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* Subject Climate Action for 2020 Budget-Recommendations and plea for swift action

I am writing to express my perspectives as a citizen of Calgary, on how important it is that the city's 2020 Budget review prioritize action on climate change. The world's experts on climate change have indicated that the next 18 months are critical to keep below 1.5 degrees of warming. Therefore, every decision council makes should be with climate action in mind. We can't afford to wait.

I am fearful of a world where we can no longer enjoy summers in Calgary, due to the severity of wildfire smoke darkening our skies. I worry about the world my son will grow up in.

Please, please, take bold climate action NOW. We can't afford to wait.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-48964736>

Why is it so hot and is climate change to blame?

There's a growing consensus that the next year-and-a-half are key in the battle against rising temperatures.
www.bbc.com

The city's climate panel has said "The need for action on climate is urgent and the

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budget for climate action must reflect that"

I support the following initiatives-drafted by the Calgary Climate Hub as the city considers the 2020 budget.

Immediately begin taking tangible actions outlined in The City's Climate Resilience Strategy to reduce Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris Agreement and The City's own target of an 80% reduction by 2050.

With these objectives in mind, we offer three broad recommendations:

Increase revenues through strategic increase of fees that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Reduce costs or subsidies associated with new community development plans that are not consistent with the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Implement, by 2022, programs to achieve by 2030 the financially neutral and positive measures identified in the Economics of Low Carbon Development

Implementation of the Climate Resilience Strategy

We agree with the City's Climate Panel that (Quote from the Panel's annual report (currently being drafted) – to be presented to the Utilities & Corporate Services SPC on November 20th)

The need for action on climate is urgent and the budget for climate action must reflect that. We recommend that Council direct Administration to

To report by Q3 2020 the budget and other resources required

To implement, by 2022, programs to achieve by 2030 the financially neutral and positive measures identified in the Economics of Low Carbon Development

Balancing revenue and user benefit for City services

We examined The City's budget to determine if there a

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* Subject Beltline Pool

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Hello,

I am writing to support maintaining the Beltline gym and pool. It is a truly wonderful facility and a gem of the Beltline area. I am a new user of the pool and have found the facility to be fantastic. From my point of view it needs only a few updates and some entrepreneurial spirit to bring in more users. Since the closure of the pool in the Bankers Hall building, there is no alternative swimming facility in the south end of the downtown core. It was taking me too much time to walk from my office in Gulf Canada Square to the YMCA in Eau Claire for a lunch time swim. This facility is truly convenient not only for inner city dwellers but also people who work in the vicinity. I think much more could be done to bring attention to this facility and draw in more users. E.g. in the summer put food trucks out front and offer people a free week to get to know the facility.

Thanks for listening.

Darcy

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* Subject Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre

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I am writing to make council aware of the fact that many youth from schools downtown rely on the free afterschool care program. Bu closing this facility you will be pushing many youth onto the streets of the downtown core after school. The city finances and supports a safety consumption site in the Beltline community for those wanting to consume illegal drugs in a safe location; so I don't understand why the city chooses to cut funding and take away the ONLY downtown location for the youth who are wanting a safe place to gather and partake in physical activities. The beltline centre offers a free after school program for preteens and teens providing them a safe and secure place to ultimately be kids. Many kids don't have a chance to be kids with the world we live in today and by closing this site the city will be turning its back on the youth in the downtown core.

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* Subject Save our Public pools

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As a homeowner I am more that willing to have my property taxes increase to provide vital public services such as public pool and recreation facilities. These facilities bring huge value to our communities and improve our quality of life. Ideally there would be more such facilities available not fewer. In particular inner city communities need these pools and recreation opportunities to attract and retain residents as the City aims to densify these communities while keeping them accessible for families and lower income people. These facilities provide health and social benefits to many. If they are not being used sufficiently that is a problem to be addressed through increased operations and outreach rather than by cutting them. Please save our pools!

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* Subject City Services

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Dear City Council,
Your hard work and commitment to maintain cost effective city services in these challenging economic times is commendable.
The Inglewood pool is a tremendously valuable recreation facility that has provided affordable recreation to me, my family and friends for over 10 years, where we have regularly attended public swimming, lane swimming, lessons, and birthday parties. There are no nearby alternate facilities that would fill the void of it's closure.
The provincial government has created a situation that ultimately demands an increase to Calgary residential property taxes. I fully support any necessary tax increases in order to maintain our current services, which I truly hope will also include the Inglewood pool.
Thank you,
Sharon

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* Subject Closure of Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre

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Hi there,
Just a note to say how much I've enjoyed the facilities, specifically the pool at the above facility. I only recently discovered it over the last few months. It is less than 5 minutes walk away from my work and I like that I can swim on my lunch break and at an affordable dropin fee. If there is a chance for it to stay open, I would be in total support!

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* Subject OPERATING BUDGET CUT RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Privatize garbage, green bin and blue bin collection.
2. Eliminate second and third pension plans for City managers, etc.
3. Cease dispatching Streets Maintenance trucks to grade skiffs of snow from already clear, or obviously about-to-melt-clear streets. Weather forecasting is quite accurate these days. Why create ice windrows that may last all winter, when it is very predictable that dispersed snow is melting, or is about to melt?
4. Assign councilors to cabinet posts to reduce group-think on council, and more importantly to create accountability for definable separate aspects of City management and services.

Pendola, Amy J.

From: Stevens, Jodie on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:07 AM
To: Public Submissions
Subject: FW: [EXT] Taxes for services

Good morning Pubic Submissions,

Please see the below concern regarding the budget.

Thank you

Jodie Stevens

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From: Mary Anne Schleinich <mschleinich@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Office of the Mayor <TheMayor@calgary.ca>; Chu, Sean <Sean.Chu@calgary.ca>; Colley-Urquhart, Diane <Diane.Colley-Urquhart@calgary.ca>; Chahal, George <george.chahal@calgary.ca>; Davison, Jeffrey R. <Jeff.Davison@calgary.ca>; Sutherland, Ward <Ward.Sutherland@calgary.ca>; Keating, Shane <Shane.Keating@calgary.ca>; Magliocca, Joe <Joe.Magliocca@calgary.ca>; Gondek, Jyoti <Jyoti.Gondek@calgary.ca>; Farrell, Druh <Druh.Farrell@calgary.ca>; Woolley, Evan V. <Evan.Woolley@calgary.ca>; Carra, Gian-Carlo S. <Gian-Carlo.Carra@calgary.ca>; EAWard10 - Lesley Stasiuk <EAWARD10@calgary.ca>; Farkas, Jeromy A. <Jeromy.Farkas@calgary.ca>
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@calgary.ca>
Subject: [EXT] Taxes for services

Dear City Councillors and Mayor Naheed Nenshi,

I would much prefer to pay higher property taxes than see further erosion of public transit and community services. I would happily pay higher taxes and know that needed services are there for people who need to access them.

Calgary has been my home since 1971. I am a strong supporter of the Keep Calgary Strong campaign.

Of course it is nice to live with affluence, to have more than we need. However, *not when its cost is a tattered and shredded social safety net.* Calgarians are disturbed to see begging at the intersections. We are disturbed when the Food

Bank has become a long term solution for families. It is disturbing to see people beg for bus fare to go to the doctor and a job interview!

It is embarrassing to drive through re-paving of perfectly intact roads, and have a public transit system that is poorly used because of limited access and high expense.

At one time or another, every single one of us is related to someone who needs a fully intact safety net. Without it, families and work places suffer loss of health and productivity, along with a great deal of pain.

I believe that many Calgarians share views like mine. We do not mind paying taxes when we see that they are paying for needed services to keep people out of poverty.

Please continue the Green Line and put the hockey arena on hold!! (The new saddle dome is what will cost you votes, not the maintenance of the low income bus pass and community and social services through higher taxes).

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Schleinich
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November 20, 2019

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City of Calgary
Office of the Mayor and Councillors
c/o City Clerk's Office
cityclerk@calgary.ca

Re: Feedback on Proposed Budget Reduction Scenarios

Dear Mayor Nenshi and Councillors,

We are writing in order to highlight recent public feedback and to ensure you are aware of community park trends that may impact your priorities.

As you undertake the challenging task of reviewing budget priorities, we encourage you to consider the essential role that parks and pathways play in Calgary. At Parks Foundation Calgary, we hear every day from communities who are working to improve their quality of life, and from countless Calgarians who treasure our outdoor public spaces.

Parks matter to Calgarians. They are cherished places where we play, connect with each other and immerse ourselves in nature. Ongoing parks development is vital to the creation of healthy, innovative and livable cities such as Calgary.

The City of Calgary's 2019 Quality of Life and Citizen Satisfaction Survey confirmed the high value placed on parks and open spaces:



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I would also like to highlight the current challenges in overall park fundraising. At Parks Foundation, we work with local communities who are fundraising to create or replace existing parks and playgrounds. Scarce corporate and donor dollars, combined with recent provincial funding cuts, have significantly added to their fundraising challenge. In particular, the Province of Alberta recently announced a 34% cut to the Community Facility Enhancement Program, a grant that is vital to park fundraising (commonly used by community associations). This provincial grant reduction will likely have a direct and detrimental impact on future community-driven park and playground projects.

At the Parks Foundation, we will respond to challenging economic conditions by working hard to provide necessary community and fundraising activities that are necessary in order to continue building and improving Calgary's treasured parks and playgrounds.

On behalf of everyone at the Parks Foundation, I would like to thank you for your consideration and ongoing partnership. In particular, I would like to express our appreciation to City of Calgary Parks, under the leadership of Kyle Ripley.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila Taylor".

Sheila Taylor
CEO
Parks Foundation Calgary

cc: Don Baird, Kyle Ripley, Lori Kerr

Pendola, Amy J.

From: Stevens, Jodie on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Public Submissions
Subject: FW: [EXT] 2020 Budget debate

Good morning Public Submissions,

Please see the below concern

Thank you

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jo-Anne Parks <parksj55@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:39 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@calgary.ca>
Subject: [EXT] 2020 Budget debate

Good evening;

We would like to register our concern about the upcoming budget debate in council tomorrow. I hope that council does not revise the tax increase for 2020 to a lower percentage. In an on-line comparison of tax rates in Edmonton, Ottawa & Calgary, based on a house assessment of \$500,000, Edmonton, property owners would be paying \$4540 per year while in Ottawa, they would be paying \$5894. Our house assessment for 2019 is \$480,000 and our taxes are \$3200. The City of Calgary already has the lowest tax rate of major cities in Canada and as a city that continues to grow, services and capital investment need to be maintained and increased to meet the demands of a growing city.

Many of the areas on the list of programs and services that would be cut if the rate was lowered, would directly affect citizens in lower income brackets. For the cost of basically 2 cups of coffee a month (3 if one frequents Tim Hortons versus an independent shop), I do not believe that will cause most tax paying residents undue financial stress. We need to keep providing services and opportunities to all citizens as well as keep building for the future. A zero percent tax rate increase now may be seen as the ideal but how do day to day costs and capital projects stay funded when the population keeps increasing?

There also needs to be a revision of the percentage that business owners pay versus property tax payers. As the shift from the downtown core paying a large share of the business property tax to the outlying business owners having to make up that difference has occurred, many of those owners have been placed under crippling tax rates. Property owners need to assume more of the tax burden to allow small businesses to continue. It doesn't benefit either the city nor its economy if small businesses fail.

We are fortunate to live in a city that rates very high on a livability scale on both national and international rankings. We are also fortunate to live in a province that does not have a provincial sales tax. The lifestyle we enjoy has to be funded and I think as citizens who want to see our city continue to prosper, we need to be willing to pay our fair share. Please do not lower the rate for the upcoming year and focus on a better alignment of property and business taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Anne & Ralph Parks
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* Subject Comments on One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

About one year ago, I became curious about the dividends paid by Enmax to the City of Calgary. Since then, I have done extensive research, including comparisons with Epcor, Edmonton's city owned utility. I believe Calgary city council is overlooking an opportunity with Enmax to address ongoing financial and tax challenges affecting businesses and residents.

In short, it appears that the Calgarians are getting a poor return on our equity in Enmax when compared to our neighbours in the north.

I have had discussions with some city councillors to consider Enmax increasing the size of its dividend, similar to the rate provided by Epcor. By my calculations, this would be an increase to city revenues of about \$50 million per year.

I would like to request City Council to consider increasing the dividend from ENMAX as part of the ongoing challenges to address ongoing financial and tax challenges affecting businesses and residents of Calgary.

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* Subject Cuty Taxes

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I am not a bank with unlimited funds. I have to make do with my income and live within my means. City council and all its departments need to do the same for a change.