

## 2017 Municipal Election Survey 2017 – Calgary –

Thank you for participating in the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's election survey. Please provide your responses to Colin Craig ([ccraig@taxpayer.com](mailto:ccraig@taxpayer.com)) by **September 29** (end of day). Results will be posted at Taxpayer.com, sent to the media and emailed to our supporters.

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Signature: 

<p>1) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to scan and post council expense receipts online? (Just as the province does for MLA expenses)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES/NO
<p>2) Will you protect taxpayers from additional financial risk and excessive costs by introducing a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to place new city employees, and council members, in a less costly pension plan? (Defined contribution)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I will absolutely look carefully at all city staffing and compensation to make sure that we as taxpayers are getting value for our money when it comes to city services and infrastructure.</p>	YES/NO
<p>3) Will you vote to reduce city employee salaries by 5% (or reduce total salary expenditures by 5%) – just as many employees in Calgary's business sector received during the recession?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> City employee salaries do not rise at the same rate as business sector salaries during boom times, so they may not need to be reduced at the same rate during declines. However, as stated above, I will certainly look carefully at all city staffing and compensation, to make sure that we as taxpayers are getting value for our money when it comes to city services and infrastructure.</p>	YES/NO
<p>4) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to cap property tax increases at inflation? (Statistics Canada's CPI for Calgary)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> With recent tax hikes, this may very well be reasonable. As councillor, I will examine this closely to ensure we can continue to provide essential services and infrastructure under these conditions.</p>	YES/NO
<p>5) Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city's unemployment rate is below the national average?</p>	YES/NO

<p><i>Comment:</i> The public art program employs local people in design, construction, materials, and installation, so this would be counter-productive. However, we can do better with our public art program by ensuring we use more local artists who understand the local culture they are celebrating. We can also ensure that costs are transparently reported, so the public can see how funds are used in each project.</p>	
<p>6) Do you believe a referendum should be held prior to council approving any bids to host the 2026 Winter Olympics?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> We don't have enough information yet. For example, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has yet to finalize its own selection criteria. I'd also like to see the IOC cleared of corruption prior to lending our support as a city through a bid. I will ensure that Calgary stands to benefit from making the bid and holding the Olympics, before making a decision.</p> <p>This must be considered in light of other "big projects" that we could band together to achieve, get excited about, and get behind as a city. On balance, it seems that the Olympic bid is a distraction for Calgary right now. With that being the case, I do not support a plebiscite.</p>	YES/NO
<p>7) Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I would be willing to review this practice. We pay a lot for city services, so the city must maintain its standards. I would review the practice of contracting out, to carefully check whether it's capable of maintaining service levels, and take the action indicated by review.</p> <p>I also support other creative ideas for saving taxpayers money. Examples include adjusting staff incentives to reward better service, increased service within budget, and finding cost efficiencies, rather than rewarding increasing budgets or staff levels.</p>	YES/NO
<p>8) Do you support spending public funds on a new arena for the Flames?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I believe in taking a moderate and thoughtful approach. Overwhelmingly, the thousands of Ward 1 residents I've spoken to have told me that they want me to be careful, respectful, and smart with their money as their councillor.</p> <p>Where the stadium is concerned, that means I'd have to be certain there would be a defined return and benefit for the city and the public before I could spend public funds on a new stadium. After all, public funds are for meeting the needs and best interests of the public. I'll work with my colleagues on council to ensure we allocate public funds in the best interest of the city and Ward 1.</p>	YES/NO

I love the team, and want to see them stay here, so I'm willing to work with the team's ownership, if they understand this, and if they are willing to work together, too.	
9) Have you accepted or will you accept financial or in-kind donations from the Calgary Flames, any of the team's owners or their companies?  <i>Comment:</i>	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

