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Answers:

1. a. Wasting millions of dollars and trying to balance the books by increasing taxes.

This is a direct cause of homelessness for the elderly, young families and renters all trying to make ends meet.

b. City Council rubber stamps everything the city managers want. How is this representing the constituents? They should start helping the average person who pays their wages. They are public employees who have lost touch with reality.

c. A "quality of life issue" would be to maintain and develop the quality of green space that we currently enjoy.

2 a. To curb wasteful spending by the city would provide money to sustain existing and create more recreational facilities, libraries, etc.

b. Developers should contribute at least half of the cost for emergency services buildings in new subdivisions being built.

c. Roadways: Start a few and get them done instead of starting all at once and creating a gridlock and takes forever to complete. This frustrates Calgarians and the word is out across the country. No one wants to move to Calgary if it takes them three or four hours to get to and from work.

3 a. I support the concept of extending transit only if can be done without compromising commuters the way our road construction has frustrated the citizens driving in this city. Where's "common sense?"

b. No. There are a lot of houses on the market. People are scared of the unknown and some remember the recession of 1981. They are waiting for stability to return before they make a move.

c. Absolutely. Providing they pass safety inspections. There is a misconception out there that renters are bad or questionable people. NOT SO. Using common sense and educating people, these myths can be removed.

d. I think we should use up underdeveloped or neglected land before we expand. This will stall the urban sprawl for a while, but inevitably we will have to expand. That is a reality.

4 a. Trying to get somewhere in this city can be tedious to say the least as there seems to be construction everywhere. Starting less jobs and getting them completed before moving onto the next ones would help.

b. Both, several times a month.

c. Transit seems to work well for me. Improvements can always be made when money and workers are available to do the job in a timely fashion.

d. I do not have enough facts or information on the subject to make a good decision at this time.

e. Yes, I would be in favour as money comes available. Other great cities, such as Paris have transit from the airport to city centre and major education facilities.

f. I believe that transit, especially the C-Train would double or triple the passengers if they had adequate parking areas to handle the volume of vehicles. At times, there are not spaces available. Having security at these parking areas would give people peace of mind that their vehicles were not being vandalized while they are away. This is the biggest unspoken fear of parking areas.

5 a. Lower taxes or freeze taxes. Overtaxation is either a direct or indirect cause of homelessness. Legalizing affordable secondary suites would help curb urban sprawl and greatly reduce homelessness.

b. I am an artist. Arts funding should take second place to providing people with shelter. For forty years, my job has been building shelters for people (and some animals).

c. The people who are recycling will continue to do so. We need to promote recycling in a friendly, creative manner. I do not agree with threatening or financially charging people with the excuse of recycling. This will not increase or help recycling.

d. Maintain and develop existing green spaces and provide adequate green spaces in new subdivisions. Reducing or eliminating all together the harsh chemicals being used in our city such as herbicides and pesticides.

e. Municipal and Provincial Governments should work together and force the courts to impose harsher punishment to fit the crime. What is being done right now obviously doesn't work. Gangs should not be tolerated at all.

6 a. No. Make the Municipal Government accountable for every tax dollar.

"Transparency" They need to run the City more like a private business and not rely on unlimited taxes.

b. I believe there is enough money. It only needs to be managed properly. "Like a private business".

7 a. No. The incumbents definitely have an unfair advantage over anyone running against them.

b. I do not have a campaign fund; therefore, there will be no leftovers.

c. There should be equal paper, and especially TV media, for all candidates. I have not received any positive TV representation. I have received some paper attention.