

The Calgary Conversation - Saturday May 23, 2009

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| MOBILITY DINER | | | |
| More direct bus routes | Expanding the number of buses | Forgetting the comfort needs of the transit users - frequency of service, winter temperatures, ticket machines at stations require exact change, etc! | Use libraries and city owned and Channel 10 facilities that can be used to provide citizens with updates from City Hall |
| Need higher taxes to finance infrastructure | More carpool promotion | Stop emphasis on further road construction until further education on other transit forms | Pathways. Ride the Wind LRT. |
| Stop or put a moratorium on road construction | Better communication on all alternatives | Stop charging for parking at transit stations | Small buses |
| Infrastructure for cycling/walking etc | HOV - more across city and education | Focusing on low taxes - pay more tax to fund balanced transit process | Low interest money |
| Infrastructure once you arrive at destination i.e.. Showers | Enhance bicycle commuter infrastructure all over the city, not just to downtown, 4 seasons | Stop building roads and encourage more transit (need more buses and trains) | Access to best practices i.e.. Graffiti Project in Australia |
| Car Pools | Find a balance | | |
| Balance between powered transportation and non powered | Driver training (enhance) | | |
| Build balanced community: work, live and play in your community | Share the roads "PUSH" public transit | | |
| Mobility = quality of life issue | Red light cameras | | |
| Walking/Cycling - bicycle rentals, bike parking/storage, diversified over the city outlets | Better rules for bicycles we cannot signal if we are using both brakes! | | |
| Need to provide full range of mobility options | When streets are redone integrate cycle lane | | |
| Winter City - design accordingly | | | |
| Transportation needs to go to all communities not just downtown | | | |
| Encourage telecommuting and flex time | | | |
| Public regional transportation networks - integrate with city transit | | | |
| Create alternate business centres outside of downtown | | | |
| People centres at transportation hubs (e.g. shopping and socializing) | | | |
| Plan for tomorrow | | | |
| Mobility = age/ability related and environment issue | | | |
| Longer bus hours and more express buses | | | |
| Increase lane reversal and light prioritization and time frames | | | |

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| ENGAGEMENT | | | |
| Learning from the elder generation (seniors) show caring for young generation and values. Many families today live further away leaving grandparents/family | Increase Community Assoc'ns engagement of residents, need systematic process. Reinvent their representative of community | Broadcasting cynical and negative attitudes to young people, neighbours, etc | Rebrand community associations to be more inclusive of rep views for community |
| Highlights and share great project ideas. Community best practices | Developing a model of dialogue for community forums | Most culturally rich kids (today) have defeatist attitudes | Grassroots organization - extend to more communities - M.O.N |
| Family interaction & Mentoring | Big Brother/Sister | Devaluing individuals | Experience of older generations |
| Citizenship education for children, youth and adults | Supporting politicians who listen/encourage | Personal attacks, stick to the issues | Ideas and openness of younger generation |
| Find a place | Civic education in schools | Privatization of public services. | New system for dialogue |
| Start communicating open data, not spin on government sites; more transparency | Neighbourhood activities, associations (not just once in a while) | Teaching civic education the way they're currently doing it | Increased openness to situation like Living Library |
| Find courage to become leaders | In City without politics | Adversarial nature of political systems | Citizen will (people power) |
| Expand city council. City has grown but alderman haven't | Systematic process for community dialogue. | Stop using consultation, use dialogue instead | Well educated population |
| Become informed, look for solutions | Living library discussion | The bullying nature of politics | |
| Start showing how to be advocates for change | Volunteering | Closed meetings and confidential reports | |
| Allow the youth to determine the democratic system through social collaboration | Integration of departments in community dialogue then share information | Stop perception that community dialogue is not heard | |
| Contact your MLA about Bill 44 | Supporting diversity and civic pride | Alienation of cultures, races, ages; Segregation | |
| Contact your MLA/City re what you are concerned about | Increase education of process, benefits results | Stop stifling debate | |
| Start earlier in the process to engage citizens | M.O.N (Meet Out Neighbours - Brentwood) | Shifting public resources to private realm (PPP's) | |
| Vote for % of council as elected politicians and then citizens vote for reps for different demographic groups | Youth councils in community associations and in other organizations | Failing to tell why and individual viewpoint/community POV is not being seen in the end result | |
| Lower the voting age to 12; new system of elections | Democratic participation beyond voting booth | Electing public servants - don't serve the public interest | |
| Start talking, start listening | | All racial discriminations | |
| Small scale on community level | | Stop City silos/isolated decision making | |
| Start engaging our youth | | Segregation | |
| Change the way we vote - electronic age | | Dehumanizing | |
| Start requesting/organizing forums for dialogue and debate with all representatives | | | |
| Expand the youth council | | | |
| Find a means (mechanism) | | | |
| Community forums for discussion. Community based dialogue that is transparent to obtain what communities themselves want | | | |
| Start finding common ground | | | |
| More Canada less "Barbie" | | | |
| Learning from other world views | | | |
| Engaging other cultures in discussion groups - make an effort! | | | |
| Celebrate diversity | | | |

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| PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT | | | |
| Move traffic more efficiently | Green space | Organized sports in Riley Park | Close to shopping centres, theatres, etc |
| Increase in transit/walking/cycle volume and efficiency | Conversation among neighbours | Stop favoring car traffic | Corner stores |
| Transit security and mobility improvement | Keep schools open | Costs/Bureaucratic process for community events | Mature urban forest |
| Increase recreation and green space | Planters, décor, benches - esthetics | Absentee landlords (irresponsible ones) | Proximity to services |
| Availability to allow greater delineation of uses to prevent user conflicts | Community standards bylaws helps support communities | Regulations for absentee landlords - keep up the property | Accessibility, know your neighbours, quiet community |
| HOW lane increase and or dedicated transit routes | Public image | Social disorder | Close to downtown |
| More bike paths | Friendliness | Letting houses get torn down only to become vacant lots | Feels like a tight knit group |
| More relationships | Variety of housing options | Cutting down trees without planting more of them | Schools and community facilities |
| More Festivals | Keep open land and parks | Densification without ARP and community consultation | Diversity in ages and personal history |
| Landlord responsibility | Front porches rather than front garages | Stop the bureaucracy against co-op housing | Sidewalks |
| Integrating and creating community spirit amongst "younger" families | Townhall meeting to support inner green spaces | Getting demolition permits without having to get development permit | Community halls, recreational facilities, parks and green space. |
| We want Point Grey community like Vancouver. Multi type/Multi age housing. Shopping infrastructure | Keep existing schools open in inner city or re-purpose for community use, not sold or closed | Stop electing civic leaders whose agendas are self serving | Small town feel |
| Community input into all developments | Strengthen community associations | Through traffic | Green space! |
| Reduce pollution/noise | Continue the conversation | Stop using outside talent | Accessible - walkability |
| Building smaller community facilities, not mega one stop recreation facilities | Great entrepreneurs spirit that is better directed | Stop reckless road growth that will in turn reflect our environmental/suburban image | Thoughtful redevelopment of Central Park and other green spaces |
| Decide what kind of community we want | Thoughtful development of green spaces | Stripping inner city to subsidize suburbia | No true convenience stores (bad) |
| Quit being afraid, let's be fearless as Calgarians | | Stop hiring PR firms to spin our image | Great youth population |
| Plant more trees to make it green and earth friendly | | Stop having an inferiority complex | Desire for change |
| More community oriented projects | | | Wealth of natural resources |
| Strengthen communication within the community | | | Renegade "Free Spirit" history |
| Encourage young families at community events by providing facilities | | | |
| Tying demolition permits to new development permits to encourage appropriate new developers | | | |
| Identify specific wants of the community, that are not driven by developers | | | |
| Create ARP's to develop the kinds of communities we want | | | |
| City leaders need to start listening to their constituents. Leaders are doing what they want and now what the other million people want. | | | |

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| Green bin for grass clippings/ compostables | Rain barrel program & education | All buildings need to have water meters | Mountain air - clean |
| Need better and more clean up of old land fill sites (zoo) and contaminated sites (several thousand) | Education on vegetation need/care, management i.e.. More indigenous plantings. Less exotic/invasive, less chemicals | Stop multiple housing using lower building code standards, without regard to energy efficiencies, sound separation. | There are a couple of communities that are multi use and residents can walk to a variety of activities |
| Start road side composting | Education about storm drains | Barriers policy that are disincentives to green energy | Clean Calgary |
| Civic irrigation with grey water treated at water treatment. | Renewable energy for C-trains and all city operations. | Stop allowing inefficient buildings and developments to be built - non walking communities | Municipal government asset - leader in green energy ENMAX - Public Utility |
| Green roofs | Energy efficient infrastructure | Do not allow waste to come to Alberta | Current composting drop off program |
| Policy and enforcement to protect ground water - shallow and aquifers | Remove barriers - planning restrictions on alternative energy (e.g. solar) | Encourage and give place for people with recyclables to take them without charge - stop charging at dump | Examples from other municipalities - best practices |
| Need to reduce undesirable pollutants - pesticides, fertilizers, hydrocarbon effluent | Commitment to be green powered by 2012!!!! AWESOME | Stop providing plastic bags in all major markets. I encourage people to use green bags. | Individual sectioned off recycling areas at dump (i.e.. Tire recycling, appliances, etc) |
| Vehicle emission monitoring | With Enmax as a public utility | Provincial road blocks re: solar energy | Neighbourhoods |
| Cooperate in neighborhood for recycling | Enmax using solar energy - residential | Nuclear energy development | Environmental studies with U of C |
| Encourage more waste to energy projects in the city | Leaf/pumpkin/xmas tree compost | Idling - education and enforce | Electronics recycling site |
| Educate the public about the good programs that are happening. Communication regarding the good news | Continue support for environmental studies (research & fundamental studies) | Stop seeing taxes as a burden and think of them as an investment | Wind and sun |
| Start growing more food in the city | Wind power with out LRT | Accepting unlimited number of bags of garbage | Publicly owned utilities |
| High density housing/public transportation and better planning | Public transportation make more appealing and user friendly | | Community Garden Program |
| Need at least primary treatment of storm water and need to refit inner city for storm water | Green Energy - Enmax's commitment lets support, expand and develop more green energy installations | | |
| Liquefied natural gas for public transport. Local energy supply. Net metering and smart grid. | Education about sustainable use of resources including what will happen if we do not do/live sustainability and reasons for delays | | |
| More efficient buildings and better rules and enforcement to protect wetlands, river edges and wildlife habitats. (People, dogs, development encroachments, noise, lights, wires, etc) | Blue cart (add more green bins in community even for each home and help people to find out how to separate and categorize different kinds of stuffs that are harmful for environment | | |
| Support policies for smart grid. | | | |
| Grey water separated from black to reuse the filtered grey water | | | |
| Start blue box for condos and multi family | | | |
| Ensure price signals support recycling | | | |
| Set up a paid exchange area at landfill for useable stuff | | | |
| Change building code to encourage green buildings | | | |
| Advocate for coherent policies/regulations that align province and city | | | |

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| Recycling for everyone. Consider and implement recycling for multi unit residences |
| Pesticide ban |
| Composting (curbside/community) help for common man to implement programs for residence |
| Facilitate/simplify information to home owners |
| Curbside to address multi unit housing |
| Education about the good that is happening |
| Recycle ALL plastics (Okotoks does) |
| Support Enmax in developing energy alternatives |
| No idling bylaw - that means city vehicles too |
| Broader view of water resources (beyond Calgary e.g.. Balzac) |

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| <u>HOMELESSNESS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u> | | | |
| More compassion | Home first program | Lower costs of living | Reduce homelessness |
| More understanding of how people become homeless | Treat homeless with dignity | Stop dismissing/judging them | Save money |
| Start doing your part in society by philanthropic acts of kindness | Lobby government to reinstate provincial progressive tax. | Stop marginalizing anybody | Less stress on support services |
| Make homelessness an election topic so that the public decides where/how the homeless should live | Balance philanthropic with government responsibility | Stop criminalizing behaviour | Hannah Taylor (Ladybug Foundation) |
| Have the homeless build their own home and slowly pay back for their mortgage | Rezoning for legalized suites, changing provincial code for building with community support to legislate change | Stop evolving it from charitable systems and move toward government responsibility. Need community dialogue and input | The money is there! Re-allocation and practice based on rights and justice |
| Changing zones so that affordable housing can be built | Guarantee living wage | Government devaluing social issues | Beginning to listen to youth |
| More family shelters | Subsidized bus fares | Increase in rent beyond reasonable | |
| Part of business taxes should go towards helping homeless initiatives also social responsibilities | Increase number of spaces | Allowing landlords from charging/increasing rents | |
| More effective coordination and communication between groups supporting homeless | Support of NGO's involved in homeless issues | The imbalance in the relationship between tenants and landlords | |
| Rent control - rent to follow tenant instead of landlord | 10 year plan to eliminate homeless | Land speculation/property flipping | |
| Data collection for starts to help identify problems than cause homeless | Government funded programs | | |
| They would care for own home and the home would not be subsidized | | | |
| Identify causes of homeless, especially in youth | | | |
| <u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u> | | | |
| Make public spaces OPEN | Passive and active pathways | Treating roads as "For Cars Only" remember bikes | Place to walk dogs and kids can play |
| Optimize use - means what? | Making developers build parks | Stop ignoring problems in outdoor spaces | Schools building |
| Gathering places = starting new types of relationships | Adopt-a-Park - expand it | Discontinue using chain link fences (ugly) | Community members getting involved |
| Community use of school gyms, but need janitorial support | Outdoor fairs, schools - communities link | Disconnect between location of users and location of spaces | Protect what you have and plan for demographic changes for the future |
| Better use of open space, control of what happens in spaces. | Continue free programs in the parks | Shouldice - treated like a soccer field "always", instead of other use too | Spaces maintained well |
| Engage community in creating public spaces | Continue community gardens | | Engage your youth |
| 1% Art Policy - Community Art | Community like Sandstone "movie in the park" | | |
| Schools facilitate community meetings | | | |
| Involve youth - their ideas - process | | | |