

1. ICC position: Yes.

One issue I would address is the length of time and the bureaucracy that the city has which ends up increasing the cost, delaying the project, and pushing the cost to the buyer. These costs are magnified with a multi-housing, low-cost residential unit. Alderman must work to create efficiencies in the administration to get projects done quickly. Communities must be involved in the consultation and development process earlier. We must also have stronger partnerships with province ministries that are responsible for housing. We must also make it attractive for the builder and building operators to invest in affordable rental housing. Direct subsidies must go to the renter rather than the owner.

While I support redeveloping some neighborhoods to allow for secondary suites, I don't accept a blanket allowance. There are too many variables involved. I support a responsible and regulated allowance for secondary suites. Many neighborhoods are not designed for multiple families when it comes to infrastructure and design. One example of this would be with parking. A R1A neighborhood has barely enough on-street parking for the amount of residents as originally intended. Many neighborhoods in my ward have secondary suites already and in many of those cases it makes the parking situation impossible. The new land use bylaw next July will allow R1S development for new communities. It allows current communities to apply for that designation. I support this bylaw.

2. ICC Position: Yes.

Yes, I would take a leadership position with regards to the GoPlan. The go-plan needs more review so that it remains current year after year.

One issue I would promote would be for commuter hubs to be built well in advance of proposed CTrain lines at the planned CTrain station locations. These would be serviced by express busses that would not only go downtown but where the ridership required such as post-secondary educational facilities and industrial centres. I would also promote the re-engineering of some of the current CTrain and express bus locations to support public washrooms as this is a significant issue especially for our seniors.

3. ICC Position: Yes and No.

I believe that a comprehensive review of the property tax system is a good idea if the taxpayers of Calgary are not pleased with the current system.

4. ICC Position: Yes.

The number one environmental issue in this city is transportation. The amount of pollution from our overdependence on underutilized private vehicles is visible to the naked eye and has a large and unmeasured impact on our healthcare system.

The long range transportation planning we need to undertake now will have a significant impact on how green this city is 50 to 100 years from now.

I would support the extension the recycling program to include the recycling of plastics and organics. I am not convinced that the current plan put forward by council is the best alternative. There should be more investigation into what the private sector can provide in part or in whole for this program.

5. ICC Position: Yes and No.

I don't have any specific issues with the system in place. The playing field is level right now as a candidate or incumbent can raise what they need and spend it however they feel they need to. I am in favour of a review of the process to bring more clarity to municipal campaign financing but it must be province wide as opposed to a piecemeal implementation.