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First name (required)	Kate
Last name (required)	McLennan
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Fluoride
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please honour the results of the plebiscite on fluoridation and reinstate fluoride.



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First name (required)	Said
Last name (required)	Hussein
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Fluoridation Plebiscite
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021

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Hello Calgary City Council members,

The citizens of Calgary voted overwhelmingly in favour of reinstating water fluoridation according to last month's plebiscite. In writing this comment, I kindly ask all council members to honour the will of the people and vote in favour of returning water fluoridation to Calgary. In addition to being favoured by a large majority of voters, community water fluoridation has been proven time and time again to be safe and effective according to the consensus opinion of scientists and dental health professionals around the world. Again, in fulfilling your duty as community representatives, please reflect the will of the people when you vote on this important issue.

Thank you



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First name (required)	Chloe
Last name (required)	Pekarsky
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Fluoride
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In light of the results of the recent plebiscite on fluoridation, I hope that Council members will honour and uphold the will of Calgarians by reinstating fluoride in our city's water. As a native Calgarian who grew up with fluoride in the water during my formative years, my oral health has benefited greatly and I hope that future Calgarians will get the same benefits that I did. Fluoridation is safe, effective and supported by the majority of scientists and Public Health Agencies.



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First name (required)	Vincent
Last name (required)	St. Pierre
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Community Water Fluoridation
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021

I wanted to send you this very quick email on the subject of fluoridation and its return.

As you are probably already aware, I was heavily involved in Dr. Juliet Guichon's and Calgarians for Kids' Health effort to return community water fluoridation to Calgary. I was the designer behind the campaign's lawn signs, social media and campaign literature.

Community water fluoridation is a prudent, proven and low-cost way to deliver massive public health benefit to the public. It was removed against the will of the people in 2011, after it passed not one but two referendums (1989 and 1998). Now my community, and the entire city, has overwhelmingly voted for fluoridation for third time. It is the consensus position, backed by the Alberta Medical Association, Alberta's Dentists and Alberta's Dental Assistants. Throughout the election I was able to work with conservatives, New Democrats, Liberals and community members across the political spectrum to bring back this positive health measure.

Beyond the 62-38 passing of the plebiscite, no mayoral candidate who was opposed to fluoridation received more than 1% of the vote.

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To be clear, Calgarians sent council a message.

The message was that councillors were wrong to remove fluoridation in 2011, wrong to

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ignore medical advice and wrong to kowtow to the fearful and misinformation spreaders in our community. As you probably have already noticed, you have likely received messages from the No campaign. They have proven themselves incapable of engaging in a positive dialogue: relying on bad studies, hostile conspiracies of a nefarious "dental lobby". Fear, uncertainty and doubt are their only tools, and tools they used with reckless abandon in this past election. As the individual who managed the twitter account and web presences of the Yes! campaign, the No campaign referred to me as a paedophile, animal abuser and a used car salesman. They remain bad actors in our city.

There is a need to reject the politics of vicious character assassination. It pushes good people out of our shared dialogue and is harmful.

There is a need to ensure that we follow the science and work with researchers from our universities and public health providers. To do otherwise sets our city back. Please vote yes when city council affirms the result of the plebiscite.

All the best,
Vincent St. Pierre
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First name (required)	Gail
Last name (required)	Dyer
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	fluoride / save millions of dollars

Date of meeting

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I am amazed that the issue of fluoridating the water in Calgary has resurfaced. This needs to be put to rest so that City Council can move on to more pressing issues. Less than 25% of eligible voters have made the decision to waste \$30M and impose their uninformed position on the entire city.

I am sure that for every report stating that fluoridating water is a great solution, there are two reports stating the significant drawbacks. But this is really irrelevant.

There is absolutely never a good reason to medicate a public water source. Period.

The issues that come to mind are:

- Why go to the effort and expense to fluoridate our toilets, our showers, our lawns, our car washes, our laundry, etc.?
- Fluoride is proven to be toxic to aquatic life downstream.
- There are much better ways to reduce tooth decay.

The simplest, the most sustainable, and no doubt the most cost effective solution? Give free fluoride drops to anyone who wants them – they could get them from a pharmacy. This is the cheapest solution, and *everyone gets what they want.*

If it does transpire that fluoride once again contaminates our public water, I would

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expect that the municipality to provide me with clean, safe drinking water. That could come by way of bottled water (with a negative impact on the environment), or a fluoride filter, to remove the contaminant that has been added.



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First name (required) Sylvia

Last name (required) Hawkins

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) To uphold the results of the vote to put fluoride back in city water.

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I understand from dental professionals that there has been a sharp increase in dental cavities since the city ceased to add fluoride to our drinking water. this is especially true for the most vulnerable children and adults.



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First name (required)	Anna
Last name (required)	Waller
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Fluoride
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021

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The people of Calgary voted in a clear majority to have fluoride put back in the water. This needs to actually happen. It's an extremely important tool in the fight against decay, especially for Calgary's most vulnerable children.



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First name (required)	Wendy
Last name (required)	Street-Wadey
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Community Water Fluoridation
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021

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Fluoride is already present in Calgary's water, but not at a level required to protect the teeth of Calgary's citizens from the harmful outcomes of dental decay. Since fluoridation was stopped, the dental community has observed an increase in the amount of dental decay in children, occurring at younger ages. Dental decay is not a trivial matter. Untreated dental decay leads to pain and infection. Pain and infection affects a child's ability to eat, concentrate, and play, which affects development. In the worst cases, dental infections can travel through the jaw bones, up under the eye, and track into the brain, or can track down into the airway. In young children, dental decay can be particularly dangerous because they are unable to express when they are in pain due to dental disease and often parents are unaware that their children are in pain or have dental infections.

Young children have difficulty sitting through the multiple dental procedures they require, and are often referred to pediatric specialists for treatment with sedation or general anesthetic. Each weekday, one surgical suite at the Alberta Children's Hospital is used to treat children under general anesthetic.

Dental decay can also impact senior citizens with dementia in the same way as often they are suffering with dental pain and infection, but because of their inability to communicate the dental decay goes undiagnosed.

Community Water Fluoridation prevents and slows the progression of dental decay. Please vote yes for community water fluoridation and help Calgary's children, seniors and its citizens to achieve better oral health and ultimately better overall health. Thank

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First name (required)	Christy
Last name (required)	Holdsworth
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Fluoridation
Date of meeting	Nov 15, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please support the reintroduction of fluoride to Calgary's water.



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First name (required)	Wendy
Last name (required)	Benson
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Water fluoridation
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I strongly urge City Council to support Calgary water fluoridation. Over 60% of Calgarian voters clearly indicated they would like Calgary water to have reasonable levels of fluoride. Water fluoridation is one of the best public health measures of the 20th century lowering risk of cavities in children and the lifelong consequences of poor dental health and high dental costs. The science clearly supports fluoridated water. Sadly, the critics 'cherry pick' their versions of the science to report concerns. The science is not as debatable as the critics claim.

Please rely on the science based recommendations of leading organizations: Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Dental Association, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Alberta Health Services and the Canadian Public Health Association.
A Calgary fluoride supporter since 1989.