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**ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

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First name (required) James

Last name (required) Stauch

Are you speaking on behalf of a group or Community Association? (required) No

What is the group that you represent?

What do you wish to do?  
(required) **Submit a comment**

How do you wish to attend?

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What meeting do you wish to attend or speak to? (required) **Council**

Date of meeting (required) **Nov 23, 2022**

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

(required - max 75 characters) **Nov. 22-26. Adjustments to One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets**

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) **Neither**

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I am writing with two particular suggestions in mind:

First, I am strongly opposed to the proposed four-year budget increase to the Calgary Police Services. Were those funds to be targeted to community and neighbourhood services - in particular affordable housing. In fact, I believe the entire proposed police budget increase could be better devoted to preventative measures, including a housing-first approach. The police department should instead be encouraged to rationalize their existing budget. The cost of keeping the helicopters in the air, for example, is exorbitant and unjustifiable for a city with our population and relatively low crime rate. The helicopters are rarely used for their original purpose - curbing the need for high speed chases, and are the number one menace to peaceful living - day or night - in this city.

Also, there is a profound imbalance between proposed (low) investments in climate-related initiatives relative to investments in large-scale automobile infrastructure, which also has the inner city yet again subsidizing suburban sprawl. Calgary has declared a climate emergency, so we have to act like it, which means significantly different preferences and allocations away from auto-oriented, energy-intensive initiatives toward green, low-carbon and sustainable building and transportation initiatives. Our investment in the urban canopy or in incentivizing home and commercial solar, for example, pale in comparison with Edmonton.

As such, please consider revising this budget in a way that centers the pressing realities of 2022 - the climate emergency, rising poverty, and housing affordability in

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Budget for Climate Strategy

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

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Please notice my comment. It reads: "You think Calgary is too cold for a heat pump? When my high efficiency furnace died, I decided on a heat pump. I live in NW Calgary. I turned off the gas to my house May 2020." I linked the tweet to an Wired article about heat pumps. My tweet got over 9,800 impressions, and I received 3 telephone calls by interested people in NW Calgary. I generally get 25 - 250 impressions, so this tells you that there is a great deal of interest in climate friendly sources of heat and it makes a lot of sense to retrofit a home. Cities who are leaders in climate action offer more than financing. They capitalize on existing interest by generating even greater interest through incentives which direct money from business as usual into deep retrofits which are essential to meeting the targets. People are chomping at the bit but the city is lagging behind. It took me two winters with no heat to figure out how to get around Enmax which wanted me to pay for an expensive dig. The city needs to improve its relationship with Enmax so that it becomes an ambitious part of the Climate Strategy.

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TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 9,802 impressions

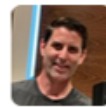
Why You (and the Planet) Really Need a Heat Pump wired.com/story/why-you-... via @wired You think Calgary is too cold for a heat pump? When my high efficiency furnace died, I decided on a heat pump. I live in NW Calgary. Turned off the gas to my house May 2020. @ClimateHubYYC

11 replies 28 retweets 50 likes

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Top mention earned 167 engagements



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If you are not part of the solution @CandiceBergenMP, you are part of the problem

..which is expanding oil+gas

The solution is transitioning Canada+world to 100% #WindWaterSolar energy+storage for everything web.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jac...

MAR 2022 SUMMARY

Tweets

262

Profile visits

1,811

New followers

12