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1. The Arts Scene

Think about things like: cost of events, range and access to local arts programs/performances including: theatre, literature, dance, films, live music, festivals etc.

- If you could change one thing about the arts scene for youth in Calgary, what would it be?

Increase Advertising

- I don't think the Arts are recognized enough. You don't hang out with the right crowd, you just don't hear about it- because it's all word of mouth- and then you miss it!
- I had no idea any of these events were going on...so raise more awareness of these events please.
- I know there are probably lots of events but they need to be HEARD!!! sometimes events go on without everyone knowing! I'm not saying that for each and every event extensive advertising needs to be done but tell others to SPREAD THE WORD!!
- I think that art performances and programs should be more publicized within communities, organizations and institutions. This could promote more involvement of people who otherwise would not attend these things.

Increase Access

- I would make more youth friendly activities EVERYWHERE in calgary so everyone has access
- I would suggest promoting more concert venues open to all ages; lots of amazing bands come to Calgary, but youth can't attend the concerts. Not saying young children should be at the shows, but students 15-17 have the maturity, but not ability, to see bands they would like to see. Also, it would be nice to host some events in different quadrants of the city; if you're not close to downtown and have limited access, you're less likely to go to the event.



- Many shows with musical artists popular among youth take place in bars and place restrictions on attendance of minors (ie. Pendulum playing at the Whiskey bar, 18 and over only). Shows should be more accessible and accommodating for youth.
- Make the venues easily reached by calgary transit. This may require more funding for programs involving arts as extracurricular things and in school programs to encourage cultural expansion.
- The opportunities to experience art and culture in Calgary are there, but, they are just not convenient for youth. What we need is more spaces like Art Central to bring these programs and events together in one place.

Lower Prices

- Events can get really pricey sometimes, making it more difficult for youth to be able to access performances and arts programs locally. Programs and performances suitable for youth should be made affordable to the youth.
- Events should be less expensive. The high cost makes them less accessible to youth, particularly us poor students. Concerts and music festivals in particular are ridiculously expensive!
- They are very expensive to the point were many students would rather use the internet then to first hand, experience the many cultural performance and display

More events geared towards youth

- I think it would be a good idea for there to be more youth oriented festivals in Calgary.
- In my opinion I don't think there is enough of the art scene for youth in Calgary. I'm a pretty informed 16 year old, and when I'm looking for something to do on a Friday night I'd like to be doing something like hanging out with my friends going to different types of events for the youth in Calgary to meet new people.
- I want to see more youth themed exhibits instead of an arts scene that seems to be catered towards a rather matured audience. I am talking about the visual arts (painting, drawing, etc) I want to see more chances for youth to have their art work displayed to the general public. (The Calgary Transit Passes is one good way)
- I think it would be a good idea for there to be more youth oriented festivals in Calgary.
- There are not many events that include youth. Mainly the concerts that come into Calgary are the main events. Maybe include more attractive events that will encourage youth (ages 17-20) to come and participate.



2. Going Green

Think about things like: environmental awareness, air quality, recycling, pollution and sustainable living (composting, community gardens etc.).

- If you could change one thing about the awareness, focus and action on environmental issues, what would it be?

City-wide compost

- A public compost initiative should be the next problem for Calgary to face after the recycling endeavor.
- Calgary must develop and implement a city-wide organic waste management program immediately. We are far behind other metropolitan centres in the regard, and in order to be as environmentally responsible as we claim to be, this step is required.
- City-wide, household composting! It could be similar to the blue bin recycling program.
- I think it would be good if almost every house in the city were required to have a compost in their yard or house. I think also kids should be having compost/recycling (bottle and paper) bins at their schools. At my school (the Calgary Science School) we have them, and it's making our school very environmentally friendly, and we all pitch in to try and help.

Reduce Car Emissions

- Considering the HUGE number of pick-up trucks and SUV's on the roads, awareness about reducing fossil fuel consumption is clearly lacking. The large number of fossil fuel producing/refining corporations that have their offices in Calgary are not helpful towards going green, they may not produce lakes full of toxic waste in the city limits, but they are directly responsible for massive environmental devastation in our province. Until our city takes a stand and holds those corporations, rather than taxpayers, responsible for the waste they produce and the destruction they leave behind, our city will never qualify as green.
- Encourage the population to use their cars less. Look outside your window and you can see a smog over Calgary. That should change help the awareness.
- Everywhere you look in Calgary it's large trucks, SUVs and minivans. Focus on green vehicles... perhaps starting with parking patrol, police, even city vehicles being hybrids.
- Air quality and pollution is getting worse and worse in Calgary, I don't know what's causing it (other than our freakish traffic congestion and overuse of cars) but it's turning what was once a clean city into an urban dump.



- I think that there seems to be a ton of smoke and fumes around in the areas where there is very many cars. While walking to school, everyday I smell obnoxious gas.
- I would change transportation-to make people more willing to use public transportation, therefore reducing the amount of cars used and pollution levels.

On-Street Recycling Bins

- Have more recycling services on the street so people can recycle drink bottles etc. and creating more awareness in schools for recycling.
- I think that the curb side recycling program is very good, but we need to have recycling bins beside all garbage bins down town for when we are just walking around.
- I would have recycling bins as well as garbage bins available near bus stops. Oftentimes, people reading the paper while waiting for the bus just leave it outside or toss it in the garbage. The same thing goes for people drinking pop or other canned beverages while waiting for the bus. Putting in this extra place for recycling can improve Calgary's being green. Every little effort counts.
- More recycling bins on the street. It would save the homeless time from digging in the trash!

Clean up Calgary

- I wish there would be some kind of program to help pick up the garbage in Calgary. Everywhere you go, there are at least four or five pieces lingering around. Other than that, I love the new recycling bins.
- I would be focusing on the street, even after the snow melts the street in particular very dirty and especially the garbage on the side walk.
- Most of Calgary is fairly clean. But there are ares of Calgary that are way out of hand. If you could organize a group of people to help pick up garbage around those areas on a regular basis to keep it clean, our city would look and feel a lot more clean.
- On Deerfoot trail beside the zoo on the side beside the river the garbage is horrible and I'm guessing that that area is not the only one in calgary that needs to be cleaned up and looked after for our city to have a good look and for tourists to look up to Calgary and not in disgust of it's garbage "problem".

Increase Youth Awareness

- Although Calgary's "greenness" is relatively ok, Calgary municipal government or corporate groups have not done much notable in



raising awareness and participation from youth. Must be worked on, Calgary is our home!

3. Youth Voice

Think about things like: voting, sitting on decision making or advisory committees, youth activism, and the opportunities to be involved in your community.

- If you could change one thing about how youth have a voice and influence in planning and decision making, what would it be?

Give youth a voice

- As a youth and a student, we are given little to no voice in City planning and decision making. Sure, it's up to the adults and the politicians to discuss and execute; but the youth have opinions too!
- Find a way to give youth a voice on issues that matter to us, stuff like education, affordable and safe housing, public transit exc. I'm not interested in reading a 100 page government report to become informed but I do want to know what is going on and how it impacts me and how I can have my voice heard and be involved in planning and decision making in Calgary.
- I think youth should have more say in education decisions that affect them. When changes are made, we may be invited to meetings and be able to voice our opinions, but we can never actually change anything.

Voting Rights

- Decrease the voting age in municipal elections, encouraging youth to vote, so that later in life it becomes a habit.
- I am under age so I can't vote, but if there was a way younger people could get more rights because we are the future of this great city I think we could bring some great ideas to the community.
- Lower the voting age, I remember that when I was thirteen, I did myriads of research about every political party, but none of it mattered. I'm sick of seeing brainless grownup after brainless grownup vote for either conservative or liberal based on where they lived. It's a war of the east and west, and not an inquiry of peoples opinions of how our country should be run.
- lower the voting age so that youth can actually have a voice in the important decision making process!



Increase opportunities for Youth involvement

- Have more 'Youth Groups/Youth Involvement' sort-of programs and activities where youth can get together to discuss about ways to help out the community. Have different "seminars" for different subjects, such as "environmental issues, social activities and programs, etc."
- I do feel that youth have a way to be a part of the decision making process, however the problem is, that the other youth in Calgary are too apathetic about these issues of "voting, and making a difference" We need to change the mindset of the youth and instead of implementing privately implemented small "open mic nights" and small "talent shows," Rather I want to see the city of Calgary designating a "youth central" get together joint, this commonality is needed to radically change the mindset of youth. we already have this sort of commonground in the idea of "flames central" where hockey fans come together because they have similar interests. However, we do not have a Youth central, where youth come together simply for the sake of being youth and discussing ideas pertaining to youth.
- Other than the mayor's youth council, what opportunities are there to get involved in local politics?
- There are many opportunities for youth to be involved in our community and city life, however, these opportunities are considerably more accessible to those youth of higher socio-economic standing. Involvement should be at the school level, therefore with no limits surrounding time commitment and transportation.

4. Youth Spaces

Think about things like: libraries, community centres, coffee shops, nightclubs, parks and other places to hangout.

- If you could change one thing to address the quality of youth spaces in Calgary, what would it be?

More spaces!

- Hanging out seems to be frowned upon. Areas like Kensington, Arts Central and 17th ave do provide spaces for youth to congregate and the city does provide some decent youth programming but generally there is a distinct lack of space specifically geared for youth between the ages of 16 and 18.
- I believe there needs to be more night life for youth to hang out in Calgary. Since the closing of arcades and such, there really is no places to hang out. At night, there are no events except for



bars/clubs and youth under the age of majority have no options to go out in a safe environment.

- I think Calgary needs more places for the youth in Calgary to hang out. Like teen hangouts where you have responsible adults watching out for the youth and making sure they're not illegally drinking.
- Most places are modeled for people in their 20s, where you can drink, and party all night. It's not very fun when you want to do something on a Friday with your friends, yet there's no where for us to go, because most places aren't targeted at our age group.

More Night-life options

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- I would increase the number of safe nightclubs available to youth. For example a teen disco would be a great addition to Calgary.
- Make more establishments for youth under 18 to enjoy a night out, without drugs or alcohol.
- There are a lot of libraries, rec centres, businesses, and parks that make me happy to live in Calgary. However the nightlife is very, very limited. For a fair-sized city we should have more nightlife options for teens. Everyone makes a big deal out of underage drinking, smoking, drug use, crime, and sexuality, but if those are the most engaging options available to us, there is a huge incentive to delve into them. A dedicated all ages dance club located for simple transit from various parts of the city, or even more community-specific events, could really make a dent in the more frowned upon activity going on. And I'm sure you're aware, it's a large amount.

5. Health and Well-Being

Think about things like: mental health and addiction, access to healthcare, activities that promote healthy lifestyles, family health services, and youth clinics.

- If you could change one thing to address the health and well-being of youth in Calgary, what would it be?

More youth specific health programs

- As a teenager with mental health issues, I was dismayed to see that there were no youth support groups in the city. The programs



provided don't really provide support, just guidance through the system. We need to have other kids our age to discuss our problems with.

- Access to youth specific health resources could be better. Youth-specific walk in clinics would be a great benefit as they provide youth with an anonymous and safe environment when it comes to issues of sexual health and mental well-being.
- There are NO "youth clinics" were I live, and too few family doctors.
- Calgary does NOT have the programs in place to aid those youth who are affected by mental illness, or even the adult mentally ill either. I fail Calgary and society on mental health.

More doctors

- I can't believe I have to wait 3 hours to see a doctor at a clinic because we cant get a family doctor because there is none!
- I think we should hire more doctors so we don't have to wait in line for like 3 hours until our turn.
- Personally, I can't even find a family doctor, and the website Healthlink is outdated and incorrect (none of the few doctors that came up for all of southern calgary were accepting patients)

Increase awareness and health programs

- Increase awareness around mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.
- Increase drug prevention programs by using communication methods that appeal to youth
- Making sure that youth are aware of health problems that they may face
- More awareness of eating disorders. Anorexia and bulimia population is increasing throughout Canada. It should be recognized.
- More programs dedicated to showing kids a healthy lifestyle

6. Youth Housing and Homelessness

Think about things like: youth homelessness, cost of housing for families, and cost of renting.

- If you could change one thing about youth housing and homelessness in Calgary, what would it be?



Address youth homelessness

- I believe that Calgary needs to put much more money into getting homeless people off the streets and into shelters where they don't have to worry about dying on a day to day basis.
- Calgary has a handful of facilities for homeless youth but we are lacking in emergency beds. There are only around 40 emergency beds in the city and more than 400 homeless youth. To me, this is ridiculous.
- I believe that Calgary needs to put much more money into getting homeless people off the streets and into shelters where they don't have to worry about dying on a day to day basis.
- As for homelessness, I often stay at a family members home downtown and pass the Cecil and Drop-in center frequently. It is not outstanding, how many young people there are, but still, i feel that any child should not have to worry about finding a place to live. In fact, my current boyfriend lived on the streets at the tender age of eleven. To me, this is just uncalled for.
- More support for homeless youth is needed not just in fixing an immediate need but helping youth become successful and prosper. The low income affordable housing could look a little more decent instead of the reject housing it is. This should be supported by our government
- The cost of living in Calgary is huge. Those who can't afford it run out of options and find themselves on the streets, digging their holes deeper and deeper as time goes on. I really don't know that there are too many options for these people. As I understand, shelters are full and prices are high.

Lower rent prices

- Calgary is an extremely expensive city for youth. I would make things like housing and rent more affordable by introducing government subsidies.
- Housing in Calgary is very expensive and I think it would be beneficial to have certain criteria, like attending school (high school or continuing education), parent financial help, etc. that if one fits the criteria they get rebates or price cuts on renting.
- I would lower the rent/sale price of houses because a lot of youth in Calgary don't have the money needed for either.
- Rent is expensive... no wonder there are so many homeless people. I would lower rental fees, condo fees, etc.

Affordable housing

- Housing is too expensive for most young people in Calgary.



- Housing prices are much too high for youth living on minimum wage to afford. Either raise minimum wage, lower housing prices or offer financial add to youth and young adults.
- More affordable housing. Rent is so high and even affordable housing complexes are driving people to the streets because of the high costs. If we could have supervised youth housing centres for homeless youth (a place for homeless or abandoned youth to live with supervision of an adult but with other youth) this would be a good way to increase independence and also encourage responsibility in this area of youth
- There is an embarrassing lack of low income housing in Calgary. I volunteer with the Calgary Drop In and Rehabilitation Center as well as the Mustard Seed and Inn From The Cold very frequently and I hear time and time again that there is NO low income housing in our city. Most of the homeless and impoverished Calgarians work one job if not two and still cannot afford a home in our city. It is unreasonable to expect that a single making minimum wage can pay rent and afford food and transportation, it is not feasible considering the current housing prices... Until Bronconnier keeps his promise and changes the state of Calgary's housing market, Calgary will always fail in this category.

7. Education and Learning

Think about things like: quality of learning opportunities, adequate preparation for and cost of post-secondary education, curriculum, testing and grading, class sizes, ESL supports, and opportunities for special needs students.

- If you could change one thing about education and learning in Calgary, what would it be?

Lower tuition

- the cost of post secondary education is RIDICULOUS! The latest proposed tuition hike at the U of C is INSANE! In theory, a democratic society would want a well educated population, however by increasing the cost of tuition, less people will be able to attend post-secondary institutions and we will have a less skilled and educated population.
- I would like to see schol become more affordable, like anyone. The proposed tuition increase at the U of C would really hurt students like me.



- Prices - it is hard for youth living on their own and paying for their own education (tuition, books, supplies, transportation, food prices on campus, housing)
- Post secondary education needs to be more available for the average individual - so decrease tuition costs and create more government grants, scholarships, and bursaries.

Increase career and personal planning

- There should be a greater focus on getting youth prepared for post secondary education. It should also stress on what opportunities such as scholarships and grants are available to students.
- High School should prepare you for college/university better. Helping with career choices earlier on in high school would be a huge help when it comes to picking high school classes to prepare you for post secondary.
- I would like to see better "life skills" courses delivered in high school to prepare youth for different aspects of life such as sexual health, responsibility, planning and working.
- That the education we get would be practice and helps us prepare for the better future.
- I think there are a lot of great opportunities available, but not enough advertising to inform youth about the options they have. Also, in terms of preparation for post-secondary, there should be more emphasis put on career planning and the cost of education in schools as well as through other programs. I am going into post-secondary this fall, and I feel like all the information I have about it, I had to dig up myself with very limited support from the city. The universities themselves were quite informative.

8. Safety

Think about things like: levels of crime, gang violence, internet exploitation, bullying, relationship between police and youth, emergency preparedness (flood), and sexual exploitation of youth.

- If you could change one thing to help ensure that Calgary is safe for youth, what would it be?

Address gang violence

- Gang violence is on a steady incline, when it comes to youth participation. Police should spend more time in the grassroots, working with youth and families, to stop crime from the beginning.



- I don't know how to ensure the safety, but I'm scared to go outside at night due to gangs and crimes.
- There is still a significant quantity of gang violence in Calgary and much of it is racially motivated. Especially with the rising number of Neo-Nazi's in our city, it is clear more racial sensitivity training in schools and communities is needed. It is embarrassing that there is so much racially motivated violence, it makes our city look like uneducated hicks rather than educated, cultured and civil human beings. More racial sensitivity training is clearly needed.

Bullying in schools

- A lot of bullying happens in schools, and I think teachers should be more aware
- Awareness in classrooms - letting kids know that bullying is not ok
- Bullying (especially cyber-bullying) is much too prevalent, and there are no consequences for those that do it. This needs to change.
- Bullying is extremely common and makes youth life inside and outside of school hard, stressful, and frankly - undesirably frightening. There's not a whole lot that can be done, but something must.

Improve relationship with youth and police

- A cop sees a group of teens walking by a 7 eleven at 11pm at night and he flips on the lights and interrogates them... enough said
- Having youth friendly Police programs so youth can feel more comfortable about going to police when they need help.
- I feel that for the relationship between police and youth, there exists a sense of false trust. Youth don't have a mindset of police that seems to think they are there for our safety, but rather we think that the police are there to get us when we are doing something wrong. We need to establish a more healthy relationship with the police and youth. The police should come to youth and acknowledge when we do things well alongside doing things wrong

9. Employment and Training

Think about things like: the availability of work, average wages, training needed for certain jobs, rights in the workplace, programs and skills for resume building, job searching and career planning.



- If you could change one thing about youth employment and training options in Calgary, what would it be?

More jobs

- It is extremely hard for youth to find a job in the city. We don't really have an idea how to start. It's a bit of a blur.
- It's pretty hard to get an entry level job in anything other than customer service, which in turn makes it hard to gain experience for future careers.
- The job market is hard to enter right now, but, again, it's not as bad as it was. A job search engine, specific to Calgary, easily accessible and easy to post to, would be wonderful.
- There aren't enough jobs for youth, and of those jobs, there are very few that offer opportunities (for the future) and good pay.

Raise minimum wage

- Entry level wages need to be higher. Nobody can pay bills on minimum wage. We need wages that match the cost of living - not everyone has the option to live with their parents for free.
- Raising the minimum wage is important for many people in Calgary, not just youth. The current minimum wage is not a living wage. Increased intern and volunteer opportunities are also necessary for developing experience.
- Average wage is much too low to sustain acceptable levels of living standards. Inflation rates on everything has been way too dramatic and should be brought down at the same rate it went up.

10. Transportation

Think about things like: the cost, accessibility and convenience of the bus/c-train, bike routes, the reliance on cars, and accessibility of the city for youth with disabilities.

- If you could change one thing about transportation options in Calgary, what would it be?

Improve Calgary Transit

1. Increase reliability and punctuality of bus

- Access and convenience for bus in certain areas are poor. Some buses have been consistently late and unreliable as a mode of transportation.



- As a frequent user of city transit's bus services myself, I would really like to see a greater consideration from transit drivers for people that need to make transfers. I have met many youth who have to wait an extra 30-45 minutes for their next bus because they just missed the connection when getting off of their previous bus. This waiting time can increase even more during the winter when buses are rarely on time.
- Calgary Transit buses aren't exactly dependable, especially in winter, to come on time.
- I find that sometimes, our buses rarely follow the schedule, and it is quite bad when you are stuck waiting for a bus in the cold. It would be nice if the buses were available more often, followed the schedule given, as well as have nearby public buildings to go to if it is not set to come in a while.

2. Increase routes and frequency

- Better transit system in terms of how frequently and until how late the buses run, as well as more convenient routes so people don't have to make two or three transfers to get somewhere that's a 20 minute drive away.
- Busses and trains should come more often, if you miss a bus, it's nearly impossible to get someplace on time.
- The design of transit in Calgary is horrible. Buses don't come frequently enough (or come too early or too late, causing difficulty in planning transportation) and trains are always extremely crowded.
- The transit service in some areas of the city is sparse. Perhaps more frequent buses or more routes would help to solve this.

Lower bus fares

- Decrease the cost of transit tickets/passes, or at least keep it consistent rather than allowing it to rise regularly
- Have bus passes for youth cheaper since a lot of youth take the city bus to school.
- I would change the cost because the price is high for just one person to travel not so far.
- The cost for riding the C-Train only seems to rise, and is becoming ridiculously expensive..



11. Culture: Identity and Belonging

Think of things like: discrimination, homophobia, class and gender issues, welcoming immigrant youth, having opportunities to explore and understand your own culture as well as those of other people.

- If you could change one thing to make Calgary a more welcoming and inclusive place for all youth, what would it be?

Nothing - Calgary is very welcoming and multicultural

- Calgary is a city with culture. We have ample opportunity for youth to determine "who they are".
- Calgary is EXCELLENT when it comes to accommodation and integration of other cultures, classes, and genders. However, I do think that homophobia is a problem in our city. We should put out the message that it's okay to be gay, because it really is.
- Diversity and individuality are encouraged and supported in Calgary.
- It's pretty good and I don't really know what to change about it.
- I love how accepting and multicultural my school and community is. Since moving to Calgary from a small town that consisted of mainly one race, I have learned a lot about other cultures and I have many immigrant friends, so I am glad that Calgary is such a multicultural place.
- I would not change anything.

Increase multicultural opportunities

- More events are needed to showcase the diverse cultures. These events should be planned by youth.
- More events that promote other cultures, so that European-Canadians are not as intimidated by people of other cultural backgrounds living together as a city.
- Promote diversity not through media but through actual programs, projects and experiences.

12. Recreation & Sports

Think about things like: the availability of recreation facilities, recreation programs, and the variety of affordable, fun and healthy activities.

- If you could change one thing about recreation and sports in Calgary what would it be?



Decrease costs

- Lower the cost of activities in recreational centres that do not require high maintenance. For example, playing in a gymnasium.
- I love how many options there are when it comes to recreation in Calgary, but please consider that us youth can't afford \$50 a month memberships, we need to make recreation a little cheaper.
- I would make more community teams (not teams you have to pay for) so that everyone can play sports even if they can't afford joining a club (ie winter club) and can play a variety of sports.
- Maybe just make them more affordable, make things like drop-in youth badminton more readily accessible, and then make the costs low so that they can actually play!

Need more facilities

- Definitely more areas like Millennium Park. Potentially places for just youth to go and swim, go to the gym skateboard, etc./an indoor recreation facility for youth.
- I might add more open areas (such as skate parks, outdoor swimming pools) which will support more active activities. As many areas in Calgary (points at north sectors) don't have easily accessible recreation areas for youth. (Playgrounds do not count)
- More recreation facilities and places where youth can go to exercise or play sports.
- More venues available for youth to put on all-ages events of their own choosing (eg. concerts, dance competitions, film viewings, etc)
- Sports are vital to all youth and are favored by most, hence, we should build more public recreational facilities around the city.

A better variety of programs

- I would have more programs for youth who aren't active because they're naturally bad at most sports.
- Calgary needs more opportunities, more activities, more sport teams to join. So far, there's just the regulars - soccer, hockey, football. Most of them only contain guy applicants.
- Just more options for both genders like making la cross not only a boy sport
- More opportunities for youth to get together and have fun (i.e. "teen nights" at Village Square Leisure Center).
- Non mainstream sports would be nice like options for amateur wrestling and lacrosse for young adults.
- Since programs are provided for all ages, they should also make programs for all levels of the activity.

