

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) 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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<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>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<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> Pension plans are a luxury for many Calgarians, but City plans should not be excessive to what is offered in private corporations.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<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> I believe as attrition happens, promotions occur and new employees are hired, salary ranges should be considered. A blanket cut to all salaries may not be the most prudent way to address budget concerns and may affect some City employees negatively more than providing benefit to the City budget.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<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> I would like to see the City create some consistent measure for property tax increases. Calgarians should be able to anticipate what their costs will be with some certainty. Whether this is tied to inflation, inflation and population change, or some other metric, should be a serious consideration of the next City Council.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<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> <p><i>Comment:</i> Public art provides great public benefit and does create jobs locally. Tying one to the other does not make sense.</p>	<p>YES/NO</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> The Olympics are not something the City should pursue at this time. We have far more important infrastructure considerations which will benefit more Calgarians on a daily basis.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<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> Potentially, I would like to see guarantees for service levels and something in place to ensure current City of Calgary employees will not be left unemployed.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>8) Do you support spending public funds on a new arena for the Flames?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I do not support public funds for the new arena unless there is an absolute ROI, a guarantee of income for the City. I would also like to see a promise of funding to the Fieldhouse included in any negotiation.</p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>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?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>

