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THE COST\$ OF DOING NOTHING

Calgarians support user fees subsidies to be set above the current poverty line

88%

Yes (88%) No (7%) I don't know (5%)

*SLIDING
SCALE FEE
REPORT,
September
2015



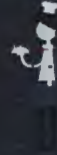
The Fun FACTS

Fair Calgary reports there is an underwhelming amount of Calgarians who live below 50% of the low-income cut off that have not applied for subsidies.

If 1 in 10 Calgarians lives in poverty, who benefits from lower priced fees?



68% of women at risk of homelessness are escaping domestic violence



13,785 living with low-income spent 50% earnings on rent



15,000 to 17,000 people used shelters last year

Stats Courtesy of Face It Calgary.com

What Calgarians said when they cannot afford to buy a discounted transit pass or a single ride transit ticket, how it impacts their life

everywhere. Can't go to doctor's appointments. Daughter cannot go to school. Can't get school clothes if needed

"Staying at home and face four walls, particularly during cold and snowy seasons. No chance of visiting various supermarkets to choose cheaper merchandise and groceries."

It impacts it by a lot. It makes it harder to get to where you need to go. Things like daycare, school, appointments and groceries.

I makes it difficult. Doctors appointments have to be cancelled so it puts my health at risk. I am a diabetic.

"It impacts my life big time. I wouldn't be able to get to nothing. It would make it really difficult to live."

'The prices are getting too high for low-income families'



Quotes are taken from 1:1 Interviews and survey created Fair Calgary Community Voices Survey. Survey was conducted from March to July 2015. For more information please email faircalgary1@gmail.com