

# Are You In Favour of More Taxes?

**A vote to establish a business development zone is a vote to raise your taxes!**

City requirements for a business development zone.

- Present budget to council for approval annually.
- Elect board of directors.
- Audit annually.

Simply to create another bureaucracy, you will have to deal with and pay for.

Liabilities

All costs are recoverable by City of Calgary.

Proposal by those pushing for business development zone.

- Tax \$150,000.00 from area businesses.
- Hire 2 full time positions plus office staff.
- Marketing - No Plan.
- Address concerns of area businesses - No Plan.

Results meeting with city so far.

Requested area plans - received a generic plan the same as all areas.

- vibrant public realm.
- diversity of housing (mixed use residential).
- growth potential.
- increase density?

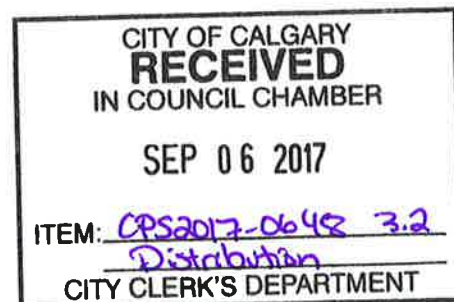
**Do you want a tax increase over and above the current and future increases?**

**Do you want another bureaucracy you will have to deal with and pay for?**

Vote **NO**. Your urgent attention to avoid giving the city permission to raise your taxes.

A vote of 25% required to apply for a business development zone.

**A vote of 50% required to stop it.**



First the city is transferring your business tax to the commercial property tax. I wonder if the property owner will be required to pay the business tax regardless of whether their building is rented out or not.

Now they are trying to get your permission to raise your taxes, so you can pay for any improvements to the area. Or anything your board dreams up. For instance, in Bowness they now have planters hanging off light standards. They now get to pay the city to plant and water annuals every year. In Kensington they have decorative light posts.

Area business break down

- food and entertainment	58
- churches	2
- clubs	12
- automotive, motorcycles	76
- industrial	20
- holding & unknown	24
- tech & communication	11
- industrial supply	3
- other	4

Compiled from City of Calgary information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Don Cook at We Kare Auto, 403-276-4654. Don has been a business owner in Highland Park for 34 years.

You may also contact Jim Owen at Econolith Press, 403-277-6770. Operating in Highland Park for 19 years.

No Action Due 7/6/17 Deadline

**Business Development Zone Pending**

**Business Tax Increase \$150,000.00/yr**

**Urgent Action Information Enclosed**