

Better Calgary Campaign
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Candidate Survey

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1. Top three issues

- a) The housing crisis
- b) Recycling and the green issue
- c) Transportation - transit and roads

2. Top three issues in the city

- a) Affordable housing and homelessness
- b) Urban sprawl and its fallout on infrastructure
- c) Recycling and the green issue

3. Urban sprawl and housing

a) Yes I do , however we have to look at possibly putting some transit underground . I respectfully don't know enough about Dalhousie Station to competently reply.

b) I think we are . The arguments work in both directions for some system of rent controls or subsidies . However I would prefer to find a way to make housing affordable not subsidized .

c) I fully support secondary suites in all neighbourhoods , subject to adequate safety and parking concerns . Secondary suites are an affordable start up point for many , and provide an extra income for some people , particularly seniors on fixed incomes . It also leads to a more mixed community .

d) Yes . Urban sprawl places a huge burden on infrastructure . The question of how to solve it is not easy . I have no set answer but will work to help find one .

4. Transportation

a) Not really . Too many roads are being worked on at the same time . It all seems to be what looks good for now . More thought has to go into what the future will look like .

b) I use public transit rarely . I am a self-employed tradesman and a vehicle is essential .

c) No . Possibly more circle route buses . LRT needs to be extended west and southeast , as well as the existing lines extended . It may be too late , but building underground would be best .

- d) I think the strategic plan is sound but I don't trust that it will be implemented properly .
- e) Yes . Mount Royal College first . to service the student population . LRT to the airport would be a boon to all
- f) The industrial parks . More bus routes tied into a circle route might do the trick .

5. Vibrant and sustainable communities

- a) Tough question . I am not sure what the answer is but I don't think hiding a shelter in the industrial area is it .
- b) Arts are essential to quality of life . Tax revenues from the arts sector is quite high . I support increased arts funding .
- c) Just do it . It's the right thing to do and we all know it . Organics plastics must be included .
- d) Only natural lawn and garden care products . Subsidized rain barrels , leadership role in the use of recycled plastic "wood" products .
- e) Another tough question . I don't know what the solution is , but drugs , homelessness and a loss of dignity play key roles in helping to solve these issues .

6. Taxes and Revenues

- a) I think it works reasonably well . I am not sure if I would want to see any new forms of taxation funding .
- b) I think so . We have to stop wasting money .

7. Political reform .

- a) NO . There is not enough transparency . Special interest groups should not be allowed to donate in such large amounts .
- b) Any leftover funds will be donated to a charity to be determined .
- c) I think some sort of term limit is worth consideration .

Thank You . P. Barry Eldridge