

Hello ,

I would like to submit my opinion on this matter:

- police service funding should be cut more than the proposed \$20M because:

-- some social service calls can be handled by social services, freeing up officers to handle criminal matters

-- almost everything related to traffic enforcement should be moved to a different agency that does not require sworn officers (obvious exceptions: check stops, pursuit of criminal cases, etc.)

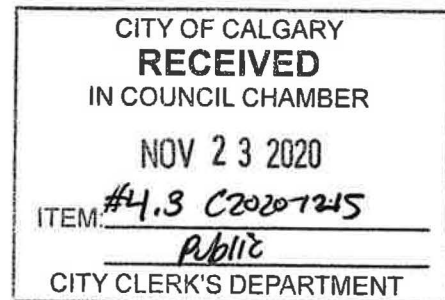
-- police officers should minimize dealing with non-criminal public complaints in the stations to give them more time for public presence . Auxiliary cadets used to do that much better and cheaper than officers until the police union put an end to that in the name of maximizing work for their members. This is expected from a union, but it is expected that city management represents the taxpayers and holds against that.

-- there needs to be much more civilian oversight of the CPS. The CPS has proven to be unable to address the known issues of bias against female officers, non-white officers, and non-heterosexual officers. A civilian management team needs to be installed. The head of CPS should be a civilian; the chief of police can be the COO.

-- unlike some aldermen claim, statistics of violent claim do not support their notion that Calgary is becoming more dangerous to live in by the month. Property crime is another matter, and perhaps a special unit of the force should be formed to address that. At this point, it seems that it costs us taxpayer more to pay for the CPS than pay for the damage from property crime. There is no cost-benefit to pay so much for a CPS that affects property crime so little.

respectfully

phil kormann





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Last name (required) Hammermeister

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Defunding Police and Redirecting Funds to Social Programs

Date of meeting Nov 23, 2020

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I do not support defunding the Calgary City Police but rather request the funds remain with the Calgary City Police to launch a robust PTSD rehabilitation and support program to improve the mental health of police officers and their families affected by this self-less profession for the reasons outlined below.

The majority of police officers join the police force because they possess a true desire to protect all people of society including animals. I agree that the issue of racial prejudice and racial bias is a serious problem that must be addressed and a cultural shift towards inclusiveness and equality is absolutely necessary. This systemic issue is not unique to the police profession. Racial injustices and inequality exists among all professions, trades, and service industries. Why punish the entire police force in response to a subset of police officers inexcusable racially motivated misconduct? Rotten nurses, doctors, lawyers, politicians, plumbers, mechanics, teachers, professors, etc. are a reality in every profession yet we don't persecute the entire profession. Instead, those individuals should be identified and dismissed when investigations prove such behavior and treatment of others is consistently made with unprovoked malicious intent. Consider adopting the new policy recently implemented in Quebec whereby street checks are performed on the basis of observable facts rather than skin color.

First responders are exposed to all the dark elements of society on a routine basis,



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which most people do not experience. Despite their training they are still human like everyone else, trying their best to do a very difficult and often dangerous job. The stresses of what they have to deal with, not just the physical danger, but also the human misery takes a toll over the months and years and decades of their job. A critical aspect of police work in the field is making good decisions that are beneficial to the safety of public. Unfortunately, approximately 30% of police officers suffer from PTSD which has an impact on decision making brain function among police. A recent preliminary study which recorded EEG tracings compared the decision-making abilities between officers having higher levels of PTSD with those that were determined to exhibit lower or no PTSD levels. Results suggested that officers with higher levels of PTSD had greater brain activation in areas related to rapid decision making. Disruptions in rapid decision making by an officer w

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**Subject:** [EXT] tax increase

As we try to diversify our local economy and build new business opportunities, our city adds to our cost structure.

There are a number of other communities aiming to develop their business base, are we aware that we are competing for these corporate opportunities.

Perhaps Calgary council does not understand.

Please be advised that we need to come together to help rebuild our economic base.

Thanks for your consideration.

Rob De Simone



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Public hearing item (required -  
max 75 characters) **2020 November 23 Agenda**

Date of meeting **Nov 23, 2020**

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**Subject:** [EXT] Budget 2021

There seems to be a fundamental bureaucratic misunderstanding at City Hall - **we the citizens, the taxpayers, are the "City of Calgary"** - bureaucrats are not, they exist to maintain public infrastructure, period. City council is to act on our behalf to oversee bureaucratic operations and keep them in check. When the council fails to keep the bureaucracy in-check, we no longer have a democracy, we have a technocracy.

When council allows boards, committees and non-governmental organizations (technocrats) to dictate priorities - council fails, democracy fails.

It is well past time for council to put the interests of "City of Calgary" ahead of all else. It is time for a moratorium on all special interest projects. It is time to stop diverting money away from operations, and it is time to get department spending under control.

In other words, do your job or be replaced by someone who will.

Tobin Walker



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**Subject:** [EXT] Suggestions for City Budget

Hello,

Please strongly consider these suggestions:

1. DO NOT take budget away from the City Police.
2. DO take money away from bike lanes, public art, staff & elected-person perks.
3. DO require ALL departments to carefully review their budgets and cut back or take out any/all 'frivolous' line items. We are in a "nearly-survival" mode in Calgary... and it is time to trim significantly all budgets.
4. DO strongly consider salary cuts to ALL city officials – especially management positions. The visibility of a 10% rollback of all positions will make a significant positive 'action'... for the taxpayers to see. It IS time for the City to step up and take leadership in reducing costs for taxpayers. Such action would be very helpful for a population that has seen a LOT of negative news for many months. YOU are our leaders – please take up that leadership task.

Please help us all to survive this pandemic and "many years of increasing budgets" in Calgary.

Regards,

Perry & Karen Kotkas

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**Subject:** [EXT] Request to Submit Comment for Mid Cycle One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets (November 23, 2020)

Good evening,

**What would I like to do?**

Submit a comment.

**Public hearing item:**

Mid-cycle one Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets.

**Date of meeting:**

November 23rd, 2020

**Comments:**

- 1) The police must reallocate at least 5% of their budget - Council must direct the Calgary Police Service to reallocate at least 5% of their current 2020 budget to communities, as approved by Council on November 3.
- 2) The police must keep their promise to reallocate their existing 2020 budget - The Calgary Police Service must keep their promise to reallocate a portion of their current \$401 million budget, and not simply forgo future budget increases.
- 3) The police must tell us how they spend our money - The Calgary Police Service must be more transparent and release their itemized line-by-line budget.

Thank you for your time.

Keenan Stouffer