



2022-23 Provincial Budget (Verbal)

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New Budget Memo Format / Process

Purpose:

- better understand if/how our City of Calgary budget letter priorities were met
- Create more useful and user-friendly content for Council and Administration



City of Calgary Budget Letter Priorities

i. **Addressing Municipal Finance and Continuation of the City Charter**

- Request for funding support to rebalance municipal finances and commit to future discussions on municipal financial reform.

ii. **Downtown Strategy**

- Request for formal partnership with the Government of Alberta to invest in new Downtown Strategy and financially support the Downtown Calgary Development Incentive Program.

iii. **Provincial Infrastructure Investments**

- Request funding support for key infrastructure projects such as flood mitigation projects and funding for Calgary's arts sector.

iv. **Working together on Affordable Housing**

- Request for capital investment in provincially owned homes located on City of Calgary leased land, assurance that federal funding will not be left on the table, and property tax relief for affordable housing providers.

v. **Building Safer Communities**

- Request for permanent funding for the Community Safety Investment Framework to strengthen crisis response, support for mental health and addictions, as well as funding for police services and continued action on Truth and Reconciliation.

vi. **Support for a Long-Term Transit Strategy**

- Support from the Government of Alberta to engage in discussions on long-term transit support, as well as renewed funding commitment in 2023 for the Low-Income Bus Pass and consideration of future investment in the Green Line.



City Priority / Request	What's in the Budget?	Positive
		Neutral
		Negative

Addressing Municipal Finance / City Charter		
Change in % of property tax revenue sent to province	Small increase in the amount of requisition.	Neutral
Legislative reforms to address municipal finances / revenues	None. Repeats the commitment to keep local spending in line with that in other provinces.	Negative
Additional funding to address the municipal finances / revenues	None. Repeats the commitment to keep local spending in line with that in other provinces.	Negative
Commit to conversation about the City Charter / Tax reform	None.	Negative



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Support for Calgary's Downtown		
Formal partnership to attract new business downtown	Indicates increased supports for downtown revitalization efforts, but no further details.	Neutral
Support for economic diversification, emerging sectors	<p>\$171M for post-secondary seats in high-tech, finance, engineering, aviation and health care.</p> <p>Funding for students and apprentices in emerging technology sectors.</p> <p>Support for Film and TV Credit and Innovation Employment Grant.</p>	Neutral
Support for office conversions to non-office use; reduce vacancy	Indicates that there are increased supports for downtown revitalization efforts.	Negative
Financial supports to populate downtown office space	Indicates increased supports for downtown revitalization efforts, but no further details.	Negative



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Infrastructure Investments		
Flood Mitigation: Springbank / Bow / Sunnyside	Continued commitment of \$473.6M to SR-1 Reservoir despite escalating costs.	Positive
Investment in Arts sector / infrastructure	Investment in Glenbow. Small increase to Arts Foundation funding.	Neutral
Capital Stability and Predictability	Local Government Fiscal Framework to replace MSI in 2024-25 is on track. \$382M total for Calgary and Edmonton (unchanged); Some funding programs wrapping up, without a replacement (e.g. Green Trip).	Neutral
Infrastructure Accountability Act	No reference to City's concerns.	Negative



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Partnering on Affordable Housing		
Expand Rent Assistance programs	Modest expansion.	Neutral
Capital funding for maintenance and renewal	Budget 2022 reduces capital maintenance and renewal by 23%.	Negative
Operating and capital to leverage federal funding	Modest \$118M over three years for the “Stronger Foundations Strategy”.	Negative
Collaboration on reform, including COPTER	None.	Negative



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Building Safer Communities		
Funding for Community Safety Investment Framework	None.	Negative
Mental health and addictions supports, including harm reduction and recovery	FCSS funding maintained at \$100M total, annually. Funding for new mental health beds in hospitals.	Neutral
Reinstate police funding	No reinstatement, but also no further decreases.	Neutral
Action on Truth and Reconciliation / White Goose Flying	Some commitments around economic development.	Neutral



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Long-Term Transit Strategy		
Emergency transit operating funding	No mention.	
Permanent Transit Fund	No program to match federal Permanent Transit Fund.	
Post-2023 low-income transit pass	No mention in budget, so no commitment beyond this year.	
Commitment to full length of Green Line	No new commitment. Current commitment remains intact.	

Recommendation

That with respect to Report IGA2022-0327 the following be approved:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee forward the presentation to the 2022 March 8 Combined Meeting of Council and recommend that Council receive the presentation for the Corporate Record.