

## 5. **Environment and Sustainability**

### a/ **Issue Statement**

Environmental concerns continue to be an issue to Calgarians. While there has been a lot of progress on number of fronts, the ecological footprint of individual Calgarians continues to increase and there are still additional steps that need to be taken to control this growth.

*We believe that the City needs to continue to strive to improve its ecological record and implement additional measures and steps towards this goal.*

### b/ **Background**

The many sustainability successes achieved by Calgarians, Corporate employers and The City of Calgary are a credit to the progressive spirit amongst all people that call Calgary their home. Despite these successes, some businesses in our city still prefer to act like we live in 1970. Some still waste water, are not fully supportive of recycling, employ poor material storage and are situated in locations that are difficult to reach except by car. The City can play a role in changing this situation though leading by example, encouraging these businesses to make changes and looking at land use and location of where these businesses can locate. The City can also encourage alternative means of transportation for the workers of all businesses.

In addition, the Blue Cart Recycling program has missed a significant portion of Calgary's population, those who live in multi-family developments. This needs to be addressed sooner than later. By comparison, Vancouver is far ahead of Calgary in multi-family recycling, which has existed there for many years.

The City could also lead by example by encouraging transit use by its employees and perhaps should subsidize transit use by its employees and encouraging employers do the same, possibly through incentive bulk purchases of bus passes.

### c/ **Questions for the Candidate:**

Do you support expanding recycling to multi-family developments?

Would you support encouraging use of transit by City employees?

Would you be willing to work with the private sector towards increasing use of transit by their employees?

What other measures would you support towards reducing our ecological footprint?