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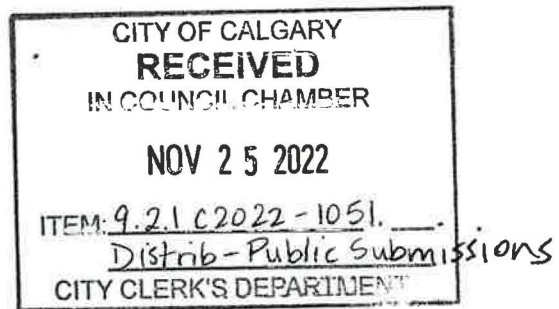
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Council

Date of meeting (required)

Nov 24, 2022

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Budget

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I read in the Calgary Herald that only 2 live presentations speaking against the proposed budget were made to the live portion of the budget deliberations. Please do not take this to mean that Calgarians are fine with the 5%+ increase in property taxes. Those of us who are against the ever-spiraling, out-of-control spending by City Hall and the corresponding rise in property taxation are the silent majority. The lack of live presentations exposing this view in Chambers is probably due to two major factors: 1. These sessions go on for hours and hours and a presenter never knows how long he or she will be sitting listening to the special interest groups (e.g.: the miniscule but surprisingly influential bicycle lobby, the out of touch utopian climate emergency zealots, etc.). Few working people who actually pay the property taxes have time to waste listening for hours and hours waiting for their time to present. 2. Council and the Administration ignores whatever opinion they offer or suggestions they make. Having been a rate payer for decades, it is obvious that Council has already made up its mind based on the Administration's directives and the only question is how much extra will be added to policing and fire services budgets. That extra money just raises property taxes even further or increases "user" fees for things we used to receive as part of our property tax payments (e.g.: waste removal). So, for what it is worth (and I suggest to you that because all the public consultation on the budget is "window dressing" and whatever is said that runs counter to Council's predeterminations will not impact a thing), as a property tax payor, I am against an increase in the City budget for the years under consideration. There are millions of dollars of savings that can be realized if Council and the Administration get off of their various pet projects and turn back to delivering the City's core services. It is all a question of prioritization and a "sharp pencil". it is very easy, and this is the route followed by this Council and the previous



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one to simply tax and spend, tax and spend, ad infinitum. Calgarians deserve and demand better. Do your job. Your job is to deliver core City deliverables as cost effectively as possible and Council's starting point should be budgets that have a zero increase, or budgets that result in a reduction in, residential property taxes.



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First name (required) **Frank**

Last name (required) **Dwarty**

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I'm writing to Council to insist that more funding is provided for transit service. To realize the more compact city that the municipal development plan (MDP) calls for, every-day Calgarians MUST have a competitive alternative to using a personal vehicle to travel around Calgary. As such, this budget should provide MUCH higher funding for transit. Not only is more funding needed for increased service but also C-train & Max stations as well as bus stops. We need to fund more transit security presence to help deter social disorder and crime that transit users are increasingly susceptible to. A failure to provide substantially higher transit funding is a failure to follow through on the most basic tenant of the Municipal Development Plan.

Further, Council declared a climate emergency last year and this budget fails to provide any meaningful funding to implement the actions needed to start addressing this emergency. Many are skeptical that Calgary's city council (like many local governments) will ever follow through on meaningful climate mitigation and adaptation measures until it's too late. Calgary's vulnerable and low-income residents will suffer the most as a result as they are least prepared to address the daily impacts they will encounter.

Thank you for your time.

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Dear Councillor Wong,

On behalf of the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre, I would like to seek your support to help organize events to commemorate the centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act. We plan to organize activities at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre to educate, and arouse public awareness of the Chinese Exclusion Act. Funding from the City will allow us to carry out our plans so the subject matter becomes meaningful to the community.

Conceptually, our approach is to focus on harmony, inclusion, and the three underlying fundamental principles necessary for a civilized society, namely mutual respect, tolerance, and the right to be different (hereinafter referred to collectively as 'The Theme') as a response to the motive and objective of the Chinese Exclusion Act. Therefore, our project includes the following components:

1. Art Exhibitions focus on Chinese history, philosophy, and culture in the context of The Theme.
2. Art and composition competitions related to The Theme among Canadians of different age group and members of the community from ALL cultural heritages. One of the aims is to articulate and celebrate 'The Theme' and to exchange idea and knowledge among all Canadians of different cultural heritage to learn from each other.
3. Seminars, video presentations, and storytelling focus on Theme.
4. Enlarge the size and scope of the Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, especially the

component

relating to local history. We are working to turn the entire Chinese Cultural Centre into a

museum for exhibition and educational and interactive space for everyone, especially children and young people.

5. Build a 3D room to present art works and videos on subjects related to The Theme.

6. Online access for all the programs, activities, and exhibitions related to The Theme and the Museum.

7. Potential extension: beautify the River bank along the Flood Prevention Barrier within the boundary of the Community of Chinatown to turn the river bank walkway into a Chinese themed park.

The above projects will continue for years to come. We plan to launch the program in January 2023 and concentrate on presenting as many activities as possible between the Chinese Lunar New Year up to include Canada Day. Of course, after the initial launch, we will continue with the program and build on top of what we have already in place for years to come.

Thank you,

Tony Wong
President
Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre



November 22, 2022

City of Calgary
Offices of the Mayor and Councilors
Calgary, Alberta

Att: Calgary City Council

Re: One Calgary 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budget

In November 2021 The City of Calgary declared a climate emergency with a commitment to support zero emissions mobility as well as other actions to reduce emissions. With this in mind, The City's 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budget presents the opportunity to position Calgary as a leader in addressing the causes of climate change while also investing in improving the quality of life for Calgarians. However, the proposed budget repeats the unsustainable patterns of the past 70 years and focuses on sprawl and vehicle dependence.

As City Council begins to deliberate on the four-year budget, the Beltline Neighbourhoods Association has several serious concerns. The proposed budget provides no real movement towards expanding active transportation mobility and improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. Less than 1% of the Streets budget is allocated for new active modes infrastructure and only \$4.7M (an 83% reduction from the 2019-2022 budget) of new construction for active modes under the Sidewalk and Pathway Budget. The advice and implementation of numerous City Strategies and Plans, including the Climate, Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies, which call for the development of more active mode infrastructure, has been largely cast aside.

Additionally, Calgary Transit's proposal to increase transit fares, including to \$4 per ride for adults and youth rides from 2.45 to 2.65 by 2026, will have a detrimental impact on transit access. The City is proposing to increase the barriers to accessing transit just as we want more people choosing transit more frequently. Those who rely on transit, particularly youth and seniors will be hit the hardest, while infrastructure for private vehicles continues to be heavily subsidized in this budget.

We urge yourselves to support a budget that reallocates funds away from unsustainable development and towards projects in existing communities like the Beltline and others across the city that improves the safety and comfort of walking, rolling, and cycling. As well as to reject raising transit fares, and instead develop a long-term financial framework to address the funding of Calgary Transit.

Yours sincerely,
Beltline Neighbourhoods Association



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Hello Councillor Terry Wong.

Thank you for asking for feedback.

I will provide a list of what I feel are the concerns of many of us in the west of your ward in the second half of this response. I recognize the complexities of your ward with a combination of residential communities and large building infrastructure downtown.

First off:

You are asking for feedback TWO days before this budget. You have been in your position since October 25, 2021 and we have heard very little from you. And yes covid hit but people were connected through zoom and other online services but where were you?

These for reference were your campaign priorities:

- Listen and learn before leading.
- Do the right things and do things right.
- Respect and include all people.
- Work to make Calgary a clean and safe city where no person is at risk of harm.
- Work to achieve an affordable city by delivering quality services with current resources and without further increasing taxes.
- Continue efforts to cut unnecessary bureaucratic red tape.
- Ensure that parks, natural areas, and the urban tree canopy are preserved and enhanced throughout the city.
- Support and conserve the distinct culture, heritage, and sustainability of communities.
- Champion a strong and vibrant downtown through entrepreneurship, tourism, neighborhood revitalization, arts and culture, green spaces, and housing that is affordable.
- Demand strong civic engagement and support ongoing review and improvement of planning policies including the Guide for Local Area Planning.
- Promote Calgary as a "Must Visit Destination and a Great Visitor Experience".
- Serve the public with integrity and facilitate mutual respect between citizens, City Administration, and Council.
- Be accountable, transparent, and trustworthy. Most importantly, I will be an advocate for you!

How would you score yourself?

The current mayor and councillors including you are ranked very low, maybe the lowest ever. You and they did not campaign on declaring a climate emergency or increasing property taxes by a minimum of 5%.. People are struggling to keep up with the basics: food costs, fuel costs, heating

costs, meanwhile the city is marching forward as if everything is okay. It's not.

It appears private sector businesses and many people find the councillors out of touch and that out of touch leadership rolls downhill into the city services. Medium and small businesses have been hit very hard and we are expecting many more bankruptcies. There are many bigger issues than climate emergency, like homeless, affordable housing, and crime. The city leaders should be taking a pause to check in on the realities of inflation and these other issues.

The cities attack on the provinces primary industry, energy, along with agriculture and forestry is counter to community and provincial development. The city still ignores working with other nearby communities, and rural Alberta to develop synergies.

Now I'm pretty sure a strategist told the council to get in touch and at least pretend to gather feedback.

On a positive note, the city has embraced the tech sector and the innovation ecosystem but missed connecting with the rest of the province in favor of following Ottawa's lead. Probably time to get back in touch with our community.

This is a list from our area. I do not speak for everyone nor am I their spokes person.

Our priorities are:

- **safety, neighbours, watching out and helping one another**
- **the red carpet inn and suites continues to be a magnet for murder and abuse**
- **drug and sex trade are active in the area, frequent recognized drug dealer vehicles and repeat offenders with almost no police support. We are reporting regularly, we are locking doors, and lighting up the area.**
- **Speed control in certain areas especially people coming to and from the Shouldice sporting complex plus drivers on 16th ave. 46 street block. NW**
- **The affordable housing project by the river appears to be neglected again. Burned out buildings are sitting idol. I understand this might be a provincially own site?**
- **Frequent encampments throughout the neighbourhood and along the riverbanks. We frequently have homeless or criminals creeping into people's back yards, checking doors, many broken car windows.**
- **We have slum landlords who allow garbage to accumulate in their laneways and backyards.**
- **We have businesses like Tim Hortons, Safeway, Local hotel/motels, and businesses who allow garbage to accumulate.**
- **Highrise building development in communities is always an issue especially for immediate single family homes. This requires good consultation and discussion.**

On a positive note:

We have an active book sharing box program (thanks Melissa), regular neighbourhood clean ups, snow shovelers, and an active community association which could do more with a stronger budget. The road, sidewalk and bike paths are welcomed by many.

I am not sure how this list helps because I am unclear on what is being considered at your budget table. Your open-ended question might be better served by putting out the list that you are considering. I do suggest the city takes a pause before passing anything else to get in touch with Calgarians and do some critical thinking.

This city and province have tremendous resources from the energy, agriculture, forestry sectors with a great entrepreneurial attitude along with a strong growing tech sector with potential manufacturing and other sector possibilities but this council do not appear to be connected.

Happy to discuss this.

Peter Lafontaine.