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ARTHUR GALLANT'S 2021 MOVING CONSIDERATIONS

THINGS I WANT IN A NEW CITY:

- Walkability
- Liveability
- Public transit nearby
- Convenient to downtown
- NHL/professional sports team
- Car-sharing service
- Same rent as I currently pay or less (or no more than \$50/month)
- If moving provinces, income tax should be the same as current rate or less

*****Rent within my price-range and decent public transit is mandatory*****

Researched apartments in: Vancouver and surrounding area, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto and surrounding area, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, Windsor, London ON, Ottawa, Laval, Montreal, St. Johns, Halifax

PROS & CONS OF MOVING TO CALGARY, ALBERTA

(Only city on list above to check off all boxes)

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change is good - Fresh start - 90-minute flight or 10-hour drive to Vancouver (to visit best friend Karen) - Only federal sales tax in Alberta, no provincial tax (5% in Alberta compared to 13% in Ontario) - Calgary is 4th largest city by population in Canada, Hamilton is #9 - Public transit ranks much better than Hamilton (one study said Hamilton was ranked #14 whereas Calgary was ranked #7) - Can live in downtown Calgary for less than it costs me to live in downtown Hamilton (Average 1-bedroom rent in Hamilton is \$1,385/month compared to Calgary which is \$1,099/month according to Zumper) - Calgary is ranked as more liveable city compared to Hamilton - Alberta spends most per capita on health care - Based on 2019 & 2020 income, I'd paying \$500 less in provincial income tax - Alberta beef is the best! - Weather (very cool at nighttime during summer, great for sleeping) - CALGARY STAMPEDE - Easy to find family doctor (138 family doctors per 100,000 people) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No rent control in Alberta - Won't be able to attend Blue Jays games - Don't like flying, 4-hour flight from Calgary to Toronto - Weather (-20C in winter is common) - Almost 4-hour drive to the U.S. border - No major U.S. cities near Calgary - Paperwork (new bank account, new drivers license, new health card) - Packing and unpacking - Will take 2-4 weeks to receive my furniture and belongings - Politics (very conservative) - Could use money to pay off debt instead - May not be able to bring Danika with me - New medical treatment team, new doctors