

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.

Name: Dr. Emile Gabriel _____ Signature: _____

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)

Comment:

YES.

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)

Comment:

YES. Not only that, but the whole scheme has to be revisited in my attempt to modernize the system at city hall and make fair, equitable and in line with reasonable market practices.

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?

Comment:

YES. As you know, I am the only candidate, so far, who is committed to take a significant roll back to lead by example and to make it easier for me to ask others to accept a small cut, may that be 5%, or whatever amount that an intelligent study and analysis will lead us to. This would also be helpful to achieve one element of my platform which calls for extending tax freeze for one more year during a transition period from a broken system to establishing a foundation for a new smart and workable system.

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)

Comment:

YES. This actually would be one of the basic requirements.

5) Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city's unemployment rate is below the national average?

Comment:

YES. I am actually calling for an overhaul of this department and I have already provided alternative options for Art enhancement and support, since I am strong believer in Art as an essential beauty in or communities, always needed, in addition, it is an investment that can generate revenue.

6) Do you believe a referendum should be held prior to council approving any bids to host the 2026 Winter Olympics?

Comment:

YES. Opened public consultation is a must here, after providing the Calgarians with information and the necessary facts and figures to be able to make informed decision. It is their money, after all.

7) Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money?

Comment:

YES.

8) Do you support spending public funds on a new arena for the Flames?

Comment:

NO. You can't spend what you don't have. I provided an alternative creative option, shown on my Facebook.

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?

Comment:

NO. Never.