will exploit this based on finances.</p>
<p>None - I do not support this change</p>
<p>Many locations are already hard to find parking at. Allowing businesses/developers to dicste city planning is poor planning.</p>
<p>allowing a business the flexibility to assign/delegate customer and staff parking is better for the business owner/operator. The City should only get involved when public complaints cannot be resolved between the community and the business(es)</p>
<p>I see no advantage in reducing minimum parking requirements. I already exclude many destinations because of the lack of parking.</p>
<p>No advantage</p>



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Pedestrianization is the best!!! More pedestrian boulevards, more space for patios and parks!
none
These questions are all slanted to provide you the answers you want. I think parking is ridiculously high but I think driving is important.
none
There is no advantage. There is not enough parking already. Businesses will cheap out and either have insufficient parking or implement Impark. That company is run by crooks. I would rather pay ParkPlus in that case since my parking fee will stay in Calgary rather than go to someone in Vancouver. If you want to encourage a more active lifestyle, continue building bike paths and connect destinations to transit ~ nearby transit ~ NOT a stop that is 800m away or has 2-3 connections.
There are none. The developers will always under provide parking and small businesses and nearby residential areas will suffer because of it
I don't see positive changes here
Will avoid central planning which always gets it wrong and let the free market decide
More density means less space and parking spaces to support such density will not exist. And transit give me a break. Come live in Evanston it's a two hour bus ride to the core or a 20min drive and a 25 creating ride. Your coverage is not good enough.
None, there is not an oversupply. Public transportation in this city is awful and reducing parking is asinine.
Nothing
The businesses aren't the ones dealing with parking at their locations throughout the day
make developers happy, create more traffic issues in neighbourhood's
Are you kidding me
I don't see an advantage. This is a garbage idea. In a city where it reaches 40 below with a terribly designed and dirty transit system you need to have the option to drive your car.
No benefit
The city and parking companies can make Calgary the most expensive inaccessible place for citizens to park and shop in the downtown
There is never enough handicap parking
I don't see this as an advantage at all..
I do not see an advantage. During a pandemic I do not wish to take public transportation.
If a business is not a builder of a place, how the owner could choose number of needed parking spots?
It's a win for business allowing them to avoid contributing to solutions regarding car use
It is favored by the property developers who are pushing this policy
Maybe stop making shady deals to sell our cities POOR Infrastructure instead of building more.
No advantages, will just reduce the options to find parking where I want to go, therefore may reduce my willingness to go there
no advantage
Nothing this is a bad idea. This was done in Bridgeland and there are fights for parking spots
This is a bad idea. There already isn't enough parking in areas downtown and in other busy areas. I don't want to HAVE to take transit, bike or walk somewhere. I like the option of taking my car and carpooling. Parking fees need to be cheaper too. It's [language removed] ridiculous how much you have to pay sometimes.
I think you'll see more businesses ask for more parking spaces
No advantage from my perspective



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I don't see any advantage to taking away the parking minimum. It's just a way for developers and builders to do what they want without allotting the right amount of space for parking.
If there is no parking I will avoid going to that destination
All of the above reasons sound great, however, they are all in theory and are highly likely NOT to happen as a result of the removal of parking minimums
None, businesses especially developers with not be considered with the city and communities as a whole and will under design parking to save money push the burden on the city and nearby communities to absorb the demand
I don't see an advantage.
None of the above.
Businesses want me to spend my \$\$ so they will accommodate me.
There are no advantages. There will always be a need for parking. We live in a climate that is not conducive for walking for 6+ months of the year.
Trick question. No advantages should be an option.
Forces travel choices...not "provides" travel choices
It's already to expensive to park! Why? New York is cheaper...y?
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It will lead to developers cutting costs and making areas less attractive to visit and spend money what?
This question doesn't make sense? Businesses manage street parking? Is that the question?
Will make it more difficult to go places because there won't be enough parking and our transit system does not currently allow for ease of access everywhere in this city.
Don't see any advantages. Businesses will choose the cheaper option which will make getting to their location more difficult. I would go somewhere more accessible.
Isn't this a loaded question. Of course a City of Calgary survey slants the available responses to the pre-determined outcome they want to see
There is no advantage to less parking, i do not take transit since i do not want to haul a lot on a bus or train
City of calgary can ticket more
No advantage. Businesses will use this as a way to reduce parking to the detriment of public. Especially where it could be an essential service and you have no choice but to drive to it.
The city removing 2 hour parking limits on local streets, and all other non-free Street parking
Should only allow reduction not increase
Nothing will really change unless we introduce parking maximums.
No advantages. Will make parking harder to find and more expensive.
None. Just because the original business doesn't want/require parking doesn't mean that the business that will eventually take their place won't need it. There should be minimum parking requirements for ALL businesses.
Non of these
Businesses do not have the needs of the community in mind. Communities should decide parking.
Companies with more money will buy more, leaving it extremely difficult to park close to local privately own businesses.
I think businesses would put more parking stalls not less!
No advantage - This will cause people using the wrong parking spots or parking in front of people's homes!!!



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None of the above are true
None of the above. Increases inconvenience.
Not a benefit to reduce parking stalls. I don't shop at a lot of places because of lack of stalls or having to pay to park.
The city needs to have minimum standards to keep businesses on an even playing ground
Reducing available parking will only force the cost of those spaces to sky rocket. We already have some of the most expensive downtown parking. This sounds so frustrating. Go somewhere and have nowhere to park.
Generally there is no advantage. Most developments have horrible parking as it is
None
Businesses will never have enough parking if it is not stipulated...Seriously crazy....there is NOT enough parking anywhere
Not a thing!!
None of the above
I dont see a positive. Right now I look at new developments and there are not enough places to park. Deerfoot city is an excellent example, they filled in so much space with business that you have to park blocks away from where you are trying to go. Parking stalls don't make income so developers will always put less parking. Which will drive people online
Allowing individual developers to dictate parking requirements instead of through zoning or area structure plans will create situations that only benefit businesses instead of finding a balance.
Terrible idea. Need more parking
None- businesses come and go. Do developers not actually make these decisions?
There are NO advantages!!! This will hurt the working class and drive parking costs higher! This has to be stopped!!! For goodness sake how can council even be contemplating such a horrible, outrageous proposal!!!!!!!!!!
Promotes social equality by serving citizens who use transit, bikes, and walking.
Without ample parking and accessibilityWill encourage people to stay home and be able to save money
None of the above
I see this as a disadvantage
None of those statements are true or positive. Calgary is snow covered 8 months of the year and activity is not an option for transport. There is no advantage. People will simply stop shopping places without adequate parking. Its already happening downtown.
i dont think this will help
Better land use, including on the street businesses, with developers not needing to account for parking.
Disagree with all of above
Will destroy the viability of living, working, or using downtown services.
Businesses will spend less to have parking, therefore severely limiting the amount or types of people that can visit their store reasonably. This will lead to the City having higher costs charged to businesses to have parking at all.
Allows the city to keep charging more taxes while absolving themselves of any responsibility for parking issues.
I see no advantage to reduce available parking other then it feeds into what the city serms should be the ficus. Not the users or oatrns of businesses. Thus survey is biased with the recurring and multiple options pointing towards the negaitivity of current situation.
I don't like how some of these answers are leading, I know how this will result in the city moving ahead with a decision to minimize driving but in a city that is freezing cold for more than half the year and crappy



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transit driving it the only option. Help the climate by focusing on businesses and industry not normal struggling people who are trying to get from a to b safely and warmly.
None of these, there is usually a lack of parking, never too much parking in most places in the city
I dont see any advantages to it
Quit privatizing all parking lots/ charging so much
I see no advantages to this, businesses will never provide enough parking because it costs them more to do so
drive the price up for parking
Allow the businesses to determine what sort of business/community they want. Let the free market decide. If they want less parking but lose customers, let them decide.
Reduced heat island effect, potentially less stormwater management
its not an advantage.
Not sure there is an advantage as people will jostle for parking creating unsafe conditions
WHY would this be a thing? This only is an advantage for the business, not the consumer
If it results in less parking there is no benefit, it will not change how people commute in the city. The city is too big to rely on public transit or biking. I live in signal Hill and I need to drive when shopping in communities such as Inglewood or Kensington and the parking in both communities is horrible.
don't see an advantage at all
I do not see a positive here.
there isn't enough parking period. Reducing it is the dumbest idea I've ever heard.
I don't see advantage
None
It will force people to alternate transport but not necessarily help work life balance. People would use there cars more if they could. Would be nice to design to that need.
The city of Calgary is not designed to be a pedestrian city. Our roots are rural and even increasing transit options doesn't eliminate the need for vehicles. I have a vehicle for many reasons, I need it for work as my work is many locations throughout the province, all my family live in other towns throughout the province and North America, I have dogs and rely on my vehicle to take them to the river and other places where they can run and exercise.
There are already very few spaces. Asking businesses to choose amount of parking means paid parking everywhere. That doesn't make me want to go that business.
It's none of the governments business how much parking a business makes on THEIR OWN LAND.
No benefit - please stop pushing this agenda from a small minority.
Will allow small business to have more parking so they can have more customers. Walking and riding bikes in this city is not feasible for most, as the demographics for Calgary is a very young, family oriented...and you can't take your baby and toddler on a bike 9months out of the year! Last year it snowed from Sept- May! Sorry! We're packing the kids in the car where it's warm! Not waiting for a bus that may or may not come that hour, and stand in the elements as most of our bus stops don't have protection and many don't even have a bench! Cars aren't going away any time soon!
None. This is an advantage financially to developers only. With residential being mixed with commercial nowadays, the residents will suffer as there will be no parking for visitors or support services
There are no advantages to changing the planning rules
It doesn't take into consideration current area residents.
No advantage. There is nowhere near enough parking for the stores I frequent. Keep the minimum parking requirements.



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There will only be benefit if rules are in place to NOT permit for a business to just not put in necessary parking forcing patrons to use parking provided and paid for by other businesses.
I do not see any benefits
No advantage at all.
Do not let businesses choose
Could be an advantage or disadvantage. ...if businesses choose to have less parking, it may discourage some consumers not to go there
I don't see any everyone has a different idea of what is needed
There are none. This is the stupidest ideas to come out of city counsel recently.
I see no advantages to this
There is actually a lack of parking in many inner city areas and no I don't want to take transit during COVID!,
Nothing. The business won't ensure they have adequate parking and will create parking issues
will only allow for more businesses use the space and so pay ties.. Parkers will be out of luck
It will make parking shortage much worse. There is NO advantage.
Businesses can become accountable for the parking they they provide.
as a design professional, parking becomes cost / real estate prohibitive, especially to demographics who don't require cars.
none of these
Will crowd neighbouring streets with cars that can't find close parking to businesses. Will allow businesses with large capacities to be built in unsuitable neighbourhood settings.
Do not see this as an advantage
Increase parking and have it accessible to businesses
None - nobody will willingly pay for parking.
As a person that only drives and does not rely on transit for anything if parking isn't available I won't go to that venue
It won't
Makes pay parking price jump to premium levels, discourages me from ever going to those areas and businesses
It seems like developers are manipulating City administration to allow them greater profits.
City wont listen [language removed]!
Big developers talking here...Winters make walking etc dangerous and too cold
The business owners will not gain from this. The builders will, who just will start to increase profits and the businesses will suffer.
Calgary is over 100 years old. Winters can be dangerously cold. Calgarians need their cars and access to places by car. And therefore more parking nit less
Will only raise the cost of parking. Only benefit is to the city and their horrible budgeting ability
No advantage. Only disadvantages. Businesses will further reduce parking and create more access issues.
No obvious advantages!
There is no benefit. They will do the least amount possible at more cost to the customer.
I think businesses can't reliably know how much parking they need.
The question and options for answers are part of a secondary agenda. Where will all the electric cars park? Property taxes are paid by owners, whether a house, condo, business tower. The city is spread



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out currently. Better traffic/parking assessments need to take place when developments are being approved just because they are near LRT.
I do not think that the City should allow business to choose amount of parking. The City could have different requirements for different businesses.
Will probably cause more parking headaches. Will spill out in to neighbouring residential streets which are already full due to densification. Cars will not go away in this environment. Calgary weather prevents the use of transit year round due severe weather.
How about parking structures instead of a parking lot
Is a scam between developers and council
City should work for citizens not for developers
Keep parking requirements same.
None of the above. We need to realize that we are a city that is very cold more than 2/3 of the year. This makes it not walk-friendly 2/3 of the year. Parking needs to be available otherwise businesses in those areas suffer.
None.
I don't see any of the advantages above except reducing the cost for business owners. Calgary doesn't have good and convenient enough transit for people giving up driving.
It's dumb. Don't do it. Nobody who owns a car is EVER going to go transit. We will just shop elsewhere. Bet you do.
How about providing some choices on here that aren't so clearly biased towards your predetermined goal to do what you want.
I will shop somewhere else. Walking or transit doesn't FYI my life for easy of movement
So many businesses don't have enough parking as it is. Reducing the amount of parking would deter me from shopping there.
These statements are unrealistic and not relevant to mst people
I don't see any advantages.
I think this is a bad idea. No advantage
No advantage in my mind. Look at the mess you have made in Marda Loop/Altadore
There already ain't enough!!!!
There is no advantage there has to be parking for me to use a business
None of the above
None
These listed options may appear to be advantages, but I question if they are actually realized in practice.
Nine of the above
All new buildings should have underground parking.Long winters ...get it?
None
Potentially less red tape
None of the above. I inly see disadvantages for this idea
Canada is a country with vast space and you want to charge me to park my car wherever I go . Shame on you
Reduced parking will cause more paid parking which means only wealthy people can drive to destinations reducing the clientele to certain establishments
This will monopolies parking stalls. Sounds like a closed door payout by developers to the city mayor and council members. Very suspect.



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The designers of this survey (and whoever approved its publication) should Be held accountable to Calgarians for the obvious bias displayed and complete disregard for the Needs of the average Calgarian. This survey and it's obvious bias are an embarrassment.
I can NOT see any advantage to customers, maybe cheaper for business but at the cost of fewer customers.
This would just allow the City of Calgary to charge more for the parking they already are overcharging for this is a waste and a stupid idea
I see no real advantages.
It MAY incentivize other methods of travel, if they are easily available.
Im sorry - where is the investment in transit. The price does not align with the level of service provided.
Will make it more difficult for persons with disabilities to visit businesses.
None
Not sure there would be a significant difference. Buisness may still look to the bylaw as recomendation
Unfortunately a lack of parking will negatively impact business sales
In most cases I have found that the demand for parking often exceeds the parking spaces available.
There will be parking issues and businesses will fail, or, customers will illegally park
N/A
Reducing parking space will potentially cause more congestion and vehicle idling getting a parking spot. Without minimum parking requirements, some area will experience a worsened problem of residential parking for commercial purposes, especially in those embedded businesses within the neighborhood or location with high traffic. Lastly, limited parking available also discourage traffic flow/trade within the inner city e.g. downtown restaurants are victims of the lack of parking in weekend
Not enough parking now
Terrible idea. Calgary is not public transit friendly. I would never choose public transit over driving.
None
Will result in congested parking areas, stranded business premises not attractive to businesses, potential road rage over limited space.
This will just cause higher fees and less available parking. We don't want to ride bikes or the stupid scooters. Why does this administration continue to wreck this city
They might seem to prefer deciding their own parking issues
There is no benefit to removing minimums.
None
the only benefit is cost saving to developers and massive financial gains to privatized parking companies. Is this a sponsored initiative by one of these groups?
Developers dont have to provide adequate parking so they save money
I don't really see any advantages. This is one biased question!
There is no advantage to the majority of Calgarians in this concept.
No advantages. Example is saddletown circle plaza(in front of subway). Easthills walmart.80th ave tim hortons plaza(NE)
Massive big box retailers wont need to take up so much space in the city, allowing for lower taxes and a more conducive environment for small LOCAL business
How can you know what parking will be required as businesses often change with leases and one business may need more or less than another business
no advantages



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No advantage really. Very short sighted approach until City has wide covered walkways everywhere. Do not import mild climate ideas where they don't work.
Don't see an advantage
Urban sprawl is a fact in Calgary. People have to drive to certain places/appointments, and a lot of people aren't able to walk or have any other means of transportation to get to those places.
I don't See a benefit
None of the above
Provide a survey question that all answers fit City Halls bizarre planning narratives. You are going to do what you are going to do, clearly not interested in sustainable civic economics or the views of your citizens.
allow new independent parking companies in. Impark needs more competition.
Will reduce heat island effect in summer, and maintenance costs (e.g. for snow removal) in winter. Will allow more creative use of space for interesting businesses.
No advantage.
If you reduce people's ability to drive and park somewhere you will negatively impact that development. Calgary's climate is harsh for up to eight months a year.
I'll be staying home more as I live too far from downtown to walk/bike and poor public transit infrastructure would add hours to my commute daily.
None
This is dumb and feels like selling our city and being lazy instead of actually planning.
none. There is no advantage
May allow for a broader spectrum of businesses in Calgary, geared towards different consumers.
I don't see advantages. This city should be accessible by car.
None. What if the current business doesn't need parking, but a year from now there's a new tenant and they require parking? Businesses these days are not static, and once parking is eliminated as an option, the type of business that can fill that space is automatically limited.
Nobody will benefit if we are all fighting for parking spaces. There is already not enough parking in many areas.
The disabled, the elderly, commuters are all disadvantaged. I'd go so far as to say discriminated against with this sort of motion.
I don't believe reducing parking requirements will be be ficus last, especially in the suburbs
None of the above. No consideration for people who cannot get around any other way.
No benefit
This survey is very misleading and subjective. Calgary has among the highest prices for parking in north America. Clearly there is NOT too much parking spaces
I see buisnessess cutting cost and the consumers expense.
The City needs to stop being anti-car. Not everyone wants (or can afford) to live in the inner city, where you can't walk without being harassed. Those of us choosing to live outside of downtown pay taxes too.
There are no advantages. This will only make the \$\$ per sq foot go up for owning a business. Not attract more people to them.
No advantage
I dont see an advantage
already a pain to find parking - if anything businesses will be un-viable due to the LACK of parking
None
I don't trust government to make choices for people



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No parking means that I will not purchase locally. Shopping online will increase
None. Too late to prevent urban sprawl with the approval of so many communities far from the central core. Now we have to fund the green line for that mistake.
If businesses need to pay for parking they need they will by default take the least amount possible to cut the cost. This does not reduce the amount of vehicles that are going to need parking it just relocates them to neighboring businesses or communities making it somebody else's issue to deal with.
There are no advantages, don't change this!
Never enough handicap parking
Will allow businesses to abuse residential parking areas.
I see no advantage if the business doesn't fully understand their needs
May encourage more innovative and interesting development by lowering the significant cost associated with meeting parking minimums and/or seeking relaxations
None of the above
Makes shopping areas less dangerous, and reduces noise pollution
These surveys are terribly worded and clearly slanted towards justifying an anti-car opinion the city is pushing
Gives the choice to businesses and consumers on how they want to access stores. If businesses don't desire parking they should not have to pay for it. Customers can shop elsewhere if they don't like it.
There are no advantages to giving more choices to developers since their main reason for existence is to make a profit. A parking lot is more expensive than having none so of course they will choose this regardless of what is best for the community as a whole. Please consider your moral obligation to refrain from giving developers free reign when it comes to these decisions. It will come back to bite you in the end and you will have to live out the rest of your life knowing you were responsible for ruining great communities.
The advantages to the city and businesses are the same: i.e. reduction in free parking for residence which ultimately will mean reduced costs (initial building of parking, and maintenance) for the city and business' and more cost to the citizens as they will need to use private parking lots, pay for parking, or overflow into free parking in residential areas.
There are no advantages to reducing the number of parking spaces businesses must provide.
There is no advantage to this.
I do not see advantages to this.
With an 8 month winter period, single vehicle transportation efficiency should be the city's #1 priority.
There is not an advantage for general public however its a benefit to the city as it allows developers to cut a small amount of cost by maximize building space while passing the inconvenience and cost to the public
No advantage.
none. Calgarians over-whelmingly want to drive place despite what council thinks they want.
It's a bad idea that will drive people to crowd residential on street areas.
Helps to kill downtown business and give the suburbs better stores to go to
I do not see advantages. Walking/biking is not feasible in bad weather or the winter and there is already not enough parking in most places. Allowing less will make the problem much worse, with more idling as people circle lots looking for parking or driving significantly out of their way to go to a business with parking available.
No benefit because I want to drive there, park easily, and pay a low fee for parking.
None. A person's right to drive should never be penalized by the municipality.



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Parking will be more fit-for-purpose and based on the context. In general, The City should have fewer rigid policies and allow for more contextual flexibility for all types of planning considerations.
The City doesn't need to regulate parking. Developers and businesses are the experts. Stop wasting our money regulating something you don't have experience in.
Why are the options only worded positively in favour of this decision. Very biased. This is a bad choice, it will make parking in the city (which is frankly a driving city) more difficult. You clearly don't have your thumb on the pulse of the city.
No advantage.
No advantages whatsoever.
None, developers will always try to cram as many paying sources as possible
Putting more burden on tax payers instead of on developers where it belongs.
This question seems to presume that businesses will choose to not invest in parking. That is an absurd presumption.
No advantage
Non of the above.
Will keep me from going places if parking isn't adequate
I don't see any advantage when I live to far away to walk/ bike and transit isn't a good option.
The only advantage is allowing OVER CROWDING.
Will destroy access to the city by overloading street parking and creating conflicts between residences and businesses needing available street parking for non core customers.
This is a terrible idea, we do not have enough parking
There is no benefit. Keep mandatory minimums
None
Will allow developers to increase density and make money without spending on any supporting infrastructure, which will increase my taxes to pay for the needed infrastructure
Calgary transit is NOT anywhere near good enough or accessible to rely on instead of driving.
there should be a maximum cap, i worry that businesses wont reduce the amount of parking if the minimum is lifted
More people will be driving now because of Covid. We have a long a cold winter in which walking and cycling is unrealistic. Parking is very important. Cars are now more important due to social distancing.
There is not enough parking, biking is not feasible for most of the year due to weather, and Calgary's transit system is mainly so inconvenient that it is unusable.
The price of parking is ridiculous this would allow for businesses to be more accessible.
Who wrote these questions? Small businesses Need parking!
Calgary has the worst parking of any city I have lived in. Better parking structures are needed given it is winter most of the year and most people have large vehicles
nothing
Removing parking minimums instead of adjusting them to real world measurable data will lead to not enough parking. And the City will swoop in and build pay parking lots to soak consumers, I'm sure.
I am a small business and I've lost business because parking at the mall I am a tenant at is too limited and difficult. Please don't reduce parking further. It will hurt business
people will stop going to places they can't easily access. So it will hurt the businesses in the end.
None of the above.
They may be smarter than city staff.
People will park in nearby residential areas



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Really stupid survey. Typical City of Calgary.
No advantages
developers will eliminate parking to maximize their profits on commercial real estate
It means I will be shopping at more big malls because of lack of parking!!
Would absolutely discourage me from shopping there as I have mobility issues that make transit difficult.
None of the above. I believe reducing parking is a terrible idea.
The city will realize that Calgary is a cold climate and vehicle travel is the most convenient given the climate. Parking should be available for all.
There is no advantage, there is just greed
Will reduce the number of people who want to call Calgary home and those people will move to other communities.
Sorry but with 6mos of winter we need more parking not less. Buses and biking don't work 6 mos of the year
None
Horribly biased survey designed to produce city desired result
None if the above. There should be minimum requirements for parking.
None of the above.
Where is the "There needs to be more parking available for those who prefer to drive?"
Communist way of thinking. It is North America. Distances are great. Cars are needed.
None. Developers will just build more building space, and not give two hoots about parking space.
None. Business should be allowed to APPLY for an exception to the rule only when it can be demonstrated that the minimum parking requirements would create an oversupply
I think people will end up parking where they shouldn't because Calgary is a car city.
The City has already made too many locations hard to access for seniors and people with disabilities/mobility issues. Example: Bowness Park.
None of the above, we need more parking spots
Parking will disappear
This will not likely fix the "problem" you are attempting to address.
Will definitely discourage people shopping there
None of the above. I have rarely seen an excess of parking. Having the option to not rely on a vehicle is great. Imposing that upon people and taking away the choice is not great.
City will not allow businesses to exceed the maximum number of parking stalls, and then are surprised when the business outgrows the number of parking stalls (Costco Heritage).
None of the above!
Absolutely none of this, less available parking stalls, less people going there
No advantages
Businesses will choose not to include parking, so I won't have to go to these places
No advantages. Bad idea.
None. This is idealistic urban planning that is disconnected from the realities of living in Calgary
none
None. They will add too little and the result will be zero space for years. The developer moves on and we're stuck with a poorly designed space with lower rent.
Make it harder to visit some businesses
None - other than large retailers like Walmart and Superstore, most parking (ie street side or strip malls) is cramped and difficult to navigate, especially when it's full



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There is no advantage. This will allow developers too much power and force Parker's in to communities and other places they don't belong.
Only benefit I could see is if it improves our current public transit which is currently not very helpful
Questions on this survey are written to support a desired outcome not to actually solicit a wide variety of views
None
Get out of business city council.
If paid parking no benefit as I will go elsewhere
This question is too biased to effectively answer. The only advantage would be to prevent the swarms of "pay for parking" companies snapping up every single lot from doing that.
I don't see any advantages here.
Will add burden on residents already stretched by the city by having to pay for parking
Non of above . Parking is already a problem.
None, there should be a minimum requirement.
It will be a disaster.
None of above. Increase cost to consumers. Poor city planning, driving is required and most are happy to drive.
None. This is ridiculous.
Will make it more difficult to find parking and more people will be crammed into these buildings.
Nothing. This survey is biased. Like other times, the city is pretending to want engagement and biasing it to support their own ideological position.
There is none except maybe less pollution because people simply won't go.
I do not see any advantages.
No, business must be able to provide parking spots proportional to the amount of people their establishment can accommodate.
Will deter people from visiting those places and businesses due to lack of parking and insufficient transit
Do you have any idea how long and how expensive it is to pave land to get more parking? Literally everyone will have one stall and give everyone the middle finger.
Will enable council members to maintain their corrupt relationships with developers
The benefit is that developers can increase the number of retailers and have tax dollar be spent on parking enforcement and increased traffic to these areas.
These are all slanted choices designed to give you the answers you want.
That developers who already seem to be paying councillors to make decisions which benefit them and harm Calgary and calgarians will continue that long standing tradition.
There isn't an advantage.
I don't see any advantages. The only ones benefits are the property developers who will just end up further congesting areas.
Please ensure adequate Free parking is available
I don't see advantages as many business are not walking distance or easily accessible via public transit, which will then reduce their consumers if there's not enough parking.
No advantage
It has made it harder to work and shop. Less parking or it is expensive.
Is it realistic not to own a vehicle - seriously. We have -30 winters and busses/c-trains aren't available to everybody. Also the commute is quadruple the time. Also, business offering take out won't deliver even 2 more km away because of the cost to them



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Dont do it , not enough parking
No advantage
Side walks can continue to be used by restaurants as they are now during Covid. This has always been a huge negative law in Canada, that has been successfully negated in Europe and has proven to create more vibrance and people oriented spaces, as well as more vibrant communities.
It is terrible idea
Could be beneficial for more environmentally friendly travel, but only after improvements to transit are COMPLETE. Investing in transit does not produce instant results and it will likely be years before we have the infrastructure to support a shift towards public rather than private transportation.
Nothing, it's going to make driving less feasible, putting more pressure on people with little alternative, in an already terrible transit situation
All of these options are advantageous to a new business but NOT for existing nearby businesses, residents or other facilities. A business exists primarily to make money, so saving on parking is great for them, but not at all for others who have to contend with spillover parking. Assuming that patrons will switch to biking, walking or bus is a false assumption that has not been proven in existing areas. If there isn't enough parking, spillover creates anger and frustration for nearby occupants, be they residential or existing commercial venues. If you ask a business how much parking they want to pay for, and if they know they can spill over into existing areas, the answer will likely be that they don't want to provide any. There may be a case made for a neighbourhood, a BIA or a master plan to determine how much parking is needed for an area, but allowing an individual application to determine how much parking they need..... well, that is like asking the average person how much tax they'd like to pay!
Less parking encourages people to understand a different vision for the city that is more walkable.
Will not make a huge difference unless the city also removes all other constraints.
Lack of parking is killing small business retail.
See no benefit.
There are none
Will make it a nightmare to shop locally, and discourage me to get to the buisness. Clients are already complaining about this.
The land use bylaw asks for a ridiculous amount of parking and it hinders opening businesses
Nothing. Developers will make decisions based on maximizing their profits. Businesses will suffer if people can't find a convenient place to park.
There is not enough parking for most downtown destinations, but there may be too much in peripheral communities. As a disabled person I find it frustrating that there is such limited handicap parking everywhere and the push to go car less or take transit sweeps over the needs of people that cannot walk 20 minutes to their destination.
Do not see benefits. There's usually a problem FINDING parking. Not excessive spots.
I don't see any of these as an advantage
builders will always choose the cheaper option. Not what is best for the people utilizing the businesses. The people that live close to shops will always have people parking in front of their house as overspill.
There are no advantages.
None of the above
Businesses will never want to pay higher taxes due to money spent on parking. It will become scenario like hospital where you go & can not find any parking. People will avoid going to those places resulting in business loss eventually.
I think this survey is very biased, and that you are trying to have reasons to force people out of their cars. That is not your job or your authority. Businesses need parking or they will not survive. It must be



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mandatory. I know lots of places such as in Altadore, are horrible for parking, so I don't shop locally. I am not driving around the block 4 times to try to park. I will go to communities where parking is easy.
Bad idea!
None
i don't see this as an advantage
This is a bad idea
I cannot think of anywhere I go where there is more parking than needed. Finding parking is a constant struggle as someone without access to transit- with a large family the cost of transit is extremely prohibitive.
Small business can focus more on attracting and retaining localized consumers rather than catering to those living in the suburbs that aren't likely to shop there in the first place (due to proximity).
It is not yet time to think about the above as the public transit or other modes are not well spreaded. Retail products are not widely available in the communities and often people drive to other communities or places for shopping or recreation.
Minimum parking requirements ensure an adequate supply of parking and should remain. Calgary is a cold weather climate and ensuring min parking stalls is part of good planning practices.
There isn't one. Minimum parking exists for a reason.
Will result in more road rage. I will avoid going to places where is difficult to find parking. City should look at other alternatives. Will be difficult during pandemic as few will take transit unless they have to.
I can't see this as happening anytime soon in a city like ours.
Developers will take advantage of this and have fewer spots available for parking. It'll be about developers spending less not about parking or the public. Bad idea
Will limited volume of customers
Nothing. If I frequent a shopping area to buy dinner but consistently struggle to find parking, there is something wrong with the system. Reducing limits will only make this worse.
will be detrimental to small business who rely on customers to get in and out of their business area quickly because they have busy lives and otherwise won't go
Harder to get customers
I am not confident in the choices the city will make to improve connectivity of public transit options
Will hurt retailers, no one is willing to circle the lot multiple times to find a spot
There is no advantage. A terrible idea.
I don't see the advantage
None. The City is abdicating their mandated planning responsibility by caving to the wishes of profit minded developers and businesses at the expense of nearby residents and established businesses.of Calgary.
There are no advantages
None of the above. Who designed this survey? Unbelievably leading.
Gives us the chance to change our concrete desert into a more vibrant area.
There will be more business and no parking, CRAZY!
The city will charge more for parking if there are less spots
More inviting and beautiful communities for us all to live in
there is little advantage to allow business owners to make this decision. there are minimum standards for a reason
Not at the cost of the business.
Terrible idea. Then there will be no parking spot.



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Allow for wider spaces (i.e. Costco) to lessen or eliminate potential injury or damage
none
I do not see an over supply of parking.
For citizens there are no advantages to this. There will be less parking available which will cause issues for neighbourhoods neat businesses.
A sufficient number of parking spaces must be available to meet demand.
There will be even less available parking
Maybe we'll get more parking as businesses realize there isn't enough
literally none of the above, most of the benefits could be achieved without reducing parking. Change should be encouraged because its positive not forced upon people by making their alternatives inviable.
There are no advantages, there is already insufficient parking
No parking = No business
N/A
Allowing businesses to decide is not wise.
Not an advantage. Lack of parking just forces ppl to park in neighbourhoods and it then impacts residents.
I see no advantage
I believe that less regulation and more freedom make retailers and businesses more responsible. If a business think they don't need parking it is its responsibility. If it has no customer for its choice it will close.
Building parking structures or providing surface parking is very costly. Making changes to the current system or granting easements (as the City often does with no rhyme nor reason) , will result in undue pressure on the surrounding communities. No developer or business owner would opt to provide an appropriate amount of parking due to costs.
No advantages
The average business owner understands the importance of providing adequate parking for their clientele and recognize that a parking shortage hurts their business. Ample, convenient, free parking is good for business.
It will make parking more expensive
I don't see any advantages. Parking is already an issue. There should more parking spaces, not less. People are buying bigger and bigger vehicles. Truck sale are hitting all time highs. We need more space for this trend.
Fixed question seems the anti car bias runs deep in this survey it would be better and best serving if the questions weren't 'leading'
It is not the city's business to engage in social engineering or promoting poorly thought and unproven dogmas. Better put some thought into cutting your expenses.
Parking is dead space. It sits empty the majority of time. It is a waste of land.
There should always be a minimum standard of parking and the company can choose to add extra spaces.
N/A
nothing
No advantage. People will still drive and end up idling or driving around to find a spot, parking illegally, or end up going to businesses that actually have enough parking.
Perhaps this will encourage the City to actually clear snow from neighbourhoods in the winter. They are not walkable 6 months of the year.
I see no advantages.



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The advantage (cost) will be passed on to the tax payer.
No advantages. Businesses don't care how I get there, they care about rent and profit.
You guys are [language removed]. Don't take parking spots away by giving developers free reign to overdevelop plazas and not leave room for parking.
I have serious concerns with allowing the current City Council the ability to make this determination. They have not made any smart economic decisions in the past 10 years in my humble opinion, with the exception of pulling out of the Olympic bid. It frightens me that changes they make might very well dig us into a deeper hole where citizens will be unable to afford parking anywhere in this city. Private parking in the downtown being approximately \$6/hour above that of the city in the downtown an hour appointment costs someone a minimum of \$14 to \$24 depending on the lot and that is within a two block radius for an hour. That is criminal! For that you get no protection for your vehicle. Your vehicle gets hit or broken into and it is your insurance. The app fails to record your payment and you get a ticket for the more than double the cost!!!!
There needs to be parking for employers and customers...
I will stop using businesses that do not offer enough parking spaces and spend my money at establishments that offer adequate parking.
There is no advantage to this. This will only hinder my efforts to get to the places I need to.
Need More Parking!!
No advantage because the building could be used at a later date by a business that requires more parking than they do now. I understand this to be a push to reduce vehicle traffic and suppress Calgarians' ability to frequent businesses.
This survey is incredibly biased towards the anti-car agenda at city hall.
Once again. Completely biased question that supports the agenda of having less parking for Calgarians.
This is ridiculous, parking is required!
They might undermine how much parking is needed especially if they are paying for it.
Nothing, businesses will not provide ample parking unless mandated to do so. Costs are much too high.
It will reduce costs to businesses but it will also reduce the amount of customers visiting their businesses.
None of the above. There are no advantages.
None of the above. These answers are biased to support a whimsical plan rather than being objective.
May reduce costs if the mall owner passes on the reduced costs (but this often is not the case just more profit for the land owner)
get people to think about moving to a friendlier town where you can park
None. They will cheap out and then parking becomes an issue and companies start charging.
It is obvious that businesses will minimize parking to save on costs.
Businesses can't just add or subtract parking. Developers who have no idea what business is going to inhabit the building do, so it only makes sense to provide adequate parking for the median probability. We're a society of vehicular mobility, stop trying to force us into something we are not.
No benefit
I won't be going to businesses that I don't think I'll be able to park at. Where I live I have to drive to get anywhere. The city isn't invested in bringing the LRT to north central Calgary.
I do not see advantages, the buck will be passed along to the more vulnerable.
Profits for developers (at the expense of businesses and citizens).
Not advantageous. Some newer places do not have enough parking, cars drive around and around waiting for a spot. Wastes energy, causes extra pollution.
Lack of parking will mean avoiding that business or service and finding one that offers parking.
None! Don't do it!



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There is no advantage. Calgary is a car city. Transit is awful and when I'm buying groceries for a family I am not taking a bus - or three -To get there. Less parking means more frustration. People are already frustrated with Calgary and it's high priced and meagre parking.
Discriminated against those who do not live inner city and yet drive due to inadequate city servicing and options for alternative transit.
There are no advantages here that could directly and specifically be applied to parking policies.
There are no advantages, this is a biased question. City is giving in to the developer pressure, and it will have a negative impact on residents well being and usability of businesses, as well as gas emissions from vehicles looking for parking longer than normal
It will most likely lead to there not being enough parking spaces and me being forced to shop elsewhere
Will limit customers to businesses, reducing their viability, in the end.
Permits could issues on case by case but business should never be allowed to be self-serving in this regard.
I don't see any advantage
None of these. Will only benefit builders not having to leave the space
NONE
Nothing
Will allow the city to collect more from developers
N/A
None, there will be a shortage of parking stalls
none
Less appeal on parking relaxations.
Will reduce costs, but at the expense of experience.
I will not go to the place where is no parking. It will not help small businesses.
Will allow developers to maximize profit while causing problems later for businesses who buy or lease from those developers. This question is also biased.
Dont see an advantage at all. Have you considered our challenging climate???
There are no advantages
Developers don't have to pay to build parking options which is an advantage for them, but it is a negative for the business owners, staff and their customers.
no benefit at all
Do not reduce parking. There's already not enough for public use
Terrible idea there is already not enough parking. I have never visited a development and thought there was an abundance or free parking.
What a super biased question, literally only option that align with a specific belief...
None
None
Developers will be able to make more money by not spending it on parking. I do not see this as an advantage to Calgarians
I don't, parking is already an issue and if I wanted to live in downtown where I could walk everywhere I would. However I don't because I like having only certain things within walking distance and the rest I have to drive too.
things wont change unless the city steps up and visits the industrial parks with proper alternative methods of travel.
There are no advantages



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No advantages to Calgarians only to the building owners
None. This is a stupid idea.
I do not perceive a benefit as the larger design of our city is not conducive to anything other than personal vehicles
There are no advantages
This is an attempt to reduce space for parking
This should also go to residential development
There is no advantage. Regular businesses should not also be expected to be urban planners too. Leave this decision with City experts.
I currently do not frequent establishments where it is hard to find parking. I have no desire to spend all day on the bus to do a couple of errands.
None.....
I prefer driving, especially without Lrt being fully built and transit seems like a high transmission place for covid. Also, it is cold a lot of the year making driving the best option for families with small children.
Help businesses to focus on customers walking in front of their store front instead of other forms of ads. I think business owners will try to use parking space as better used space to help increase profits such as outdoor patios.
Horrible idea.
There is no benefit unless transit is improved immensely
There's no advantages. We need businesses to have enough parking
None
I don't foresee any advantages given the motivations businesses will have to lower costs by minimising available parking. This will allow businesses to take advantage of Calgarians.
Bad idea. Will make things worst unless the change is free parking
Business can focus on what works best for their needs without being mis-assessed
I don't see any advantages. Businesses will underestimate parking needs to keep taxes low in the short term but if I can't find easy parking I will drive somewhere else that may be further away just for the convenience.
There would be little advantages to this proposal. It would become negatively impact me as parking may become paid and then result in people having to park further away where the parking is free causing issues.
This is ridiculous, it will make me not go to those businesses, I have a family of 6, are we riding bikes everywhere in winter? Not using transit in Covid and not ever, would cost way more for a family and complete lack of convenience or heh what about carrying groceries home. It's not just single adults living in downtown high rises here. Once again city hall is tone deaf!
Nothing. Parking is overpriced and not available enough. This would make things even worse.
No advantage.
None, as a person with often reduced mobility when I can not find parking reasonably close to my destination I usually have to give up and come back another time or find some where else to make my purchase
The City grants massive relaxations to businesses already.
There will be no advantages, the developers will plan for less to no parking because they don't care about anything other than more rent.
City relinquishes responsibility to make proper decisions and conferring with communities -saves city money.. City will be able to ignore the problems this will create.
It will make it easier to choose which businesses not to go to because they don't have parking



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No advantages- no parking lead to less clients
There is no advantage to business for the city to implement policy intended to reduce parking availability
I do not see any advantages.
I don't see an upside to anyone except the owners of pay-lots.
It allows businesses to service as many customers as they want without customers having to circle the parking lot to find a spot. If no parking is available that business will lose customers as they will find a business with sufficient par
Puts small businesses out of work because big biz can afford to offer better parking
No advantages - this is a gift to developers
City will make more money from transit fees, charging for parking.....but that's not a good thing for residents
Will not shop there if no parking is available.
None of the responses provided are appropriate.
I don't see an advantage. A developer will only consider their own bottom line, and not the needs of a community.
None of the above!
Non sense idea
distances in the City are two great, vehicles need to be a priority, not transit, and walking. Industrial areas do not have sidewalks, people have to walk on the road, bad in the winter with windrows.
I think this is a terrible idea and a very poorly designed survey that forces us to choose only good outcomes for this change.
I don't see any
This is horrible. We actually need more parking spaces. Many of the communities that I would like to visit are already so clogged and busy but there is no other way to access them easily form my current residence. This is not the solution.
I don't see any advantages
For the inner city this is a silly question. I will shop in the suburbs if this becomes a thing.
I hate the cities agenda of making it harder to drive and park without great cost to Calagarians. Green washing to tax the people. We live in a city with a large footprint as well as cold winters. Biking and walking does not always work.
None of these!!!!
There is no advantage.
Will reduce cost to Large business hurting smaller businesses established in communitites
There are no advantages. Developers will always choose more building square footage over parking spaces, making finding parking more difficult and discouraging patronage.
Existing parking requirements are often too high and inflexible, causing extra costs and delays in getting permits.
Reduces cost for building owners but also make businesses less attractive to a car user
I don't see any benefits.
Not enough parking now
businesses getting away with what they think they need against what is really needed
Leading questions, much?
Ease of accessibility and reduce hurdles to go downtown
No!!!
Those getting free parking aren't freeloading off those who use other modes.



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Cost advantage for developers which is not fair to citizens in general.
Businesses should not get to choose how much (if any) parking they provide! It should be determined as part of an overall plan for a mall or an area, and it should depend on many other factors first: spillover parking onto neighbouring properties or businesses is to the benefit of the new applicant, but at the expense of all the existing tenants. Our CA had an application from a potential new business in a small mall which already had a shortfall. Existing tenants told us they were opposed because parking was already tight, and because they all had to comply. Unfair advantage for the latest applicant if he doesn't need to provide the same parking.
There are no advantages
I don't see an advantage
Okay, enough already. We are a city with 9 months of winter, stop trying to turn us into downtown Madrid. Stop. Just stop.

What do you see as the disadvantages of The City allowing businesses to choose how much parking they need?

Depends on time of day re parking availability. Some of your questions really make no sense.
As the owner of a business, and the president of a commercial condo board with 20 businesses, I see no disadvantages, only advantages.
I feel most of all businesses know how much parking they require and we have to assume that argue majority of our astute business owners will understand that a paying customer is worth the investment of parking and if it is not then I am sure they will quickly learn that fact.
I don't shop downtown because I can never find parking. And transit in Calgary sucks. It takes me hours each day to commute to my workplace.
There are none. We have a rare opportunity to make the downtown stores competitive with the shopping malls for a healthier downtown.
Could negatively impact the availability of accessibility parking
Create the advantages before removing. This will anger people vs incentivize change.
Not everyone can get around on transit and weather is a huge impact
Developers are not that smart and often make bad decisions the city ends up having to pay for in the future.
It is already challenging to find parking in Calgary, this would make it worse. This is a ridiculous proposal. I live in mahogany and can barely find a parking spot at our plaza.
No changes needed. Why are we listening to foreign lobbyists that do not live here? bad idea.
Fake engagement process
DEVELOPERS as per my last response, will choose to cram more rentable space into available areas than provide parking. Calgary will always be a winter city and you can't get rid of cars. The businesses in these areas will suffer or cease to exist
City council is filled with lobbyists that do not care about what actual citizens want.
Reducing supply will only benefit pay parking firms and shady developers who are too cheap to put in parking spots
I see that there is a question about bicycle parking. Interesting, because Calgary has no secure bicycle parking whatsoever and rampant bicycle theft.
Reduced parking hurts citizens and benefits parking lot owners by allowing them to charge some of the highest prices in North America.



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Developers will not provide adequate parking as a cost saving measure
Will drive the cost of parking up affecting mostly the lower and middle class earners in Calgary who are not provided parking passes with their job, and who cannot afford to live near their downtown place of employment.
Transit is not flexible, safe, or efficient enough to provide sufficiently for a vibrant local economy
We are a winter city; we need our cars in the winter. It takes a long time to travel when one uses the bus.
Allows the city to renege on its responsibility
Slippery slope , minor problems in the beginning of the process and then irreversible damage
Will discourage seniors and disabled to venture out, disenfranchisement of this segment of population
Yestreday I visited Canadian Tire in downtown. There is nowhere to park! How are we supposed to buy big box items from there? Beside them is Best Buy, which also sell huge items.
Not having minimum parking will be one of the worst decisions the city has made
A new business coming in has an unfair advantage over existing businesses who complied with regulations, supplied parking and incurred those costs. The new business can now take advantage of the parking provided by other businesses. Bylaw enforcement only looks at if a meter has payment, not which patron parked there. This is a mistake: the advantage goes to the new business, the cost goes to the existing businesses or neighbours who will "lose" their parking availability.
May reduce availability and increase costs (e.g. pay to park instead of free)
There are no disadvantages
Taking up room that could be used for free parking
Will further disadvantage those with disabilities who require the use of a vehicle to get around
There should be very many hoops to jump through for a business to determine their own parking. I can see a few instances where it would help, but it seems more likely to get abused. Gyms for example, could have much less parking. Another important point to note is that parking habits change seasonally. Ie. Christmas shopping. I hope this is being taken into account. Because walking to the store to buy a car full of stuff in minus 30 hardly seems practical. And this killing local business when people choose to order online instead.
Cars are a necessity in Calgary. It took me 1 hour to get to work using 2 buses with 25 mins wait between connections. After more than an hour delay during a snowstorm with minus 20 windchills, I finally bought a car and now it takes 15 mins to get to work. Stop pushing the anti-car agenda. I'm all for designing more walkable communities, however cars are still a preferred transportation mode and that will unlikely change in Calgary any time soon. Unless you live and work within 10 minutes walk, you must have a car in this city.
Parking availability is wildly varied across the city. For every under-used lot there are one or more lots well over capacity. The answer is not to remove planning and regulation, but instead to plan and regulate better. This should be about adding option and improving a challenged transit program rather than removing existing capacity. We do not visit business where getting there is a hassle, including finding parking.
Let's face it, big chains answer to shareholders that only care about their roi, so corners are always cut. It's not a possibility it is an eventuality. And many communities that used to suffer from spillover, have permits banning people from parking near places that have parking issues.
Often a vehicle is required to get your purchases home.
Parking is already limited downtown. If you limit it more, less people will frequent. Don't make more buisness bankrupt City of Calgary!
Adequate parking should be available even is surge cases. It's the cost of doing business so business has to pay. If customer pays, then we will be discouraged to go to that location. I'd parking will cost to go



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to walmart and such, or no parking spots, we would be buying more in bulk so we dont have to go there so often. That may be the case for most people and supply and stock would run out faster.
Calgary transit is garbage and overly expensive already and i already choose to shop online as is these multiple choice answers are ridiculous. did a millineal make them up?
People will head to malls with masses of free parking instead of local independents
As businesses in the spaces change new business mar require more parking which will not be available and make it harder for landlords to find new tenants.
Free-riding on the glut of city owned land designated for private vehicle storage is inevitable. Business will count existing public parking in there own analysis of what they need. Parking controls will need to expand to address if abundant available public parking is to remain available.
I see no advantage.
Can current communities support the initiative? What are the current rules? Businesses change, Is their an impact to attracting new business leases? Will this encourage more local business?
Just because I park somewhere does not mean i'm there for that business
Developers need to provide parking for the customers of their buildings FREE of charge so that all the new business customers are not taking over the parking.
Totally a bad idea, 95 % of people need to drive for shopping or an outing. An incredibly bad idea for the future. Not viable the way communities are designed. Common sense. This is all about the city needing tax dollars due to their bad decisions on fiscal management.
Will substantially increase the cost of parking
Businesses will choose to develop parking areas into retail thus further stressing the parking. Also, we are a winter city 6 months out of the year, while we can all try to walk and bicycle more often those options are less realistic in the winter.
BIGGER spaces should be mandated (like Costco??!!)
A huge disadvantage as this would take away my choice to drive in a city that has 7 months of cold weather!!!
This survey is ridiculous the people who put it together seem very biased
City is nuts to eliminate parking g requirements!!!
People with limited mobility yet not requiring a handicap parking sticker need parking spots.
We live in CANADA, it is winter 8 months a year and I can't walk for 20 minutes with a family of 4 worth of groceries. We live near Aspen landing an you can never find parking. It's too far to haul goods home and NO ONE HAS TIME to walk/ride bikes as everyone has very busy schedules. Maybe kids-free yuppies think this is great but it is NOT PRACTICAL and you are making Calgary a worse place to live with this initiative
Transit is dirty and unsafe so I only go to places where there is free parking. When I go to hospital I have someone drop me off.
We are a car culture, accept it.
Calgary should back off expensive mass transit options until the economy recovers.
not sure if this is the right place for this comment- I have noticed that some shopping areas near the outskirts of the city are being used by people coming into the city, parking, and then taking transit. This reduces the number of spots for potential customers of the businesses located there.
As seen in developments near C-Train stations / Transit Oriented Developments - the amount of parking requested by the developer still often exceeds the required minimums.
In Alberta, there is a high proportion of pick-up trucks and not enough parking stalls wide enough to accommodate them.
Who picked these answers? They are not representative of reality.



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<p>They can't be trusted to make the decision based on needs of customers. All their are concerned about is their own bottom line. Parking is expensive to provide, and they will choose to provide little to none, as once the building is sold, they wash their hands of the mess!</p>
<p>Lets see a bar opens up near your neighbourhood. Drunks walking through those streets urinating on peoples property, acquiring items from peoples yards. Inglewood used to complain about this before a few of their local bars closed. A Costco without adequate parking insanity</p>
<p>Parking is already too limited, have had to rent additional spots for employees so they aren't crossing dangerous roads in poor weather conditions. There are too few spots for clients/customers and we have to ask employees to not use their spot if a client is visiting. When visiting clients, we often have to park more than 3 blocks away and the time to find a spot and walk to the client location is highly variable, taking productive time away from the day and making it harder to schedule the workday.</p>
<p>Business will build the bare minimum lots for the smallest car and will not take into account the size of the average vehicle that is used in Calgary</p>
<p>The developer building a condo across the street from ours puts out their own "no parking" signs every morning and their construction workers park there, taking away parking from the residents in the neighbourhood and potential customers</p>
<p>Acquiring of neighbourhod parking bans and restrictive parking zones in areas outside of the city core is far to easy and no sensical. Areas have bans simply because the neighbours submitted applications. Not because the restrictions were needed due to volume.</p>
<p>I think this will make people drive further to find places with parking, and also cause more sprawl.</p>
<p>Calgary doesn't yet have the transit networks to support reduced parking. Had to say that one twice because it is so important.</p>
<p>As stated above, this could add to the already challenging issue presented on 16 street SW</p>
<p>To get more parking spaces in their allotted land, businesses will want smaller parking spots and I'd like to see the opposite. Larger parking spots reduces stress (worry about your vehicle's paint job, decreased vehicle value, inability to get in/out of vehicle with/without groceries due to vehicle parked too close to you).</p>
<p>The City should consider removing residential parking permits and give on-street parking back to the public.</p>
<p>If a pedestrian-friendly urban environment is built properly with careful consideration of public transit infrastructure, I see no justifiable disadvantages.</p>
<p>Unintended consequences. Calgary works as a retail node model not a retail street model like new york or toronto. I am not going to start walking to the store to walk with 200 pounds of dog food.</p>
<p>Until density increases, walkability is not great in many parts of the city</p>
<p>Parking areas are used for safety evacuation, not only parking cars.</p>
<p>The developer has no control of future business occupants & their parking requirements. Businesses move locations as their needs change, reducing parking could limit sale & leasing opportunities.</p>
<p>This should be a no-brainer. See previous points. The City should actually mandate businesses to provide a minimum number of parking spaces for their staff and the public. Same for hospitals. There is never enough parking for staff at hospitals and public parking fees are outrageous!</p>
<p>It will make parking more expensive</p>
<p>Developers only care about the all mighty dollar. Not the end user</p>
<p>Less parking in a winter city makes no sense. Businesses have staff, loading and deliveries, accessibility requirements plus customers.</p>
<p>No disadvantages. C' mon.</p>



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There are already so many areas of the city that do not have enough parking, or expensive parking. Removing the minimum will just make this worse.
There is never enough handicap parking
THERE ARE NO DISADVANTAGES. This should be done for residential as well. Spaces for people over spaces for cars.
Transit is not lifestyle for many people in Calgary. It is a different comfort and time spending level.
Businesses may decide to build more parking rather than less if given the opportunity
Will avoid area and shops altogether
A better time for the City to look at this would be after the pandemic. It is a waste of resources to spend time on this right now.
We NEED more parking!!
We need rules but the city sets way too many roadblocks and regulations that stifles growth and stalls growth. I hope you follow through on this.
The city doesn't know how much parking a business requires; too much reduction
Let's not pretend this helps anyone other than developers. Making driving and parking suck won't make people own fewer cars, that much has been proven in Calgary time and time again.
I am by far most concerned about spillover into other areas (residential).
I think that Calgary (especially in the winter) has unreliable public transit and until there is money invested in a solid and reliable public transit, this conversation is useless. You cant remove a bylaw like this (which, should be removed under the right circumstances) and expect people to deal with it with no real viable options for public transit.
When a car miss parks (on or over the line) and takes two spots or to avoid unnecessary door dings you have to have the ability to spread out the cars. Or create 1.5 large parking stalls and have the exact number you need. Cars have gotten bigger, not smaller!
We might have more parking wars between adjacent businesses, if one has parking and another doesn't. We need a system to encourage shared parking, or an easy way for businesses to profit off of their stalls by charging for their use if the adjacent businesses need to use their stalls.
I will not got to a shop if there isn't free parking. I would much rather shop online.
Reduced revenue at businesses if people cannot park they won't shop there....Calgary is too spread out so transit across districts takes too long.
It would depend on if there is an added cost or if that means property taxes go up. The property taxes are already too high and this city nickels and dimes people to death. It's hard to afford to live here.
I relied on public transit for much of my life, but as I age, I can see it as a less desirable option.
Make transit at c trains more accessible and make the trains later! That's the only possible way you will get more walking communities more downtown shoppers and help the environment. Transit is my least favorite part about Calgary
More free parking will get people into the city.
will effect the homes that are next to these businesses as the residential streets will become the parking spot - also will effect safety in crossing residential streets as more traffic especially near schools etc
Even fewer disabled parking spaces.
Just because the original business doesn't want/require parking doesn't mean that the business that will eventually take their place won't need it. There should be minimum parking requirements for ALL businesses.
Parking is already hard enough to find in many locations
I want the self driving vehicles! The City is now adding greater density and now going to take away parking! I want ELA A .S.A.P.



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Customers will choose to go to businesses with ample parking
Because there is nowhere else to put this. Our bicycle situation is a joke. They ride in the middle of the drive lane (even when a bike lane is present) and then don't follow traffic laws (stop signs, red lights) they are a hazard.
Businesses locations change their types over time. What is there now wont be there in the future.
I don't think there are disadvantages. Businesses know their clientele and their requirements and the city could consider taking complaints if there's an issue with a business underreporting. The business will suffer directly as people will just keep driving if they can't park, so it doesn't serve to underreport parking needs.
Developers incentivized to increase leasable square footage at expense of the community. Cars will remain Calgary's preferred travel method for the foreseeable future.
Seriously, business will reduce parking to nothing and charge absorbent rates for parking just to up their profits. Parking will only be for the rich and unaffordable for the working class who instead will need to travel by transit for hours away from their families. Who would ever contemplate such a horrible idea, such an obvious money grab.
Calgary is far to sprawled our and transit absolutely sucks (before the pandemic I took transit everyday).
I see no negative.
I don't see any disadvantages.
Half of the year driving is the only option as transit is not adequate and it is too cold. Without parking, people will simply not shop there.
Buisnesses will cut parking to cut costs. The customers will park in adjacent communities taking parking from residents . Ive seen it happen on my street when parking at nose hill was removed.
A big gift to developers at the expense of public access to services.
Calgary is far too sprawled for there to be less parking as there is no viable way to take transit everywhere you need to go. It takes literal hours of the day just to take transit to and from work and there are many areas that are still inaccessible via transit making it impossible to not own a vehicle in this city.
you may incur fee based parking but it may not be a bad thing to encourage walking or biking etc...
Externalizes the problem to everyone else rather than legislation.
The developers that build the locations are rarely the ones using the space, but they will be determining that amount of parking, and they will focus on their profit rather than usability. Looking at residential issues with parking around multifamily complexes shows developers rarely cover the need. Light industrial areas also show this issue.
I don't like how some of these answers are leading, I know how this will result in the city moving ahead with a decision to minimize driving but in a city that is freezing cold for more than half the year and crappy transit driving it the only option. Help the climate by focusing on businesses and industry not normal struggling people who are trying to get from a to b safely and warmly.
The transit system is PRESENTLY GARBAGE. For over 10 years. Fix that before ANNNNYTHING.
Invest in the transit network. I would even go far enough to say create congestion charging in the downtown
May lead to payment required parking which will impact people with less financial resources.
will further limit accessible parking spots
Costs for paid parking will increase due to limited supply. More parking that is currently free will become paid parking.
people don't want to shop and carry a bunch of stuff around with them. It s extremely inconvenient to take shopping or bags on transit and with covid people are avoiding transit as it is.
Could raise the already high parking rates, parking could be even more difficult.



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<p>I use the transit a lot. My only problem is that it almost doubles my travel times. To meet my family demands I am forced to pay for parking and alter my schedule as lots fill very early and are very expensive. If transit reduced my travel this would not be a problem. I know all solutions are costly. I do not believe reduced parking is necessarily the best solution. It will only drive the cost up for what is there.</p>
<p>In reference to the multiple choice question below about allowing businesses to choose their parking allotment... I think the minimums should stay and for all new developments/ business modifications they could apply for an exemption based on the needs of their business plan. They would need to prove that parking was not needed and it wouldn't be needed in the future. So a business that had no retail and they only needed parking for staff for example. But then what if threat business sells and whomever buys it dies have retail outlet? Now there's no space available for parking. Isn't that why the zoning minimums exist?</p>
<p>No disadvantages.</p>
<p>It will make you look foolish for such a poor decision</p>
<p>You can't make changes based on today's numbers, everything is different this year! Of course there's lots of empty spots, no one is allowed out!</p>
<p>There is already not enough parking. Do not let businesses have even less.</p>
<p>spill over issues will result in privatizing parking more than it already is, increasing costs to drive, reducing our desire to support the surrounding businesses. Transit is no where near close to being viable as an alternate. We are all for transit use, but Calgary has an epic fail grade for transit usability. Typically it is minimum double time required to take transit than to drive anywhere.</p>
<p>All of the above.</p>
<p>Businesses may overestimate how much parking they need.</p>
<p>If I can't find easy parking for a fair price, I will not shop in the area. I do not, and will not, do public transit, ever.</p>
<p>Businesses will fail to provide adequate parking unless they are required to provide it. Without requirements being put in place there will be no adequate parking. Calgarians are not going to switch to Transit as their primary source of travel. That is a change that will take Generations and this Council has a responsibility to the citizens of Calgary today more so than the citizens of Calgary 100 years from now.</p>
<p>Would increase the cost of the less spots available due to high volume</p>
<p>people may get disgruntled if they can't find a parking spot that is right outside the door. But [language removed] those people.</p>
<p>Without parking I will take my business elsewhere.</p>
<p>I live far from the core. If there is not ample, affordable parking, I will not do business there.</p>
<p>I do not go shopping so I can walk with 40 pounds of food to my house. Vehicles are useful and should be treated as a necessity.</p>
<p>going for the best solution (under ground or above the business) is often too costly. What value do we as consumers get from at grade parking lots. (excluding street parking)</p>
<p>Leave them be we need less government!</p>
<p>Home based businesses (like bankview where I lived) will choose not to provide parking at all which will take valuable street parking away from high population areas where it is already a struggle to park near your home. This was an actual case for me for many years.</p>
<p>It will encourage online shopping, which in turn hurts local businesses.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Bldgs often change uses. Reduced parking at the initial stage may restrict future options</p>
<p>Businesses should not be given more opportunities to reduce costs at citizens' expense.</p>



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Will increase traffic / people parking in neighborhoods close by merchants who don't provide parking. Can be managed by effective parking enforcement.
Calgary doesn't have sufficient bike connectivity.
Min regulations or requirements need to be in place for different businesses. Spillover into communities adjacent tends to annoy home owners that ARE paying property taxes.
Often I will choose not to go somewhere if they have poor parking availability
The 'businesses' deciding how much parking is required During construction and design are not necessarily the same business who will be in that space and therefore don't know or care about parking requirement nor the impact on nearby residents. They are more focused on making the most money from their investment.
People will buy from online if struggle to get parking
Lack of parking is detrimental to businesses IN CALGARY. Calgary is a big city. The majority of Calgarians live in the suburbs and when they visit urban communities, they DRIVE.
When there are not enough parking will only discourage customers shopping there and damage the business by the end.
Transit is a joke, and my time is too valuable to be spent walking or waiting for a bus
Transit is not always a reliable or time efficient means of getting to destinations within the city.
If businesses have to pay the city for parking spots they will likely have less spaces than needed. Hopefully this isn't the city trying to get more money.
If I can't get parking at a certain business, I would consider going to another location where parking might be available. If possible I will consider biking, and as a last resort I will try to drive and bike or drive and walk.
You can't add more parking once buildings are built, but it is entirely realistic that the business or customers will change over the life of the property. Right-sized parking for "today" could very well mean Undersized parking in the future.
I am witnessing an influx of home based businesses that skirt the law(parking requirements) and are operating businesses in residential neighbourhoods. There is little recourse once approved, and negatively affects communities.
I already cant even park in front of my own house, now you want me to not be able to park while shopping either. Or perhaps you just want me to pay pay pay for parking. Ridiculous.
disadvantages none . A business should get to choose how much parking it requires . This is a commie question
Businesses will monopolies the parking stalls.
If I can't find parking I just go to some other business.
The green line is already not viable.
High density areas (like downtown) May reduce parking for more office space making the already expensive parking more premium
Developers don't want to add parking since they do not get those costs back. But we need it. The spillover goes to streets and residential and it's chaos
Most businesses don't own or buy new space they lease it. Leasing companies will buy space with less parking spots to save money and the businesses that move in will suffer.
people will park where ever they want, there must be a better balance between all and nothing. what about handi spaces?
More street parking, congestion in nearby neighborhoods. Transit is not an option if you are carrying large packages, visiting several businesses in different areas.
Great initiative, very few disadvantages. This should go ahead!!!



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you will obliterate accessibility and equality of access for the less abled and non-wealthy. please PLEASE reconsider. Businesses will suffer too. This will line the pockets of a few
People will drive further to find places that have adequate parking
With two infants finding parking is essential. When there isn't available parking near where we are headed we will often have to leave without visiting the business. Accessible and available parking is essential for some families
Social engineering is NOT the purpose or privilege of either city council or the bureaucrats
Business are for profit, not for the consideration of consumers.
Most businesses don't have enough parking, leading to difficulty in finding parking, which leads to less customers frequenting business. It's a bad idea.
Many businesses already do not have nearly enough parking. Council, don't you dare make the problem worse.
These rule changes will turn sections of this city into ghettos. Fits with the ideals of the Harvard School of Public policy which successfully creates large populations of underclass while serving a political elite.
A business may choose less parking for their immediate needs, but that business may not remain in that location long term, making the space less desirable to future occupants, resulting in more vacancies and city sprawl.
Covid has ruined public transit.
We already have significant urban sprawl and poor public transportation (particularly in the deep S.E.). I will always choose driving due as it is significantly faster and easier than taking public transit.
I will never take transit
You mention bicycle stalls but not bicycle infrastructure. What the heck guys... Come on.
difficult for people with disabilities if parking isn't available. Even harder to find spaces in the winter. Pay parking is unmanageable for many
No accountability afterwards, if the business chooses to supply too little parking. The business will always choose to undersupply.
Businesses should not be trusted to self-regulate in this manner
Public transport is not an option to many nor ever will be.
You are making these decisions in an abnormal time frame.
Businesses and developers are generally focused on cost reduction - saving money on parking won't mean they'll spend it on walkable designs.
Businesses come and go over time. If a business reduces parking, subsequent businesses may lack required parking
Condo buildings will not build parking garages and will offer cheap units, poorer people will buy them and use the extra disposable income on cars. They will use public parking where they can find it leaving little for people driving in from other communities. If you want people to walk just tax cars or create pedestrian only zones. This just allows developers to avoid building the portion of public infrastructure their customers and will residents use.
Some people actually drive evil cars and need to park. For example families
Take pandemics off planning, leave min standards as they are.
Already a very serious parking issue at residential common buildings. Often no parking in lots or on streets at condos or apartments. This will allow them to supply less parking.
Transit not practical for purchases of any significant size.
There is already insufficient parking in many places.
One of the strip malls I frequent the most NEVER has enough parking. It is the home to a medical office, dental office, chiropractor, hair salon, cannabis store, AHS office & a yoga studio (on 19th St south of



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16th AV NW). What you are actually proposing is allowing developers/landlords to determine how much parking is required, not businesses. The landlord only cares that the space is rented, not how the public is served. I live in University Heights and it is a 1km walk to a bus stop and almost 1 1/2km to the C train. There are no feeder buses. I have limited options except to drive.
Calgary transit is terrible and in sanitary
This will push more people into high rate parking lots, \$6 for a 20 minute stop is not worth it, Calgary needs to fix the high rates downtown to fix this.
People will choose to go elsewhere if parking is a problem - reducing business exposure.
Given that Calgary continues to perpetuate sprawl through land annexation and large volumes of greenfield development, not sure that parking minimums alone will confer any of the above mentioned benefits
Spaces change in type of use over time, and current/intended use may underestimate future need of others where car is only option/spillover into street parking.
none. Let's make our city less car-centric
Developers intentionally supplying fewer or no parking stalls even if they know the parking demand for their sites will be higher. The parking burden is then pushed to city streets or nearby properties.
There will be a higher cost for parking by both the City and by private lot owners. Isn't the cost of parking high enough as it is?
Parking relaxations are regularly granted in Inglewood. This leads to people illegally parking in permit only residential areas or on private property.
Calgary has ample public transit. There is no need for more. The focus needs to be on the efficiency of single vehicle commuting.
Spillover into other areas (e.g. inner city Kensington) is a huge problem. It is already a huge problem as even friends/family avoid visiting due to parking issues. It indirectly translates to more social isolation.
People will avoid businesses that do not have adequate parking.
this is the first step towards reducing parking which not something most Calgarians support.
Anything that decreases reliance on cars and encourages alternative transportation options is a great idea.
I live in Marlborough Park. If council is trying to attract traffic to downtown and the businesses there, this is not the way to do it. If I'm going downtown I'm driving. If it's a pain in the butt to find parking, I'm simply not going. At the present time, with downtown a near ghost town, one would think that perhaps now is not the right timing for this initiative.
businesses won't make the decision based on customer need, but rather on their cost. As a customer I want to drive there, park easily, and pay a low fee for parking. STOP THE WAR ON THE CAR.
Discourages people from shopping outside the area they live in due to not being easily accessible if they drive.
None. The questions seem Biased though.
Where are my "Other" selections for questions for the next 3 questions?
Ultimately the population at large is lazy and looking for convenient business accessibility. Trying to force change may have a negative impact on those businesses.
people unlikely to follow designated parking.
Businesses will not be honest and do everything in their power to lower what they have to pay.
No concern
Will benefit cheap and aggressive developers that will take advantage of this density gift to no benefit to local businesses or local residents. A big mistake!
We do not have the weather or proximity to business to not have available parking



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Businesses change at each location, communities move to permit only. Removing parking is disproportionately harmful for women (see book Invisible Women: data bias in a world made for men.
Old businesses move, evolve, go out of business then new businesses come along. What was barely adequate parking for one business may be far too little for the next. Give the option many business will underestimate parking to save on costs and too bad for the consumer, employee, or neighboring business/residents with the spill over.
less stalls means more people illegally using handicap stalls
People who are disabled and rely on cars for what little freedom they currently have may become or feel more isolated due to these types of policies.
Businesses don't build their buildings, and developers may just cheap out.
If I go once and have trouble with finding parking, I will avoid going back.
May choose one business over another based on availability of parking. Even if it means traveling further.
People will park in residential areas
Businesses will suffer as consumers go elsewhere to shop rather than fight to find and pay for parking.
The relaxed parking requirements is already a huge issue in some of the more popular destinations in the city. Victoria Park, Kensington, 17th Avenue, etc. already have parking challenges and wanting to reduce them even more is a huge problem. The city seems focused on keeping businesses handicapped to their own areas rather than able to draw outside visitors in from other areas of the city. Getting rid of parking is a huge hamper to independent businesses. I'd love to see a study on how many outside visitors are lost to areas where parking is already limited and an issue, particularly in the areas I've already mentioned. When you get rid of parking options you seem to be concluding that consumers are going to the area to spend a large amount of time there which could warrant a bike ride, public transit or the use of a taxi or Uber, but for all the people that want to stop quickly on their way home from work to grab a quick bite, a few groceries at their local grocery store, or grab a gift from their local retailer, they won't stop if they can't find a safe and quick place to park their vehicle to do so. Parking is always a huge issue in inner city areas and more consideration must be given to it. Not only for today, but for also tomorrow. You'll still need to park your electric car somewhere.
This will only benefit the developers who will save money and will not benefit the businesses at all.
We don't need a more compact city. Businesses will lie to reduce costs
You can't undo having insufficient parking. Once it is done it cannot be created once buildings are built for 60 years.
Could cause accessibility issues for people with reduced mobility. Also, people already love in neighbourhoods where they have to drive to reach grocery stores / businesses, so taking away parking there would make it impossible for them to access what they need.
Will result in not enough parking for customers which could lead to spillover into other areas
During heavy winter, would prevent people to do errands because of the weather
Will create a more unusable downtown area and lead to disabled people not being able to use the stores. There are already reduced handicap parking due to covid, which is ridiculous. Think of those with cost of parking could go up
Transit failure in the city already makes a mess for work. Commuters who don't have a choice will have even less choice and more expensive parking just to work.
The business in a certain location changes and now the parking is needed.
Cost of parking is too great for independent businesses to provide them selves.
Businesses will suffer due to not having enough parking
The developer is not always the business. Don't get that confused. They will "optimize" their land and the final business will have inadequate parking.



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With the number of people who park in accessible parking stalls with out the permit now reducing parking may negatively impact the choices people with ramp vans have to shop
Biz/developers will choose less for better profit. Should reduce the minimum % but not give all control to profit focused. City council needs to protect citizens from corporate greed.
Developers are not interested in communities. They must have over site because their bottom line is money and they will ALWAYS take advantage of the surroundings.
Walking and transit is not always a viable option for families with young children and lack of parking can be a big issue for them.
Our winters don't support biking and walking being safe or reasonable modes of transport for too much of the year for many people
Using up the parking space for more building will aim to further increase traffic, even further exacerbating the catastrophic parking situation where it actually matters.
Very leading questions.
As a small business owner, my customers frequently do not have enough parking for their needs as it is. A frequent call I get is doing you have parking' I strongly feel that if parking was further reduced I would have significantly less customers which would affect my ability to survive.
personally, with COVID19 my family is NOT USING public transit whatsoever
None!
This will allow business to jack up the cost of parking further. Sadly, Calgary has the most expensive parking across Canada already!!!
Less cars driving = lower gasoline taxes = less money for infrastructure = higher property taxes in the future.
pay parking will become an enticing business.
for businesses that rely on people visiting in person it will significantly reduce out of town or tourist visits
less parking discourages people from further away communities going to their business. 17th Ave is a good example. I won't go to a restaurant there because I can't park and I need to drive because I live too far away.
I'm not so sure where the city thinks the minimums have resulted in and over supply of parking. There is a major undersupply at most heavily frequented commercial locations and even spills into residential locations already where people are parking and walking to commercial locations.
Current downtown parking is expensive, which is driving the availability, given the economy right now. In high density residential, developers are not being made to provide enough parking within the apartment/condo complexes which is creating a parking problem in the street. On parking stall for 2 and 3 bedroom rentals is not enough. Average cars per home is 2.....
Businesses not creating enough spaces for disabled parking or taken in the concerns of disabled consumers.
i will always own a car. I avoid places i have to pay for parking.
As much as we want Calgary to be a "walkable" city, we need to understand that our climate provides a very real obstacle to that. Unless transit is immensely improved upon—especially in its capacity to connect outlying communities with inner-city "walkable" communities (in a timely and convenient manner)—we need to face the facts that Calgarians will always need personal vehicles.
May reduce options for individuals with limited mobility.
There is not enough parking - this council needs to listen and quit being arrogant
This will further reduce mobility for handicapped people. Also, transit is terrible and inaccessible in most areas. Car use shouldn't be discouraged, given Calgary's inability to run basic accessible transit systems.



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<p>Most businesses are for profit. If a developer can choose to build a building with or without parking, the without will always be so much cheaper! Until the tenants are determined, parking requirements are not even known. A business looking for a location will look for parking; either on his property or off site if it is free and available (i.e. in front of other people's houses or in front of other businesses). The advantage belongs all to the new business at the expense of existing.</p>
<p>Creates more conjugation and increased density, which is bad and leads to other issues</p>
<p>People think they want parking because it's convenient and haven't been or seen locations that are walkable and friendly. We can't always make everyone happy, but as we implement these changes, people might start to understand.</p>
<p>If parking is not easy to get I will chose to take my business somewhere else</p>
<p>Just have to look at c-train stations with inadequate parking. It spills over into the surrounding community and then they need parking permits to park in their own community.</p>
<p>Calgary is a very large city in terms of land size. I don't see public transit being able to meet the population's needs in any significant way. Reducing vehicle parking, given that it is the main mode of transportation for the city's population, seems counter-productive. Because using public transit greatly increases travel time, people may simply choose not to frequent local businesses if parking were not readily available.</p>
<p>Parking is already at a premium at 80% of the locations in Calgary, and people with reduced mobility can barely get into half our businesses as it is, reduce their ability to get there and it will prevent them from accessing these businesses even more.</p>
<p>Could make affordable parking harder to find and parking costs to go up. Safety is an issue on public transit, and there are times driving is safer.</p>
<p>business should not be allowed to guess - minimum requirements are based on historical needs, permits, and averages</p>
<p>Deeply racist and not aligned with reconciliation. An attempt to keep the First Nations out of town. Does not address needs of POC.</p>
<p>Variability in availability of amenities, consumer products and services lead people to drive to farther places where you may see overflow of vehicles.</p>
<p>The developer of a building site may not know what future owners or tenants of a building will need for parking. These future businesses will likely just rely on spill-over parking, pushing the cost of parking into an inconvenience and cost for neighbours.</p>
<p>I do not see any advantages. Parking is horrendous already. This is not a solution.</p>
<p>Look to studies already done in similar countries</p>
<p>The City loses credibility when they continually cater to developers at the expense of the residents.</p>
<p>The needs for parking change as business change done one type to another (parking needs for a chiropractic would be different then shopping but one may replace the other)</p>
<p>Despite all of these I am still in support of reducing parking - I would also say for residential</p>
<p>Elderly need parking close and available</p>
<p>I have a special needs daughter who doesn't qualify for a handicapped parking placard, but I can't take her on transit with me or walk anywhere with her. If there is no parking availability, I won't shop there.</p>
<p>there is lack of accessible parking already, this will great more</p>
<p>I think in some urban areas this could work better than others - I would be concerned in commercial areas near residential about spillover</p>
<p>Downtown already has less parking than it needs and businesses don't care what happens to their workers that can not find parking</p>



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<p>The city is refusing to properly invest in Transit. With \$60 million cut from the transit budget last year, and now the cuts due to covid and the contracting out of bus garage people, it clear that the city doesn't care about Transit, and to suggest otherwise is a joke.</p>
<p>I live in an area with limited transit. I can't spend three hours on transit every time I have an errand to run. This idea may make sense in inner city neighbourhoods but less so in the suburbs.</p>
<p>Developers don't always put the needs of their tenants first,. Especially when it is impossible to determine what type of tenants they will get . If you give the choice to developers, it leaves little flexibility as to what businesses can be there. Potentially having vacancy problems. Also most popular businesses have their parking near max capacity during peak times. So how is removing minimum requirements going to make things better?</p>
<p>This is ridiculous proposal. Parking in this city is already an expensive nightmare.</p>
<p>This will only encourage the poor behaviour of parking providers to set up more lots of overpriced parking that is not controlled. Frankly a terrible idea until we can get a simple to use public transit system in place. Put the time and effort to get a simple way to pay and use transit that involves technology and check gates. When transit s a viable option, then address parking. And as a cyclist, make older bike paths disable with some paving repairs</p>
<p>Businesses will try to have parking close to their building, which reduces foot traffic from passer-byes. Their intention is good but when parking is completed in such a way that it promotes walking along a boulevard as opposed to direct storefront, there will be a decrease in pedestrian traffic. Therefore, businesses should not be a part of the parking decision.</p>
<p>Over development of land, over densification, creation of slums</p>
<p>It is unfortunately not shop owners or tenants that are the decision makers here. Developers are the parties that provide the parking ratio. And they will always favour lower parking ratio to opt for more gross leasable floor area. The result is more shops, less parking. The result is not: (I) any benefits to shop owners/tenants having, thus no financial stimulus (ii) people deciding against vehicle ownership (iii) reducing costs to businesses</p>
<p>no disadvantage. Successful businesses know far better than the City.</p>
<p>People won't go if there's no parking</p>
<p>- spillover into residential neighborhoods has the potential of reducing safety in those communities, reducing property values and increasing the likelihood that neighborhoods will require permit parking which is a huge inconvenience to most residents.</p>
<p>This survey is to incredibly biased towards reducing the parking minimums. Seems the City has already made its decision and this public consultation is a sham. Shame on whoever designed and approved this survey and process.</p>
<p>There are no disadvantages</p>
<p>Reducing parking will not change peoples behaviors towards car utilization and will cause conflicts until viable alternative transportation methods exist.</p>
<p>There is not enough support in place to cycle/walk. Better connections needed for active transportation.</p>
<p>More than likely, developers will not provide adequate parking; shop owners who want adequate parking will end up paying dearly for it, and that cost will simply make "brick and mortar" that much less competitive relative to e-commerce choices.</p>
<p>Reducing parking will provide constraints for landlords of multi-tenant properties., and will impact property values and leasing flexibility. Thus parking provided will have to hit a balance, and will be different for each location, tenant mix and type of development</p>
<p>businesses won't provide parking at all. developers won't include parking when building anything because that is a profit earning place instead of a sunk cost of a parking spot, which leads to no parking at all.</p>



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<p>I would love to be able to take transit but the reality of life is that many people need to use vehicles because of where they live, the type of errand they are running, the ability to travel together as a group of family or friends to different destinations, etc. We do have an imbalance of parking - but allowing businesses to decide their own number of spots could be a recipe for social isolation and ability to meet ones own needs.</p>
<p>I have to drive in winter as I can't ride my bike on snow and ice covered streets in my area. So if there is less local parking, I will likely shop at a mall, rather than local shops.</p>
<p>Neither the City of Calgary nor businesses can accurately forecast the amount of parking required by a business based on the business done during the fiscal year of 2019 or 2020. Neither of these years were typical so trying to determine what would be typical for needs for auto traffic would be difficult. Also City Hall has been trying to decrease autotraffic for year, but has been unsuccessful so would they be trying to decrease the numbers thereby decreasing businesses needs by a mandatory number?</p>
<p>There should be a maximum amount of parking not a minimum</p>
<p>If I can't find a place to park, then I will not take my business to that establishment. They will lose my business.</p>
<p>It's ridiculous! Now it's already hard to find parking at Malls like Chinook and this will make things worse. Shoppers already avoid the downtown area due to parking availability and cost of parking.</p>
<p>People will double park or have road rage in parking lots, requiring towing services and police.</p>
<p>City Council continues to try to jam people into smaller and smaller spaces. They are making Calgarians into sardines.</p>
<p>Often land/mall owners just want to optimize profits and have very limited parking especially in residential areas where the spill over is a problem for home owners</p>
<p>As someone who works with clients downtown and around the city, access to parking over the past 5 to 10 years, particularly downtown, has steadily declined and prices remain artificially high as a result.</p>
<p>It will create unnecessary stress for shoppers to drive around endlessly to look for parking, especially in the winter. In other places in the world where there is a shortage of parking, I have seen cars parked on sidewalks, and cars parked illegally more often which creates dangerous situations.</p>
<p>People will always require a vehicle. There is no escaping that fact. Unless you want to attempt to live your life at a quarter of the speed and have zero hobbies. People will always prefer driving and being on their own schedule as opposed to be close to other humans and with little control over their own schedule.</p>
<p>Increased urban sprawl as chains use more locations to provide service where a smaller number of locations with adequate parking would have been better.</p>
<p>It is already tough to find spots/space to fit larger vehicles (I.e., the truck I own for my recreational activities.</p>
<p>When there is not enough parking, cars drive around and around, wasting fuel, time and creating pollution.</p>
<p>Transit plan is currently inadequate. City planning has changed and is stranding suburban communities.</p>
<p>Will only discourage customers from using those businesses</p>
<p>Council oversight is very necessary with all forms of development. Council needs to know up front what developers are doing with all the land.</p>
<p>We already see this in several areas, where there's not enough parking or the parking that is there is unreasonably expensive. So, people park in residential instead or don't pay for parking and then are ticketed.</p>



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<p>Except for large chain stores (Superstore, Walmart, Home Depot, etc), it already can be hard to find parking at small business and restaurants, that is either affordable, available, or close. I don't think that reducing parking requirements is the correct first step in trying to reduce the reliance on cars.</p>
<p>The business needs to be in operation for a few years and then it could be determined how much space they need</p>
<p>There is an ebb and flow to business success. Too much parking now, might not be enough when a new tenant moves into a space. There is a risk of conflict between residential and commercial landowners. Marda Loop and Kensington are examples of 'walkable' shopping areas where parking is at a premium. Marda Loop is a mess - poorly planned commercial and residential density development.</p>
<p>A location will likely change the services it offers over time, possibly requiring more parking in the future.</p>
<p>This question is biased</p>
<p>If I can't find a spot to park. I simply won't shop there. Having to take transit would further detour me from shopping locally</p>
<p>Calgary already has very expensive parking and this would just reduce supply making it even more expensive. If there is so much over supply why is parking still \$25+/day?</p>
<p>Spill over parking into residential neighborhoods, such as the parking issues now seen in Windsor Park, Elboya, Britannia, Marda Loop, Altadore, South Calgary due to developers not being required to build enough parking for their developments.</p>
<p>There is already not enough parking in beltline and downtown.</p>
<p>Areas without parking will become inaccessible to disabled folks who rely on their vehicles and can't use transit</p>
<p>if there is transit the after transit method is very poor and dangerous.</p>
<p>Tied to spillover parking in other areas, but people could try to park in nearby residential neighbourhoods and block driveways, take parking away from residents and their visitors etc.</p>
<p>If I live in the suburbs I require a vehicle so any changes to parking avail in an effort to encourage less cars will really just mean less likely for suburbanites to be able to shop, work and attend inner city appointments without hours of commuting. Green line reaching out community is still years away so we rely on a car.</p>
<p>The city abdicating its responsibility to proper urban planning is just one more sign of how out of touch this city is</p>
<p>Questions are skewed. Need more parking and why do you not allow other in questions about bikes. We have too many bike lanes and they do not contribute in any way but cost money for maintenance</p>
<p>I will not shop at the location if I cannot park easily. I will go without or shop online.</p>
<p>It's cold most of the year. Interesting timing sending this out in a heat wave.</p>
<p>The city might realize that they were losing on taxes because and they should of did this 20 years ago because you now have a larger area to tax them on instead of a parking stall. Disadvantage business might decide to increase parking space.</p>
<p>They will hoard and use it for their personal usage</p>
<p>Given that we have snow and cold temperatures for 6 months a year, I will always prefer to drive during those months instead of wait for transit, have multiple transfers, or walk.</p>
<p>The city is large and a vehicle is required to get anywhere in a reasonable amount of time</p>
<p>More businesses would opt for charging for the use of their parking lots</p>
<p>Most businesses will claim to not need parking, then rely on the neighbouring streets to provide their parking. Not good for inner city communities. OK for suburb communities, doesn't affect their streets. Look at the LACK OF parking at Richmond Road Diagnostic Centre; classic example of too much business for the parking provided. what, I'm going to take 3 buses to get to an appointment at -30 below?</p>



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May restrict access for those with mobility issues which prevent them from walking or biking.
There is no disadvantage
Handicapped seniors here. Transit, walking are not options.
I can't walk or bike with my two under 5 yr old children from nw Calgary to sw Calgary.... that's just ridiculous.
None
Seniors/disabled those who can't walk far will suffer. On-line definitely will rise putting small business out of business...Job loss. Criminal activity at Ctrain stations- I already don't feel safe/have had a bad incident. Spill over around UofC and MRU already terrible! Can't visit elderly mom cuz students have parking on side streets filled for blocks and I'm not young, often have to carry things
Will not shop there if no parking is available.
The quantity of parking will reduce significantly, which means the cost will increase significantly.
Either the streets will be full of cars or people will stop shopping in neighbourhoods. Each new development should include a convertible underground parking lot
the city is too big not to avail the public of personal vehicles.
What if the type of business changes and the new business requires more parking not less, but there is nothing in place to accommodate the additional need so it overflows.
Businesses will lose my patronage if I can't park to shop.
This will do nothing to discourage car ownership. People do not make that decision over the availability of parking. To think that they do is so unbelievably out of touch. And "Calgary doesn't yet have the transit to support reduced parking" -- this wording is so biased and ridiculous. Calgary will NEVER have a transit system so amazing that reduced parking will be feasible. "We don't know... whether transit will be less viable with future pandemics," again, your wording is ridiculous. We do know -- it WILL be less viable!!!!!! What happens when transit is majorly cut and restricted as it is now, PLUS your ridiculous parking cuts? Very clear you are out of touch with what the PEOPLE need, and are obviously doing this to win favour with corporations and businesses at the expense of citizens.
No disadvantages; remove parking minimums, and start discussing the possibility of parking MAXIMUMS
Will continue to result in expensive and inaccessible parking especially in the central area of the city
Stop this social engineering madness. Calgary is not walkable. It is sprawl and a car is needed. You have no right to take that choice out of my hands. Enough already. The lack of parking has driven costs through the roof as it is. Just stop this stupid experiment.
I don't find it challenging to find options to get to shops and stores that I frequent, I find it challenging being far away after making purchases (ie heavier groceries or shopping centers) getting items back to my mode of transportation.
Businesses should not be allowed to have massive parking lots in busy areas.
No disadvantages, this city is disgustingly car-worshipping and it's high time we scale back!
People will not go to places that can be driven to
I don't see disadvantages. This should be decided on through each scenario
Transit is only good in the core in the NW /NE IE country hills it is almost non existent or a non option as multiple bus are required.
It may make local or small businesses harder to get to with restricted parking available and seriously hurt their business. I own a small business and if parking becomes restricted then there is a large possibility that I won't be able to maintain the customer traffic which is ready suffering from the pandemic.
Municipalities mandate a certain amount of parking based upon experience. Why is all the previous data collected being dismissed? What people "feel" is not data.
Businesses will continue to believe that they require more parking then they actually need.



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Response to parking is not rational. Please use data to help make clear less parking is required than believed.

Spillover parking from one business onto adjacent business lots. When a new business applies for a DP, the applicant may just assume that parking is available within the broader area, thereby taking away spots from existing businesses. In a mall-type situation (even small neighbourhood malls), the stalls are not just for one tenant, but for the group. If there is already a net parking shortage, new applications will make it worse for all the EXISTING tenants, not fair to them. Any business that can "get away" without providing parking will do so because it is MUCH cheaper! Penalizes all the previous applications who did comply and provide adequate parking.

Governments should get out of the way of businesses.