

2017 CTF Calgary Election Survey

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1. Yes. In order to ensure we have value for our tax dollars we deserve to know how that money is being spent. City Council expenses should be transparent and posted online.
2. Certainly for Council. Serving on City Council is a public service and should be a temporary one. I am honoured to serve our City and Ward 6. New employee pensions are a personnel matter, and are dependent on contract negotiations as these pension plans are already enshrined.
3. I would certainly advocate for a voluntary roll back of City employee salaries to meet our current financial crisis as we are all in this together. In reality, City Council cannot step in and derail contract negotiations in this manner. City employees are a vital part of the service delivery Calgarian's demand to maintain their quality of life. The city has professionals to deal with contract negotiations, and it is Council's job to approve or modify the budget that results.
4. Yes – By introducing and integrating smart spending strategies, I am proposing we can do more with less. We will still be able to grow our City and reasonably expand service delivery, but keep it within reasonable inflation based taxation.
5. Yes – Public art is meant to beautify our City. It is meant to be enjoyable. Public art can be done far more cost effectively and locally focused than what we have seen. This program needs to be drastically overhauled and only brought back to the table for discussion once Calgary has recovered from this economic downturn.
6. No – A referendum is a total abdication of Council's civic responsibility to make decisions based on public input and consultation. It is incredibly expensive and time consuming to sufficiently educate the general public in order to make an informed decision. All too often referendums obligate and restrict our options to meet changing conditions.
7. Yes – I am in favour of exploring any activity that can provide greater value for our tax dollars. Realistically however, there are few City services that could be run less expensively from the private sector with a comparable level of delivery, given the fact that we already own and operate the equipment and do not have a profit requirement.
8. No - We do not need to spend public funds on an arena however, we can structure a plan that creates a revenue stream back to the City that offsets and reduces future taxation requirements.
9. No - I have not accepted or will accept money from the Flames or its owners.

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