

# **Ward 7 Constituency Survey Results**

# Question 1

Did you vote in the last (2017) Ward 7 Calgary Municipal Election?

	Responses
Yes	90.12%
No	3.56%
No, was not here or eligible to vote	5.53%
Not Applicable	0.79%

## Question #2

Do you plan to vote in the upcoming (October 18, 2021) Calgary Municipal Election?

	Responses
Yes	97.63%
No	0.40%
Undecided	1.98%



Please select the Ward 7 community that you reside in.

_	Responses
Banff Trail	8.70%
Capital Hill	3.16%
Crescent Heights	11.46%
Chinatown	0.00%
Downtown Centre	0.79%
Downtown West	1.19%
East Village	0.40%
Eau Claire	1.19%
Hillhurst	2.77%
Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill	9.49%
Montgomery	3.95%
Mount Pleasant	13.44%
Parkdale	4.35%
Point Mackay	0.79%
Rosedale	8.30%
St. Andrews	8.70%
Sunnyside	1.58%
Tuxedo	1.98%
University of Calgary	0.40%
University District	0.40%
University Heights	10.67%
West Hillhurst	5.93%
Another Calgary Community (non-Ward 7)	0.00%
None of the Above	0.40%



# Question #4 Age Group

Ī	Responses
Under 18	0.40%
18-24	0.00%
25-34	4.74%
35-44	17.39%
45-54	15.42%
55-64	28.85%
65-74	28.06%
75-84	3.95%
85 and above	1.19%



Important Issues (SORTED)	Responses
Affordability of City Taxes, Fees, Debt	50.42%
Control on City Spending, Debt and Reserve	46.61%
Protecting Parks, Green Space, Tree Canopy, Water, Climate	40.68%
Meaningful Public Consultation	31.36%
Increasing Value for Your Tax Dollars	27.97%
Cause/Impact of Crime and Social Disorder	27.54%
Maintaining Quality Roads / Snow Removal	27.54%
Addressing Downtown Office Vacancies	26.27%
Smart Management (ie. Established Area vs. Suburban Growth)	25.42%
Reducing Poverty/Homelessness	25.42%
Pandemic/Post Pandemic Recovery	23.73%
Increased housing intensification/population densification	23.31%
Other (please specify)	17.80%
Increasing Downtown 'Evening/Weekend' Vibrancy	16.53%
Prevalence of Bike Lanes	13.56%
Harm Reduction/Prevention (eg. Safe Consumption)	11.02%
Available, Living Wage Employment	8.90%
Public Art Funding	7.20%
Role of Community Association and Business Improvement Areas (BIA)	6.78%
Accessibility to Downtown including Parking	4.66%
Cost of Living	0.00%
Climate Change (ie. carbon emissions, global warming)	0.00%



The following is Question #5 "GROUPED" by Theme along with the 'unedited' comments.

#### Question #5 - GROUPED

Affordability City		Responses
	Affordability of City Taxes, Fees, Debt	50.42%
	Control on City Spending, Debt, and Reserve	46.61%
	Increasing Value for Your Tax Dollars	27.97%

- I am against excessive city spending and insisting that social services are sacred cows and must not be investigated to curtail spending.
- Stop frivolous and unnecessary spending by council. I think it
  is safe to say there is corruption in City Hall and they need to
  stop flying in mass numbers to attend conferences, etc. Get
  rid of unneeded city employees. End part-time positions and
  stop the overinflated pensions.
- Delivering essential services cost-effectively and avoiding expensive glamour projects that don't produce meaningful benefits for the whole City - ie the green line and the new Saddledome.
- tax increases have been significant and need to be reduced
- Provide more funding to 311 can't get through any more long waits
- maintaining arts funding, public transit (including bike lanes, shared vehicles)
- Spreading the taxes out over the city instead of relying on the inner city to foot the bill.



	Safe Communities	Responses
#2	Cause/Impact of Crime and Social Disorder	27.54%
	Maintaining Quality Roads / Snow Removal	27.54%
	Reducing Poverty/Homelessness	25.42%
	Pandemic/Post Pandemic Recovery	23.73%
	Harm Reduction/Prevention (eg. Safe Consumption)	11.02%
	Available, Living Wage Employment	8.90%
	Cost of Living	0.00%

- Build Sunnyside Barrier along the Bow NOW! not 12 years after the flood of 2013
- Reducing crime rate in communities located near LRT stations.
- Urban noise from motorcycles, modified cars and trucks, sirens.
- Fluoridation in Calgary's Water
- Addressing crime in our neighborhood
- Speed control in communities
- Safety



	Smart Growth / Housing Intensification	Responses
	Protecting Parks, Green Space, Tree Canopy, Water, Climate	40.68%
	Meaningful Public Consultation	31.36%
	Smart Management (ie. Established Area vs. Suburban Growth)	25.42%
	Increased housing intensification/population densification	23.31%
	Climate Change (ie. carbon emissions, global warming)	0.00%

- thoughtful densification equitable density targets for ALL communities, communities have meaningful say on how to meet targets, the city must demonstrate why density targets are appropriate, urban sprawl must be stopped otherwise those who want space leave the inner city for outskirts
- Inner-city deterioration roads, water and sewer services, uncontrolled densification, and short-cutting traffic in all inner-city neighborhoods.
- Get rid of the North Hill Area Plan
- Parking and traffic issues related to densification & proximity to schools/events
- Sensitive growth in older neighborhoods
- Thoughtful community planning involving the people who live and work there
- Address out-of-control, often inappropriate inner-city development/ density initiatives that erase green space, heritage assets and create unaffordable 'eyesores.'
- Densification in Banff Trail. We don't want it. and.... I believe
  we need a city bylaw that makes it illegal to post-election
  signs on public property. This is an eyesore. Thank you Terry
  for not doing this
- Respecting restrictive covenants



- Don't want to see more densification in Mount Pleasant. We are living in a giant car park already.
- Concerned that MANY multi-family buildings are being allowed in areas designated at single-family R2. Not just on connector routes but 4 plexes are allowed on almost every corner lot that is sold and was formerly a single-family home. The streets are crowded with vehicles because most of these units have insufficient "real" garage space and vehicles are parked on the streets.
- Limited multiplex units in single-family R2 and removing road barricades that limited access to bikes only and eliminate vehicle traffic.
- interactions with planning and development
- Transforming Calgary from Suburban earth-destroying car-centric sprawl



	Vibrant Communities	Responses
	Addressing Downtown Office Vacancies	26.27%
	Increasing Downtown 'Evening/Weekend' Vibrancy	16.53%
#4	Prevalence of Bike Lanes	13.56%
#4	Public Art Funding	7.20%
	Role of Community Association and Business Improvement Areas (BIA)	6.78%
	Accessibility to Downtown including Parking	4.66%

- inner city recreational facilities
- Public transportation and other mobility infrastructure other than car infrastructure ie. bike infrastructure and walkability. Also, create an environment that attracts tech companies.
- I am against more bike lane
- Inner-city indoor tennis courts
- don't waste money on bike lanes that are not wanted
- Stop all of the bike lane additions. It is an unfortunate but essential necessity to drive in this city and there is a vast bike path network in Calgary already. With the already-built bike lanes in the city, it is enough. We cannot afford to lose any more lanes for cars and more personally especially the proposed addition of a bike lane to 14 Ave NW. This would directly have a negative impact on our neighborhood.
- Oh and would appreciate Public "Arts" (plural) funding it acknowledges the critical importance of all the arts! Thank you.



What do you think are the important issues facing Calgary today, particularly as it affects you and your community? Check up to 5 that are appropriate.

	Other Miscellaneous	Responses
#5	Other (please specify)	17.80%

- Synchronizing lights on major roads. 16th Ave is an embarrassment for Calgary - aesthetically and as part of the TCH.
- build greenline north all ready
- Public transportation
- council transparency and accountability
- Transit
- The lack of accessibility in Calgary.
- Udell RESIDENTIAL ROAD currently used as a FREEWAY DURING RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC: we need humps or house taxes reduced.

#### Question #6

Do you favour adding Flouride to the City Water Network?

Answer Choices	Responses
Not Applicable	6.36%
Yes	67.80%
No	25.85%



The federal, provincial, and City governments have confirmed the \$4.9B partnership funding for the GreenLine LRT for construction from Shepard to Eau Claire (Stage 1) and Eau Claire to 16th Ave N (Stage 2 once Stage 1 costs and risks are more apparent). For Stage 2, do you think The City should:

Answers SORTED	Response s
Other (please specify)	26.69%
Proceed with Stage 1 from Downtown to Shepard and with Stage 2 to 16th Ave N as-planned and approved	25.85%
Proceed with Stage 1 from Downtown to Shepard, transform Stage 2 into an Enhanced North Central Calgary BRT, and build a YYC Airport connection on the NE LRT Line	22.88%
Proceed with Stage 1 from Downtown to Shepard and transform Stage 2 into an underground Centre Street alignment to 28th Ave NW (not 16th Ave)	12.29%
Transform Stage 1 downtown portion to above ground, continue SE leg to Shepard as planned, and transform Stage 2 into an Enhanced North Central Calgary BRT	8.05%
Proceed with Stage 1 from Downtown to Shepard, extend SE leg to Seton, and transform Stage 2 into an Enhanced North Central Calgary BRT	4.24%

#### Respondents

- no idea
- not build it at all
- This is a complex issue, which I feel isn't well served by clicking on one of several choices without a detailed discussion. I also don't feel I have enough information to necessarily make a single choice right now. My first response is we should go underground to 28th Ave. But what are the tradeoffs with combining the BRT & airport link?
- Not sure
- hmmm I better look into this



- With the fact that fewer people will ever work downtown again, I think the whole thing should be scrapped and buses should be used to bring people to existing stations.
- Stage 1 Downtown to Shepard; Stage 2 16th as approved; Add a YYC Airport connection; but don't stall the initial start-up per provincial government's approach.
- not build it at all
- Go above ground downtown & extend NE to Airport
- Make the current C-train stations safer places before you start expanding the line
- The fact as a native Calgarian I can tell you downtown Calgary is built on water. To go underground would be expensive, work dynamics have changed. Some do not understand AB is broke.
- Choose an economically viable solution that doesn't increase the risk of cars and pedestrians being hit by trains.
- only proceed with the project if they have the funds.
- I don't know
- Anything that would allow access into Chinatown and to the airport.
   We need to bring tourists back into this area.
- Not build it
- I don't know
- Scrap the project
- I don't know enough about this to reply.
- I am afraid I have not invested too much of my time in this concern because I am really happy with the LRT here where I live. However, I feel as many Calgarians should have access to LRT as possible.
- We're retired & don't use LRT but following the pandemic, will work downtown return to a level to justify more LRT construction? Many businesses seem to function with working from home.
- I don't know enough about this issue to have an opinion.
- I don't know enough to answer
- Would never use this extension so I do not feel it is my place to opinionate
- Not affect us



- Do not proceed
- Stop spending money we do not have. This city is going to go bankrupt.
- Whatever makes best economic sense. Control spending
- Smart spending...scared about cost overruns
- Oppose project due to cost uncertainty
- Unfortunately, we seem to have entered an era where the use of public transit is declining. Not sure that is going to be reversed anytime soon. The cost of the green line will no doubt exceed its already inflated budget. The capital and operating costs are so high the green line will never pay for itself. City taxpayers will be subsidizing the operation of the green line as with virtually all other public transit for decades. Not a very prudent use of limited tax dollars when many transit experts have recommended BRT lines instead of the green line.
- undecided
- Need to research this more, to make an informed choice; but would prefer more consideration for underground options especially the first leg leaving downtown.
- I need more info on cost and benefits re the new options above unless they have already been considered by the current administration, in which case please don't start over!!!
- Do not support
- I don't know enough to respond, Never use LRT
- Not go ahead at all.
- I don't much care about LRT
- Cancel the green line
- Cancel the project or use existing equipment
- I think they should look at other options. I am looking at the SW Rapid Transit Roads and seeing empty busses and BRT platforms with no one on them. This makes me question the whole thing
- Not sure
- stop spending money we don't have, have you not noticed the exodus of businesses from DT? council needs to wake up and be cognizant of how they spend OPM



- Do not proceed with the Green Line at this time. Money spent on the 14th Street SW BRT was a complete waste of money and a total nuisance for commuters.
- ok
- We need to re-think whether this link is still necessary and practical
- Don't know
- Built to airport and Shepard to Eau Claire is a stupid idea.
- Doesn't impact me
- Should go further north than 16th Ave.
- None of the above until we know we can afford it. No underground.
   Downtown Calgary is built over an underground river.
- Review the project look at using Guided Bus Lanes as they are less costly and more flexible
- I am not an expert on this. I think there should be a plan that has been developed through consultation, including the needs of females (that data is desegregated), and communicate the results to the public.
- do not know enough but sounds like a waste of money because of the new age of electric vehicles that will make community easier, less costly, and easy on the environment
- I don't know.
- Haven't followed the issue as I've only been back six months
- It feels like the era of greenline has passed. You can now have electric buses that charge at each stop, and they can adapt as the city grows and changes. Greenline seems like it's based on an old paradigm. It's just far enough down the road that it's still on the table
- The whole scheme is impractical. We will end up with a multi-billion dollar white elephant.
- cancel the project in its entirety
- I don't care as long as the train goes north of the river to 16th and beyond. BRTs are terrible and do not work for persons with mobility limitations. We need a train north by ANY means.
- Not sure
- Not really following it.



Particular to Ward 7, what do you think are the important issues facing your community? Check up to five (5) that apply to your concerns; if more, please record them in the comments.

Answers SORTED	Responses
Local crime/social disorder	42.33%
Lack of community input on the location of new 'Rowhousing/Townhouse' in the community	37.21%
Residential traffic calming and speed reduction	32.56%
Guide for Local Area Planning (formerly the Guidebook for Great Community)	30.70%
Local area planning in my Community	30.70%
4-Plex with Secondary Suite anywhere in the community	26.98%
More housing intensification in the community (more housing units per square hectare)	24.19%
Snow Removal vs. Clearing	24.19%
Prevalence bike lanes on high traffic roads	22.33%
Effectiveness of community association representation	20.93%
GreenLine LRT alignment	20.47%
Other (please specify)	20.47%
LRT/BRT/Bus network effectiveness	18.14%
North Hill Communities Local Area Plan	15.35%
GreenLine LRT Impacts on local businesses and residential parking	13.95%
Availability and quality of playgrounds	9.77%
Waste, recycling, & compost pick up service/schedule	7.91%
More Dog Parks	5.12%

- Downtown west funding
- Ridiculous tax increases every year my taxes have more than doubled in 10 years. This is not sustainable for the residents of the



city to continue to see property tax increases. More efficiencies need to be found. I am so frustrated that every time municipal budget cuts come up, police and fire front line services are the only things brought up and there is a fear campaign that if the City has a decreased budget anarchy will break out. I previously worked for the City's Water Department and can likely list 50 ways to reduce the water budget without directly impacting services that citizens receive. It is ridiculous that efficiencies cannot be identified and acted on in order to keep the budget sustainable.

- I don't want to check off some of the other items because its not clear whether my "concern" will be viewed positively or negatively in regard to the question. We need good planning to make our neighborhood liveable and walkable. That includes having accommodation at different levels with reason. Multi-family residences are not a threat to me, certainly no more than the many infills in the neighborhood which feature cutting down mature trees and building houses to the maximum size of the lot.
- Community vibrancy. Better use of land at North Hill Mall and Community Centre. For Pop up Farmers markets, food trucks, and other events
- I would like to see selected areas that make sense to build for row housing.
- Affordable housing availability in the inner city needs to be increases
- Not every community needs to be a high-density community. Just because of a community's close proximity to downtown inner-city is not justification that it should be transformed into a high-density neighborhood. There should be a community vote and engagement to determine the outcomes of inner-city communities. High density makes sense along popular bus routes and LRT routes.
- Fed up with the city and their densification plans at all costs.
- Expand open alcohol permission. Parks, and "nightlife" areas like 17th ave and Stephen ave.
- respect of the people that currently live in the area in regard to densification changes
- Flood mitigation Sunnyside Barrier along the Bow still waiting!
- Foothills & McMahon Stadium Redevelopment



- Calgary Parking Authority needs an overhaul! The residential parking process is ridiculous.
- Noise
- More housing units in the community without providing adequate parking for those living in this housing is causing further traffic and parking issues.
- There are enough bike paths and existing lanes in this city. We do not want a bike lane being added to our neighborhood
- Unkempt residential properties
- Montogomery embraces densification as evidenced by the ARP which our current elected representative Druh Farell has consistently ignored. The ARP should be respected. Spot rezoning of what little remains of RC1 is prohibited in the ARP. Concentrate densification in areas that make sense busy streets, transit, shopping areas. Protect the uniqueness of the older communities. Control the type of redevelopment that can take place with building covenants OR respect what was decided in the Montgomery ARP. not acceptable
- 1)densification is fine but not at the expense of getting rid of well-built houses for cheaply built infills.2)traffic speeds down + up 19 St. and folk on bikes are in jeopardy. Enforcement of speed limits, please.
- Revitalization plan for North Hill Centre (mall) and surrounding area, support for drug/social issues it currently attracts
- Crescent Road closure and redevelopment
- Just to say that traffic calming/ speeding is an issue, but heavy-handed calming measures (such as closing Crescent Rd and adjacent streets) are not the answer; only increase driver frustration/move problems elsewhere.
- Do not support the increased housing density in my neighborhood.
   Particularly their change to allow basement suites
- I would like info. Re; construction of shopping center in University Heights
- Council listening to community members such as recent council ignoring huge community opposition to a rezoning application and pushing through there own high-density agenda
- Community Consultations are proving to be a waste of time &



effort. How will you change this, and make administration the servants, not the masters of the Citizens?

- I hate the traffic calming and bike lanes
- I oppose secondary suites and changes from R1 zoning
- how and when Crowchild near McMahon will be completed, reduced taxes. My neighbor pays 1/3 of what we pay. We redevelop the community and get penalized, what sense does that make
- Too Many Dog Parks
- Druh Farrell left Mount Pleasant alone to deal with pet projects.
   We need a councillor who will care for this community and stop the densification. Three-story housing increased street parking as a result of duplexes and fourplexes this community is being ruined by the excess building where single homes once were and it needs to stop. I will vote for anyone who says this is their plan.
- Transient population
- Replacing old houses with fourplexes that don't suit the neighborhood, cost too much and destroy established trees
- These questions sound like you've already got your ideas and it's quite a NIMBY list??
- ensuring transparency and accountability of community associations.. they seem to be filled with busybodies that do not represent the true community interest
- taxes too high



If changing the Stage 2 North Central Green Line LRT Alignment to an underground alignment from Downtown to Centre Street/28th Ave N cost \$0.5 to 1 billion more including Mainstreet streetscape design in Crescent Heights and Tuxedo, would you support pursuing the change?

Answer (SORTED)	Responses
No	37%
Yes	27%
Neither, scrap the LRT and stay with an enhanced BRT (bus) network	23%
Other (please specify)	12%